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News Behind THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—The puppet press of the great ventriloquist, Herr Hitler, has been squeaking a shrill mysterious new note, complaining bitterly against the possibility of American ships going to Ireland—a possibility that has not been mentioned anywhere else. The best of state department sources here say they never heard such an idea seriously or unreasonably advanced. So also, says Mr. Roosevelt, who hears pretty well.

Against this tinny Berlin din, the German airplanes have been taking off regularly the past few days to cruise over Ireland. No bombs were dropped. Apparently they were just looking over the ground.

As these two are just such signs as appeared before the Germans stole into Norway during the night, some officials here have been running out to pick up their morning papers before breakfast each day.

INVASION EYED
Seizure of Irish coastal bases by Hitler would afford him a tremendous advantage in his encircling blockade of England. It would require a desperately intricate movement, but no more so than Norway. His soldiers, in prepared small boats, could rush the Irish beaches any dark night and establish a footing in that wholly undefended territory. They would have to be supplied by air and reinforced by parachute troops because the British navy would cut the sealines behind them. But the efficiency of the German methods of air reinforcement and supplies has been conclusively proven.

DOUBLE THRUST
The opportunity would be enhanced if the crafty Fuehrer staged it as a sideshow to a simultaneous invasion of England. Then the success of the effort would almost be guaranteed by the distraction of the British with matters at home and the sideshow might enable Hitler to complete the encirclement of England even if his invasion attempt failed. Once in, as in Norway, he would be hard to get out.

The indispensable sign of the imminence of an invasion of Britain however, has not yet appeared. The attempt there cannot be made until the British air force is "neutralized." Latest German strategy has concentrated on terrorizing the population of London rather than upon destruction of the British airfields.

TWO STORIES
These army observers returning from eyewitness experience in Britain tell a far different tale to their colleagues here than the ones recently circulated about desperation of the British position. You hear nothing from them like "collapse may come within 60 to 90 days." They say in unison that the British are well defended to meet any prospect. They all expect a long war, doubt that invasion would be successful.

This optimism is not, however, shared by most military authorities who are judging from this distance. Eyewitnesses can see only so far, they say. They suspect that while all the pictures show churches, schools and hospitals destroyed, as the only successes of German bombing, the Germans must have hit many military objectives also, if only through bad aiming. Morale is the important thing and it is volatile.

FIRE ATTEMPT
Technique employed by the Germans in their desperate effort to fire the city of London within a few hours apparently could not be fully told through the censors. The jerries dropped greater quantities of incendiaries than ever before, but instead of waiting with their big bombers until the fires could light the way to military objectives, they swept their bombers in immediately after the incendiaries, and

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"Don't be remorseful over having a good time—you'll look dignified when you're in a frame like that, too!"

Side Glances

Pounding Hammers, Whirling Saws Mark Oregon's Welcome To New 1940 Business Year

By The Associated Press
Oregon ushered in 1941 to the tune of pounding hammers and whirling saws, marking the end to 1940—in many lines the best business year in a decade—and the beginning of an even bigger year.

The prospect of soon hearing the rat-a-tat-tat of riveting guns in waterfront shipyards at Portland cheered businessmen.

Although the defense program hardly has been felt in Oregon, in contrast with other sections of the Pacific coast, \$50,000,000 in defense projects already has been contracted or allocated. Millions more—officials say \$75,000,000 seems fairly certain—are expected to come to Oregon as rearmament gets into full swing.

Some 1940 achievements were passed in review by bankers and industrialists, including:
1. Spending or contracting for \$10,000,000 in new plant construction and expansion in the Portland industrial area, including Vancouver, Wash. Employment will be increased as these go into production or increase operations in 1941.

2. Northwest lumber business boomed and spokesmen saw no reason to suppose it would slacken in the new year. Fir production reached approximately 6,250,000,000 board feet by late in December, an increase of more than 500,000,000 board feet over the 1939 total. Unfilled orders

unloaded helter skelter. It was obviously an effort solely to bomb the firefighters, and hinder their work so as to effect the destruction of the city, including mostly non-military objectives.

LAST DAY
CLAUDETTE COLBERT
"I MET HIM IN PARIS"

TOMORROW!
"C'mon, folks...
that's a fund-a-brewin'!"

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ONE OF YOUR HOME CONTROLLED, HOME OPERATED THEATRES

electric power from the Bonneville dam and other sources indicated spreading industries. Bonneville engineers estimated Oregon and southern Washington consumption of electric power at a total of 2,500,000,000 kilowatt hours in 1940, an increase of 12 per cent, without including power used by the Aluminum Company of America plant at Vancouver.

The number of telephones in use, an index of business conditions, rose from 150,733 in 1939 to nearly 168,000 at present.

River traffic on the Columbia and Willamette boomed. More than 700,000 tons passed through Bonneville locks compared with 416,000 tons a year ago. Celilo canal passed 321,000 tons against 139,000 in 1939 and approximately 1,300,000 tons moved through the Oregon City locks.

L. C. Stoll, director of the Oregon Employment Service, predicted that the unemployment problem would become a minor one in 1941, with more trouble anticipated in finding men to fill prospective national defense program jobs.

Claims for unemployment compensation were 50 per cent lower than a year ago and unemployment of registered persons approximately 40 per cent less.

Stoll said Oregon's lumber industry employment was at the highest point in history and approximately a third more agricultural workers would be needed to harvest 1941 crops.

Husband Held In Bluegone Death of Wife

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 2 (UP)—Discovery of the bullet-marked and battered body of Mrs. Frank Turner, 35, led today to the arrest of her 21-year-old husband whom she married 20 months ago in Chicago.

Sheriff's officers arrested Turner in a Centralia rooming house. They said he had been drinking heavily since the slay-fashonable home 20 miles east Monday night in the couple's of here.

Mrs. Turner was shot twice on a davenport near a gaily-decorated Christmas tree and carried to an upstairs bedroom where the assailant rained blows on her skull.

Bette Davis Announces Elopement

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 2 (UP)—Better Davis in a seven-line message to newspapers last night announced her New Year's elopement with Arthur Farnsworth of Boston.

The noted screen star said she and Farnsworth, an old childhood friend, were married at the Justin Dart ranch near Rimrock, Ariz.

The announcement, typical of Miss Davis who makes it a habit to inform the press direct of events in her life that might prove of interest to the public, caught the movie colony flat-footed.

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Winter Operation Scheduled For Hosely Logging

SPRAGUE RIVER—Although logging operations at Hosely's Sprague River camp are now curtailed due to the muddy condition of the road, plans are being made by Operator L. D. Hosely to haul logs throughout the winter by taking advantage of frozen roads early in the mornings and in the evenings.

THEFT

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 2 (UP)—Charlie Chaplin's film "The Great Dictator" was stored in a burglar proof vault shortly after it was received today. The action was taken presumably in connection with agitation among pro-axis elements against the showing of the film.

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PELICAN

They Could Be Spruced Up

IN contemplation of possible civic projects for this community, there is sometimes mention of the need for improving the appearance of major highway entrances to Klamath Falls.

It is a fact that with the possible exception of the Greensprings-Weed entrance on the west, our highway gateways are unattractive. South Sixth street has always been bad, with helter-skelter development along its sides, and no sidewalks, curbs or landscaping. The north entrance is equally dreary. The west gateway is more favorably impressive because of the excellent view overlooking Lake Ewauna and the city, and the fact the route traverses tree-lined Riverside avenue, one of the city's oldest streets.

It is possible to do something about the appearance of these entrances. Tree planting and other landscaping and parking development, curb and sidewalk construction and a little more pride and planning on the part of individual property owners are factors that would help materially.

The situation is somewhat complicated by uncertainty of the exact future routes of the state highways entering the city. But even on the southeast, where entrance-changing is being most definitely considered, there is no possibility that South Sixth street will be abandoned as a major traffic carrier into the city, and what can be done there will be a real contribution to the community's general appearance, as well as a benefit to South Sixth property.

No Honor There

THERE have been recurrent reports that German raiders, operating in the Pacific, have masqueraded under Japanese names and the Japanese flag. Now comes the testimony of the survivors from ships attacked by the Germans, evidently giving definite substance to the charge of the Nippon disguise worn by the German ships. There is now a further report that German ships have been outfitting in Japanese ports in their commerce raiding operations.

There should be little disposition to believe the Japanese denials that they have sanctioned such aid to German depredations in the Pacific. The Japs have never let themselves be worried or hampered by telling the truth when a lie would suit their purposes better. Their word is valueless.

The same can be said for the current German regime, and under such circumstances there would be no quibbling, on the part of either Japanese or Germans, to collaborate in the manner charged in these current reports, and no hesitation to make flat denials if the charges are true.

The sports editor of the Longview Daily News has just taken over the office of coroner of Cowlitz county. His presumed slogan: "The coroner should be a newspaper man."

United Press Report Claims Danger of Nazi Invasion of England Is Infinitesimal

By DAN ROGERS
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NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (UP)—The danger of a German invasion of Britain is infinitesimal and has been so for many months. Furthermore, there was no attempted invasion last September despite reiterated accounts circulated by Britain that such an attempt was "smashed by the RAF."

This information was received Tuesday from private but highly competent sources in London. It was backed by logical analysis of Britain's defenses and Germany's power of attack and by the opinions—anonymous, of course—of high British military authorities and American officers who recently visited Britain.

Britain's purpose in circulating the story of an attempted invasion in September and in reiterating almost daily that a threat of invasion still exists is to stimulate home morale—to keep keyed up the millions of arms workers and the millions of troops who now are idle in the islands, according to this experienced observer.

It must be said in fairness, however, an American observer who arrived here recently from Berlin, by way of France and Portugal, said in all these countries reports of an imminent invasion of Britain were plentiful.

Why is Britain immune from successful invasion at this time? Because it would end in catastrophe if launched while the British navy rules the sea and the royal air force enjoys a definite local air superiority over Britain.

In this connection a British official spokesman said recently that at the time of Dunkirk (May 31-June 4) Britain's vulnerability to invasion was "great though not of long duration."

Britain naturally cannot overlook the possibility of invasion, and so the RAF continues to face a Herculean task with a forlorn hope of even temporary success. Consider these facts:

At the beginning of the war the British required five weeks to land 158,000 men in France. Troops and equipment were landed at specially prepared ports and railway sidings. Not a single German warship interfered and enemy air attacks were almost entirely lacking.