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Remember, Comrade Benito?

By WILLIS THORNTON
Of Newspaper Enterprise Association

WHETHER it be true, or not, that serious rioting has taken place in Northern Italian industrial cities, we do not know. It is more than likely that indirect reports are exaggerated or even untrue.

And yet — it is not illogical that there should be such disorders, now or later. Seeds of socialism, and of anti-imperialism, were sown there many years ago. Later efforts have been made to root them out, but deep beneath the soil of the Romagna they may remain today.

Who sowed those seeds? Thirty years ago a young socialist was agitating in Forli, Milan, and other cities, demanding violent sabotage against Italian imperialist military ventures into Tripoli. Outstanding in his advocacy of violence, he urged that women lie down on the railroad tracks to bar trains from carrying Italian boys to Africa to fight for the realization of imperial ambitions. He even served five months in jail after an affair at Forli in which railroad tracks were torn up to prevent passage of troop trains.

The name of this agitator? Benito Mussolini, a ragged, sick, unstable workman who had spent hours agitating for every moment of honest work he had ever done.

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Thirty years have passed, and now, so wonderful is human life and the strange things that happen to men, it is this same man who is sending fresh transports full of young Italians to die in the same Africa for another imperial dream. It is this same man who dreams of resurrecting the ghost of the old Roman Empire, and who flings legions against Greece, and Albania, and Ethiopia.

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Truly, in all history there are few parallels to this socialist turned fascist, this worker turned ruler, this anti-imperialist turned imperialist, this poor, ragged agitator turned to a rich, braid-uniformed imperator, this man who tried to stop the troop trains issuing orders that the trains shall move again.

Should it happen, as it may have happened, or as it may yet happen, that discontented workmen of Milan or Turin, watching the casualty lists that have cost 50,000 dead and wounded and 110,000 prisoners, watching the infiltration of the alien German, should riot against authority, one man, at least, will understand.

Benito Mussolini once stood where they will stand.

Domestic Wheat Problem Acute As Price Drops With Bumper Crop in Prospect

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 (AP) — The lowest prices chalked on the Chicago wheat pit blackboard in three or four months reflected last week the growing acuteness of the domestic wheat problem.

From a statistical standpoint the United States wheat situation was akin to that of 1932, with the supply the biggest since that year. Although prices were 26 per cent higher than in 1932, they were the lowest for January in eight years, with the exception of 1939. Before today's opening May delivery futures were quoted just under 83 cents a bushel while contracts for July delivery were around 77.

A decline of 5 to 6 cents a bushel the past three weeks, grain men said, has complicated the wheat problem because farmers soon must decide what to do with approximately 278,000,000 bushels sealed in storage as collateral for $200,000,000 in government loans. Furthermore, because of the best moisture situation in years, a bumper crop is in prospect. The new harvest begins in about four months.

The United States wheat problem is only a phase of a world-wide condition growing out of the war which has closed the biggest import market—continental Europe. Recent reports indicated that many European nations are scraping wheat bins while a record-breaking surplus of a billion bushels is piled up in the four major exporting nations—the United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia.

Canada has the largest surplus but also the best remaining market—Great Britain. Recent reports indicated that threshed wheat is lying in fields in some sections of the Canadian belt. The government is considering drastic steps to construct new storage space and limit production.

By virtue of a big 1940 harvest and carryover from 1939 the United States had available for the crop year which began July 1 approximately 1,100,000,000 bushels. In 1932-33 the supply was 1,132,400,000 and the season before that 1,254,962,000, largest since world war days.

Trade experts estimated that after all domestic requirements and very modest exports, mostly in the form of flour, the United States would still have about 400,000,000 bushels next July 1, to which the new crop will be added. Such a carry-over would break all records.

Unless prices improve in the next few weeks, the government is likely to own more than half of this supply. Of the 278,000,000 under loan—111,000,000 more than a year ago—225,000,000 bushels are stored in elevators. Wheat loans will begin to mature next month and all will expire April 30. At current prices, traders said, owners of most of this grain would not be encouraged to pay off the loans, plus storage and interest charges, and redeem their wheat.

OREGON WELFARE EXPENSE LISTED

PORTLAND, Feb. 3 (AP) — State expenditures for welfare in Oregon for the 23 months from January 1, 1939 through November 30, 1940, totaled $8,097,269, Administrator Elmer Goudy reported to the public welfare commission Friday the amount budgeted for the biennium is $9,243,648.

Goudy predicted a small deficit when the books are finally audited because of a slight falling off in revenue from liquor sales.

Direct relief in December was down 9.4 per cent from December of 1939 but up 13.5 from last November.

The commission announced the surplus commodity stamp plan soon would be statewide and that a revolving fund of not more than $200,000 had been asked of the legislature to expedite purchase of stamps.

The commission agreed to a complete study and possible revision of the child welfare laws.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—That 17 to 8 vote approving lend-lease in the house foreign affairs committee did not suit the administration. The essence of White House maneuvering from the start of this fight has been to get overwhelming if not unanimous support. The White House leaders rightly reason that in such a tremendous departure from tradition, a majority is not enough. Difficulties with administration of the law will certainly develop if its final form fails to glean strong popular favor. A solid front must be presented to the world.

That's another reason why the measure is sure to be moderated more and more as it advances through the various steps toward enactment.

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SPLIT

Republicans may seem to be split out in the country on the lend-lease bill, but those on the scene here are working hand in glove. Senate Leader McNary, the ex-vice presidential candidate, agreed with the other leaders after the Roosevelt conference at the White House that the president's concessions did not go far enough. Senator Taft took certain amendments out personally to Herbert Hoover. House Leader Joe Martin also worked himself in with them on the theory that the bill should be amended rather than opposed.

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INVASION

Those who are reading the inner signs from Europe now expect the terrific all-out invasion blow to fall on England within the two weeks after February 15.

The British have been handling their orders from us in a way revealing they expected them. They are trying to get everything possible on hand at home before the latter part of the month.

Preponderant opinion still holds Hitler will fail, but betting is light.

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AIR WARNING

Shelling of the Kent coast 12 miles inland means nothing important. Projectiles hurled by such long-range guns are light, can do little damage except to morale. When Hitler really wants to clear the way inland, he will do it with bombers.

First sign of invasion will no doubt be a tremendous air effort to neutralize the British air force. The published data that Hitler has 70,000 planes of all types came from just as good an anonymous source here as you will ever get. Hitler's fighting strength of 36,000 combat ships (and 42,000 pilots) gives him about a four to one advantage over the RAF. British were shooting down the Germans at exactly that ratio last May. Since then experimental German attacks have developed safeguards which may shorten their losses on the next attempt.

The figures are close enough to cast some doubt on the issue.

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LOW EBB

Mussolini has been blustering denials that Italian morale is shaking, but he inadvertently confirmed the worst when he ordered his son-in-law, Count Ciano, up to the front. Only a desperate internal condition could have required him to dispense with his foreign minister who is a member of his family. Italy is just hanging on.

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RELIEF ROLLS

The country is booming. The election is over. But the relief rolls are still 1,890,000.

Mr. Roosevelt is asking $375,000,000 more to carry the relief load from February 28 to June. Last year he asked for $975,000,000 to support WPA until this coming June. He said his estimate was based on the hope that business would be better. But then last April he asked congress in a letter to let him use the whole $975,000,000 the first eight months of the fiscal year ending in February. Now he needs $375,000,000 more to finish out until June.

Despite the supreme defense effort to enlist every workable hand, the relief rolls are 590,000 above what Mr. Roosevelt expected them to be when he sent his budget to congress a year ago.

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PRACTICE

Whatever the government is going to do about prices will not be done for a few weeks. Leon Henderson, the price fixer, has slipped off to Florida fishing grounds. Aides report him practising for his spring job on the sharks.

GIRL INJURED

Eldine White, 18, 323 South Fifth street, suffered cuts about the face and hands when an automobile in which she was riding struck a number of horses on the Keno highway shortly before 10 o'clock Saturday night. Miss White was given treatment at Klamath Valley hospital and later returned to her home.

SIDE GLANCES

"You interested in buying a pair of skis, cheap?"

• BUILDERS OF BRAIN POWER

By DONALD A. LAIRD, PH.D., SCI. D.
Author of "How to Improve Your Brain Power"

IF people were allowed to do everything they want, would there be nervous breakdowns?

This is a theoretical question, of course, because our world is so complicated and interrelated that people will never be able to live without some restriction of one kind or another. We might all want to be opera singers, or artists, or scientists, or policemen, but that is impossible.

Psychiatrists have found many cases which indicate that mental breakdowns may be the result of frustrations — people who cannot do, be, or live as they wish. Such daily frustrations seem to mount up for some people until life becomes unbearable and they crack under nervous strain.

Nervous breakdowns cannot be created in human beings in the laboratory, for obviously the policeman would put a stop to it. A brilliant experimenter at the University of Michigan has been using animals to check theories that have been given as to what causes abnormal behavior. He hopes to unearth some ideas that will throw light on these puzzling human breakdowns.

This psychologist, Dr. Norman in a special laboratory. There he is attempting to make for his rats R. F. Maier, has some 350 rats frustrating situations which parallel those of humans, making careful study of all reactions.

He has found that some of these little animals have severe breakdowns when they are placed in a situation which produced a conflict. These are situations where the animal must act, but it cannot act as it has been doing in the past. All of its previous ways of getting out of a conflicting situation no longer work, and it is thrown into a panic in its attempts to get out of the dilemma.

Dr. Maier has found that these panics or breakdowns are produced easier in some animals than in others, and that there may be a tendency for the breakdowns to run in families. He has also found that some animals have much more serious disorders when confronted with the same frustrations than do other animals — again, as with humans.

Dr. Maier and his assistants care for the 300-odd rats almost like babies. Every day the animals are given a mixture of some six foods, and on Wednesdays and Sundays, special dinners of salmon are served.

The rats live in a large room away from all outside noises. Rows of spotless steel cages line one side of the room, each built in stories like apartment houses, and each apartment housing families of about four rats. Each apartment has a floor of fresh cedar shavings and a drinking fountain — small amounts of iodine crystals are added to the water occasionally to aid the thyroid glands of these well-cared-for animals.

These rats, like all laboratory animals, are tame, and they are much like the white rats children sometimes have for pets. When Dr. Maier walks past the row of cages, the friendly animals crowd to the front and make interesting clicking noises which suggest the purring of kittens. The animals that are having experimental breakdowns, however, stay in back corners of the apartments and show no interest either in people or in other rats.

Some of the apartments have special apparatus under their floors so that an automatic record of the activity of the ones living there may be made.

Dr. Maier has always had deep interest in people and their misfortunes, so his study of the underlying causes of their breakdowns is a natural step. He often visits in slum communities, his sympathetic blue eyes observing all the misfortunes there as closely as he watches the experiments in his laboratory.

NEXT: Increasing Your Children's Intelligence.

WORKERS FAVOR HOUSE BILL 63

At a meeting of the Workers Seasonality Protest league Friday night a resolution was passed asking the legislature to enact into law house bill 63. This bill would repeal the seasonal feature of the unemployment compensation law.

Attending the meeting were members from Lakeview, Bly, Sprague River, Hildebrand and other nearby communities.

Limited

Twins are born once in 80 births; triplets once in 80 times 80 births, and quadruplets in 80 times 80 times 80 births.

George I, king of England, could not speak English.

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PINE TREE

ICKES DENIES OIL 'DICTATOR' PLAN

TULSA, Feb. 3 (AP) — Secretary Harold Ickes has denied that he wants to become "dictator" of the petroleum industry but he asserted that some form of government control over production was necessary.

Writing in the annual edition of the Oil and Gas Journal, which also carried statements by several prominent oil men expressing strong opposition to federal supervision, Ickes declared:

"I believe that some form of central co-ordination for the prevention of avoidable physical waste (in oil production) is necessary.

"Although I have been accused of wanting to be the 'commisar,' the 'czar' the 'dictator' of the petroleum industry, I state positively that that is all inspired nonsense.

"Even if I were assured that I could be made the umpire for the oil industry, the knowledge that I have gained and the experience that I have had would make me extremely cautious before rubbing any magic lamp."

The secretary of the interior said that petroleum not only was vital to national defense but has become "the dominant energy factor in virtually all phases of the nation's transportation.

"It should be axiomatic that to avoid the possibility of future want of a material that supplies about 60 per cent of the transportation power of the country, waste should be reduced to the lowest possible level."

Ickes conceded that some states had adopted conservation laws but declared there was a lack of uniformity, "not only in the laws but in their administration."

"The fact that the federal government, the oil-producing states and the oil industry are not co-operating toward the effective production and utilization of . . . petroleum, should be a challenge to all public-spirited citizens."

TALK STRESSES U-BOAT WARFARE

BERLIN, Feb. 3 (AP) — The well-informed commentary Dienst Aus Deutschland regards Adolf Hitler's dictum that U-boat warfare is only about to begin in the spring as probably the most important section of his address Thursday.

"Germany has overlooked no possibility to expand her U-boat weapon both materially and as regards personnel in the best manner imaginable," Dienst said today.

"That applies not only to the number but also to the training of submarine crews, which cannot be surpassed."

Authorized sources reiterated emphatically today that Adolf Hitler referred only to ships reaching the English combat zone when he spoke yesterday of torpedoing vessels at sight.

He said the entire context of the speech showed no other interpretation was possible. They acknowledged, however, that the warning to neutrals also was addressed to the United States not to send ships convoyed or otherwise into this combat zone.

One correspondent inquired whether Hitler's assertion that the axis would now strike at England wherever she put in an appearance meant Germany would declare war on Greece.

The general impression gained, however, was that German relations with Greece would continue on the present basis of non-belligerency.

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3000 WORKMEN TO GET ALASKA JOBS

SEATTLE, Feb. 3 (AP) — Three thousand skilled workers will be signed up here and in other Pacific northwest cities the next few months for employment on the $24,000,000 air base construction jobs at Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, Capt. B. B. Talley, U. S. army engineer in charge, said here.

The men will be employed for one year under contract and the payroll on the two projects, Elemendorf field and Fort Richardson, both near Anchorage, will total approximately $50,000 daily when work is in full swing by mid-summer.

"The chances are we will have to recruit some of these men from cities other than Seattle," Captain Talley said. "When we call for them, they will leave on the first boat north."

Discussing the two big projects further, he said that about 65 per cent of the expenditures would be for material, or approximately $13,000,000 of the $20,000,000 allocated for the Anchorage jobs.

Seven other army air fields, to be built at Big Delta, Boundary, Kotzebue, Cordova, Nome, Ruby and Juneau, will also cost $3,000,000.

Free transportation north will be provided, he said, but families will not be permitted to accompany employes, at least not at first. Next month, 15,000 tons of materials will be shipped north, in March 24,000 tons, and 30,000 tons a month thereafter.

The amount of money to be spent on Alaska air bases and the amount of work to be done, he added, is almost "beyond imagination."

Work now being done on a $2,500,000 landing field at Yakutat by troops of company B, 28th engineers, came in for his special praise.

RENO LICENSES

RENO, Nev., Feb. 3 (AP)—Marriage licenses issued here included:

Joseph C. Ayoutt, 40, and Beth Cearley, 21, both Lakeview, Ore.; William Olson, 24, and Lulu B. Bradshaw, 18, both Yamsay, Ore.

Christian Science

"Love" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 2.

The Golden Text was, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee" (Jeremiah 31:3).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (I John 4:7, 8).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Not materially but spiritually we know Him as divine Mind, as Life, Truth and Love. We shall obey and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine nature and love Him understandingly, warring no more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the affluence of our God" (p. 140).

OBITUARY

MERRILL M. SELLERS

Merrill M. Sellers, a resident of Klamath county for the past 17 years, passed away in this city on Saturday, February 1. The deceased was a native of Grand Junction, Colo., and was aged 52 years and 11 months when called. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of this city; two daughters, Gwendolyn of San Francisco, Calif., and Barbara of this city; a son, Donald of Chanute Field, Rampaoul, Ill.; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans of Corvallis, Ore.; a sister, Mrs. Fred Haines of Tacoma, Wash. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath Funeral home, 925 High street, where friends may call Monday, February 3. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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