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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6—The democratic congressmen were slightly dazed in their first comment on the election result. All they could mutter, as the final returns came in, was:

"It looks like someone kicked us in the teeth."

One ousted member attributed his defeat solely to the 18-19-year-old draft. Another says he crawled through by promising eight gallons of gas on each ration coupon.

More typical of the general run, however, was the defeated Missouri

Paul Mallon member from a farm district, who was a sure 15 to 1 shot to win before the votes were counted. He did not know what happened to him.

The successful republican candidates generally said in their public statements that their success was a popular demand to get on better and faster with the war effort.

I believe the explanation runs deeper than that. My mail furnished an advance warning of what was coming, and the reasons for it. There is a popular revolt in this country against methods that have been followed.

It is a revulsion not only against war methods, but reform methods. It is an expression of feeling that pervades, not only the small business men and the conservative element, those who, together, might be called the Willkie vote of the last election, the anti-new deal vote of 1940.

This one goes further—down into the middle class groups everywhere, and has spread widely into the ranks of farmer and worker.

HIT HARD

These people are not "turning conservative," as the radicals say. They do not want to abandon the gains that have been made in social progress, but they have reached the point where they want these gains made practical.

They want this reform wave settled to a workable basis which will consolidate and perpetuate the gains, rather than have it blown up further and further into ever new heights. They just want some common sense about it. They want practical methods.

Every man in this country, furthermore, has been hit hard by this war in many ways, but Washington does not recognize it. Some have lost their businesses. All remaining businesses have lost their help and are struggling to keep going. Most of their businesses have been made unprofitable by tremendous taxation.

All individuals at home are suffering sacrifices of their friends and relatives to the service, but, on top of that, they are sacrificing themselves in many ways, in changed modes of living, food, work, transportation, hours.

SOMEONE'S LOOKING

I have heard no one begrudge these sacrifices, but their plaint and plea is for better administration over them. They want kindly direction, not arbitrary and unexplained admonitions.

They must line up every few weeks in a different rationing for this and that, haggle and scrape for gas, sugar, coffee, meat. They see themselves that administration is not efficient in the way it is handling them. They want better methods in this respect also.

They will get them, are getting them. As one wise democratic leader said when he saw the returns:

"Now we have someone looking over our shoulder."

The election result, therefore, cannot be anything but constructive in the war effort.

CONSULT CONGRESS

Democratic congressmen who survived are going to the White House for some changes in methods of handling them also. They are saying FDR has failed to consult them, although they have their ears closer to the ground than Leon Henderson, Ben Cohen, Frankfurter, Hopkins. Two or three good Roosevelt friends are saying this out loud in the corridors.

They think also Mr. Roosevelt's advisers represent a wholly union labor or extreme liberal viewpoint, to the exclusion of the interests of other factions. Some southern democrats call his administration "communist" although they know it is not intended to be.

They, too, will get their wish. "Reform" types of legislation will never get through the house now. Dissenting democrats will give the republicans a majority against all that.

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consult congress before making his recommendations, unless he wants them defeated.

RAN FOR STAFF

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Later, he was "drafted." His foes harped upon the interview throughout the state. It helped take away that halo of sincerity which had been his most popular appeal. His campaign consisted only of making three speeches by radio.

In truth, he probably ran for the benefit of his office staff as much as anything else. His employees have been with him many years.

Sailors, Marines To Come Under Oregon Liquor Ban

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Army personnel have been under this restriction since shortly after December 7, 1941.

World's Largest Bell

The world's largest bell is in front of the Buddhist temple at Jeddo, India. It weighs 1,700,000 pounds.

SIDE GLANCES



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Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

PRaise FOR LEAGUE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I want to comment on your editorial in which you stated you felt the Charter Revision committee relied too much on the League of Oregon Cities for advice as they were supposedly "experts."

The staff of the League of Oregon Cities is composed of men who are very well informed on city affairs in the state of Oregon. They are as close to being experts as any individuals or group in the state. They were invited by the Charter committee to assist in the formation of a charter. They are constantly working with charter matters and presented an outline for our local committee to follow. This outline was changed and revised to meet the approval of our local committee and the fact that the Civil Service provision was not clearly stated in the new charter was as much our fault as theirs. It is true the charter was streamlined, but it was the intent to do away with cumbersome and obsolete provisions. The Charter Revision committee invited local attorneys, bankers and anyone else to confer and assist them in the formation of this charter. That these people did not do so was unfortunate, but it seems to be a good old Klamath custom to take a pot-shot at a new idea, notably when that idea does not come from the person doing the shooting.

The point I wish to make, however, is that the cooperation given to us by the staff of the League of Oregon Cities saved us several hundreds of dollars, as we would have had to hire their services done if these services had not been available through the league.

This year through the efforts of the league, savings on the fire insurance of municipally owned property amounted to 25 per cent of that previously paid. This has come through the past two years of work by the league with the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau and it has resulted in a decided saving to our city in the cost of fire insurance on city property.

This year through league efforts without any assistance from community organizations or individuals, the state highway commission improved our streets to the extent of \$7000. This is the first time in state highway history where a definite amount was set aside to improve the conditions of city streets other than highways. And, incidentally, it is interesting to note that one-third of the state highway revenue comes from gasoline used on city streets. This money spent in Klamath Falls by the highway commission saved the city taxpayers that much, and has put our city streets in the best condition they have been for a long time. The "cooperation" of the state highway commission was brought about by efforts of the League of Oregon Cities over the past five years.

The league staff has helped us out immeasurably in furnishing legal information and giving assistance to the council and departments in matters of city affairs that are constantly arising. They are the only ones to my

knowledge that are carrying on a fight for the retirement provisions for city employees and for the protection of our employees' civil service rights.

The league is carrying on the fight almost single handedly to bring relief to the property taxpayers of this city through the state collected revenues, a portion of which is rightfully due to the cities to carry on the cost of city government. The year 1942 has shown the worth of the league in the dollars saved to Klamath Falls, as outlined. So you can call the staff of the League of Oregon Cities "experts," but I firmly feel they are experts in the true sense of the word, and as such are doing a bang-up job for the property tax payers of the city of Klamath Falls.

JOHN H. HOUSTON,
Vice President League of Oregon Cities.

Hunting Party, Snowbound Since Friday, Come Home

WENATCHEE, Nov. 6 (AP)—Nine persons, members of hunting parties snowbound in the Shady Pass district since last Friday, were on the way home today, following the clearing away of the snow barrier by highway department bulldozers.

Included in one of the parties were D. E. Harper, deputy prosecutor of Clallam county; Reuben Ide, Port Angeles chief of police and two Seattle hunting parties, one of which comprised a man, woman and two boys.

All were well but "we're mighty glad to get out," as one of those rescued put it.

GUARDS AT NEWELL TO HAVE COOKIES

TULELAKE—Military guards at Newell will have cookies this winter if local organizations can keep up with appetites of the more than 100 young soldiers in camp. Hundreds of dozens of confections will find a way into camp under the program planned by a number of service and social groups in the south end.

Sugar is furnished by the government and other commodities by the organization or individuals, and members bake and deliver the sweets. The November quota, and that means all that the members can make, is being filled by the Merrill Library club. The first batch of more than 80 dozen went to camp this week. Other organizations will fill in, in coming months.

Larsen Elected Director of Modoc Farm Center

TULELAKE — Albert Larsen has been elected director of the Modoc Farm Center, succeeding Howard Dayton. Mrs. A. E. Ryckman will continue as secretary and treasurer.

W. G. Hagelstein, Dorris, guest speaker at this week's meeting of the center, gave a comprehensive outline of what farmers may expect in the distribution of manpower for the remainder of the war, and suggested a closer unity among farmers.

Charter Post-Mortems

ON this page today is a letter from Mayor Houston defending the League of Oregon Cities against what he evidently interprets as a slur directed at the League in a recent editorial in this column. There has been no intention on our part to question the general services rendered the city by the League, as outlined ably by the mayor in his communication.

Our statement, that we felt the charter committee relied "too much, perhaps" upon the advice of League officials in preparing the proposed charter, was based largely on statements made to us by city officials and charter committee members. When various objections were raised to asserted defects or omissions in the new charter, the answer on several occasions was that the League legal consultant had not been concerned about these and "he ought to know." We question whether the League legal consultant knows any better than the local men who raised these questions, and we further feel that the League advisor, functioning as such, should have prevented the admitted omission of the civil service provisions and certain other features.

That explains, we hope, our reference to the league which inspired the mayor's letter. We really intended no sharp criticism, but the remark was honestly made.

We do agree with Mayor Houston that it would have been well for critics to have taken more interest in the charter at the time it was being prepared. A statement was published in the newspaper from the charter committee inviting suggestions, and no one came forward with any, so far as we know, except one letter making a proposal on the make-up of the civil service board. We believe any of the men who raised the most valid criticisms late in the campaign would have been willing to sit in, had they realized their help was desired, but they did not volunteer it.

It is all water over the dam. We do not believe there should be any hard feelings about the charter issue. It represented a constructive effort on the part of the city and its value was not all lost.

We hope city officials will not feel so discouraged over the charter outcome that they lose their enthusiasm for other worth-while efforts they have embarked upon. We particularly urge public interest and support for the program of coordination among the taxation bodies of the county, in which the city is taking an active part.

Here is something which deserves the enthusiastic support of every citizen.

Somewhere in the intricate processes of getting a precinct election table into print in our favorite newspaper, the names of Charles McNary and Walter Whitbeck were transposed and the table came out yesterday with Whitbeck leading McNary in all but four precincts. The table is corrected today. If the erroneous table will bring any solace to Mr. Whitbeck, who isn't a bad fellow, we hope someone sends it to him.

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files—40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican November 6, 1902

H. H. Van Valkenburg and John Cabler returned Thursday from Langell valley with five deer. Van Valkenburg generously distributed venison among his friends.

At a town board meeting, it was decided to employ an attorney to take legal steps, if necessary, to compel the ditch company to keep its canal from leaking and running water on the streets of the town. H. W. Kee-see was employed.

From the Evening Herald Nov. 6 1922

The Herald today carried a final editorial on the presidential campaign, concluding:

"We decided, so far as we were concerned, not to abandon the leader in the middle of the fight. Not that we were afraid to leave him, had there been a better man to follow. Not that we fear the ultimate outcome, even if our fellow-citizens decide, in large enough numbers, that the change should be made. But when the test came, we found ourselves turning toward Hoover."

"We are well aware of the indications that the vote will go the other way.

"But, win or lose, there we stand.

"Win, we will look forward to pressing on to new victories with him that has brought us thus far.

"Lose, we will turn our faces to our new chief, lending our aid to his constructive enterprises, hoping that those things that now leave us doubtful will prove only the habiliments of the campaign and that, endowed with the greatest responsibility of the nation, he may have the strength and the purpose to lead

DAV SLATES SALE TO AID VETERANS

Blue forget-me-nots will be offered for sale in Klamath Falls on November 7, under the sponsorship of the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, as part of a nation-wide campaign to raise funds for local services and emergency relief programs, and for the continuation of a national program of rehabilitation service maintained by the Disabled American Veterans organization.

Herman Lofdahl, commander of the local chapter, said Friday, "I have seen many examples of humanitarian services rendered by the DAV which has not only helped the unfortunate individuals directly concerned, but which has converted them from a community liability to a community asset, relieving the burden of local charity by transferring it to the federal government, where the responsibility rightfully belongs.

"I wish all of you could become personally acquainted with the problems that our disabled fighting men have to face upon their return to civil life. The Disabled American Veterans organization is now active in work pertaining to our disabled veterans returning from this present war. These men are now eligible for membership in this organization."

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

SCHERER—Born at Lightfoot hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., November 2, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Scherer, Keno, a girl. Weight: 8 pounds.

us out of the valley to the hill-top over yonder.

"Either way, we hope to attain that goal ultimately. With Hoover, we believe we will find the shortest, surest route."

Just Don't Be Surprised, That's All



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