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Why Observe Armistice Day?

WE observe Armistice Day in honor of the men who fought in the first World War. It is noted that in a number of cities special observance of this day has been omitted on the grounds that there isn't time for observance and, under the circumstances, Armistice Day is of hollow significance. But it is not of hollow significance to the men who fought in 1917-18. They won that war and Armistice Day represented to them and to the world then a great triumph. That the diplomats lost the peace afterwards, making possible another and greater World War, was nothing of their making.

They did their part, and if others had done as well, things would be different today. The veterans of 1917-18 would not want us to waste any valuable time from the 1942 war effort in observance of Armistice Day, but the time that can be spared today for that purpose is thus well spent.

We observe Armistice Day, too, for the lessons in the bitter disappointment that accompanies our thoughts of the end of the first World War. We thought, in 1918, that permanent peace had come to the world. Surely, the experiences that followed Armistice Day, 1918, will guide the nations along a wiser path when comes another Armistice Day.

May God speed that day of triumph!

Adolph Hitler tells the Germans not to worry—he won't leave them. Maybe that's what is worrying the Germans.

Admiral Darlan, Vichy's armed force leader, was taken in Algiers almost before the American offensive in Africa got started. Not too Vichious, after all.

If the Salvation Army drive continues at its present pace, the Army can burn the mortgage on its building. A nice fire is appreciated in this cold weather.

The city council this week finished its meeting before 8 o'clock, proving the councilmen, anyhow, believe in streamlining.

No, that wasn't an earthquake. It was Mussolini trembling.

City councilmen have written the railroads about excessive whistling of locomotives. It isn't the whistling that bothers us, it's the howling of local dogs (including two we are intimately acquainted with) in mournful answer to the iron horse. If the SP and GN will silence the dogs, maybe we can call off the council.

How Censorship Works

THE BASIS OF COOPERATION

(Second of a series)

The Wartime Code under which editors and broadcasters cooperate with the Government rests on an assumption that certain kinds of information should be published only when officially disclosed.

The reason for this assumption is set forth as follows in the Code itself:

"Special attention is directed to the fact that all of the requests (in the Code) are modified by a proviso that the information listed may properly be published when authorized by appropriate authority. News on all of these subjects will become available from Government sources; but in war, timeliness is an important factor, and the Government unquestionably is in the best position to decide when disclosure is timely."

In other words, editors and broadcasters are asked to recognize that "business as usual" will not be in order during the war, but are assured at the same time that there will be no news or editorial blackout because official sources themselves will be making completely privileged disclosures as often as they may be made safely.

"It is the hope and expectation of the Office of Censorship" says the Code, "that the columns of American publications will remain the freest in the world, and will tell the story of our national successes and shortcomings accurately and in much detail."

The specific requests in the Code and the reasons behind them are discussed below.

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From The Klamath Republican, Nov. 13, 1902.

The telephone company has placed phones in both stores at Bonanza.

Local people are complaining at an Oregonian article which says that the easiest way to get to Lakeview is by way of Sacramento and Reno. It is contended here the easiest route to Lakeview is by way of Klamath Falls.

Thomas Wilson, 76, pioneer of Bonanza, died November 1.

From The Herald, Nov. 11, 1932.

Klamath people looked forward to a return to a "wet" status as a result of repeal of the state dry law in the recent election.

Senator Jay H. Upton of Bend spoke to an enthusiastic

crowd at the celebration of Armistice day today.

Excerpt from letter to the editor: "I think we made a mistake by electing W. E. Mahoney. That guy left a wide place in the road and came here and taught more people to write in 10 days than all our primary teachers."

Merrill

"Prosperity chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in regular session Thursday night in Malin for initiation of candidates. Mrs. Madge Carey, worthy matron, and Joe Halousek, patron, urge that all members be present. They extend also an invitation to all visiting members.

Mrs. Carey, called east to Scottsfield, Ill., by the critical illness of a brother, Harry Williamson, injured in an automobile accident, has just returned to Merrill.

In New England, Dec. 21 is celebrated as Forefathers' Day.

A homing pigeon can fly as much as 800 miles in one day.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11—The North African venture was won by meticulous planning, which caught the Nazis and Vichy French completely off-guard.

For a few days before the blow fell, the axis radio had been noting the presence of British warships in the Mediterranean. Braggingly, it gave the names and numbers. Only 24 hours in advance did it begin to mention incidentally the presence of an American ship or two.

The Nazis thought the British were going to reinforce Malta, where supplies were known to be running low. Only as an afterthought did they consider the possibility of what was to happen.

The British warships had sailed up in front of the Nazi spies in Spain with flags flying to practice activities, which held Nazi attention while our armada slipped through Gibraltar mostly at night—and mostly undetected.

When Vichy, Rome and Berlin learned the plan, it was too late for them to do much. Reinforcements would have to be organized first, then cross the Mediterranean and, by that time, we were in possession of that sea. A good part of the British fleet was steaming around off the shores of Tunisia and Tripoli to make that even more difficult.

BOWED TOO LOW

This grand deception was amazing when you consider the vast amount of planning and organization which went into preparations. A large number of people had to be in on the plan.

It is possible some thought until the last minute we were going into Dakar, as the Nazis first did, but thousands knew of the elaborate military, naval, economic propaganda and international political preparations which enabled us to drop leaflets over France, planes over North African airfields, troops onto beaches, diplomats into the various European chancelleries at the same moment.

The move was organized even down to arranging for the Brazilian ambassador in Portugal to arrive at the Lisbon foreign office there on time with diplomatic assurances of our intentions.

It may have seemed to some that we bowed too low in explanations and assurances to Petain and Vichy, in an attempt to justify our actions. The facts of the war justified the campaign. An enemy is an enemy wherever found, and a formerly friendly nation in captivity is not due many explanations.

Authorities here, however, thought they were addressing their messages, not to Petain, whose name was at the top of them, but to the French people.

NEXT?

This success simply means we have, or soon will have, Africa and the Mediterranean—all of both, the whole North African shoreline and everything that lies beneath it and control of the waves of Rome's Mare Nostrum.

What we do next has not been decided by this step. Common assumption is that we will take Sicily and invade Italy, a move advocated repeatedly for more than a year in this column as the ideal second front.

Sicily is well defended, not by Italians but by Nazis, who have perfected bases there. The British however, believe Sicily can be taken.

As we get the airfields on the African shore, we may well be able to soften those defense for seizure, and ride on up the Italian boot, in control of the sea on both sides and the air

SIDE GLANCES



"Yes, I enjoy working in the war plant! There's several of us young lawyers on the night shift and we have some great arguments!"

overhead. Indeed, we might be welcomed by revolution in Italy, as soon as we are ready—or before.

That is only one possibility. We will also have to re-take Crete, when our planes and ships are ready for the job. This is necessary to nullify Nazi bombing efforts around the Suez, and make the eastern Mediterranean safe for our traffic.

But direct invasion of the continent across the channel is not precluded. Hitler's weakness in men, planes and tanks, which showed up conclusively in the African campaign, makes a channel attack look more feasible. It affords the shortest possible line of supplies.

FIRST THINGS FIRST—

Vice President Wallace, in his Soviet day speech, justified the North African campaign, on the ground that it would open a shorter route of supplies to Russia. All it does in that respect is to cut the long haul around Africa to the Persian Gulf, thus lessening the sea route some.

The Bosphorus is still closed and German occupation of Greece makes that narrow passage unusable.

The rail route up from French Syria goes through Turkey, whose neutrality may now be drawn our way, but hardly enough to permit passage of war materials to Russia.

The justification for this campaign is the acquisition of bases for our planes and ships to get at the axis and defeat it. Diplomats may figure out others, but this is the sound military one.

Chemult

Mrs. Don Bertram from Lebanon, is spending a week visiting with her parents.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Hash at Chemult on November 1.

L. G. Dawson of Chemult, has moved to Westwood, Calif., for the winter.

Mr. Mahin, after an absence of three years, has returned to Chemult to start logging.

Frank Thompson of Chemult, wound up deer season with a 4-point, 250 pound buck.

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OUT OF THE WOODS

BY Jim Stevens

LARRY ON HAYWIRE

"It made glad some readin' to my old eyes t'other day, when I saw by the papers that in a war industry shop they run short of regular weldin' rods, and made good shift with haywire instead," said Old Larry, the bullock.

"The news said the haywire had worked so well the shop would go right on usin' it for certain weldin' jobs. 'It was, of course, a shop for a big loggin' outfit,' the ancient and honorable bullock continued. 'No one but a practiced bull of the woods could have thought of such a thing. He was true to tradition, the bull was. For the rise of the loggin' industry to its present salubrity began with the invention of the hay-bullin' machine. What the old pinetops in the Lake states couldn't fix with haywire was beyond fixin'.

In the pineries it was used for ever'thing from gal-lus-patchin' to the hangin' of horse thieves. 'Haywire in the old west was, of course, a prime appurtenance of bulleam loggin', and for horse loggin' with big wheels over in the pine. I mind back in 1912 or so when I saw my first gas tractor, a wheel rig, in the woods. One day its cam shaft broke out in a death rattle. The puncher bound the cams solid with haywire somehow, and the rig worked on. That settled it for me. If the tractor could log on haywire, it should stick in the woods, I figured. So it has.

HAYWIRE FOR EVERYBODY

"No less than five years ago," Larry ruminated on, "I figured haywire was on its last legs, so to speak. The horse had become rare in loggin', and with-out him baled hay was minus in the camps, and so haywire was also absent. What might be called virgin haywire was on the market, to be sure, but no real logger would trust it. He demanded haywire that had passed the acid test of bindin' compressed alfalfa together through much rough handlin' and hard travel. This he could rely upon, to bind a fraying choker rope, or to uphold his tin pants.

"The depression, also, took haywire out of the woods and in-to use by everybody. It got so you could go into any dime store and buy a coil of virgin haywire for home and family use. Jal-lopies were held together and kept in use with it. Furniture, long fallen apart and thrown away, was put together again and made better than ever it was, with haywire instead of glue. And so on.

"But it was haywire by cour-

tesy only. Production of it run wild, and got into evil hands. The old-time makers of haywire, who had catered only to the hay-bullin' trade with a quality product, found themselves up against a slew of haywire shoddy on the market. Racketeers wormed in-to the once-proud industry. It was a sad day, indeed, when haywire for everybody became the rule. It got so that a family logger, mindin' the kids while his wife was visitin', wouldn't trust haywire for even pinnin' up diapers.

GOVERNMENT HAYWIRE

"That was also the time of grandiforous government projects. I forgot most of them, but I remember one called the Federal Art Project. There was a piece in a magazine, with pitch-ers, which I still got some-where. Some sculptor by name of Broncussy or Bugoozy, or the like, had worked up a system of makin' statues out of haywire. All they looked like in the pitch-ers was just haywire all looped and twisted like a kid would do playin' with it. But the govern-ment art project people took it up. How far they went I ain't ever learned, but I wouldn't be surprised if they got enough haywire art stowed away all over the country to bale a year's hay supply for all the mules in the army.

"As one who learned great respect for haywire in his early youth in the woods, I'm proud to hear of it in proper use again, with a bull of the woods applyin' it as a weldin' rod. I'd never go so far as to claim haywire can win the war. But proper hay-wire can help."

JUKE BOX BLUES

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—It will take a lot of nickels before the juke box can pay back Mrs. Mary Rivas that \$25. She drew the fine today after admitting a charge that bright lights on the phonograph could be seen through a window, violating dim-out rules.

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POST-INDUCTION FURLONGS WAIT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (AP) The effective date for shortening the post-induction furlough for selectees from two weeks to one week will vary in the nine army service commands, national selective service headquarters said Tuesday, but the new policy will be adopted throughout the country "during the month of November."

In an announcement yesterday, November 17 was fixed as the effective date for the change, but officials said this was incorrect.

Army officers said the war department wanted the change adopted nationally November 1, but that it had not been possible to get instructions to state and local selective board by that time.

Instead, the date for each state will be fixed by agreement between the state selective service director and the commanding general of the service command in which the state is located. In each case, said a selective service official, the date will be "as soon as possible after November 1."

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