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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13—Hitler's excuse that he wanted the rest of France, because we intended to invade it now, was pure ersatz.

Our North African campaign would not have been planned the way it was, if the south of France had been one of our immediate goals.

He gave away his correct analysis of our intentions when he rushed reinforcements to Tunisia to bolster the slim Nazi and Italian marine force there. His real problem was to keep us from breaking through and cutting off the Russian front.

The Nazi seizure of France was apparently the only prestige-gathering move left in Hitler's dwindling bag of tricks. It was a military mistake. All he did was commit himself to defense of more territory, thereby weakening his stand of arms in the lowlands, and reserves for the Russian front.

The hourglass in Berlin is running low. . . .

Here was the only thing left that he could get without fighting, but to take it, he drove the French into our camp, ruined their show of resistance in North Africa, undertook the obligation to feed and maintain over a few million more hostile people.

Local growers and dealers feel that the order of OPA does not take into consideration the high quality of Klamath potatoes, the premiums paid on them for many years, and high cost of production this year. In normal years, a price of \$2.05 might prove most satisfactory to producers here. But this is not a normal year, and Klamath growers, in order to get in the crop, paid exceptional high labor costs.

An important consideration is the effect of the order on plans for next year's planting. Growers will be asked shortly what they intend to produce next year. In a confused situation, and faced with labor shortage, high costs and a ceiling they question, they look forward with uncertainty and foreboding to the coming year. The patriotism of Klamath basin producers cannot be questioned, but they need to know something of the conditions that will confront them as they make plans for another year.

HOPKINS OUTDATED

The December American magazine article by Harry Hopkins is being handed around Washington, as an advance warning of how the government intends to uproot most citizens and transplant them involuntarily into the final war effort.

Often such unofficial presidential authorities as Hopkins and Mrs. Roosevelt write, as their personal opinions, what the White House has in mind to do. Their articles are supposed to prepare the public mind, and obviously this is what Hopkins intended this time.

But the magazine was prepared weeks ago, and the article written perhaps weeks before that. Since then, many if not all of Hopkins' thunderous expectations have been outdated by events.

For instance, he predicates his picture partly on the possibility of the British losing the Suez, Russia surrendering and America being invaded.

Also, there has been an election since he wrote—and since that election, Mr. Roosevelt has announced nothing would be done about a selective draft service for workers until after the first of the year. Union labor, too, has pushed its pressure against the draft right upon the president's desk.

What Hopkins foretold in the magazine is, therefore, in abeyance at least. He predicted a \$10,000-a-year man might be thrust into a \$3000 job (maybe the treasury will have something to say about indispensable tax revenues before that is done).

He prophesied citizen draft boards would be established, like army draft boards, in all districts. (It is fairly well agreed at the top now that a single draft organization for industry and army should do whatever is done.)

WRONG DOPE

"Able bodied persons will be given a wide range of choice as to what they will do," he wrote. "But if they don't move voluntarily, their manpower organization will direct them to a specific job." (Legislation for this would have to be authorized by congress and the need shown.)

He estimated half the workers would be taken out of the paper, printing and publishing industry, one-third from food, half from garages and filling stations, nearly all from clocks, jewelry, and so on. (Congress is already raising the question of increasing the work week to 48 hours, instead, and Mr. Roosevelt's labor-management committee has recommended training women, students, unemployed, etc., to see if these steps will not solve the problem.)

Mr. Hopkins, authoritative as he is, may not have had the right dope. . . .

GALLUP MISSED

Dr. Gallup, the poller, is backing up Vice President Wallace's unique argument that the election was a victory for the new deal, saying that the record number of voters who stayed away from the polls were new dealers, and that if they all had voted, the new deal would have won its usual victory.

This reasoning may appeal to Dr. Gallup, because he had the worst prediction on the national election of any I saw published. He was worse than the official democratic claims. The democrats expected to lose 10 to 15 house seats, but Dr. Gallup's forecast (Oct. 31) said: "The chief surprise in next Tuesday's election will be the continued strength of the democrats nationally, as shown in the congressional races. The democratic party will have virtually the same majority of seats in the house the next two years as they have had since 1938."

This has caused a couple of republican senators to talk about a congressional investigation of polls.

But where Dr. Gallup's explanation of his error proves itself false is in the New York state returns (where his poll of Dewey's vote was almost exact).

The republican vote for congressmen in New York City was 8 per cent larger than in 1938, while Dewey's vote was only 3 per cent over 1938.

Also, the Dunn survey shows the national loss in the vote of democratic candidates for congress was only 1 to 2 per cent below 1938.

Few non-partisan political experts will believe the election result was anything less than it seemed to be.

Parade Applause

SEVERAL persons have suggested that something be said in this department about the alleged apathy of Klamath Falls people during the Armistice Day parade. In particular, these people report that there was little applause for the soldiers of Camp White when they marched by. There was some hand-clapping for certain entries in the parade but the general attitude, according to the critics, was one of dead-pan indifference on the part of the local public.

We cannot say personally how just this criticism may be, but we agree that the organizations and individuals who give their time and effort to a patriotic parade such as that of Armistice Day deserve a showing of appreciation. We believe that the feeling of appreciation was there, but there was little done to demonstrate it.

An applauding crowd helps to make a parade. If local people will let themselves go and do a little cheering when the parade goes by, they will be helping create a parade atmosphere that they themselves will like.

How Censorship Works

SHIPS
(Fourth of a series)

The voluntary censorship code asks that the movements, identities, and cargoes of naval and merchant ships be not reported, and that details of construction and prospective launchings be withheld except as officially announced.

Ten months of naval warfare underline this request. Enemy spies risk their lives in attempts to report shipping information. If we tell the enemy where our ships are, he will know where to attack them. If we tell him what cargo they are carrying, he will know which ships would be his most valuable prizes. If we tell him that we know where his own ships are, he is likely to move them to our disadvantage.

The enemy is especially anxious for information about conveying methods, new shipping routes, how shipments of strategic materials can be cut off, and technical details of our busy shipyards.

He will make good use of every scrap of information on any of these subjects.

Six Men Will Clip Ribbon To Open Alcan Highway

WHITEHORSE, Yukon Territory, Nov. 13 (AP)—It will take six men to clip the red, white and blue ribbon at the Alaska-Yukon boundary which will signify the official opening of the new military highway from Dawson Creek, B. C., to Fairbanks, Alaska, November 20.

Specially engraved shears will be used by Charles Cansell, northwest territories commissioner, representing Canada, and E. L. Bartlett, acting governor and secretary of state for Alaska, representing the United States.

The other four will be enlisted men who will hold the ribbon. They will be selected for meritorious work during the construction of the vital first land link between the United States and Alaska.

Although the ceremony will make official the opening of the 1630-mile road over bogs and through forests, it will not indicate the actual start of its use, since some time ago Secretary of War Stimson announced that traffic was flowing over the entire length of the "Alcan" highway, as the route is known.

Brig. Gen. James A. O'Connor, who commanded troops building the road, will be one of the speakers at the opening.

Dealer shortages put new value on used merchandise. Cash in on your "junk" through a classified ad. Phone 3124.

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm speaking for the class, sir, and we're wondering if you might not consider some toughening up exercises in preparation for work on farms as more important than piles of home work this year."

Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From the Klamath Republican November 13, 1902

Lakeview last week elected the following officials: H. C. Whitworth, mayor; W. D. Woodcock, Elmer Ahlstrom, Peter Post and X. Arzner, councilmen; Warner B. Snyder, recorder; A. Biebe, recorder.

H. C. Perkins and Fred Mensch of Grants Pass report they found a large colony of beavers at work on the Upper Deschutes river near the base of Mt. Scott. They have dammed up the river in many places, making lakes, some of them covering several hundred acres.

From The Evening Herald November 13, 1932

Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes warned today that drunken driving will get no mercy when brought into his court.

In the general election just concluded, 6182 persons cast ballots in the contest for mayor, and only 5926 in the contest for president of the United States.

Mayor-elect Willis Mahoney, whose name was not on the ballot, thinks he deserves a vote of thanks from J. W. Maloney, Pendleton, who ran for state treasurer. Maloney carried Klamath county against Rufus Holman, who won in the state. Since the election, many people have told Mahoney they found his name on the ballot. Apparently, they mistook Maloney for Mahoney and voted for Mahoney for treasurer, thinking they were voting for Mahoney for mayor.

FIVE RETURN FROM PROTECTION SCHOOL

Five Klamath Falls men returned Thursday and Friday from Seattle, where they attended the war department's civilian protection school held at the University of Washington.

Those returning this week were Earl Reynolds, coordinator of civilian defense; G. A. Krause, commander of the citizens' defense corps; Keith Ambrose, fire protection; Orth Sisemore, head of the wardens; George Myers, head of the emergency medical division.

Harold Franey, head of the police division, attended a previous session of the school.

The Klamath men said they received a most intensive course, and returned with copious notes.

Shasta View

Johnnie Hess, who is on furlough from Fort Stevens, is visiting at the home of his parents, Charles J. Hess.

Mrs. David White and son Gary returned recently from a trip to Tacoma, Wash., where they visited her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Johnson. Dr. Johnson practiced dentistry here several years ago.

J. C. Grove has returned home after two weeks at Klamath Valley hospital. He will not be able to resume his work at Big Lakes for some time.

Neighbors surprised Mrs. U. G. Simpson on her birthday, Tuesday. The afternoon was spent informally and coffee was served. Those honoring Mrs. Simpson were Mrs. Roland Warren, Mrs. John Gilooly, Mrs. Jack Andersen, Mrs. Joseph Swindler, Mrs. John Ruesten, Mrs. Harold Hornseth and Barbara Gayle Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mesner were Armistice day guests in the J. C. Grove home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Redfield and children were called to Tacoma, Wash., by the serious illness of Mrs. Redfield's father.

L. Lambert has gone to Tillamook, where he will be employed on a defense project.

Zella Sullivan of Medford will spend the weekend with her sister, Francis Sullivan.

Barbara LaPrairie, a student

Markets and Financial

OREGON FARM PRODUCTION HANGS ON WMC

PORTLAND, Nov. 13 (AP)—Oregon farmers will determine during the next few months their 1943 production plans and much depends upon how soon the war manpower commission stabilizes agricultural labor.

So said the Oregon USDA war board yesterday, describing the winter months as the most critical period in the state's farm production, particularly dairy products, livestock and poultry.

Winter's heavier feeding and higher costs will be a major factor in affecting the future plans of stockmen.

Milk Production

Good dairy cows are not being slaughtered for meat, the bureau of agricultural economics told the board, but the culls are being butchered. Many dairy herds are being decreased but the good cows are being bought by owners of small herds.

The bureau reported that fluid milk production for most of this year was greater than last but the seasonal decline now has come because of pasturage conditions.

Loss Faced

The board was told that the Klamath and Central Oregon potato harvests had been completed with small loss and that the Malheur county sugar beet crop is 80 per cent in.

Hood River apple orchardists, however, are faced with the loss of some 200,000 boxes of apples because labor cannot be obtained to get them off the trees and a serious loss probably will be taken by Willamette valley nut-growers.

The U. S. employment service said that almost two-thirds of at least 100,000 persons who worked in Oregon harvest this year were women and children. It predicted the percentage would be higher next year.

PINE ORDERS DROP TO 73 MILLION

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13 (AP)—Pine orders dropped off sharply during the week ending November 7 to 73,000 board feet compared with 88,530,000 for the previous week, the Western Pine association said today. For the same week last year they came to 73,937,000.

Shipment figures in that order: 91,000,000 board feet, 95,360,000 and 85,841,000. Production: 83,210,000 board feet, 89,475,000 and 75,277,000.

LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 13 (AP-USA)—CATTLE: Salable 25, total 50; calves 25 and 35; few sales steady but largely nominal; package good beef cows \$9.75; cutter-canner cows \$4.30; 5.50; medium vealers \$12.00; this week's earlier tops; good short fed steers \$13.85; medium-good heifers \$12.50; good cows \$10.00; few \$10.25 and up; good bulls \$11.25; choice vealers \$15.00.

HOGS: Salable 200, total 12,000; market steady to little lower than Thursday's close; few lots medium-good 170-220 lbs., \$13.75; lighter \$13.00-50.

SHEEP: Salable 50, total 200; market nominal, steady; this week earlier tops; good-choice fat woolled lambs \$12.75; good heavy ewes \$4.00.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 (AP)—Federal-State Market News — CATTLE: Salable 50; mostly nominal; medium to good steers quoted \$12.50-13.25, few steers to \$13.75; medium to good heifers scarce; few young good cows \$9.50-10.00, aged medium cows \$8.50-9.00, load mixed dairy and range cows \$8.25, canners and cutters \$5.00-7.50; medium bulls \$9.50-10.00. Calves none; nominal.

HOGS: Salable 400; around 10 cents higher; four loads good Idaho and California hogs \$14.70; few sows 10 cents higher at \$13.60.

SHEEP: Salable 400; under-tone steady; good to choice lambs quoted \$13.50-14.00; medium to choice ewes \$3.50-5.00.

WHEAT

By FRANKLIN MULLIN

CHICAGO, Nov. 13 (AP)—Rye prices slumped almost two cents a bushel and wheat and corn sold nearly a cent today before the grain market steadied.

Liquidation of December delivery contracts broke out in rye market and spread to other pits. This touched off stop loss selling and general evening up of accounts.

Belief that the government will act next week to relieve the wheat-flour price squeeze through release of grain to mills in order to preserve flour cellars and continuation of the government's feed wheat sales program without price change attracted attention.

Although rallying due to late short covering, wheat closed 1/8c lower than yesterday, December \$1.25 3/4, May \$1.28; corn 1/2c off, December 83 1/2c; corn 1/2c off, December 83 1/2c; soybeans 1 1/2c lower.

26-Year-Old Describes Hammer-Slaying of Woman

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 13 (AP)—The murder of Mrs. Abigail Williams, 46, of San Leandro, Calif., October 13 near Vernal, Utah, has been confessed by one of two men held at Bremerton, Wash., Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent Jay C. Newman said today.

Newman said James Joseph Roedi, 26, of Oklahoma, told how he and Leroy Edward Ritchey, 25, of Iowa, had killed Mrs. Williams after she picked them up on the highway near Denver and offered them a ride to California.

The confession, Newman related, told how Roedi got in the back of the car and went to sleep with Mrs. Williams' dogs. "The next thing I knew, I was awakened by a woman screaming 'don't hit me any more,'" Newman quoted from the confession. Then, he said Roedi added: "The car was stopped and Ritchey was hitting Mrs. Williams with a hammer. I got up and threw a blanket over her head and then Ritchey hit her about nine times more with the hammer."

Then the pair threw the body at Oregon State college, came home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. LaPrairie.

Howard G. Hamilton of San Francisco came for a weekend of duck hunting, but the flight was so poor he plans to return again at Thanksgiving time. Hamilton, who is an annual visitor, says there are no finer ducks in the west, than those killed in our local marshes.

POTATOES

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 (AP-USA)—Potatoes — 18 broken, 19 unbroken cars on track; Idaho 6; Oregon 1 arrived; three cars arrived by truck; market unsettled; Klamath Falls Russets No. 1, \$2.80-3.00, few \$3.10; U. S. No. 2, \$2.10-15; Idaho Russets No. 1, \$2.80-3.00.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13 (AP-USA) —Potatoes—24 broken, 32 unbroken cars on track; Colorado 1, Idaho 10, Montana 2, Oregon 1 car arrived; three cars arrived by truck, four diverted; market unsettled; Idaho Russets No. 1, \$2.70-75.

CHICAGO, Nov. 13 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 84; on track 255; total U. S. shipments 673; supplies moderate; trading very light; market unsettled and confused on account of the price ceiling situation; Idaho Russet Burbanks, U. S. No. 1, \$2.97-3.10.

STOCK MARKET SHOWS SPOTTY TREND TODAY

By VICTOR EUBANK

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP)—Selected stocks today continued to reflect the progress of the allies in booting the axis out of Egypt and Africa but many market leaders were depressed by mild week-end selling pressure.

Trends were spotty from the start and the drift was irregularly lower near the close.

Heartening to the financial sector and, incidentally, bolstering the day's generally sluggish turnover, was the quick disposal of 50,000 shares of Kennecott and a similar block of Phelps Dodge as special offerings. Dealings in all stocks amounted to only about 650,000 shares.

Among the few stocks registering new tops for the year by a nose were Dome Mines and American Can. Intermittent improvement was exhibited by General Electric, Union Carbide, Chesapeake & Ohio, International Harvester, and United Aircraft.

Lagging the greater part of the time were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Santa Fe, Great Northern, N. Y. Central, American Telephone, General Motors, Dow Chemical, Allied Chemical and J. C. Penney.

Bonds were uneven. Closing quotations:

American Can	73 1/2
Am Car & Fdy	23
Am Tel & Tel	12 3/4
Anaconda	2 1/2
Calf Packing	20 1/2
Cat Tractor	37
Comm'nw'lth & Sou	11 1/2
General Electric	30
General Motors	42 1/2
Gt Nor Y pf	21 1/2
Illinois Central	81
Int Harvester	54 1/2
Kennecott	29 1/2
Lockheed	17 1/2
Long-Bell "A"	5 1/2
Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
Nash-Kelvy	6 1/2
N Y Central	12 1/2
Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Pac Gas & El	24
Packard Motor	21
Penna R R	25 1/2
Republic Steel	15 1/2
Richfield Oil	8
Sears Roebuck	60
Southern Pacific	16 1/2
Standard Brands	44
Sunshine Mining	4 1/2
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Union Oil Calif	14 1/2
Union Pacific	81 1/2
U S Steel	49 1/2
Warner Pictures	6 1/2

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