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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLOTT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 — Government, government, government! Manpower, manpower, manpower!

Remember when the manpower shortage of the Montana copper mines was in the news a few weeks back, day after day? Well, the government decided to take hold and cure it immediately, because copper is more valuable to the war effort than gold or silver.

The war production board issued a big order and it was printed in the newspapers. It directed the selective service board to withdraw copper miners from the army and put them back at work. Mr. McNutt's mansion selected the miners, and the army hauled them back to Montana.

When they arrived, there were found to be 50 large negroes who had never seen a copper mine before, at least not the type around Butte where they were to work.

Shaft mining is pursued there, the shafts running down to 3000 feet under the earth, where the heat makes the work more difficult than any other type of mining. Some say the negroes were coal miners, but apparently most of them had worked in some type of surface or strip metal mining.

The manpower commission had merely run through their draft cards which classified them only as "metal miners" and assumed they could do the copper job. The commission might as well have sent beatificans.

The local Butte Mine, Mill and Smelters union, whose men think something of their own lives, refused to work with the unskilled ex-troopers, whereupon some of the liberals in New York began shouting in their press:

"Racial discrimination." The 50 negro soldiers sat down to see what next. Meanwhile, the copper mine manpower problem remains.

MEAT HEADACHE Government, eh? The agriculture commissioner of Virginia told a congressional committee that in this current meat shortage, which is pinching the people both in the pocketbook and appetite, the federal government has limited abattoir production.

The Richmond abattoir, for instance, is limited to 70 per cent. Deliveries to wholesalers are restricted that much.

But that abattoir, just as most others around the country, is owned by a few stock raisers, and they can slaughter their own first. When the small farmer comes in with his hogs or cattle, they say:

"Sorry, our quota is filled. Take your stock back home." The condition is national in scope. Yet the butcher cannot get meats.

PACKERS CLOSED DOWN Manpower, eh? The same source told a congressional committee two of the three big packing companies furnishing Smithfields to the country have been forced to close down and throw their men out of work in the middle of the meat shortage.

Their specially fed hogs are ready for smoking, and ham is scarce, but the government put a quota on Smithfield production, which will not permit them to operate and make money.

This grade is too high-priced for lend-lease sale to Britain—so the government, for no particular reason, has just let them go out of business, although American consumers, with more money now, could pay for this high-priced ham, and, if the government let them do this, it would help cure the meat shortage and stop inflation.

THINK IT OVER Defense Transporter Eastman has issued an order (says the agriculture director of Ohio) saying children within two miles of school must walk, and so must those who live more than 1 1/2 miles off the bus lines. The order, of course, will have different results in Florida than in the zero winter weather of Ohio.

More than 300,000 farm school children are affected, although this will save only three miles of rubber per bus per day.

Like Mr. Henderson, who says the public may not get 65 degrees of temperature, this winter

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SIDE GLANCES



"Dear! Mrs. Smith is on the phone—she wants to borrow your blow torch, a hammer and chisel!"

even if there is pneumonia, Mr. Eastman says the kids should return to pioneer days when everyone walked to school.

Managed economy, eh? Today there are many people, thinking themselves liberals, who still want the government to continue a managed economy after the war, or institute a state capitalism or socialism, which will allow the government to manage all business and lives as it is doing now.

DIPLOMAT WANTED For the reasons cited above, and many thousands more that have not been published yet, the temper of Washington is favorable to the appointment of a man, even of the type of Mr. Ickes, as a labor-manpower-draft czar.

That particular situation is so susceptible to pain that what Mr. Roosevelt needs, of course, is another diplomat like Jimmy Byrnes. Here is a job which surely requires a judicial nature to maintain balance between CIO and AFL, between army and civilian drafts, between labor and the war effort of the government.

But the choice of a politician like Mr. Ickes, on its face, presumes that an administration favorable to union labor more than to the interests of the army, civilian or government, will be offered. Here is a china shop which would seem to require anything but a bull like Ickes.

And Washington, as I say, has reached the point where "practically anyone will do."

Telling The Editor Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

OPPOSES HOLDING TAX MALIN, Ore. (To the Editor)—I have read your paper for many years and while I may not always have agreed with your views, I have always admired your sane feet-on-the-ground policy.

In view of these facts I can not understand our indorsement of the policy advocated by Archie Rice. Namely to make the employer responsible for the payment of taxes for his employees.

I believe that most of us have voted for measures which we failed to study from all angles, or signed a petition because someone requested us to do so, or endorsed some measure without proper consideration. I believe you are guilty of something like that in this instance.

Our government, either rightly or wrongly, has prohibited children, insane persons, morons and Indians from handling their own funds. Do you mean to go on record indorsing a measure placing a working man in this class simply because he works for wages? If so, why? Is he more dishonest than the merchant, the industrialist, or the farmer? Or would you say he is a moron? I am sure that you do not mean to imply any of these things. But after all, is that not what it amounts to?

This measure is probably advocated as a simple means to collect taxes. Maybe. But is it the best way? Or even a good way? If it is a good way, why

not collect taxes from everyone in the same manner. For instance when you sell your papers to the dealer, have him hold out a percentage to pay YOUR taxes.

When the farmer sells his spuds have the buyer hold out on him and so on. Just how we would collect from the buyers I do not know, but if we had enough bureaus in Washington it could be worked out.

Has any one sponsoring this measure figured just how many extra government employees it would take to keep the accounts, etc., of thirty million wage earners? Our government has at the present time about twice the number of employees as it had at the peak of our last war, with about the same number of soldiers drafted. Is it not time we called a halt to some of this, and find some other way to do things? The war will be over some time, but taxes will still have to be collected. A method set up at this time will be hard to change. Especially if a bureau is created to administer it.

We worried about the soft and inefficient generation we were raising. Does any one doubt that our boys in the Army have not made good? We made men out of them by giving them responsibility. Let's let the working man worry about his own taxes. He is already a man and a damn good one.

Here is another point: All of the labor in the United States is not employed by Henry Kaiser or Henry Ford, who maintain a large staff of bookkeepers. After things reach their normal channels again a large percentage of them will again be employed by John Farmer, James Carpenter, William Painter, Charles Plumber, and a host of others who do not hire a large crew and do not maintain an office force. Instead they work shoulder to shoulder with their employees and spend their evenings keeping books and making out reports to the various government bureaus. Is it fair to add another burden to them?

It is about time that we looked ahead to see where we are going. It may not be best to always choose the easiest road. It has been my privilege to live in a country where a boy could go to work as a newsboy and become the managing editor of the newspaper. I hope we can keep this kind of a country. I hope that is what our boys are fighting for. Not a country organized like an ant hill, with a special class for soldiers with their special privileges and restrictions, another for laborers, another for employers, etc., with a paternal government presiding over all. Let us stop this class legislation NOW. Let us continue to pass legislation that applies equally to all persons.

Yours truly, CLYDE VAN METER Malin, Oregon.

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Klamath's Yesterdays

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

From The Klamath Republican December 2, 1902

Is it suggested that an automobile line be started from Fort Klamath to Crater lake. With a railroad soon to reach Klamath Falls, and steamers on the upper lake, good connections could be made.

F. S. Grochs has been quite sick at his ranch in Langell valley but is now reported much better. He left here yesterday, via Ager, for Auburn, Calif.

Eight people will arrive on Mr. Marple's stage to make proof on timber claims.

From The Evening Herald December 3, 1932

William Mahoney, contested mayor-elect, said in Seattle today that if the ouster movement against him succeeds, he will urge an election to recall the present mayor and make him mayor, anyhow.

A huge crowd was downtown last night for Christmas opening.

Total valuation of Klamath county property, for assessment purposes, is \$36,839,023.08.

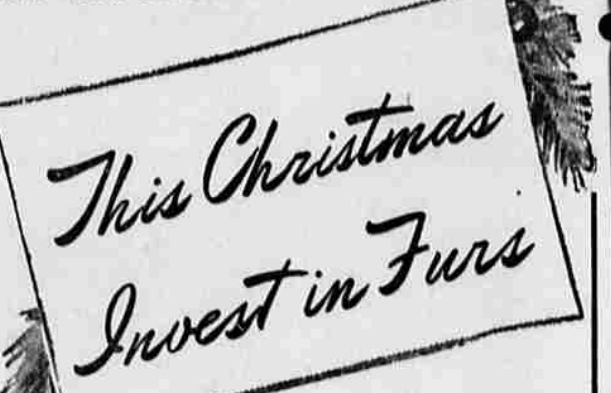
WINTER FOLLY

DENVER, (AP)—Walking past a shop, a woman saw three girls reaching for the ceiling.

She summoned Patrolman Dominic Crow, who dashed in, gun in hand.

The clerks explained that they hadn't been robbed—they were just cold and testing wall ventilators.

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SAND-GRAVEL DUMP TRUCK. Bright red body. Has swivel screen to sift sand. CT852 39c

TUMBLING MONKEY. Spring wind makes monkey turn over and over on two chairs. CT855 39c

Toys described not all shown. All Stores May Not Have All Toys Illustrated at time this advertisement runs, but each has a large selection of Big Values.

Cedar Chest with Stationery. A Lovely Gift for "HER" \$139
Large trinket box with wood handles and brass hinges. Top is attractively embossed with scenic print. Complete. CT768

Utility Traveling Kit. Handy Size 9 1/2" x 16 1/2" x 3 1/2" \$149
Leatherette, with carrying handle and snap fastener. Has moisture-proof lining and adjustable strap to hold articles in place. N4638
Ask for Low Prices on Other Gifts For Men in the Service.

Sure-to-Please Gifts Priced under \$1.00

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SCRAP BOOK. 14x11 1/2" With 20 sheets of smooth finish paper. Riveted and tied. CT923 39c

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