

Herald and News

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—What fooled us on the Stegried line and in Holland were the surprising results of the general mobilization Hitler undertook publicly more than a month ago.

That far back he apparently began planning his current fight. By his desperate drain of manpower for his home stand he was able to maintain his border front after the best half of his armies in western Europe had been destroyed in France.

When our authorities ran into this unexpected show of strength, some of them threw up their hands in pessimism and started predicting no end of the war before spring.

This is the focal explanation of the perplexing fluctuation in reports from the battle line the past ten days.

Where he got so many troops is yet something of a mystery. Officers were taken out of administrative chairs. Soldiers were drawn from garrisons and police duty. Even tradesmen and workers in key industries were called upon to fill home gaps left by the military going to the front.

To the vacated places of these workmen at home he forced more foreign workers. Boys 16 and younger were called to duty. The physically disqualified were fitted in.

Not Top Troops. THESE recruits are naturally not of the best. But some good troops were called in from the Russian front and from Denmark (which has been virtually a fighting front since the uprisings started months back.) Posing these together he was able to get a line.

But the very nature of these troops makes the current popular pessimism tenuous. The line may prove to be no more formidable than a road block, to be swept away. The fighting of the next few days will give a better understanding of future prospects.

The disaster to the British paratroopers in Holland, lamentably tragic as it was, cannot be considered militarily as important as the less advertised developments southward showing Hitler had manpower. The extent of this defense in depth could not be known definitely, however, until fully probed by fighting.

This is not the first time we have been fooled. When the German line broke in Normandy there was an excellent prospect the war could be won in France by complete annihilation of their western forces. While more than half were rendered useless, Hitler was surprisingly able to preserve the military organization of those retreating armies and some of these troops now augment his last drain of home manpower.

Holland-Based Troops. THE nazi forces in Holland, and many stationed in Belgium were never in the French fight. These, retreating to the homeland, were able to create the Arnhem pocket in which we lost 8200 with only 1800 escaping. But he even appeared with an air force there when he had to have it.

We were overly optimistic also in estimating German morale. Their defenses have been spotty.

At some key points of their choice they fought fanatically, but in France, after the cak-through, their troops indicated distaste for fighting except in the suicide squads at the channel ports, and even these troops were far less anxious than their officers.

If our estimates on any of these three points—morale, manpower and the opportunity in France—had been realized the war would be over now. If just a single one of these lively prospects had turned our way, the other two could not have saved him.

Now it all depends on who has the greatest force at this battle line or how long it will take us to get more power there. The situation is about as in Normandy after the initial landings. It can still turn either way.

SIDE GLANCES



“Considering the way they are releasing women from work, maybe their mothers will start taking care of them soon and we can again use the old tree as just a pure loafing place, as God intended!”

Market Quotations

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (AP)—Trends turned a bit spotty in today's stock market after a steady opening in... CHICAGO, Oct. 2 (AP)—Wheat rallied today to regain most of the losses...

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LIVESTOCK

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OBITUARY

NICHOLAS CHRISTOPHER... Nicholas Christopher Demetracos, a resident of Klamath Falls since birth...

FUNERAL

WILLIAM CLARK ORTON... Funeral services for the late William Clark Orton, a resident of Butte, Montana...

Courthouse Records

MARRIAGES... BILES-HOOT. Harold Thomas Biles, 29, U. S. navy, native of Pennsylvania...

ROBBED SHOT BY OFFICER IN GUN FIGHT

LEEDS, Utah, Oct. 2 (AP)—An unidentified gunman hunted throughout the west since the robbery of a bank at Prairie City, Ore., September 20, was killed in a gun battle with officers in the southwestern Utah hinterland yesterday, FBI Agent Jay C. Newman said today.

Newman, head of the FBI office at Salt Lake City, said the man was killed by one shot through the head when he fired at Deputy Sheriff Carl Caldwell and two FBI officers who surprised him in Pine valley, eight miles west of this village.

Officers were attempting to identify the gunman when fingerprints of the slain man were sent to Washington. Clothing on the victim failed to provide a clue to his identity.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE... NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned sheriff of Klamath County, Oregon, pursuant to an order of the County Court of Klamath County, Oregon...

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SUMMONS... IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY... ETHEL DEBAETS, Plaintiff, vs. ...

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Advertisement for Lyda E. Pinkham's 'VEGETABLE COMPOUND' featuring a woman's portrait and text about health benefits.

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

SATURDAY'S fatal accident near Chemult, which took the life of a promising young Klamath high school student, tragically dramatizes highway hazards at a period of the year when the danger increases.



EPLEY

Keep Your Shirt On

An acquaintance of ours asked us on the telephone the other day if we were not seriously concerned about the coaching situation at Klamath Union high school. That, of course, was after the Grant debacle, but before the Salem game.

A Fuller Report

SOME people have asked us about the public address system announcements used at the Marine-Willamette football game Saturday, noting especially that a rather meagre report of what was going on was given over the PA, as compared with the system used in high school games.

Trainloads of Jeeps

A FRIEND of ours says he now understands something of the wartime freight problem on the railroads.

Cascade

The warm, summery weather at Cascade Summit was broken Thursday by cold, cloudy weather. The fall has been unusually mild and sunshiny here.

Central Oregon Opens Spud Harvest

REDMOND, Oct. 2 (AP)—Central Oregon was set today for early digging its \$1,500,000 potato crop, with the aid of Mexicans, Indians from the Warm Springs reservation, and students.

DRIVE LAUNCHED

PORTLAND, Oct. 2 (AP)—Multnomah county launched a drive today to raise \$1,614,604—this county's share of the National United War Chest goal of \$15,000,000.

Advertisement for 'A Gem of Thought from Idella's' featuring 'Peanuts 35c pound' and 'What A Gal!'.

Advertisement for 'New South Radios Hearing Aid' and 'Standard Optical Co.'.

Advertisement for 'Hartford Insurance' and 'T. B. Waters'.

Advertisement for 'Permanent Wave' and 'Charm Hair'.

Advertisement for 'Equipment Co.' featuring 'Refrigeration and Service' and 'Powerful Liquid'.