

SIDE GLANCES

Herald and News

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A temporary combination of the Evening Herald and the Klamath News...

Today's Roundup

REMINISCENCE of the false armistice of November 7, 1918, was the wild flurry of rumors that hit our town this morning after an erroneous broadcast quoting Eisenhower as saying the Germans had quit.



EPLEY

The incident sent us into the dusty files of the Evening Herald for November, 1918. We turned to November 7.

"Nation Wild Over Coming Peace," was the headline of the Herald that day. The story was obviously written by some one who wasn't quite sure the armistice had been signed, but was influenced by the local justification that had started on the basis of an erroneous report by the United Press.

He said the rumor was "premature to some extent," and that there was "no official substantiation of the rumor." The Herald was an Associated Press paper, and the cautious old AP hadn't reported the armistice that people were beginning to celebrate.

Next day, November 8, the Herald headline read: "Hun Plea for Quarter Before Foch." There was a story on Page 1 that day stating that the celebration of peace "is too previous."

"It was generally realized here that the armistice had not been signed but the people celebrated the event which was hourly expected," said the Herald. Local folks started bonfires that they kept going even after they learned they had been misled by false reports.

On November 10, the banner line read: "Kaiser Abdicates." On November 11, five-inch type announced: "WAR IS OVER."

Said the Herald writer, now sure of himself: "The greatest conflict in history has come to an end, and autocracy with its despotism and oppression are to be banished from the face of the earth."

"The German war lords, who were not contented to grind down those within their own realm, but thirsted to put the whole globe underneath their bonds of slavery, have been threshed so thoroughly that they have lost the support of their own vassals, and are now fugitives skulking in every direction."

"Right has at last prevailed over might."

Houses and Sewers
THE next housing project to be built here for navy personnel, on a site adjoining that on Washburn way where 80 units are now nearing completion, will cost the government more than half a million dollars.

It will include 155 units, some of them to be built in two stories. They will be for navy and marine families, only.

Klamath Falls will probably get a valuable sewer development out of this project. Application has been made for a trunk line sewer and pumping plant to serve the project, which will be a part of the Klamath sanitary sewer system. This will cost more than \$100,000, and will facilitate development of sanitary sewers for that section of the city and suburbs which may later come into the city limits.

We've recently seen several letters, to the editor and otherwise, in which local people take pokes at other local people. It looks as if local hot-heads are about to pick up the clubs they dropped on December 7, 1941, and start beating each other again.

Spring is here, all right. Last night the first spooners were driving around on the tops of the hills east of town.

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter who was on hand throughout the legislative session, agrees with us that there are too many women in the way on the floors of the two houses. Legislators seeking to confer with each other had to crawl over women's legs or talk across their laps, he said.

News Behind the News

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The war and peace news is developing some new propaganda phenomena. Contrast, for example, the difference in technique and possible effect of the following three recent items:

One—The soviet periodical "War and the Working Class" in Moscow attacked the Vatican as being pro-fascist and anti-democratic on the grounds that the papal state has impeded "the creation of a free and democratic Italy"—like Russia.

Two—The soviet newspaper "Pravda" attacked the American writer, Walter Lippman charging him with "scandalous assertions against soviet democracy," complaining he did not put postwar Germany into the Russian sphere of influence in some book he wrote, but put it in "an Atlantic sphere" and, therefore, was guilty of trying to erect a buffer state or "cordons sanitaires" around Russia.

Three—An editorial published in an American newspaper said we should be proud of fighting on Russia's side in this war, that her people were not only great fighters, but the human constitution was just like ours, that it was "really inspired by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln." (Upon investigation I found this was a canned editorial circulated by a "newspaper syndicate" so small it is not even known in the business, but it was published in a small Florida newspaper that I saw, and presumably other newspapers without identification of the source.)

Take Second Look
I think we have three examples of lines being taken by Russian propaganda and our own, in a new field of world diplomacy opened by this war, and to continue from now on. Take a more discerning look at them, in order:

The government-directed soviet periodical attacks the Vatican as pro-fascist. But why? What are the facts? Well the first thing that will strike your eye without research or special information is that Russia wants to make Italy "a democracy" like Russia.

Lo we? Or do our people want to make Italy a democracy like us, without a dictator, without a one-party totalitarian system?

Well, what has the pope done about that? He issued a Christmas message in firm penetrating language that the issue everywhere lies between those authoritarians who look upon people as "the masses," to be led, and those who believe in the people as individuals, with individual human souls.

He was plainly hitting at fascism—and communism. Both are dictatorships which treat the people as masses to be governed, without individual rights, but only with mass-rights, under a single-headed dictatorship telling them what to do.

The individual right of the people to tell the government what to do in their interests is what we believe in. It is the fundamental foundation of democracy, any kind of democracy. The pope then has clearly taken the democratic side.

But this is a protestant country, at least, the large majority of its people are not Catholics. They might read the Russian attack on the Vatican and may not have read that the Vatican has been championing the democratic side. They can be easily misled.

Fertile Field
It seems to me the smart soviet propagandists have discovered the fertility of the religious field in this country for their political stratagems, in their political dealings with the Vatican. Our people do not understand that if Stalin reached an accord with the Vatican, the "war and the working class" would be singing the pope's praises tomorrow, with no more factual ground for that than for its current criticism.

The Lippman case is in every way similar. Mr. Lippman issued a denial, just as the Vatican did in its case. He said that if Pravda had read and understood his book, it would know he was against Cordon sanitaires and that he proposed to do away with them. There was no more truth in this accusation than that the Vatican was pro-fascist.

But both the attacks and denials had to be carried in our press under our free democratic system, to let the people make their choice, although not in Russia. How were our people to know who was telling the truth?

To anyone who knows Lippman or his writings, the implication that he was "worried about the Germans" after the war was absurd. But how about the great majority which does not know? How are we to deal with such matters in the brave new world?

I will attempt to pursue the American propaganda position in an analysis of the third case—the portrayal of the Russian constitution as inspired by Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln—tomorrow.



"I thought at first I was going to like school, but it's getting pretty dull—I guess I'm more the outdoors type of man!"

Market Quotations

Table with columns for Market Quotations, Potatoes, and Livestock. Includes items like American Gas, Am Tel & Tel, and various livestock prices.

Potatoes

CHICAGO, March 27 (AP-WFA)—Salable hogs 7000, total 11,000; active, fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts 140 lbs. up at \$14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows, a complete clearance.

LIVESTOCK

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, March 27 (AP-WFA)—Cattle: salable 100. Steers 85 about steady; half car short-fed 50 lb. California steers \$16.00; odd head medium heifers \$13.00, good \$14.00. Good stock, demand slow; market weaker; grade she-stock active, fully steady; common cows \$10.00-30, few \$11.50, cutters \$9.00-30, canners \$8.00. Medium to good sausage bulls \$10.00-11.00. Calves: 10. Nominal; good to choice vealers \$12.00-15.00.

WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 27 (AP)—Unconfirmed armistice rumors caused a sharp dip in grain futures today, but after a half hour's selling, the market responded to lack of confirmation, and regained most of its losses.

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Flasher's Life

AND THAT'S WHY BOISE, Idaho, March 27 (AP)—The ration board received this answer from an applicant for extra gasoline who had been asked why he couldn't ride the bus:

"I am a bus driver. I work the split shift. I got the first bus out in the morning and take the last one in at night. If you still can tell me how I can ride the buses to and from the depot I want to know."

Result: He got the extra gas.

PRIZED GEM

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 27 (AP)—Night shifters at the nearby smelter were unloading a carload of zinc concentrates from Australia. Suddenly, all hands stared in

astonishment—not a bar of gold, not a batch of gems, but— A full pint of Scotch whiskey, distilled in Perth, Scotland.

MISINTERPRETS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 27 (AP)—Salesman Glenn B. Elliott is making some of his calls by rail and bus, instead of driving, and wishing he had let well enough alone.

Elliott was getting supplementary gas rations for 1000 miles of

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business driving a month and told his ration board he needed more. The board said no and Elliott appealed to the district office.

District office workers squelched his request: "Your absolute limit is 475 miles." That's what Elliott gets now.

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