

PROPAGANDA OF EUROPE SENT IN GUISE OF 'NEWS'

United Press Label Guran-tees Dispatch as Free From Official 'Coloring.'

BY ED L. KEEN General European Manager United Press.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—American newspaper readers are today being supplied with two kinds of news from Europe.

One kind filters through channels whose headwaters are located in the foreign offices—the State departments—of various European countries. The other kind is sent direct by experienced American newspaper men, trained to observe carefully and to report objectively, without reliance upon interested sources and uninfluenced by considerations of expediency.

The label "By United Press" over dispatches from Europe in an American newspaper is a guarantee of the latter.

There are two kinds of news agencies, or press associations, operating in Europe.

One kind is either itself governmentally subsidized or controlled, or is affiliated in other countries with agencies that are governmentally subsidized or controlled.

The other kind is not only free from any sort of government control or influence, but is entirely dissociated from agencies that have such affiliation.

The United Press belongs to the second category.

European news agencies of the first mentioned class are combined into an interdependent group of some thirty members.

Maintained by Governments

Not all of the members of this organization, which is known as the Allied News Agencies, are under the direction or control of their governments.

Some of them are frankly "official agencies," maintained and operated by their governments.

Others are semi-official, subsidized either directly or indirectly, operate in close harmony with their governments. Still others are quite free from governmental association in their own countries, but they are affiliated with the official and semi-official agencies of other countries.

The nucleus and dominating element of this news combine is the official and semi-official agencies, whose principal function is to handle the news of their respective countries in a way most agreeable and most useful to their governments.

Naturally, they utilize to the fullest the opportunities of favorable nationalistic propaganda.

All the allied news agencies, whether official, semi-official, or locally independent, are knit together in a net work of interlocking contracts and exclusive news exchange arrangements, the purpose of which is so far as possible to create and maintain a news monopoly.

Powerful Competition

That they have not been successful in this endeavor is due to the powerful competition of such independent agencies as the Exchange Telegraph and the Central News, of Great Britain; the Telegraph Union, of Germany; the Nippon Denpo Tsushin Sha of Japan; the Agence Radio, of France; the United Press, of America, and the British United Press, of Great Britain and Canada.

The agencies, and the International News Service of the United States, have been invited to send representatives of the forthcoming press conference to be held under League of Nations auspices at Geneva.

The leading members of the allied agency combine are Reuters, of Great Britain; Wolff, of Germany; Havas, of France; Stefani, of Italy, and the Associated Press, of America.

A. P. Gets Into Combine

Nearly all the other countries of Europe are represented in the membership, as well as Japan. It was only recently that the Associated Press became fully identified with the organization.

For a number of years, the A. P. has had contractual relations with the leading members of the combine, but until the recent meeting of the allied agencies, at Warsaw, it had not been officially represented at their councils.

At the Warsaw meeting, in the latter part of May, Kent Cooper, general manager of the Associated Press, appeared and at his request his organization was admitted into full membership by acclamation.

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300 Miles an Hour!

Three hundred miles an hour is the official flight record that Lieutenant Alford J. Williams of the U. S. Navy, pictured below, is seeking. A specially built plane, designed by himself, has just been built for his attempt. It will be driven by a 24-cylinder motor. Williams probably will represent the navy in the Schneider Cup Races in Italy this year.



(NBA Service, New York Bureau) NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Speed, speed, and more speed! That's the heart's desire of Lieut. Alford J. Williams, Jr., United States Navy flier, who hopes to set an official aviation speed record of 300 miles an hour or more soon.

"It must have been born in him," observed his father, Alderman Alford J. Williams, Sr., political leader of the Bronx.

"Al always did like speed. As a baby, he could creep faster than the

babies of any of our neighbors. All his childhood he was forever racing on roller skates, bicycles, on horseback, or afoot.

"He entered swimming races, too, and usually won them.

"Al decided to become a lawyer when he grew up. He has been admitted to the New York bar. But I guess he never will practice now. The law's delay would come pretty hard to him, now that he is so accustomed to fast traveling."

It's in a racing plane of his own design, just completed for the Navy, that Williams hopes to attain an official 300-mile-an-hour mark. The plane is described as a "motor with wings attached."

The specially built motor is driven by twenty-four cylinders. The wing surface of the ship was reduced to the minimum necessary to give the required lifting power.

Williams was a pitcher for the New York Giants when the United States went to war with Germany. He wasn't another Walter Johnson, but in baseball as in everything else he liked his "smoke."

He had gone to the Giants after leaving Fordham college, where he was marked as the speedy football player who in an emergency could dash around the end and score a needed touchdown.

Quitting baseball in 1917, he entered the air service, and he has been flying ever since.

He sent an official record of 243.6 miles per hour at St. Louis in October, 1923. Later he lifted this mark to 266 miles per hour.

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STATE OFFICIALS RENEW ATTACK ON TAX REFUND

Brown, Zoercher Answer Criticism of Their Stand on Court Decision.

Elaboration of their views on the tax refund decision of the Supreme Court is set forth by Chairman John J. Brown and Philip Zoercher of the State tax board, in two letters made public Saturday.

The Brown letter is addressed to the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce and the Zoercher letter to Clinton H. Givan, Marion County attorney.

The correspondence came as the result of an attack by Givan and others on the criticism of the refund decision which tax board members have made recently.

Reversal Is Predicted

Zoercher points out that former court decisions all indicate that "harmfulness" must be shown before refund is made and that therefore the court erred on holding that refund should be on the horizontal increase of 1919-21 on the technicality of no proper notice.

"I have faith enough in the Supreme Court that when this case is properly presented a reversal of this decision will be forthcoming," the Zoercher letter states.

Brown gives as his reason for writing "the many wild and unwarranted statements that were made at the Chamber of Commerce meeting."

Injustice on Taxpayers

He says that the board does not believe that any great injustice has been done by the horizontal increase and that the refunding (which Marion County alone is attempting), will work greater injustice on present taxpayers.

"We quite agree that if any taxpayer can establish that during the years in question he was required to pay in excess of the amount required of other taxpayers on an equal amount and value of property, to the extent of such excess or injury such taxpayer is entitled to reimbursement with interest," he says.

APPOXY DEATH RATE BUT SLIGHTLY LOWER

Magazine Reports Less Progress With This % in Other Diseases.

Basing its formation on vital statistics, compiled by a great insurance company, Physical Culture magazine contains a discussion of where the present pleasure-mad trend of a large class of Americans is leading the Nation in reference to apoplexy.

Although physical culture information, national health conservation work and general enlightenment on subjects related to health has cut greatly the death rate on diphtheria, typhoid fever, scarlet fever and measles, together with Bright's disease and tuberculosis, since 1911, the death rate from apoplexy, cerebral hemorrhage, has been reduced but little.

The article explains causes of apoplexy and follows with information which will prove a safeguard to every one.

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TWO OLD BANKS MERGE

United Institutions Open Today at Greenfield.

By Times Special GREENFIELD, Ind., Aug. 1.—Under the name of the Citizens Bank, two of the city's oldest financial institutions, the Capitol State Bank and the Citizens Bank, merged Saturday, opened for business today, in the Citizens building.

Officers of the merged banks are: Horace K. Boyd, president; N. C. Binford, vice president; Sheldon B. Cooper, cashier, and Walter Hatfield, assistant cashier.

HIGHWAY LAWS ARE COMPILED

Secretary of State Supplies Digest for Motorists.

For the first time, a digest of Indiana motor vehicle and highway laws and police regulations has been compiled and published by the State and are now available at the office of Secretary of State Frederick E. Scheortemeier. The booklet has a complete alphabetical index and covers everything from abandoned vehicles to uniforms for police.

Fifteen commandments for motorists are laid down over Schortemeier's signature. They are: Respect rights of pedestrian. Keep glass free from obstruction. Do not park on traveled highways. Always keep your mind on your driving. Never pass another car on curve or hill. Keep license plates clean and in full view. Be a good citizen by observing speed and traffic laws. Observe dimming law when approaching other cars. Use signal clearly indicating what you are going to do. Always walk toward traffic. Slow down at cross roads. Stop before entering State highways. Do not drive so slowly as to hold back line of traffic. Drive your cars as you would have others drive theirs.

Expenses Go High

Food and supplies amounting to between \$350,000 and \$400,000 are distributed from the forest service centers each year, the total depending to a great extent upon the fire season.

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Thousands Are Employed to Combat Flames That Take Huge Toll.

By NFA Service MISSOULA, Mont., July 29.—The annual forest bonfire with its million-dollar losses is about to begin. Fires are raging in five forests, and with indications that this will be another dry summer and early fall, crews at the forest service warehouses here and at other centers of the Northwest have been shipping supplies to the thousands of men who will be employed to check the costly, terrible, ravaging eating of the fire demon in the national timber reserves.

This town of Missoula is really the forest fire fighting headquarters for the whole Northwest.

Is Fire War Headquarters

The central buying organization for the forest service is maintained here, and points as far away as Alaska and Tennessee get their fire fighting equipment from here in an emergency.

Twenty thousand rations have been placed in canoes at vital points in the forest, awaiting the day of need when fire crews will come in to fight the flames.

Equipment for 4,000 extra fire fighters is on hand in the warehouse. As indication of the scope of the shipments, it is stated that 100 cookstoves have been sent out from the warehouse this year.

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