

WAR DESCENDS ON ANXIOUS MAIN STREET

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CLEVELAND, Dec. 6.—This industrial midland region, where smoke clouds hang low as over a battlefield, is in the grip of a revolution caused by the enlarging area of conflict in the world, and slowly the people are becoming conscious of it—slowly and vaguely.

The war has come to main street. It is changing the life patterns of the "little people." They suddenly have found that the mill or factory where they have earned their daily bread is no longer needed to make pots and pans and stoves and refrigerators and automobiles and the gadgets of modern living, but is constrained by forces far away to turn to the making of shells and guns and parts of tanks and battleships.

Many of the little people—who make up most of our world—find that their training and work habits of years are no longer of much use. They've got to learn new trades. Some of them have to move to other cities.

AND FOR A LONG time Washington will be the directing force of their lives as never before. The revolution will leave something in its wake—just what, it is impossible to tell from this vantage point within the hurricane. For after all this is over, their individual lives will still be affected by decisions in Washington. Somebody in Washington must take up the shock, and do the readjusting.

People are beginning to see they are only pawns. This big city, like others, has been conscious of the hand of Washington for several years now—in the small army of officials taking orders from Washington, supervising locally the reforms of the New Deal touching the lives of the citizens: The National Labor Relations Board, Social Security Board, WPA, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Farm Security, Securities and Exchange Commission, and all the rest.

But all these are now swept into the war effort, and, on top of them, representatives of new agencies are crowding into downtown buildings—SPAB, OPM, OEM, OPACS, War Department, Navy Department, all jumbled together into a crossword puzzle.

And the small towns, never very conscious of Washington hitherto except for the presence of a local WPA director, now see committees descend upon them week after week, serious-faced gentlemen with pencils and pads.

THESE INTERVIEW the plant owner and find out what he can do for war, and the workers watch, anxiously, to see what it means for them, and whether they can keep on working, and at what, and wondering—especially some of the older ones—if they can learn a new trade and still live in the town, and keep their homes and send their children to school.

The owners and managers of some of the smaller plants which dot this area, who have lived comfortably for years, are just as befuddled and worried as those who work for them. Some were very slow to catch the drift of war clouds from Europe. Now they are getting frantic. For some are going to lose their businesses, and some are going to live on shorter rations.

Hitler's high-pitched voice carries far. Some of the big industrial managers, and some of the smaller ones, are asking each other whether this new dispensation means a new concept of government in which they will lose their identity, in which they will no longer be free agents, but will live constantly under the thumb and at the orders of bureaucrats in Washington and their local agents. You hear much of that speculation here.

Is this, then, the end of the sort of democracy they have known? And what will follow after?

THEY WONDER, but they can't do much about it. And, after all, if they can get some of the business and keep going, it seems futile to ask questions and worry.

So they take orders, and leave their speculation to the fireside and the barroom and the groups which gather outside the church after the Sunday sermon and gossip about their little affairs now caught in the clutch of big affairs they cannot understand.

The talk used to be of what Congress was doing, and it was all far away and vague and mostly a matter of curiosity and of curbsome opinions not given or taken too seriously. But now they find that what is important to their lives are the words and decisions of what were jokingly called in the early NRA days of the New Deal "the commissars," the men who now are really important.

What Donald Nelson and Leon Henderson and William Knudsen and Sidney Hillman do and think is what counts now. Congress is just a body to ratify, and to write letters to. When a man really gets in trouble and needs help and writes to his Congressman, he gets a letter back saying the matter has been referred to such and such official of this or that news agency.

What does it all mean? The Midwest wonders—but keeps its nose at the grindstone.

DELAY LOOMING ON STRIKE BILL

Three Factions in Senate Jockey for Position; Key Tieups Ended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (U. P.).—Senate consideration of anti-strike legislation developed today into a three-way race to bring out bills of varying degrees of severity and there was a hint that action might be postponed altogether until January.

Leaders of the three major factions jockeyed for position and there was no indication of whether the Administration would take a stand.

The bills awaiting Senate action were:

1. A House-approved bill by Rep. Howard Smith (D. Va.), which was generally believed to be the most drastic.

2. A bill by Senator Joseph H. Ball (R. Minn.), to require a mediation period before a strike vote could become effective.

3. A bill by Senator Tom Connally (D. Tex.) to authorize Government seizure and operation of strike bound defense plants.

The Senate Labor Committee, meeting Monday in the Smith bill, is expected to report out the Ball measure as a substitute.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas (D. Utah) predicted the Committee would not ask for hearings on ground ample information was obtained during House consideration.

Several Senators, however, reported they had been visited by groups of labor representatives who declared the House had voted the Smith measure without hearings.

Their statements prompted Senate Republican Leader Charles McNary of Oregon to suggest that all consideration of labor legislation be postponed until hearings had been held.

Trend Toward Peace

Meanwhile agreements affecting aluminum, railway and aircraft workers had climaxed a week marked by a trend toward labor peace in defense industries.

Although a basic wage dispute remained to be settled, approximately 300 C. I. O. die casters ended a "slowdown" strike at the Aluminum Co. of America plant at Cleveland.

Officials of the Bell Aircraft Corp. and the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) agreed at Washington to submit their dispute to arbitration.

Representatives of 350,000 railroad employees in the "Big Five" operating brotherhoods ratified a proposed wage agreement last night at Chicago.

The settlement formula granted the operating employees wage increases of 76 cents daily.

Today railway traffic executives came to Washington with recommendations for freight and passenger rate increases to meet the \$300,000,000 payroll boost as the threat of the nation-wide rail strike scheduled for tomorrow was dissolved formally.

Federal Conciliator Dan F. Hurley continued conferences at Cleveland seeking settlement of the four-unit strike at the Ravenna, O., shell loading plant.

Bus Strike Spreads

The Cleveland walkout of A. F. of L. bus drivers employed by the Central States Greyhound Lines, Inc., spread to Boston and New York and forced the company to halt operations in most of the Eastern states.

A Federal conciliator was attempting to settle the dispute over union wage-hour demands for seven women employees.

Lloyd Payne, executive secretary of the United Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers Union (independent) announced the union's executive board had authorized a nation-wide strike of 75,000 members next Tuesday to reinforce its demands in a jurisdictional fight with the A. F. of L. Mr. Payne has been trying to settle a jurisdictional dispute between the independent group and A. F. of L. welders at the Morgantown, W. Va., ordnance works.

The union reported its action to President Roosevelt and renewed its request for executive intervention to settle the dispute.

EX-MAYOR OF PERU DIES

PERU, Ind., Dec. 6 (U. P.).—Charles E. Simons, former Peru Mayor, died yesterday of a heart ailment. He was 65. He was active in Democratic politics and had been Miami County Sheriff and served four years as Peru City Controller.

Flanner Has Anniversary

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PLANS FOR NEW CENTER PUSHED

43 Years' Service Lauded By Governor During Birthday Party.

Governor Schrickler last night paid tribute to the 43 years of public service of Flanner House, Negro social and recreation center.

Announcement of plans for a new Flanner House, at 16th and Missouri Sts., to replace the present one at 802 N. West St., was made at the dinner by Jackie W. Joseph, president of the Park Board.

The new structure will be built with \$82,000, raised by public subscription last spring, and \$35,000 voted for this purpose by the Park Board. The land will be leased for 99 years from the Park Board.

Dr. Furniss Honored

Mayor Sullivan and Harold B. Tharp, Community Fund president, also were guests at the program. A life membership in the Flanner House board of directors was voted to Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, in recognition of his long interest in the center. Dr. Furniss has been a director since 1920.

Biblical quotations were used by the Governor to illustrate his talk to the 300 guests.

"Two questions confront us all every day, and both are asked in Holy Writ," he said.

"One is, 'Who is my neighbor?' and the other is 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

"Flanner House is part of our answer to both questions."

Hear Activity Report

F. B. Ransom, City Councilman and president of Flanner House, presided. Cleo W. Blackburn, executive director, reported on activities of the center during the past year.

He disclosed that the attendance for all activities was 127,876 persons in 351 groups. Total sessions of all kinds amounted to 4580.

Mrs. O. A. Johnson was chairman of the arrangements committee for last night's program. Assisting were Frederick M. Ayres, Dr. Paul A. Bates, W. W. Dunn, Frank B. Flanner, Mrs. Frederick A. Parker and Mrs. Thomas D. Sheerin.

TECKEMEYER TO SPEAK

Earl B. Teckemeyer, president of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, will address the Lawyers' Association of Indianapolis Tuesday noon at the Board of Trade Building.

Officers for 1942 will be elected at the meeting. The Association will hold a dinner dance tonight at the Antlers Hotel. John K. Rickles, association secretary, is in charge of reservations.

SANTA'S WONDERLAND

Chapter 12—Lots of Helping Hands!

LOOK! JACK AND JILL ARE GOING UP TO GET SOME WATER! AND THIS TIME THEY WON'T FALL DOWN!

THEN ON THE WATER OLD NORTH WIND BLOWED THEM UP TO THE MOON! ALL HIS MIGHT, AND TURN IT INTO SNOW! BUT THE CHILDREN WILL BE WHITE!

GOODNESS SAKES, PARRY QUITE COLD! WHAT CAN HE DO? ARE YOU GROWING? WHY, SILVER BELLS OF COURSE! ON CHRISTMAS TREES!

SO FAR! SO GOOD! THE PIERMANS NEXT! WHAT CAN HE DO? I'M QUITE PERPLEXED!

NEW ENGLANDER 'BAGS' 3 TANKS

Misses News From Home And Rye While Fighting Nazis in Africa.

WITH BRITISH FORCES, NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 3 (U. P.).—(Delayed)—Noah Hampson, a steel worker of Waterbury, Conn., has been credited with destroying three German tanks and damaging two in North African fighting, it was learned today.

Hampson, a gunner operating in an American-built tank, is a little 42-year-old man with long, graying hair.

"How are you doing?" he was asked.

"Okay," he said. "There's the box score," he added, pointing to five swastika crayoned on his tank, which was named "Steve."

Misses His Rye

Hampson joined the Canadian Army and served in France and Belgium. Later, when he was told by the Canadians that he was too old for overseas duty, he joined the Royal Armored Corps in England.

He said that he liked Libya except for lack of news from home and a dearth of rye whiskey.

"Boy, oh, boy, what I would give for a drink of rye," he said, and then told of a tank battle in the desert on Nov. 24.

"We hit that Rommel's flying column about 2 p. m. and fought until dark. We got our first prize inside 10 minutes. I saw him burst into flames and the crew pile out on the run."

His Tank's 'Dream'

"This tank is a dream. Due to its speed and maneuverability and the quick direction of our commander—and luck—we weren't hit by a single shell. Machine gun bullets rattled off the hull but, of course, they do no harm."

"That night, when the fighting broke off, we were in a group of six tanks in a ring protecting a headquarters unit. About 7:30 p. m. we heard enemy tanks grinding toward us in the darkness. Then followed the wildest fight ever but we lost only one tank and knocked their leader galley west when our guns fired from 30 yards."

MRS. PEARL URBAN FUNERAL IS TODAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl Urban, who died Thursday after an illness of seven weeks, will be held at 2:30 p. m. today. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Urban, who was 53, lived at 117 E. 24th St. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lavinia Wolf of Los Angeles, Cal. She was a member of Temple Rebekah Lodge No. 51.

B. I. A. AT BUTLER WILL INITIATE 35

The Butler Independent Association will initiate 35 university students at 6 p. m. Dec. 12 in Jordan Hall. The B. I. A. is an organization of students who do not belong to Greek letter societies.

A dance at the Riviera Club for all members, past presidents, and new initiates will follow the ceremonies and banquet. Initiates are: Thelma DeBoer, Evelyn Stutesman, Robert White, Charles Neffie, Howard Van Treese, Kay Reeder, Alice Hinton, Anne Malotte, Nancy Overstreet, Ruth Williams, Christina Cherpas, Mary Foster, Joe Cotton, Alfonso Tapia, Betty Parkhurst, Betty Noffke, William Van Arsdale.

J. Gordon Edwards, Marian Thompson, Harry Conroe, Jack Martin, Herbert Hinton, Lewis Miller, Searle Charles, Bill Wilkins, Gerald Reeves, Martha Goodlet, Jean Clark, Adah Phillips, Leonard Judd, Robert Kendall, Harris Nelson, George Vosburgh, Robert Baumgart and Peter Papias.

SAFE LOOTED OF \$300

A safe containing nearly \$300 and an undetermined amount of checks was found ripped open and looted this morning at the Standard Enamel Corp. office, 2158 N. Sherman Drive.

CULVER ALUMNI TO DINE

Members of the Indiana alumni club of Culver Military Academy will meet for dinner at 7 p. m. Monday in the Columbia Club.

Flannery Talks Tomorrow Night

HARRY W. FLANNERY, CBS Berlin correspondent and last American commentator to leave Berlin, will speak tomorrow night on the Indianapolis Open Forum at Kirshbaum Center.

His subject, "Berlin Report—Uncensored," will be given at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Flannery left Germany when all broadcasting systems recalled their correspondents because of censorship.

He was with the German Army in the Balkan campaign and was the only American correspondent with them in Crete. His talk will cover these experiences along with a review of the Nazi march into Russia and conditions today in Germany.

Mr. Flannery is a graduate of Notre Dame University and taught English there for a time. He is now chairman of the Open Forum managing committee, will preside at the meeting.

RILEY TRIES NEW POLIO MESSAGE

Foundation Sets Up Fund To Train Technician at Rochester Clinic.

The revolutionary method of treating infantile paralysis developed by "Sister Kenney," which has recently been approved by the American Medical Association, is to be tried in Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced yesterday that it had allocated funds to finance a six-months' training period for a technician to establish her clinic at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children at Sister Kenney's clinic at Rochester, Minn.

Sister Kenney is a nurse who over a period of 30 years has developed a treatment of massage and exercise for paralysis victims. Her results were so satisfactory that last year the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis granted her funds to establish her clinic at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children at Sister Kenney's clinic at Rochester, Minn.

Mrs. Rose Samuels Dies at Home Here

Mrs. Rose Samuels, a resident of Indianapolis 18 years, died today at her home, 3009 Mendota Ave. She was 83 and had been ill for a long time.

Mrs. Samuels was born in Austria and was a member of the Knesses-Israel Congregation.

Surviving are two sons, Morris and Lazar; two daughters, Mrs. Martin Mihalyi and Mrs. Helen Krauthamer, and five grandchildren, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 1 p. m. tomorrow at Aaron-Ruben Mortuary. Burial will be in Knesses-Israel Cemetery.

B'Nai B'rith Units To Hold Elections

The first joint meeting of the Indianapolis B'Nai B'rith and its auxiliary unit candidates. They are: Mrs. Harriet Farb, president; Mrs. Florence Kroot, Mrs. Carolyn E. Johnson and Mrs. Beatrice Cassen, first, second and third vice presidents; Mrs. Goldie Saganowsky, financial secretary; Mrs. Jennie Kammins, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Helen Fichman, treasurer.

Milton Rosenberg is B'Nai B'rith president.

Red Men to Hold Card Party—Comanche Tribe 128, the Improved Order of Red Men, will hold a card party at 8:30 tonight in their hall, 1802 W. Morris St. E. E. Stewart, Joseph Doyle and Earl Hutton are in charge of arrangements.

D. of U. V. Election Monday—Catherine Merrill Tent No. 9, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will hold an election of officers at 2 p. m. Monday in Ft. Friends, Mrs. Lela Totien will preside.

Lighting Group Plans Dinner—The Indiana Lighting Association, composed of manufacturers and electrical merchants, will hold its monthly dinner meeting at the Riley Hotel at 6:15 p. m. Monday.

Rebekah Session Monday—Fidelity Rebekah Lodge No. 227 will meet at 6:30 p. m. Monday at its hall, 1609 W. Prospect St. The annual lodge Christmas party will follow at 7:30. The lodge will accept donations of non-perishable goods for the I. O. O. F. Home.

Bed Men to Hold Card Party—Comanche Tribe 128, the Improved Order of Red Men, will hold a card party at 8:30 tonight in their hall, 1802 W. Morris St. E. E. Stewart, Joseph Doyle and Earl Hutton are in charge of arrangements.

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Prayer Meeting Set—Townsend Club No. 25 will hold monthly prayer meeting at 7:30 tonight at McClain's Hall, Hoyt Ave. and State St. The Rev. Elias W. Wamsley will conduct the services.

Townsend 14 Sponsors Supper—Townsend Club 14 will sponsor a rabbit supper at 5 p. m. Monday in the clubrooms in the Holiday Building. Officers will be elected at a business meeting. Fred Dietz is president.

TERMS TO SUIT

Free State-Wide Delivery

Pearson's

NEW AIR SERVICE TO AFRICA OPENS

Pan American Clippers Take Off on Direct Flights To War Theater.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 6 (U. P.).—Two big clippers, carrying 30 passengers, took off in a clearing fog today to inaugurate a new tri-continental airline linking the United States directly with Africa—the newest theater of the war—for the first time.

Thus Pan American Airways began regular service over a second trans-Atlantic route, another line to carry diplomats, statesmen, military leaders and the bomber-ferry pilots whom the war shuttles back and forth between the two hemispheres.

Pilots Are Passengers

The Puerto Rican Clipper, the four-motored flying boat carrying nine passengers and 376 pounds of mail, took off from PAA's marine base at 6:50 a. m. (Indianapolis Time). Take-off of the clipper Comet from Municipal Airport, with 21 passengers, was delayed by a ground fog until two hours later.

Most of the passengers on the inaugural flight were PAA personnel, many of them pilots for the trans-African service, and several Federal officials.

Week From Washington

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, the passengers change to the 42-ton flying boat, Capetown Clipper, which will take them to Bathurst, capital of British Gambia on Africa's West Coast, then to Lagos, Nigeria, and finally to Leopoldville, 8693 miles from Miami.

At Lagos the Capetown Clipper connects with the new airline of Khartoum, in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, which is being established by a Pan-American subsidiary. Thus observers will be able to fly from the Libyan battlefronts to Washington within a week.

L. E. CLOUD DIES IN HOME OF DAUGHTER

Louis E. Cloud, who for 20 years was steward of the Indiana State Epileptic Village, died last night in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dan C. Hess, 5241 Washington Blvd. He was 84.

Mr. Cloud retired in 1927, and for the past four years had lived in Florida. He was active in Henry County politics earlier in life, and as one time was county treasurer.

Mr. Cloud was born in Spiceland, Jan. 19, 1857.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Ratcliff Cloud, two other daughters, Mrs. F. W. Diederich, Richmond, and Mrs. L. M. Koons, Lakeland, Fla., and five sons, Lieut. Col. H. H. Cloud, Panama Canal Zone, H. H. Cloud, Orlando, Fla., L. R. Cloud, Chicago, F. E. Cloud, Appoka, Fla., and W. W. Cloud, Lake Wales, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Fox and Macer Funeral Home in New Castle. Burial will be in South Mount Cemetery, New Castle.

LITVINOV ARRIVES TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6 (U. P.).—Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinov arrives here shortly before 2 p. m. (Indianapolis Time) today from Honolulu on the China Clipper and departs two hours later for Washington to assume his new post.

O. E. S. Unit to Meet Tuesday—Lynchburg Chapter No. 505, O. E. S., will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Helen Boss in a worthy matron and Theodore Neese worthy patron.

W. R. C. Luncheon Monday—Past presidents of the Maj. Robert Anderson Post No. 44, W. R. C., will hold a Christmas party and luncheon Monday noon at 512 N. Illinois St. Hostesses for the program are: The Hostesses, Lucy Helm, Edith Blume, Evelyn Kosoveach, Mabel Teague, Edna Hodson, Mary Callahan, Cora Summers and Nettie Harmon.

O. E. S. Initiation Tuesday—Indianapolis Chapter No. 393, O. E. S., will hold initiation at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the Temple, 1522 W. Morris St. Past matrons and patrons will be guests. Mrs. Mabel Stratford is worthy matron and Edward Bertram is worthy patron.

Townsendites to Elect—Townsend Club No. 9 will meet at 8 p. m. Monday in I. O. O. F. Hall, Hamilton and E. Washington Sts. Officers for the coming year will be elected.

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Moose to Honor Adolph J. Fritz

ADOLPH J. FRITZ, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana State Federation of Labor will be honored by the Loyal Order of Moose here Dec. 14.

A class of 500 new members, to be designated as the Loyal Order of Moose, will be inducted into the Indianapolis Lodge No. 17.

Mr. Fritz has been a member of lodge No. 17 25 years and has been active in various phases of the organization.

Mathew M. Neely, governor of West Virginia, is expected to attend the meeting. The lodge has a membership of 5210.

COZZIE JONES GETS LIFE TERM

Terre Haute Youth Found Guilty of 2d Degree in Slaying of Girl.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 6 (U. P.).—Cozzie M. Jones, 23, today was sentenced to life imprisonment for the attack-slaying of 12-year-old Edith Idelle Barton.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge John W. Gerdink.

A Vigo Circuit Jury of men deliberated only 25 minutes before returning the verdict last night, with a recommendation of life imprisonment, the maximum penalty. Jones had been indicted on a first-degree murder charge.

Hears Verdict Calmly

The youth displayed no emotion when he heard the verdict. Throughout the final day of the trial he remained calm and unconcerned. His father, a Pentecostal minister, was at his side as he had been during the six days of testimony.

In his appearance on the witness stand in his own defense, Jones testified to seducing 12-year-old Edith Idelle Barton on a Sunday night "after-church" date, but denied that he killed her. The girl's nude body was found in the shallow water of Sugar Creek near Terre Haute early April 21.

The youth's story to the jury was that the girl became frightened and fled from his automobile and stumbled and fell into the creek where she drowned.

Jones was arrested near Paris, Ill., several hours after the body was found.

ELKHART—Wiley C