

WASHINGTON

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still hopes to inspire anti-Dewey movement among Republicans in congress which would percolate back home and win over uncommitted and wavering delegates.

Hint Manpower Waste Disclosures

EYE-OPENING disclosures of manpower waste are promised by investigators for house civil service committee, now mapping inquiry into employment of 50,000 to 60,000 civilians at army air force headquarters at Dayton.

DEMOCRATIC national committee plans V-mail campaign to get out the vote at home. It works this way: Precinct committees will be sent to round up addresses of servicemen, each of whom will then be sent a letter saying that if he did not get a ballot, and cannot vote himself, he should at least write home and say how he would have voted. This is expected to bring out the home folks for F. D. R.

MORE DEMOCRATIC strategy: To frighten voters into keeping congress Democratic by pointing to Republicans who would take over foreign relations and foreign affairs committee if a change were made. Senate group would be headed by Hiram W. Johnson, leader in fight against League of Nations and foe of any sort of international co-operation. On both committees "isolationists" dominate among Republican members.

BATTLE RAGES in house appropriations committee over medical program for servicemen's wives. Medical profession doesn't like present set-up, fears "socialized medicine," wants fixed cash amount given each prospective mother for her confinement. American Legion argues fixed amount wouldn't cover special cases, like Caesarians, would leave servicemen uncertain, worried about adequacy of wife's care. Legion seems to be winning the argument.

Whither Rationing?

MEAT RATIONING, almost certain to be back by first of year, will be more severe than at any time so far if drought, or other adverse weather, cuts the feed crops.

Farmers' planting intentions show prospective 2 per cent increase in feed crops in 1944. Assuming yields based on averages for last seven years, production could be from 3 per cent less to 3 per cent more than last year. But carryovers at the end of this year will be considerably smaller. Other food prospects:

Wheat crop, even if yield is equal to post-drought yields, won't be big enough if called on for above-normal feeding, heavy diversion to alcohol making, heavy export demands.

Meat production probably will be less in last quarter than in 1944 because of smaller pork output. And there'll be fewer lambs for slaughter this year.

Milk production may be up two billion pounds.

Egg production will be down.

Orange crop will break all records; grapefruit too, probably; but lemon crop is off a little.

Peach crop should be bigger, strawberry crop smaller.

Potato production should be up 5 1/2 per cent, early spring onions 185 per cent.

Note: There'll be a coffee shortage when war in Europe ends and Europe starts buying again, according to present indications.

36 Arrested in Campaign To Curb Road Fatalities

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between a car driven by George McKinney Jr., 17, of 1538 Lawton st., and a parked vehicle owned by Mrs. Loretta Gruner, R. R. 8, Box 685-7, St. Catherine's school, 1115 E. Tabor st.

Witnesses said that the Jensen youth and a friend, Michael Gallagher, 12, of 1333 Wade st., ran into the street, and that the Gallagher youth darted back to the curb when he saw the approaching car, while young Jensen started toward the opposite curb.

The youth died in an ambulance on the way to a hospital.

Services Monday

In addition to the parents, survivors include a brother, Ralph J. Jr., and three sisters, Ann, Mary and Estelle Jensen. Funeral services will be held at 8:30 a. m. Monday at the home and at 9 a. m. in St. Catherine's church. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery.

Four other persons were injured, one critically, in other traffic accidents last yesterday.

Ivan W. Beade, 51, Shelbyville, received a possible skull fracture when the automobile he was driving crashed against a tree at the Raymond st. intersection of Road 29.

State police said that Mr. Beade sideswiped a truck he was passing, a tire blew out and he lost control of the car. C. F. Gibbs, R. R. 5, driver of the truck, pulled Mr. Beade from the wrecked automobile which burst into flames and was destroyed. Mr. Beade was taken to City hospital.

Taxi Driver Injured

A taxicab driver, George Hamilton, 27, of 2246 N. Meridian st., received compound fractures of both legs when he was struck by an automobile while removing luggage from the trunk of his cab in the 1100 block on N. Illinois st.

Mrs. Audrey Hatfield, 1362 W. 22d st., told police that her automobile struck Mr. Hamilton as she swerved to avoid a car which was making a "U" turn. Three passengers in the

HEAVIES BOMB BALTIC AREA

Yanks Blast Reich Factory Cities in North; Coast Pounded.

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bombers of the British tactical air force were out in strength during the morning, attacking communications and other targets in northern France.

Pound Belgian Rails

More than 500 British heavy bombers carried the pre-invasion bombardment of western Europe into its 27th day with a powerful assault on the main weight was concentrated on the key Belgian rail junctions of Louvain and Hasselt.

Although Louvain lies 80 miles inland and nearly 150 miles from England, coastal residents felt the ground quake under the impact of the bombs rained on it.

The R. A. F. attack carried the campaign against German transportation lines supplying the coastal fortifications through an unbroken week during which bombers blasted nearly every hour of the day and night at rail lines, forward air-dromes, and mysterious "military objectives" along the coast.

Spitfires Sweep Coast

The daylight offensive got in motion somewhat later than usual. The hours immediately after dawn were broken only by R. A. F. Spitfires which swept the enemy coast. But by 11 a. m. large forces had swept out toward Calais, flying exceptionally high.

U. S. headquarters announced that pictures taken yesterday showed severe damage to all the synthetic oil plants attacked by the heavy bombers. Large fires raged out of control at Brux. Fires were visible in the Bohlen oil refinery. Big explosions were seen at the Leuna plant, and facilities were ablaze at Merseburg and Lutzen-dorf.

The German high command said that "continued strong attacks by Anglo-American bombers against occupied western territories can be considered as preparation for invasion."

Hit West Wall Defenses

Carrying the mightiest aerial offensive in history into its 27th straight day, other R. A. F. night raiders attacked Germany's west wall defenses and other objectives in France and northwest Germany. Inhabitants of the English south-east coast said some of the formations made another "earthquake raid" on an objective some distance behind the French invasion coast. The attack was so violent that it shook the English shore.

Fourteen bombers were lost in the night's raids and in mine-laying operations.

5000 Planes Participate

Nearly 5000 American and British planes participated yesterday's phase of the aerial softening of western and central Europe for an allied landing, dropping 6000 or more tons of explosives all the way from the Atlantic coast to western Czechoslovakia.

Some 2000 American Flying Fortresses, Liberators and escorting fighters fought their way through 1000 intercepting German aircraft to hit four synthetic oil plants, a fighter aircraft repair plant, and railway yards in the Leipzig area and near the Czechoslovak border.

A total of 150 enemy planes was shot down, the largest bag in more than two weeks, in air battles described by returning pilots as among the fiercest of the war. Forty-two heavy bombers and 10 fighters were lost.

WAR MUSHROOMS HERRINGTON FIRM

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mon-Herrington's post-war plans go beyond the truck business into the development of a "fully automatic transmission which is covered by many patents issued and pending. Some samples are now in operation and a non-exclusive license contract has already been completed with one of the best-known automobile manufacturers in our industry and negotiations with other large producers are in progress."

Tank Contract Canceled

Although Mammon-Herrington's tank contract was cancelled recently, at the time the armed services curtailed much of their tank program, unfilled truck orders amounted to \$18,500,000 in April and more orders are expected.

The concern has spent \$3,174,813 of its own funds to expand its factory at 1511 W. Washington st. since 1939, the report shows. This policy was decided upon before the renegotiation act was passed.

President Bert Dingley told stockholders, because of renegotiation, the company's working capital was impaired and it was necessary to borrow \$1,550,000 from the reconstruction finance corporation.

Mr. Dingley said that after "protracted meetings" with renegotiation authorities, the company was told to refund \$3,250,000 as a price adjustment on its 1942 business. Renegotiation proceedings for 1943 have not yet been started. However, voluntary price cuts and refunds by the company amounted to \$6,417,210 last year, he said.

The company manufactured \$85,000,000 of war material for the U. S. and allied countries before renegotiating to truck production, he said.

NAZI P-T BOAT SUNK

LONDON, May 13 (U. P.)—The French destroyer La Combattante sank a German motor torpedo boat and damaged another in a brisk engagement southeast of the Isle of Wight early today, the admiralty announced.

Democrats Rename Bays State Chief for 4th Term

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candidacy of Mr. Gramelspacher who has been endorsed by his home district, the eighth.

Names being mentioned for the other places on the state ticket follow:

Johnston Mentioned

Lieutenant Governor — Thomas Johnston, public relations director of Purdue university; Floyd I. Hemmer, superintendent of the state farm; State Labor Commissioner Thomas R. Hutson and State Senator John Gonas of South Bend. (Mr. Hutson and Senator Gonas are announced candidates.)

Secretary of State—State Senator Leo Stelmie of Jasper and State Fire Marshal Clem Smith.

State Treasurer—State Senator Mark Sanderland, Muncie banker, and William Dress, former mayor of Evansville.

State Auditor—Ernest Weatherholt, Cannelton, eighth district chairman.

Foster a Possibility

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Dr. I. Owen Foster of Indiana university; Dr. Clarence Murray, registrar of Ball State Teachers college, and Robert Hougham, secretary of the teachers' retirement board. (Mr. Hougham is the only announced candidate.)

Reporter of the Supreme and Appellate Courts—Miss Anne Cronin, Terre Haute, president of the Indiana Women's Democratic club and reporter of the Vigo circuit court.

Supreme Court Judges H. Nathan Swalm and Michael L. Fansler are conceded renomination and John W. Bauman, retiring circuit judge at Brazil, is the man most frequently mentioned for the supreme court judgeship nomination left open by the retirement of Judge Curtis G. Shale of Vincennes.

Little interest has been shown in the two appellate court judgeship nominations. Warren W. Martin, chairman of the state industrial board, is the only man who has been mentioned for one of these two \$10,000-a-year judgeships.

There was talk among the state Democrats about the possibility of Governor Schickler being asked to keynote the Democratic national convention.

A report that the governor would be thus honored has been circulating, apparently without foundation, for a week. The governor said that he knew nothing about it, except for the rumors.

SERVICE TO HONOR NO. 1 WAR MOTHERS

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mother will be presented to Mrs. William Ward, 1223 N. Colorado ave., who has four sons in the navy and three in the army.

The program tomorrow will begin with a band concert at 1:45 p. m. on the plaza and an indoor service at 2 p. m. The citations will be signed by Governor Schickler and Mrs. Hahn. Mrs. W. E. Ochiltree, past association president, will make the presentation.

Speakers will be Lt. Gov. Charles M. Dawson; Col. Henry E. Tisdale, commandant at Ft. Harrison; Brig. Gen. Herbert Perrin of Camp Artillery, and Dom T. Degnon of Philadelphia, Pa.

The national Mother's day services, held for the past 18 years in Arlington cemetery, Washington, will be here this year due to the crowded conditions in the nation's capital.

Speculate on Nazis Using Old Tunnel Under Channel

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would be sufficient to provoke a lot of comment in pubs and on street corners.

But the main subject for discussion by people who write letters to the papers, at the moment, is the unexplained noise around Dover, which has led these scientific patriots to suspect that maybe the Germans are digging a tunnel under the channel.

What supreme headquarters has done about this interesting business, of course, is not known at the moment. The Germans are equally hush.

Remains Mystery

What the Germans would be building a tunnel for is also a mystery for reasons which hereinafter are set forth.

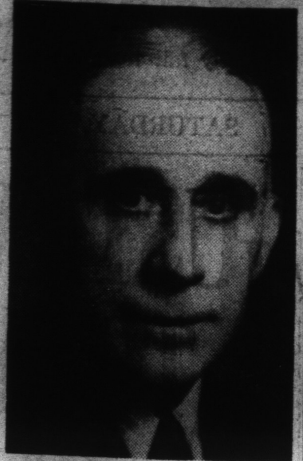
It is the consensus of crystal gazers, palmists, ouija board consultants and so forth that the Germans would not have a chance of completing their construction work in time for any use unless they took advantage of spade-work already done.

The tunnel project is not a new one. About the time that roads began to spread over England engineers made a survey of the straits of Dover and decided that a subway was not only feasible but might be built at an exorbitant cost.

A construction company was formed; shares were sold in England and France, and work actually was started. On the Calais side, the approach which involved the major part of the engineering from that end, was actually built, and this week's seers are convinced that Hitler is taking advantage of what he found waiting for him. On the English side the approach was finished and a tunnel actually dug for some distance under the channel.

About that time the public enthusiasm for the project began to cool off.

Napoleon's threatened invasion was still a matter of recent memory and it seemed to British tax-



Fred F. Bays

Secret Arm Ready to Rip West Wall

By ROBERT DOWSON

LONDON, May 13.—British forces trained to razor edge sharpness for the invasion of Europe were revealed today to be armed with a secret weapon which demolishes a military position within a matter of seconds.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill and visiting premiers of the commonwealth witnessed a demonstration of the weapon somewhere in England. A sample "German" position crumbled to rubble, infantry charged with bayonets to "consolidate the destroyed post," and Churchill exclaimed excitedly to Premier Jan C. Smuts of South Africa:

"Look! Look!"

The nature of the new weapon first will be made known to the Nazis in a manner calculated to do them the most harm, but it is not too much to say that it may play a big part in neutralizing the west wall of Adolf Hitler's European fortress.

Churchill, Smuts and Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada covered 100 miles in a tour of inspection among Britain's invasion forces.

Pushing vigorously at his cigar, Churchill led his guests through boggy marshes, across farmlands, over slopes and through mine fields during a grueling day.

YANK SUBS SINK JAP SHIP A DAY

WASHINGTON, May 13 (U. P.)—American submarines have been sinking Japanese ships at a rate of better than one a day during the last six months, a United Press analysis showed today.

Since Nov. 1 of last year, navy announcements have added up a total of 203 enemy vessels sunk by U. S. submarines. This is a monthly average of more than 33 ships.

VIRGINIA KINNAIRD OPENS OFFICE HERE

Miss Virginia Kinnaird, Ft. Wayne, candidate for the Republican nomination for state superintendent of public instruction, today opened campaign headquarters in Room 732 of the Claypool hotel.

Miss Kinnaird is president of the Indiana State Teachers' association. She is opposing Dr. Clement T. Malan who is seeking renomination for a third term as state superintendent.

payers foolish to make things easier for another Napoleon.

Seemed 'Foolish'

They envisioned dire things to come as soon as the sandhogs from Dover should meet those from Calais under the middle of the channel. It seemed more than likely that a whole horde of French pikemen would come bursting out into the tent before some of the crew of officials could snap the ribbon across the entrance.

So, despite the fact that some foresighted directors had already prepared train schedules for the international trip and had printed batches of tickets, the constructors eventually bowed to the popular demand and stopped work. Wild mushrooms and fungus have been growing in the abandoned bore for more than 50 years.

Need 20 Miles

Anybody will see from this that all the Germans have to do is build about 20 miles of connecting link, suitably lined with steel and masonry and be on their way. All psychics in this end of the world-shudder when they contemplate it.

However, there is one consolation in prospect. If the Germans actually get this super sap completed before D-day they will not come into England without attracting attention.

They probably will run into the board of directors of the channel tunnel company which is about to hold a spring meeting as usual in the Dover end of the tube.

If so, the Nazi advance men will hear them declaring the customary dividend for stock in this tunnel that was never built but has been paying for years.

France but because the boys who started the approach bought up enough land to make it worth while.

The directors say they are not worried.

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500 TRAIN HIT BY BITS OF SHELL

33 Holes Torn in Diner and Kitchen of California Limited.

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crowded train arrived in San Francisco on its run from Los Angeles. They later announced that they were sending their findings to the 9th service command, Ft. Douglas, Utah, for analysis.

Verti B. Logan, making her first trip as an employee of the line, had her right arm amputated at the shoulder, while Mrs. Alice Jones suffered arm and face injuries.

Both are residents of Los Angeles. The shell, still unidentified, exploded about 20 feet from the train as it sped along the ocean front past Camp Cooke, about 55 miles north of Santa Barbara, and south of San Luis Obispo.

Most of the shell fragments, which made holes up to two inches in diameter, crashed into the kitchen compartment. None of the passengers crowding the adjoining diner during the lunch hour was injured.

C. H. Mosiman, San Francisco, sitting in the diner at the time of the blast, said the train was opposite the large Camp Cooke reservation when "an explosion nearly knocked the diner over."

"I saw puffs of smoke which seemed to come from anti-aircraft guns which we had seen in position along the track," he said.

Passed Gunner Range

Robert Fish, Rockford, Ill., also reported the train had just passed a gunner range.

The shell apparently had been launched toward the beach, passing over the tracks, as all holes in the cars were on the ocean side of the train.

Passengers said there was no panic or excitement. Military personnel held the train at San Luis Obispo briefly, and the injured women were removed to a hospital after being treated by the train physician.

Several employees and passengers reported narrow escapes from injury. One of them, Harry L. Young, Negro cook, said he was cutting meat with a cleaver when fragments whistled by him, a few inches from his hips.

"Something hit my cleaver and tore a piece out of the blade," he said.

Local Democrats Hint 'Black Book'

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the worst flasco the people of Indianapolis have had to put up with "many years," Mr. Beatty said.

"The citizens of Indianapolis are going to find out before this campaign is over that the Democrats they threw out of office two years ago were not so bad at running local government after all."

Party leaders, all of whom announced that they have "buried the hatchet" in all their factional squabbles during the primary election to unite behind Chairman Beatty, said the entire party organization is being revitalized with the kind of machinery that carried them to victory at the polls for more than 12 years.

The new "unity" claimed by party leaders is based upon the leadership of Chairman Beatty, who has not been identified with any party faction.

Russell Dean, retiring chairman, and his faction led by Dewey Myers, William Clauer and others compromised with the Henry O. Goett-David M. Lewis group on Mr. Beatty's campaign.

Yesterday James M. Cunningham, leader of a third faction in the primary, announced that he would line up behind the new Beatty leadership full force for the fall campaign.

"Thus with all the factions united we are bound to cut down public confidence in a Republican party that has used the taxpayers' offices to fight among themselves for political control," the chairman said.

Sees Political Football

"People don't want their police department used as a political football on one side and the important office for prosecuting crimes aligned on the other side to see who can out-power the other," he said.

He predicted that the public will learn some things about local law enforcement it didn't know after "we get through pointing up a few records."

Mr. Beatty has been a Democratic precinct committeeman in the 21st ward for several years, but for 10 years was identified with the state Democratic committee. He was secretary to M. Clifford Townsend when the latter was lieutenant governor during the administration of former Governor Paul V. McNutt.

Later Beatty was elected secretary of the state Democratic committee and was head of the motor vehicle division of the Public Service commission. He has been practicing law during the last two years.

DENNY ASKS BREVITY FOR G. O. P. PLATFORM

George I. Denny, Indianapolis, chairman of the G. O. P. advisory platform committee, told members of the committee at a meeting here today that he hoped the Republican state platform "could be held to seven pages."

He said that proposed planks, "enough to fill 150 pages," had been submitted to him. The G. O. P. platform will be adopted at the state convention here June 1-2.

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Gustav Line Fortress Falls To Allies, Germans Report

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said the Americans were attacking Castellote itself from the south-east.

Supported by Tanks

The Americans were supported by tanks in the capture of Castellote, which lies southwest of Castellote.

Some 200 German prisoners were taken in the first 15 hours of the offensive on the 5th army front.

On the 8th army front, allied forces threw one or more bridges across the Rapido river below Cassino in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire and sent tanks and anti-tank guns across to the west bank.

German troops were driven from their outposts on the west bank as the allies steadily built up their bridgehead and drove on to engage the main defenses of the Gustav line in one of its strongest sectors.

Casualties Light

Northwest of Cassino, the Germans' 1st parachute division was making successive counter-attacks in an attempt to throw the allied offensive off balance.

A front dispatch from Clinton B. Conger, United Press war corre-

2 MEN FROM HERE LOST IN FIGHTING

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ago, was killed in Hollandia, according to word received by his wife, Mrs. James Stafford, last Saturday.

Son of Mrs. Catherine Kopp, 3247 Schofield ave., Pvt. Stafford entered service Jan. 27, 1943, taking his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He then was sent overseas and first was stationed in Australia.

Before entering the army, the 27-year-old private worked for the Kiefer-Stewart Drug Co. for eight years. He was a member of the Moose lodge and had lived in Indianapolis all his life until joining the army.

Survivors besides his wife and parents are a sister, Mrs. Fern Lunsford, and a half-brother, Ora Stafford, Indianapolis.

SECOND LT. JOHN D. LYNCH, a bombardier with the 8th army air force, has been missing in action over Germany since April 24.

Husband of Mrs. June Pennington Lynch, 402 N. Meridian st., Lt. Lynch was commended in a letter on that day from his commanding officer for meritorious service on flights. He holds the air medal and one oak leaf cluster, and was on his 29th bombing mission.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lynch of Jeffersonville, and formerly taught vocational agriculture and sciences in Rockport high school.

Mrs. Lynch, his wife, is the niece of Miss Dorothy Pennington of the N. Meridian st. address.

MOST OF WAR FUND OFFICERS RENAMED

All but one of the officers of the Indiana war fund were re-elected at the annual meeting in the Claypool hotel yesterday. Vice president J. Ralph Irons of Evansville, now in military service, was succeeded by Albert Meranda, also of Evansville.

Governor Schickler and Virgil Martin made the principal addresses. Mr. Martin, former executive secretary of the Indianapolis Community fund, is now on the staff of the National war fund. The commanding officers of local military and naval installations were guests.

ELIZABETH MANLY, 94, DIES AT HOME HERE

Mrs. Elizabeth Manly died today at the home of her son Ross Manly, 1809 Prospect st. She was 94.

Mrs. Manly was born in Franklin county, New York, and came to Indianapolis in 1906. She was a member of the Edwin Ray Methodist church and of Prospect chapter O. E. S.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. D. M. Church, pastor of the Edwin Ray Methodist church, in the J. C. Wilson Chapel of the Chimes at 2 p. m. Monday. Burial will be in Washington Park cemetery.

Mrs. Manly's son was the only survivor.