

IS HITLER ILL, IS HE INSANE?

Berlin Says His Health Is
'Excellent,' But the
Mystery Grows.

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man nation from its inner and outer enemies, which Hitler claimed his National Socialist movement in 1923 accomplished.

He charged the allies directly with instigating the plots against his life in the "one hope that they could deliver a decisive stab in the interior of our country as was always the case when they did not know how to achieve successes against Germany in another way."

Hitler's proclamation said the plotters hoped to break German resistance at its root by striking at him, and he added:

"As long as I am alive, Germany will not suffer the fate of European states which have been overrun by Bolsheviks. As long as there is a breath left in me, my body and my soul will serve only one thought—to make my people strong in defense and attack against the most mortal pest that is threatening it."

Hints at Blood Purge

The proclamation indicated the Nazis possibly were contemplating another blood purge. It recalled that the ranks were cleansed in the 1934 revolt and after the July 20 attempt on Hitler's life, warning:

"Whoever today uses a dagger or bomb against Germany will be destroyed without mercy and without consideration. . . . The time for people who like to make compromises or reservations is definitely over."

Himmler, who now is looked upon as second to Hitler in Germany, read the proclamation from the Nazi beer hall shrine in Munich, where the anniversary celebration of Nov. 9, was postponed until yesterday because of "military necessities."

Intend to Win Last Round

Goebbels, in conceding that the war had entered the "last round," asserted that the Germans "intend to win this last round, with our last breath if necessary."

Speaking at the induction of men into the Volksturm (people's army) in Berlin, the propaganda minister indicated the Nazis would not accede to "unconditional surrender," maintaining that the Germans "are determined to impose on our enemies a hard and high price."

"Our people's tragedy of Nov. 9, 1918, will never be repeated," he asserted. "We shall never lay down our arms and trust the enemy who knows no mercy if we should become defenseless."

Goebbels claimed that Germany was standing "firmly on its feet" and "we are neither morally nor materially worn out."

'Millions' of Recruits

The induction of Volksturm recruits at Berlin was part of a series of such services throughout Germany. The Transocean news service said the number of inductions could not be disclosed for military reasons but explained that it was a "very considerable number running into the millions."

Meantime, Stockholm dispatch said the so-called Free-German press bureau quoted alleged underground reports from Berlin that rumors were circulating that Hitler was dead or at least no longer able to exercise power after being "kidnaped" by Himmler and Goebbels and virtually held a prisoner at Obersiebenbrunn.

The Stockholm Morning Tidningen said the clandestine Atlantic radio reported that 4,000,000 copies of a proclamation by Himmler appointing himself "the new German fuhrer" had been printed and were ready in Berlin for fast distribution the moment Hitler no longer was able to exercise power.

SEVITZKY TO PLAY FREE 'POP' CONCERT

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to Old Virginny," "Miranda," "At Dawning" and "Kiss Me Again," while Mr. Warren will sing "On the Road to Mandalay," "Little Bit of Heaven" and "The Lord's Prayer."

After the presentation of colors and the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," the orchestra will open with Mr. Sevitzy's "To Old Glory." Other numbers will include "American Fantasy" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

"The program is designed to launch the war loan campaign and to inspire all Indianapolis at the start of the drive," William H. Trimble, Marion county war finance committee chairman, said, announcing that no admission will be charged for the concert and no war bond solicitations will be made.

No Tickets Needed

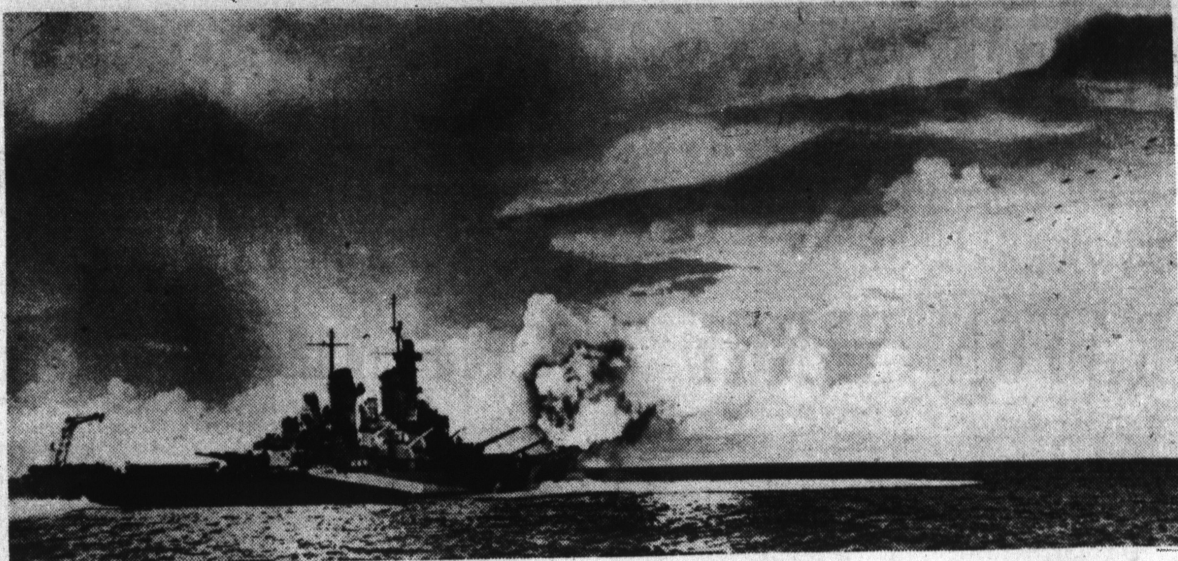
No tickets will be required for admission and doors of the tabernacle will open at 2:30 p. m., with the program beginning at 3 p. m. One section in the 8000-seat auditorium will be reserved for men and women in factories, stores and offices who already have signed for payroll savings purchases of "extra" \$100 bonds to meet individual quotas. These tickets will be distributed free by the firms in which these employees have signed for "extra" bonds.

Marion county's sixth war loan is \$67,166,600 and the state quota is \$239,000,000.

CLAIM RED SLAUGHTER

LONDON, Nov. 13 (U. P.).—The German D. N. B. news agency said today in a Berlin broadcast that the Red army had suffered 32,600,000 casualties in 41 months of war, including 12,400,000 killed.

U. S. S. Missouri, Uncle Sam's Newest Battle Wagon, Bares Its Teeth



The mighty U. S. S. Missouri, the navy's newest battleship of the Iowa class, wakes the calm sea to turbulence as she fires a salvo from the 16-inch guns of her forward turrets. The black dots in the sky at the upper right, which look like planes, are projectiles from the guns. Note the foam in the water from the force of the blast and the path of flame leaping into the air from the burning gases.

ERNIE RECEIVES I. U. HONORARY

Crowd of 4000 Sees
Wells Confer
Degree.

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at the front. In the true sense of the word he is a soldier, fighting for the freedom of mankind."

Wells Confers Degree

President Wells, who conferred the degree upon Ernie, said the university gladly honored the Hoosier Vagabond with the new degree "in recognition of your distinguished achievements."

An original oil painting of Ernie by Boris Chaitkin was presented to the university on behalf of Time magazine by P. I. Prentice and Roy Larsen, publisher and president, respectively, of Time. The portrait was given to the school by James S. Adams, a native of Brazil, Ind., who represented Mr. Prentice and Mr. Larsen.

A procession by the Indiana university concert band, conducted by Gerald H. Doty, opened the program, followed by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The invocation was given by the Rev. Merrill B. McFall of the First Methodist church. Following the presentation of the portrait, which was the coverpage on Time magazine some months ago, the auditorium echoed with strains of "Hail to Old I. U."

Citation Is Quoted

Dean Payne's honorary degree citation follows:

"Mr. President, The name of Ernie Pyle is familiar to all of us. Born in Indiana, educated at Indiana university and the broader school of experience, a journalist with a keen sense of observation, an accurate reporter with a yen to write about common people and ordinary things which ordinary reporters pass by unseen, he is a man who has lived with the soldiers in their foxholes, on the march, in camps, and in battle, who has written of their sorrows, their joys, their hardships, their love of peace, home and family, their sense of humor, their death, and who has won our friendship and affection. By his actions and writings he has made a significant contribution to the maintenance of morale at home and at the front. In the true sense of the word he is a soldier, fighting for the freedom of mankind. The job which Ernie Pyle has done and is doing is unique. It is distinctive. It stands apart. With pleasure, Mr. President, I bring you the unanimous recommendation of the faculty that Ernest T. Pyle be granted the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters."

President Wells, in conferring the degree, said:

"Ernest Taylor Pyle, homespun Hoosier, world traveler, discerning reporter, unexcelled interpreter of the minds and hearts of men in peace and in war, advocate for the rights of the soldiers in the ranks, in recognition of your distinguished achievements, your university gladly confers upon you the degree of doctor of humane letters with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining."

STATE UNITY MAPPED BY SOCIAL WORKERS

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from all parts of the state registered today for the opening sessions. First sessions this morning were in separate study courses for social workers conducted by nationally known authorities on social work.

Other speakers at the conference will include Dr. F. B. Knight, head of the Purdue university psychology division; Earl B. Teckemeyer, chairman of the state welfare investigating commission; Dr. John M. Dorsey, director of the Children's Center, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Margaretta Tanagerman, Indiana university department of sociology; Dr. William C. Mather, DePauw university department of sociology; Dr. Lillian G. Moulton, state welfare department psychiatrist; Ford P. Hall, Indiana university dean of faculty; Dr. Clyde White, professor of public welfare, Western Reserve university, and Leonard W. Mayo, dean of applied social sciences, Western Reserve university.

'MISS' GETS 4 RACCOONS

PITTSFIELD, Mass. (U. P.).—Hunter Clarence Crandall fired his shotgun at a squirrel in a tree, missed, but brought down four raccoons.

Times' Straw Vote Correct On Four County Contests

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was adjusted to cover that factor, giving a 4.5 per cent margin, in this election, to all Democratic candidates.

It was this weighted figure which was published as the final result of the poll, and which so closely indicated the actual results of the voting three days later.

THE ACTUAL error in the final straw vote percentages was in favor of two Democrats, Ludlow and Schriener, and one Republican, Dewey. Error in the fourth contest, one-tenth of one per cent, would have made the straw vote figures only 23 votes away from the actual results, out of more than 222,000 cast in that contest.

Stokes Close In

Election Prediction

ON TOP of the honor received in being voted the best all-around correspondent in Washington for fairness, reliability and ability to analyze the news, Thomas L. Stokes demonstrated his ability as a news analyst in his column published on Monday, Nov. 6, in The Times. In this column he deliberately went out on a limb, not only to predict the election of President Roosevelt, but to estimate the electoral vote.

While percentage-wise experts, statisticians and survey organizations were hedging their predictions with the safeguards of howevers, butts and on the other hands, Mr. Stokes risked his solid reputation without attempting any qualification of his prediction.

HIS PREDICTION was that of an expert political reporter who had covered the country and reached his own conclusions without benefit of an elaborate polling staff. In his column he said:

"A victory for President Roosevelt is predicted on the basis of

DAVIS, 2 OTHERS ON WLB WANT TO QUIT

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but that the President persuaded him to stay on.

Dr. Taylor reported at the press conference that he wrote the President Oct. 19 that he wished to resign as soon as possible without interfering with the board's work. Dr. Taylor said he set Dec. 1 as a tentative date but had received no reply from Mr. Roosevelt.

It was learned subsequently that Dr. Graham wrote the President Oct. 9 asking permission to resign. Both Mr. Davis and Dr. Taylor said they wished to see the pending steel case concluded. Mr. Davis said he thought the case, exclusive of its general wage question, would be disposed of by Jan. 1.

Mr. Davis said the board expects to receive reports in the steel case by Wednesday, and plans to submit its long-awaited cost-of-living report to President Roosevelt tomorrow unless comments from industry and labor members, expected today, should delay the cost-of-living report.

As to the question of when the government would act on the major steel issue, union demands for a 17-cent-an-hour wage increase, Mr. Davis said the board was adhering to its policy of putting it aside for the time being.

A reporter suggested that Mr.

personal surveys in key states and with account to certain basic and underlying factors, principally involved in the war, which, it is believed, will offset the growing dissatisfaction with New Deal domestic policies.

"If it weren't for the war, the Roosevelt regime would be swept out of office.

"BUT THE WAR is the overshadowing, overwhelming fact and its influence probably is not always discernible in the polls. It is something that is buried in so many hearts, which stirs about in the back of so many minds. The war still is in a critical stage, apparently with some time to go before victory.

"Sampling here and there indicates that a number of people otherwise inclined to vote Republican, including some long-time Republicans, will take second thought when they go into the polling booth and, reversing the Republican slogan, decide that it is not time for a change with the war so well along now under present management."

"THIS ELECTION looks close as to popular vote, with prediction of a Roosevelt victory predicated on small margins for the President in such key states as New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut in the decisive eastern belt. That's where the election will be decided. Everybody seems to agree on that. The President might break over into the industrial Middle West, but the base forecast does not include that.

THE BASE prediction is 322 electoral votes for President Roosevelt, with 209 for Governor Dewey, with a possible increase to 363, leaving 168 for Governor Dewey.

"There, that's over." The latest figures show President Roosevelt carried 36 states with 432 electoral votes; Governor Dewey 12 states with 99 electoral votes."

Davis' desire for recreational work automatically excluded him as a candidate for the post of secretary of labor which, according to some reports, will not long remain in the hands of Secretary Frances Perkins.

Mr. Davis observed with a chuckle that he had "never been a candidate for secretary of labor—or for any other government job."

Davis declined to confirm or deny the report.

The WLB, under Davis' guidance, has been under heavy criticism by organized labor during recent weeks for its refusal to make an upward revision in the Little Steel formula, or to recommend such a revision to the White House.

Should Davis quit the board, a likely successor would be Dr. Lloyd K. Garrison, dean of the University of Wisconsin, law school and now one of the most active public members of the WLB. During the past six months he has handled some of the board's most difficult cases.

Broad Ripple high school students were so happy about football team's victory over the Shortridge Blue Devils Friday night that this morning more than half of the students walked out for a victory celebration.

The Broad Ripple Rockets ran up a score of 28 to 14 against the Blue Devils Friday for their first victory over Shortridge.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana state conference on social work, convention, Lincoln and Claypool hotels. World Order conference of Presbyterian churches, meeting, 10:15 a. m., First Presbyterian church. Indiana State Trade Executive association, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Hotel Washington. Indianapolis branch, American Association of University Women, exhibit, Art's auditorium. Equitable Life Assurance Co., meeting, 9 a. m., Hotel Washington. Tuxedo Tea, Alpha chapter, founders' dinner, Marriott hotel. Illinois Tech Alumni club, dinner, 6:30 p. m., Hotel Washington. Sealed Fire & Marine Insurance Co., luncheon, 12:30 p. m., Hotel Washington. Catering Executive Club of America, meeting, 4:30 p. m., Hotel Washington.

EVENTS TOMORROW

Indiana state conference on social work, convention, Lincoln and Claypool hotels. Indiana Farm bureau, insurance division, meeting, Hotel Severin. American Legion department commanders and adjutants, conference. Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, civic luncheon, noon, Athletic club. Indianapolis branch, American Association of University Women, exhibit, Art's auditorium. Equitable Life Assurance Co., meeting, 9 a. m., Hotel Washington. Indianapolis Newsboys & Girls' alumni, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Hotel Washington. Sigma Alpha sorority, dinner, 7 p. m., Hotel Washington.

BIRTHS

Girls. Noble, Hazel Wallace, at St. Francis. Jack, Joseph, at St. Vincent's. Howard, Barbara Louise, at St. Vincent's. Frank, Pauline Smith, at St. Vincent's. James, Wanda Stock, at St. Vincent's. Richard, Marguerite Byrmaster, at Coleman. Gerald, Dorothy McCabe, at Coleman. Earl, Laura Smith, at Coleman. Don, Anne Baker, at St. Vincent's. John, Verda Carter, at Methodist. Herman, Helen Gayer, at Methodist. Melton, Ruby Smith, at Emhardt. Philip, Dorthea Hunter, at Methodist. Robert, Margaret Walker, at Methodist. Boys. Anne, Edith Atkins, at St. Francis. Harold, Pauline Gieseking, at St. Francis. Maurice, Ada Hilt, at St. Francis. Philip, Jane Johnson, at St. Francis. Eugene, Clara Mack, at St. Francis. Raymond, Mary May, at St. Francis. William, Lila Mehl, at St. Francis. Ray, Mary Pratt, at St. Francis. Don, Anna Curry, at St. Vincent's. Edward, Kathryn Farrell, at St. Vincent's. Harry, Doline French, at St. Vincent's. Harold, Helen Gregory, at St. Vincent's. Frank, Edith Andrews, at Coleman. Owen, Frances Eubank, at Coleman.

PATTON OPENS METZ BATTLE

Takes First of Sprawling
Forts Guarding Nazi
Stronghold.

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Sanry-Sur-Nied, seven miles southeast of Metz.

The Germans launched several small but fierce counter-attacks against U. S. troops a mile northeast of the cleared Chateau Salins forest, but they were repulsed.

Radio Paris said the Germans were evacuating civilians from the border city of Saarbrücken, more than 20 miles northeast of the fighting front.

Berlin reported that Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' American 1st army in the Aachen sector and Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 21st army group in The Netherlands were in the midst of large-scale preparations for imminent companion offensives.

Admit Loss of Fort

Berlin acknowledged that the garrison of Ft. Konigsgraber, 19 miles north of Metz, had been overcome. Its capture was announced by the American 3d army last week.

Nine main forts ring Metz and they mount a total of 80 to 90 guns ranging in caliber from 100 to 150 millimeters.

Each of the forts is two stories high, built of six-foot-thick concrete reinforced with steel and manned by 120 men. Numerous smaller forts built underground support the main strongholds.

Faithful forces were fighting in the worst weather of the European invasion.

Snow and rain fell along most of the front.

LOCAL MAN HELD IN JOLIET, ILL., SLAYING

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Nov. 13 (U. P.).—Police Chief Joseph Wolf announced today the solution of the robbery-slaying of Harry S. Akchevoun, 48, grocer, of Joliet, Ill., Sept. 24 in the home of George Nahas, night club operator, with the arrest of three paroled convicts.

The men were Lloyd Mantell, 26, South Bend; John Francis Hanrahan, 27, Indianapolis, and Robert Brown, 34, Niles, Mich., former resident of Michigan City.

Wolf said that Mantell had made a detailed confession, involving Hanrahan and Brown. Mantell was taken to Indianapolis by state police to help in a search of White river for the gun used in the killing. Mantell said they threw the weapon and part of the robbery loot into the stream near Five-Mile bridge.

Instead of being worried about superstition concerning "unlucky numbers" she considers those days especially lucky.

At a birthday party, tonight there will be 13 guests.

Jean is an eighth-grade pupil at school No. 21.

GIRL BORN IN CHURCH

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 13 (U. P.).—The 1-day-old daughter of Mrs. Fred Parker got off to a good start in life. She was born during services at the Powderhorn Park Baptist church.

William, Helen McQuary, at Coleman. Johnston, Katherine Osborne, at Coleman. Edward, Joyce Sullivan, at Coleman. William, Elsie Burkler, at Methodist. George, Charles Carter, at Methodist. Robert, Lavonne Edwards, at Methodist. Clarence, Gustave, at Methodist. Vaughn, Virginia Francis, at Methodist. Harry, Alma Kurer, at Methodist. Paul, Irene Laehr, at Methodist. Marion, Marilyn Metz, at Methodist. Raymond, Leona Rightler, at Methodist. Harry, Wilma Schaub, at Methodist. Harold, Stella Toombs, at Methodist. Robert, Margaret Walker, at Methodist.

DEATHS

Carrie M. Deyhoff, 42, at Methodist, disease. Sinia A. Murphy, 43, at 210 Leeds, carcinoma. John Wm. Temple, 52, at City, broncho pneumonia. Harrison D. Barton, 54, at 249 S. Temple, cerebral hemorrhage. Jewell Taylor Bell, 44, at City, hypertension. Dorothy Greshaw, 16, at City, pulmonary hemorrhage. Lillie May Mills, 74, at Methodist, tumor. Lora Yarn Reed, 93, at 2713 Hillside, chronic myocarditis. Howard Russell Reynolds, 18, at 2197 N. Gale, chronic myocarditis. Pearl Hughes, 31, at City, uremia. Anna Marie Mortimer, 39, at Long, pulmonary edema. Thomas M. Cain, 42, at City, peritonitis. Ross Harris, 47, at City, endocarditis. Pearl Berry, 43, at 318 Melita, gastro intestinal infarction. Lena Black, 48, at 599 S. Vermont, carcinoma.

WALLACE SEEN BACK IN CABINET

May Emerge as Secretary
Of State If Hull
Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (U. P.).—The No. 1 question here today is what new government post will fall to Henry A. Wallace next year after he relinquishes the vice presidency to Senator Harry S. Truman.

There is considerable belief that Wallace will remain in public life.

Some quarters feel that Wallace may appear in the fourth term cabinet, although the White House has given no indication that there will be any changes.

Should 73-year-old Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who has been ill, step out of the picture, Wallace would emerge as a candidate for that with an international mindness in keeping with the peace problems ahead.

Other quarters see Wallace as

RATIONING DATES

MEAT—Red stamps A8 through rendered his gasoline coupons to the Z8 and A5 through P5 are good.

CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5 in Book 4 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

SUGAR—Stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33 in Book 4 are good indefinitely for 5 pounds. Stamp 40 in Book 4 good for 5 pounds of canning sugar. Applicants applying for canning sugar should send in one spare stamp 37, attached to the application for each applicant.

GASOLINE—Stamp A-13 good for 4 gallons through Dec. 21, B4 and C4, B5 and C5 good for 5 gallons; T (4th quarter) good for 5 gallons through Dec. 31. E1 and E2 good for 1 gallon; R-1 and R2 are good for 5 gallons but are not valid at filling stations.

Persons buying used cars should make sure that the seller has surrendered his gasoline coupons to the ration board.

TIRES—Commercial vehicle tire inspection every six months or every 5000 miles. B card holders are now eligible for grade 1 tires if they can prove extreme necessity. All A holders are eligible for grade 3 tires, if they find tires which may be purchased.

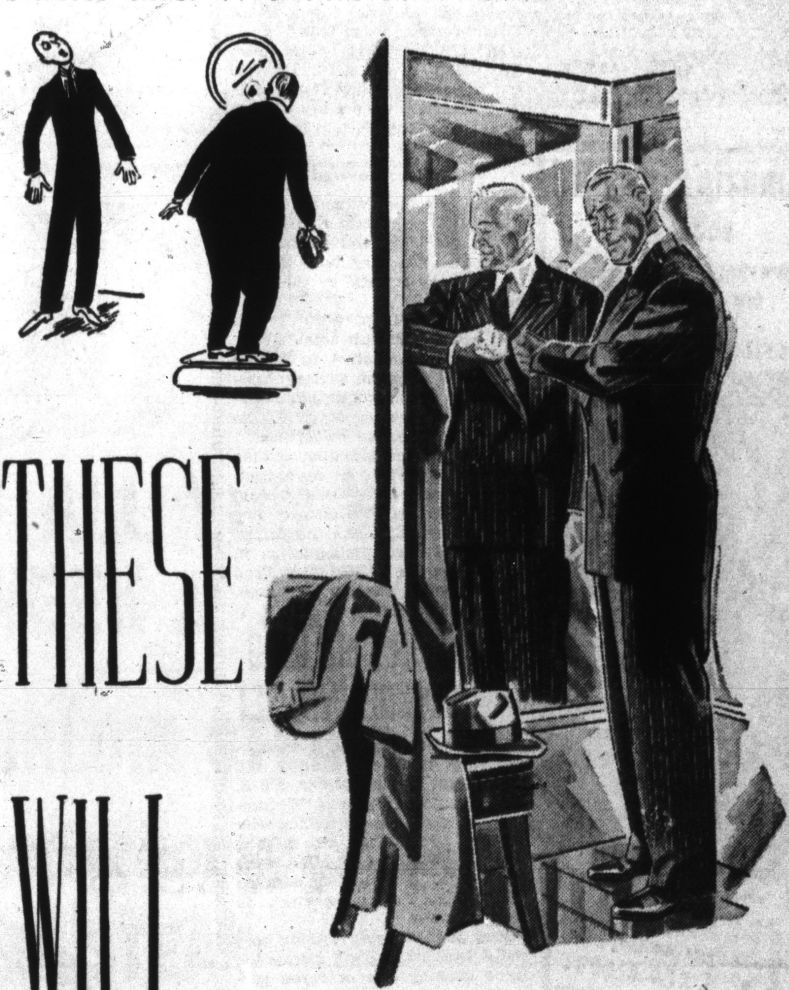
FUEL OIL—Period 4 and 5 coupons valid through Aug. 31, 1945. All change-making coupons and reserve coupons are now good. Fuel oil rations for 1944-45 heating season now being issued. Period 1 good immediately.

SHOES—No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 "airplane" stamps in Book 3 good indefinitely.

REPORT ATTEMPT ON CHURCHILL'S LIFE

LONDON, Nov. 13 (U. P.).—The B. B. C. today recorded a broadcast of enemy origin which said that armed persons "tried to make an attempt" on the lives of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Gen. Charles de Gaulle during the armistice celebration in Paris Saturday.

STRAUSS SAYS: IT'S ONE DAY NEARER VICTORY



THESE
WILL
SUIT
YOU
FINE
SIR

IT MAY BE—that he has in mind to spend \$35—We are prepared to lay before him Suits at this price—that will open his eyes!

IF \$45 IS HIS FIGURE—there are Suits of London mellowed fabrics—tailored with a wealth of hand work—the Sharkskin Worsteds are specially and remarkably fine!

IF HE GOES INTO THE PEDIGREED FIELD—the Suits from FASHION PARK at \$58 and \$68 will appeal to him mightily—and if he has in mind "the finest clothes ready for wearing that money will buy"—he will be interested in the HICKEY-FREEMAN Customized Suits that go from \$68 and up.

THIS IS A HIGHLY SUIT-able time to drop in!

STORE HOURS

MONDAY—

12:15 'til 8:45

L. STRAUSS & CO., INC., THE MAN'S STORE