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CIGARET ANALYSIS— Shortage of Help Causes 'Fag' Famine

By CHARLES T. LUCEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Charles E. Cag, war food administration tobacco boss and chief of the agricultural marketing administration's tobacco branch, is a man of philosophy.

He moves by easy stages from smoking a handsome, autographed briar to cigarettes and back to common corn-cob.

Today, at a moment when it seemed almost as many government agencies were concerned about the cigarette shortage as with fighting the war, he—like millions of other Americans—was smoking a brand almost nobody ever heard of and sitting up the situation this way:

"We'll have to weather the storm until things ease up a little, I guess."

ACCORDING to some estimates, nearly four billion packs of cigarettes are going abroad, including those to U. S. armed forces.

But Mr. Cag points out that save for 1943, the nation domestically is now smoking more cigarettes than ever—181 billion (cigarettes, not packs) in the first nine months of 1944.

Last year in the corresponding period it was 187 billions and two years ago 172 billions.

"It's strange," said this man whose life for many years has been tobacco and who has written authoritative tomes on the subject, "that a smaller figure than we have this year did not represent a shortage just two years ago."

THIS YEAR the U. S. is getting its biggest flue-cured tobacco crop in five years, about 1062 million pounds, according to latest estimates, and that's more than the 980 million used last year.

The burley tobacco crop will be 488 million pounds, largest on record and well in excess of last year's consumption.

Together, flue-cured and burley account for 85 per cent of tobacco going into cigarettes.

Mr. Cag says the U. S. has less tobacco on hand, in relation to consumption, than it normally has.

Following a hearing in criminal court yesterday, Judge William D. Bain indicated he was going to release Mrs. Luallen for insufficient evidence.

However, the prosecutor's office insisted she be held until it could be determined whether Mrs. Luallen was at work at Knoxville, Tenn., when the series of burglaries with which she is charged were committed.

Luallen Clears His Wife
Yesterday, Luallen told the court he had given false testimony linking his former wife with the burglaries for which he has been serving a sentence in the Indiana state prison.

Luallen said his former wife often expressed wonderment at his source of income and "urged me to lead a straight life." Appearing heavily shackled—he has been bound over to the grand jury on a murder charge—the convict who previously accused Mrs. Luallen of murdering Cpl. Riddings as well as participating in 150-odd burglaries, completely absolved his former wife.

Sherwood Blue, county prosecutor, requested Judge Bain to delay Mrs. Luallen's release until he could get the clock records of the dry cleaning establishment where she was employed.

WAR VETERAN JENNER TAKES SENATE'S OATH

Republican Winner Moves

Into Jackson's Seat for Short Term.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Indiana's only congressional change, election of a second Republican senator, was carried out today when Capt. William E. Jenner of Bedford took the senate oath to fill out the short term ending Jan. 3.

He succeeds Senator Samuel D. Jackson, defeated Democratic candidate for governor. Senator Jenner's Democratic opponent in the short term senate race was Cornelius O'Brien, Lawrenceburg businessman.

After Jan. 3, Senator Jenner will be succeeded by the successful long-term Republican, Homer E. Capehart, who defeated Democratic Governor Henry F. Schricker for the senate seat. This is the first time both senate seats have been Republican since the Democratic landslide in 1932. No changes occurred in the house.

Becomes Youngest Member
Senator Jenner, 36, is the youngest member of the senate. He told reporters he realized there was little he could accomplish in such a short time but his primary interest was in the establishment of an economic and social program for the benefit of service men and women.

He was an elevator operator in the Capitol in 1930. Four years later he was elected to the Indiana state senate, where he served until he resigned on June 25, 1942, to enter the army. He received a medical discharge as an army air corps captain last Oct. 7.

Capt. Jenner arrived here yesterday accompanied by his wife and father, L. L. Jenner, Marengo merchant. They were met at the train by Senator Raymond E. Willis and his secretary, William Murray. They spent last night at the Wardman-Park hotel.

Willace to Serve
Late yesterday Capt. Jenner came to the senate offices of Senator Willis and arranged to be sworn in. His certificate of election was brought here today by Lisle Wallace, Sheridan, Jenner's campaign manager, who will be his secretary.

Capt. Jenner also called on retiring Senator Jackson and announced that he expects to retain Miss Willa Aber, secretary on the Jackson staff, who at one time worked for Rep. Raymond S. Springer (R. Ind.).

Patrolman Loses
PANTS PLUS COSTS
City Rules Compensation Not Forthcoming.

As a result of his ripping pursuit of a purse-grabber up an alley near 22d and Central ave. last week, Patrolman Henry Long today was out one pair of trousers.

Patrolman Long, who split his pants at the seam while chasing the culprit, was awarded by the state board of accounts in his effort to obtain \$11 restitution for the incident.

The accounts board, in an opinion to City Controller Roy Hickman, said there was no legal way to compensate Patrolman Long for a pair of trousers ripped in line of duty.

RAINCOAT WEATHER
OVER BY TOMORROW
Raincoats and umbrellas needed for today's rain can be left at home tomorrow. The weather bureau in its five-day forecast today predicts considerably cooler weather for tomorrow and Thursday with precipitation occurring mainly as showers Saturday and Sunday.

This week's temperatures will average near normal and precipitation will average light. The weather will be warmer Friday and Saturday.

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War Being War, Senatorial Sand Man Uses Ersatz Sand

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Congress returned to work today in a Capitol washed, polished, painted and supplied with soda pop, fresh Danish muffins and ersatz sand for the blotting of historic documents.

I had a swig of the senatorial pop, took a pinch of the muffin and looked into the sand situation. I wanted to warn the senate of the United States to go easy on the sand because it's fake and it won't work.

Each senatorial desk contains a cut-glass jar with a punctured silver-top, like a salt shaker, for

Rotary Hears Man Who 'Practically Laughed' In Hitler's Face

By MILDRED KOSCHMANN



Louis J. Alber

The man who "practically laughed in Der Fuehrer's face" and lost all "interest" in the Nazi youth movement when he saw Herr Paul Goebbels' looks in Indianapolis today on a nationwide speaking tour.

Mr. Alber, who spoke before the Rotary club meeting today on "Hitler and the Junkers," met Adolf Hitler in Berlin in 1929 before the dictator came into power.

While he was attempting to get celebrities in Germany to come to the United States and lecture, he was called upon by Herr Goebbels, who wanted to lecture on the Nazi youth movement.

"Just one look at him and I knew he wouldn't do for a lecturer," Mr. Alber said. "He has a most unpleasant looking face, the most arrogant manner I've ever seen. The caricaturists certainly have done him no wrong."

The Hitler youth movement was being organized in the same hotel

really wanted to lecture, but just wanted to know "what Alber was up to."

However, the lecture manager has booked some very pleasant and famous persons for his tour.

His favorite stories are about Prime Minister Churchill with whom he "practically lived for six months."

"I tried for 20 years, to get Mr. Churchill to come over here," Mr. Alber explained, "but he always said he was too busy, and said he had his career in England to look after."

In 1930 an American newspaper agent in London cabled Mr. Alber that "Churchill was badly stung in the stock market crash in the United States in 1929" and that "maybe now he would want to come to America to lecture."

Mr. Alber later learned that neither Der Fuehrer nor Goebbels

Louis J. Alber, who knows every world celebrity except Stalin, has been arranging for lecture tours of famous persons for 40 years.

He has more than 1500 persons on his list and went to Europe about every other year until 1938 when his trips stopped.

When the war with Germany is over, he plans to go immediately to Russia to meet Mr. Stalin.

The British cabinet, the lecture manager said, "and the market crash and his being left out of the cabinet together made him gladly accept my invitation."

However, only three days after the British leader arrived in New

York, he tried to find the home of Bernard Baruch, became disgusted when the taxi driver could not locate the place (he himself had given the wrong address) and got out of the cab to find Mr. Baruch's home by foot. He was struck by an automobile on 5th ave. and was seriously injured.

Although the accident delayed Mr. Churchill's lectures, it helped Mr. Alber in getting acquainted with him.

"Whatever will Alber do now," was Churchill's second thought when he gained consciousness in the hospital after the accident.

His first was to ask how his wife was and his third, where on earth did Mr. Baruch live.

Mr. Alber still keeps in close contact with the British prime minister and saw him shortly after

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INDIANA SETS THE PACE—

New Legion Commander Pledges Efforts to Keep National Offices Here

By KENNETH HUFFORD

"I am determined to keep the home of the American Legion in Indianapolis."

This pledge was made by Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander, at a luncheon given in his honor this noon in the Indianapolis Athletic club.

Paying tribute to the advantages of the city and the hospitality of its citizens, the national commander declared "the American Legion has never regretted making Indianapolis its national home."

"We share with you the pride over the achievements of the Indiana department of the legion. It has always been one of the best departments and is providing many of the national leaders of the legion."

"Indiana is setting the pace for the American Legion nationally in the enrollment of world war II veterans," National Commander Scheiberling asserted.

Last year, Indiana legion posts enrolled 60.19 per cent of all service men and women discharged in the state since Pearl Harbor, he added.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. It was the opening event of the three-day annual conference of department commanders, adjutants and legion officials.

GEORGE S. OLIVE, treasurer of the Indianapolis chamber, presided at the luncheon and introduced Mr. Scheiberling. Other guests at the speakers' table were introduced by Wayne M. (Army) Armstrong, De Witt C. Mallory, national chaplain, gave the invocation. Buglers from Manual high school presented an opening fanfare for the national commander.

Anticipating a Legion membership as great as 7,000,000 within the next few years, Commander Scheiberling pointed out that the Legion is critically in need of more space.

"We were informed that Indiana is making plans to erect other buildings to provide the additional space made necessary by the great expansion of the American Legion. Indiana will un-

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PATTON TAKES 2D OF 9 FORTS GIRDLING METZ

Doughboys Battle Through

Bone-Chilling Rain,
Heavy Mud.

By EDWARD MURRAY

United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Nov. 14.—Ft. Yser, the second of nine great forts girdling Metz, fell today to American troops.

The doughboys drove up from the south through bone-chilling rain to within 3½ miles of Metz.

Other units launched a frontal assault four miles west of the city. A regimental combat team of the 5th division of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3d army smashed northward from Vermy through the village of Orny and about a mile northwest to seize the Yser fortress group. Earlier front dispatches identified the captured fort only as a major one in the Orny area, and headquarters sources subsequently identified it by name as Ft. Yser.

As Maj. Gen. Stafford L. Irwin's assault forces drove the wedge deeper into the Metz fortifications, other 3d army troops battered forward against sporadic counter-thrusts all along the line.

Aerial Support Weak

The doughboys were advancing in driving rain and over soggy fields that clogged their boots and the treads of their vehicles.

They had neither sufficient aerial support nor artillery observation, since visibility was 1000 yards.

Early reports did not say whether the Nazis encountered opposition at Ft. Yser and its surrounding casemates. But there was speculation at headquarters that it fell as easily as L'Aisne in the Vermy area to the south did yesterday.

The Nazis apparently were falling back into the inner core of Metz defenses.

Frontal Assault

In a concerted action, Maj. Harry Treadwell's 95th infantry division attacked the outer defenses of Metz in the area of Chateau St. Germain, about four miles west of Metz.

Early reports said they were moving directly toward Metz for the first onslaught from the west, but lacked specific word of the progress.

The entire 3d army front was reported swinging northeastward toward the Saar.

Southeast of Metz, the 6th armored division advanced a mile northeast of Remilly to Vittoncourt, 12 miles below Metz.

The 8th division on its right flank moved up a mile along a branch of the Metz-Saarburg railway to the village of Arrance on the south side of the Remilly forest.

Above Metz it was the same story of steady if limited gains all the way to the region of captured Thionville, on the Moselle.

The American 7th army simultaneously stepped up its attacks along a front stretching 27 miles south from the Chateau Salins area. Leintrey, 11 miles east of Luneville, was seized in an advance to within 16 miles southwest of Sarrebourg, gateway to the Saar valley.

CHURCHILL ENDS PARIS VISIT
LONDON, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, returned late today from Paris, where he conferred with Gen. Charles de Gaulle and took part in the Armistice day celebration.

HITLER SILENCED BY THROAT OPERATION, HIGH GERMAN SAYS

BOMBERS FROM RUSSIAN BASE DOOMED TIRPITZ

R.A.F. Raiders Made Use of
Refueling Station Near
Archangel.

LONDON, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—The R. A. F. fliers who sank the 45,000-ton German super-battleship Tirpitz in her Norwegian hideout above the Arctic circle Sunday morning revealed today that their final attack was launched from a hitherto-secret refueling base at Archangel, Russia.

In the first detailed eyewitness account of the bombing that stripped Germany of her last major fighting ship and ended permanently the Nazi naval threat in the west, the British press disclosed that the Tirpitz went down under four direct hits and six near misses from their 12,000-pound earthquake bombs.

Flatly contradicting reports that the one-time queen of the German battle fleet was a helpless cripple as a result of seven previous submarine and aerial attacks, the fliers said the Tirpitz fired salvo after salvo from her giant 15-inch guns and secondary batteries before she turned over and sank.

Last Daylight Chance

The final strike against the Tirpitz was ordered for Sunday morning because the R. A. F. command realized that it probably would be their last chance to finish off the dreadnaught before the Arctic sun went down, blinding out the Nazi hideout at Tromsø fjord for the winter.

Taking off from bases in Scotland, the force of 28 Lancaster bombers flew almost 2000 miles to their secret refueling station at Archangel.

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LEGAL AID CALLED IN ELECTION PROBE

Complaints Swamp Chief
Of Senate Group.

Swamped with complaints and interviews in his Marion county election probe, Harold Buckles, U. S. senate investigator today said he had summoned an assistant from Washington.

Mr. Buckles, chief investigator for the senate's campaign expenses committee, said he was occupied all day yesterday in conference with persons who either wanted to protest alleged election malpractices or who wanted to "advise" him on the situation.

He asserted that he will call in senate legal counsel on the case in order to "facilitate the preliminary investigation." He's probing Democratic charges that thousands of persons were unable to vote in the state and Marion county last Tuesday because their names were unaccountably not on the registration lists. Most of these would-be voters, who were challenged at the polls, carried registration receipts.

Meanwhile, U. S. District Attorney B. Howard Caughran was proceeding with his own investigation of the same mix-up. It was reported that he was to confer today with officials of the C. I. O.-P. A. C. committee, who have charged that the election confusion was a deliberate conspiracy to disfranchise voters.

Swiss Hear Old Ailment Develops Into 'Dangerous' Tumor; Story Seen Plausible.

By ROBERT DOWSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Nov. 14.—A "high German personality" reported in Switzerland today that Adolf Hitler had undergone a throat operation at Berchtesgaden after a dangerous tumor had developed from an old ailment.

The mysteriously absent Hitler now is at his Berchtesgaden retreat in the Bavarian Alps, a United Press dispatch from Zurich quoted the unidentified German informant.

Observers agreed that the report had an authentic ring, and would go far toward explaining the long silence of Hitler during this crucial phase of the war.

Hitler, then a corporal, was gassed in the first world war, and it appeared probable that any "dangerous tumor" of the throat might have stemmed from that cause.

The operation was performed by a Prof. Eicke of Vienna, the Zurich dispatch said. It gave no details of the reported operation, how Hitler responded to it, and his present condition, but did say that he still was at Berchtesgaden.

A dangerous affliction of the throat would account for Hitler's silence last week on the anniversary of the Munich beer cellar putch.

The alarming effects of his silence on the German people were acknowledged by the frantic Nazi efforts to cover up with a broadcast version Sunday of a diatribe attributed to him.

Hint 'Chaotic' Conditions

Along with the mounting wave of speculation on the whereabouts and condition of Hitler were unconfirmed reports from the continent of "chaotic" conditions in Germany.

The reports were received with reservation pending more authoritative information on the German people's acceptance or rejection of the Nazi hierarchy's desperate efforts to bolster resistance against the allies' winter campaign.

German industrialists arriving in Switzerland told newspapermen that "nearly chaotic" conditions prevailed in southwest Germany, with hordes of foreign workers and escaped prisoners of war terrorizing the countryside.

Trouble in Stuttgart

The workers and prisoners, Swiss dispatches said, escaped after the recent bombing of Stuttgart and other industrial centers in that area.

A Stuttgart newspaper was quoted as saying the entire Hitler youth organization in southern Germany had been ordered to the front to dig trenches, and all camps and boarding schools had closed.

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Yanks Threatening to Split Jap Defense Line on Leyte

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,
Philippines, Nov. 14 (U. P.).—American invasion forces threatened to cut the Japanese front in northwest Leyte in two today with a push to within five miles of the key road junction of Libugao, 10 miles north of Ormoc.

A Japanese communiqué said Japanese planes had sunk an American battleship in an attack on a task force east of Luzon last night. Another Tokyo broadcast, heard by CBS, said American carrier planes bombed Manila, 350 miles north of Leyte, twice yesterday.

(A German DNB dispatch from Tokyo asserted 400 carrier-based aircraft appeared over Manila yesterday, as well as over Clark field, Legaspi and Cavite. Thirty-four American planes were downed by the Japanese air defense, DNB claimed.)

(Later, the Domei news agency said American planes flew another 400 sorties against targets in the Manila area today.)

The fall of Libugao, already under American artillery fire, would isolate two enemy divisions which

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