

DE WITT FORBIDS DRINKS ON TRAIN

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NEW YORK, April 27.—Any observing traveler on western trains will notice a conspicuous sign in club cars which reads as follows: "At the request of the War Department, no liquor, wines or beer will be sold on this train in Arizona and California."

First this reporter asked the train and Pullman conductors about it and was informed the rule applied only to trains carrying chair cars, not solid Pullmans like the Super-Chief, Chief, etc. Further inquiry at the Santa Fe office in Phoenix developed the order had come to the railroads from the War Department. Pursuing the matter to Washington, the following information was furnished by the War Department:

The order on the western trains originated with Maj. Gen. John L. De Witt, commander of the Western Defense Command. He acted without consulting the War Department, and the department felt there was no need for consultation. No similar order has been invoked for any other part of the United States. The department said only General De Witt was in a position to explain why he issued the order for California and Arizona.

No Prohibition Step

The War Department denies that the Army officer's step is any part of a subtle campaign to restore prohibition. It points out that spokesmen for the department have voiced opposition to a number of bills introduced in Congress prohibiting sales of liquor to men in uniform or creating dry zones around military camps. Last October 22, Secretary of War Stimson wrote a letter to Chairman Reynolds of the Senate military affairs committee in which he said he "deplored" the practical effects that would follow enactment of a bill, then before Reynolds' committee, to create a dry zone around military bases. Stimson added: "I am convinced that any attempt to control the liquor problem through any legislation applicable only to military personnel would only impede our attempts to bring temperance to the War Department offers this statement as applicable today to its policy."

Soldiers Have Rights

As for the behavior of soldiers on trains, the department says it covers the matter from its point of view by having issued general instructions that men in uniform on trains must not be disorderly. The department regards the soldier's right to grow into the chair cars equivalent to the right of any other passenger, and trusts in the M. P.'s to prevent disorder.

General De Witt declined to see a reporter to discuss the order or the reason for issuing it.

Of course, some soldiers and sailors going home on furlough are sometimes somewhat exuberant over the prospects of their leaves, perhaps their only ones, but more so than some civilians. In football crowds or delegates on their way to conventions and this reporter, who goes around a lot, cannot see why restrictions should be placed on travelers in uniform for the comfort of civilians, many of whom have no business but being anyway. Actually, the service men conduct themselves very well, as seen through these age-dimmed eyes, and the country should be justly proud.

National Coal Tie-Up At Week's End Seen

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Prices is unusually low. Some sources, usually reliable, estimated the present supply sufficient to operate from two weeks to a month.

Bituminous operators in Alabama, Illinois and Indiana have received notice that the miners will not work after midnight Friday. These states do not come under the Appalachian agreement now in dispute before the W. L. B. but this dispute is the key to the situation generally.

Cooke Named to Panel

The board announced that a panel which is to begin consideration of the issues tomorrow will be headed by Morris Llewellyn Cooke, Philadelphia engineer who was the first administrator of the rural electrification program. As the public's representative, Cooke is the panel chairman.

Representing labor is David B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The employer representative is Walter White, assistant to the chairman of the business advisory council of the Commerce Department.

Spellman Conducts Mass in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, April 27.—(AP)—The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, archbishop of New York, stopped here briefly today and celebrated Mass before a large throng and then proceeded to Nazareth and Tiberias, where he will spend the night.

Before leaving Jerusalem, the New York churchman visited Terra Santa College, in which many American flyers were lodged for Easter leave.

Volunteer wool gathering in England helps the war effort in spite of the queer assortment sent to the Wool Control in Bradford. The board appealed to children to gather wool from hedges and fences. A woman sent clippings from her dog's coat. Combs from rabbits and sheepskin rugs have been received. Many children sent parcels of wool weighing more than 50 pounds.

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GRAVEYARDERS SPIN AROUND LAKE



Out of the morning spin along Green Lake's bicycle paths, which was part of the recreational program of the Graveyard Breakfast Club, are these three war workers. They are (left to right) Phyllis Foster, mail clerk with the United States Army Corps of Engineers; Ardis Johnston, store clerk, and Mary Jane Boggs, mail clerk with the Engineers. All three are swing shifters, despite the club's name.

Mrs. F. R. Would Give Japs Jobs

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tion Authority official said last night.

Referring to reports of food wastage and hoarding at the center, Malcolm E. Pitts, acting field assistant director of W. R. A., declared:

"We recognized certain inequalities in Heart Mountain operations more than a month ago and investigations have been under way since then to correct the faults."

At Cody, Wyo., yesterday, Duncan Mills, assistant W. R. A. director, disclosed that he will investigate recent charges by Earl A. Best, former assistant steward at Heart Mountain, said, "There is no food loss and no waste."

Farmers Can't Get Seized Jap Machinery

LOS ANGELES, April 27.—(AP)—"Buck passing" is given by Frank M. Kramer as the reason impounded Japanese-owned farm machinery is not being released to California farmers.

"For 11 months I have been urging that this equipment be released to our farmers, but to date we've been unable to get it," the State Department of Agriculture supervising inspector told a Senate military-affairs subcommittee yesterday. "It's simply a case of buck passing."

Kramer said farmers are decreasing their acreage because of manpower and farm-equipment shortages while the Japanese-owned machinery lies idle and rusts.

Mines recently found in Chile contain 50,000 tons of borax.

Marine Corps Flyer Tells Of Marontate's Last Fight

It was a beautiful, clear day in the South Pacific, about 200 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, and Lieut. William P. Marontate, perhaps Seattle's foremost hero of aerial combat, and other members of Capt. Joseph J. Foss' fabulous "Flying Circus," were not too busy scanning the skies for Japs to dream a bit of the furlough which was coming to them in a day or two.

Then they spotted a flight of approximately 12 Zeros, and were flung instantly into the wild melee of a dog-fight, 15,000 feet in the air.

It was the last battle for the "Flying Circus" before its welcome furlough came, but Lieutenant Marontate, whose record of 13 Zeros is second only to Captain Foss in the group, was not on hand when the group's relief flyers arrived.

Now He's Missing

Lieutenant Marontate was listed as missing after that last battle, a tragic climax to a thrilling saga of aerial heroism.

Today, Lieut. Frank H. Presley, another pilot in Marontate's Marine Corps squadron, told of that final battle in a United Press dispatch from the South Pacific.

After the American flyers engaged the Zeros, Presley said, "Lieutenant Marontate got on one when he and a Jap collided in mid-air. Last in this action, he now is listed as missing."

The Foss team downed seven Jap planes in the battle, Presley said, and he added:

"That was our last fight. The next day we went up when a flight of 50 Jap planes came over, but they avoided us, and there was no contact that day."

Five Panic Deaths Reported

MEXICO CITY, April 27.—(AP)—Five persons were reported trampled to death when a motion-picture audience in a Southern Mexico town became panic stricken yesterday. Announcement that a hurricane had struck caused the panic.

Brother in Navy

The lieutenant's brother, Ensign John D. Marontate, received his wings only last Wednesday after training with the Naval Reserve at Corpus Christi, Tex., and last night arrived home on leave.

"You can imagine how happy we are to have him home," said his mother. She added that the ensign, at the expiration of his 20-day leave, has been ordered to report in New Orleans for instructors' training.

MOSLEMS WARN BRITAIN AGAIN

NEW DELHI, April 27.—(AP)—The Moslem League, India's principal minority party, closed its 30th annual convention last night with a warning to the British government that "strife and bloodshed" will follow any attempt to force Moslems into federation with the Hindus, the dominant Indian political faction.

Tremendous applause greeted a declaration by Abul Hamid Khan, president of the Moslem League in Madras, that "we are going to stand on our own legs; this is the end of negotiation."

The warning was in the form of a resolution, approved by a show of hands, which also condemned the government for refusing to create a separate Moslem state in India.

The convention had roared approval at an earlier declaration by Khaliq-uz-Zaman, a member of the party's working committee, that "we don't believe in non-violence like the Hindus."

"We won't go to prison alive," Khaliq-uz-Zaman said. "It is not a question of the British giving us Pakistan (an independent Moslem state). We are going to take it."

The convention also adopted a resolution expressing alarm at Zionist propaganda in the United States which it declared was designed to put pressure on that country to make it support unrestricted Jewish immigration into Palestine.

The resolution condemned such a policy as a perpetuation of a wrong on the Arab and Islamic world and supported Arab clamor for independence in Palestine and Syria.

Hungarian Leader Dies

BERN, Switzerland, April 27.—(AP)—Lieut. Field Marshal Balthasar Lang, 67 years old, military adviser to the Hungarian delegation at the Trianon Peace Conference which ended the First World War for Hungary, died today, Budapest dispatches announced. He was named chief of the Hungarian Military Chancellery in 1930.

Carrier Ranger Seen Off North Africa Recently

LISBON, April 27.—(UP)—Portuguese fishermen said today they had seen the United States aircraft carrier Ranger, which the Germans said was torpedoed and sunk, afloat in the Atlantic about 400 miles from North Africa several days ago. Planes took off with troops and materials for North Africa, the fishermen said. Submarines attempted to attack but were driven off by depth charges, they added.

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Nazi Loot in Europe Dwarfs Previous Conquests in History

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—German looting of occupied Europe was pictured by the Board of Economic Warfare today as surpassing in "magnitude and ruthlessness" all previous conquests of history.

The board estimated Germany had plundered \$35,000,000,000 by the end of 1941 and the rate since then is accelerating into "tens of billions of dollars a year." It added:

"Not only has wealth, accumulated over centuries, been carried back to Germany, but the industries, natural resources and labor power of the occupied countries are under absolute German domination."

Its reports, the board said, show that armaments and other military equipment have been taken from all the vanquished armies of Europe.

"Thousands of machines have been dismantled and moved to Germany, with laboratory and scientific equipment from the greatest institutes in Europe," the board reported. "Horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and fats have been confiscated, public galleries and private collections stripped of art objects, and office furniture, park benches and garden tools taken."

Describing Poland as the outstanding example of confiscation of public property, the board estimated the loot there at \$2,900,000,000.

Military equipment from Austria and Czechoslovakia was traded to Southeastern European countries for foodstuffs and raw materials, the report said, but was recovered later when Germany invaded those countries.

"Considerable quantities of relatively obsolete equipment were sold to Japan," the board added.

"In trading with occupied countries, Germany takes as much as she can get, and defers payment whenever possible," the board explained. "Where the occupation costs are sufficiently high, for example France and Norway, clearing debts are wiped out by the credit balance and the disposal of Germany; in other cases, the Nazis simply regard this mounting debt as long-term, interest-free loans from the creditor countries."

SIEG RETURNS FROM ANNAPOLIS

President L. P. Sieg of the University of Washington returned to Seattle yesterday after spending a week at Annapolis, Md., as a member of the annual board of visitors to the United States Naval Academy. Dr. Sieg was chairman of the board.

The group spent several days at the Naval Academy, examining the curriculum, and will report its findings and suggestions to Congress.

High light of the trip for Dr. Sieg came when 3,500 midshipmen passed in review before himself, Senator David I. Walsh, chairman of the Senate naval affairs committee, and Rear Adm. J. R. Beardall, superintendent of the academy.

Other college presidents on the board included Alexander G. Ruthven of Michigan, Homer Price Rainey of the University of Texas, the Rev. Hugh O'Donnell of Notre Dame, James McFisick of South Carolina, Dr. James B. Conant of Harvard, and Dr. Thomas S. Gates of the University of Pennsylvania.

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