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District Lions Convention Will End Tonight

DUTCH TURN EAST INDIES INTO A WAR CAMP; ALL-OUT DEFENSE EXTENDS TO HOME

By JOHN M. RALEIGH
United Press Staff Correspondent
BATAVIA, Java. — Although tension seems to have relaxed considerably in the Netherlands East Indies, war preparations for defense continue at top speed.

Few moments pass without Dutch men and women in the Indies seeing the shadow of conflict before them. No "Huisvrouw" goes to market without waiting in her taxi at street corners while columns of soldiers tramp by in full war equipment.

All men between the ages of 18 and 46 must be registered for governmental service in wartime. If they are not eligible for military activities, there are countless other duties for them. Everyone does something—and tries to carry on his business at the same time.

Drill on Race Course
Reservists must spend one week out of each month in the army. "Stadsmacht," or City Guard, recruits report to the old race course in Batavia for instruction three times a week, devoting entire afternoons to bayonet practice, and shooting on rifle or pistol ranges.

Men past 50 have volunteered readily for this anti-Fifth Column Unit.

There are not the least impressive phase of the war that Dutchmen notice. With new and extensive armament programs being carried out by budgets, the tax burden is extremely high.

It may vary from a reasonable wartime 8 per cent all the way to 70 and 80 per cent of total income. Large manufacturing firms also are limited regarding their net profits.

New industrial plans, calculated to make the Indies independent economically in the future, should the rubber and tin markets fall off after the war, call for intensive efforts and fresh grants of enormous sums.

Too Few Europeans
There are only 300,000 Europeans in the Netherlands Indies, and 60,000,000 natives. This population problem piles twice as much on Dutch shoulders. Admittedly the Dutch are understaffed in nearly every military and governmental bureau.

Officers for the army and navy are plentiful, but paper work suffers. Tropic habits and the intense heat, make labor doubly hard.

Women have their share of war effort. Feminine organizations, such as COVIM, auxiliary service and ARP arms, take much of Dutch matrons' time. Truck driving, first aid, and care of children in case of evacuation of cities are all parts of female duties.

The ARP is working desperately to prepare the Indies for air invasion, should war come. Air raid shelters are being built everywhere; and accommodations beneath sod and cement have been provided for more than 20,000 persons in Batavia alone.

Food Rationing Studied
Each day sees new defense measures brought into effect. Blood transfusion bases and supplies, possible rationing questions, and all the various items allied to a front line defense are being organized.

Children, too, have their part. Daily parades of youths march down Batavia's streets in grotesque gas masks. They are sections of the ARP reserve.

Food will never be a serious problem for the Far Eastern divisions of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Certainly, if the Indies find themselves resisting invasion, many luxuries hitherto imported from abroad, will be foregone.

Should shipping from Australia either be relegated strictly to war materials, or interrupted, meat is still available in the Indies. Carabao steaks are not tender, and taste somewhat like horsemeat, but can be eaten. And there are plenty of carabao throughout the Dutch archipelago.

Tinned Foods at Premium
Vegetables and fats are here in abundance. Nevertheless, the Dutch housewife is stocking up against all contingencies. Tinned goods are at a premium for two reasons. First, because the demand is so great and supply cannot keep pace with frantic buying; second, because American dollar purchases are being directed to munitions and planes.

The NEI is fighting to maintain its dollar surplus in the United States. Even American cigarettes are running short—not because they cannot be obtained, but due to pressure which points out resolutely that there is a sufficiency of home-grown tobacco in the Indies, and every purchasing U. S. dollar should go into Martin bombers and other military equipment.

Altogether there is probably no other nation in the world, aside from those actually in battle, presenting the wholly marital aspect seen in the East Indies. The Dutch are not going to be caught unprepared, and each man, woman and child is bending all energies to national defense.

PUBLIC MAY ATTEND LION BANQUET HERE

Between 300 and 350 are expected to attend the banquet tonight which will close the District 2-E convention of Lions.

District Gov. Frank Crippliver, who is presiding at many of the sessions held today, stated today that the banquet would be open to the public for an admission charge of only \$1.25 a plate, which will include the banquet and the entertainment features to follow, including a talk by Maj. B. S. Graham, a short talk by Lyndon Johnson and a professional floor show with a cast of 11 members.

The public was issued an invitation to attend, and those who cannot attend the banquet will be admitted to the Recreation Building balcony at the conclusion of the banquet, to see the floor show, which will be presented from the stage. An admission of only 50 cents will be charged for the floor show.

The new district governor, who will be elected at sessions this afternoon, will be presented at the banquet.

Peacemaker?



Albert W. Hawkes, above, Kearny, N. J., industrialist and new president of U. S. Chamber of Commerce, is reported ready to start drive to improve relations between big business and (New Deal) and to work for better understanding with labor.

Hay Foot! Straw Foot!



Duck keeps in step with Sgt. Stanley Tarrant as they march through Camp Stewart, Ga., where fowl is everybody's pet, has free run of the place and enjoys following sergeants.

TEXAS BUSINESS ON UPGRADE DURING WEEK

AUSTIN, Tex., May 5.—Texas industry and trade in March piled up almost a 7-point lead over the corresponding 30-day period last year, University of Texas business statisticians reported last week.

The Bureau's composite index of business conditions—standing at 107.6 for March—was made up of the following factors:

Employment—up 4.2 points over March, 1940.

Payrolls—up 8.1 points.

Freight carloadings—up 12.2 points.

Runs of crude oil to stills—up 1.1 points.

Department store sales—down 8.6 points, a result of the fact that Easter came in March last year and April this year. Retail sales for the first three months of 1941 are 12 per cent higher than for the same period of 1940.

If this margin of gain holds throughout the year, 1941's retail sales in Texas will exceed \$2,100,000,000—the greatest in the history of the state, bureau officials said.

Consumption of electric power—up 6.7 points.

Other business factors tabulated by the Bureau substantiated this general picture:

Automobile sales—up 25 per cent over March, 1940.

Southern lumber—production, up 7.3 per cent; shipments, down 1.8 per cent; unfilled orders, up 64.2 per cent.

Building permits—up 7.6 points.

Postal receipts—up 8.3 per cent.

Cement production—up 26 per cent.

Three factors—charters granted to new business firms, commercial failures, and savings bonds purchases—sounded an unfavorable note. New charters fell off from 149 in March, 1940, to 109 in March, 1941, with capitalization dropping 26.5 per cent. Commercial failures increased from 19 to 24, with liabilities averaging \$32,000 per failure compared to the March, 1940, average of \$11,000. Purchases of savings bonds declined 38.3 per cent.

Aged Cisco Woman Died Early Today
Funeral services will be held at Cisco at 2:00 p. m. Tuesday for Mrs. E. L. McQueen, 92, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Loyd, 708 6th street, Cisco, early Monday morning. Funeral services will be conducted by H. C. Christian of the Carbon Baptist church. Interment will be at Carbon. Hamner Undertaking Co., will be in charge.

In addition to Mrs. Loyd, the deceased is survived by another daughter, Mrs. J. E. Hallmark of Eastland, and a son, J. C. McQueen of Trinidad, Colorado.

JOHNSON WILL VISIT RANGER THIS EVENING

WACO, May 5.—A large crowd gave Congressman Lyndon Johnson a lusty welcome to Waco and McLennan county this morning when he made the first stop on a six-day swing through Texas on his campaign for the United States Senate.

The fast moving senatorial candidate who will invade key sections in all parts of the state this week speaks tonight at Ranger. Johnson was to spend a large part of the day meeting supporters from Waco and scores of adjoining towns.

One of the high spots of the day was a personal call on R. J. T. Harrington, chairman of the board of trustees at Baylor University.

Johnson has a sentimental attachment to Baylor. His great grandfather, the Rev. George W. Baines served the great Baptist educational institution as its second president. Feeling hale and hearty after his rousing opening campaign rally at San Marcos Saturday night, Johnson plunged quickly into a vigorous campaign of hand shaking and conferring with delegates.

Supporters here reported an unusually strong sentiment for Johnson in this section where President Roosevelt got an overwhelming vote for the precedent shadowing third term race last November. The tall tireless congressman of the 10th district whom the president referred to as, "Quote: 'My old and close friend.' " Is the only senatorial aspirant who has unequivocally endorsed the president's foreign policy. For years Johnson also has been a champion of the Roosevelt domestic recovery program.

Besides meeting delegations Johnson's stay here included an address before the Rotary club where he was introduced by Frank Baldwin, editor of the Waco News-Tribune and Times Herald. Johnson supporters jamming a big floor of a downtown hotel to greet the candidate came from Hillsboro, Martin, Temple, Moody, Belton, McGregor, Valley Mills, Crawford, Gateville, Hamilton and many other points.

From Waco Johnson will fly to Ranger, where he will appear at the banquet of the District 2-E Lions Convention, now in progress, and will deliver a short address there.

Jugoslav Ships In New York Boarded By National Guards

NEW YORK, May 5.—National Guardsmen boarded Jugoslav ships in New York harbor today and forced one ship to return to its berth after sailing papers had been denied the vessels taken to protective custody.

The ships have not been actually seized by the United States, but officers and crew members are being questioned as to their loyalty to the overthrown pro-British Jugoslav government.

Presides Today



District Governor Frank Crippliver of Wichita Falls, who is presiding today at the District 2-E Lions Convention in Ranger, which comes to an end tonight. A new district governor is to be elected this afternoon at the convention.

Texans Give Democratic Party \$43,000 As Jackson Day Gift



The Democrats of Texas during the recent Jackson Day Campaign subscribed \$43,356.26 to the Democratic National Committee. These contributions came from every county in the State and George A. Butler of Houston, State Jackson Day Chairman, has been congratulated by the national committee on having conducted the most successful Jackson Day campaign in Texas history. Chairman Butler (right) is shown giving the Texas check of \$43,000 to Treasurer E. J. Reynolds of the National Democratic Committee in Washington this week. The check covered the cash contributions. The balance of \$7,000 was represented by signed pledges for contributions during the year which were made by many Texans. The Jackson Day Campaign closed with the annual dinner held at Houston, March 29, with 800 Democratic leaders present.

AIR WAR SPREADS FROM IRELAND TO NEAR EAST WITH ATTACKS HEAVIER

Great Britain battled Germany for air power from North Ireland to the Mediterranean and the Near East today, and took the initiative in the Near East and in North Africa.

The Middle East headquarters at Cairo reported that the Royal Air Force destroyed the greater part of the Iraqi Air Force in the battle to protect the great Near East oil wells, when they destroyed 25 of the 50 planes the Iraq had. The headquarters announced strong British counter attacks were breaking up the Axis preparations for a renewed assault upon besieged Tobruk.

British bomber pilots are reported to have destroyed Iraqi planes on the ground and in heavy attacks on the Baghdad airfield. They silenced a number of Iraqi guns posted near the Habbaniya Airfield and the garrison of the key British air field continued to hold out.

From Syria came a report that two British troop-carrying planes had been shot down by the Iraqis, killing 37 men and it was also reported that Indian troops in Iraq were deserting the British.

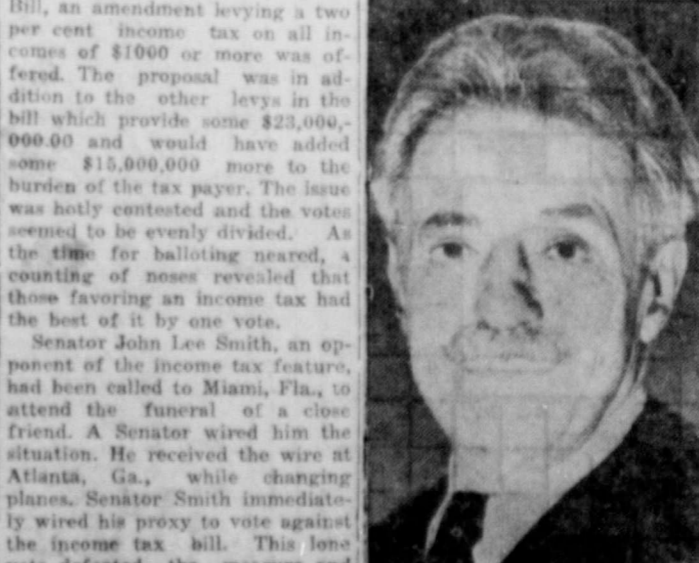
The Tobruk attack was launched Saturday night and Sunday morning, inflicting heavy casualties upon Italian-German troops encircling the Libyan stronghold of the British.

Senator Smith, While in the Air, Kills Tax Bill

AUSTIN, May 5.—During the consideration of the Omnibus Tax Bill, an amendment levying a two per cent income tax on all incomes of \$1000 or more was offered. The proposal was in addition to the other levies in the bill which provide some \$23,000,000.00 and would have added some \$15,000,000 more to the burden of the tax payer. The issue was hotly contested and the vote seemed to be evenly divided. As the time for balloting neared, a counting of noses revealed that those favoring an income tax had the best of it by one vote.

Senator John Lee Smith, an opponent of the income tax feature, had been called to Miami, Fla., to attend the funeral of a close friend. A Senator wired him the situation. He received the wire at Atlanta, Ga., while changing planes. Senator Smith immediately wired his proxy to vote against the income tax bill. This lone vote defeated the measure and saved the tax payers some \$15,000,000. The vote was cast while Smith was flying over southern Florida. Senator Smith voted for the Omnibus Tax bill, but not the income tax.

Kreiser Worse



Condition of Frits Kreiser, famous violinist and composer, is reported worse in New York hospital where he was taken after being struck by truck.

BIG CROWD IS REGISTERED IN EARLY MORNING

Election, Selection of Convention Site and Banquet Still On the Program

A total of 255 registrations for the District 2-E Lions Convention, in progress in Ranger, had been tabulated at noon today, with a number of late arrivals attending the luncheons and meetings before they had registered. It was estimated that the number before mid-afternoon would reach 250. Between 100 and 150 were estimated to be in attendance, but had not registered.

In addition to the Lions in attendance there were 50 girls, members of a glee club from Decatur, who were on the program, and 50 members of the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band, who furnished music for the convention, and several other s in smaller groups of entertainers, who swelled the total present to approximately 500.

The convention highlights tonight will be the big banquet and floor show, to be staged at the Recreation Building, with Maj. B. S. Graham, Hicks Field, Fort Worth, as the principal speaker and Lyndon Johnson, candidate for the United States Senate, also as a speaker. The floor show by 11 professional entertainers will follow the banquet.

The floor show will feature The Flashers, a troupe of six dancers in specialty numbers; McDonald and Ross, ballroom dancers; Lois Lee and Tommy Thompson, singers and Frank Dinkins, pianist, all from The Den, Hotel Texas, Fort Worth, who secured leave from the show there in order to appear on the program tonight. Admission to the banquet is open to the public at \$1.25 a plate, and seats in the balcony for the floor show, which will start at 9 o'clock, will be available at 50 cents each.

Registration began Sunday, with 100 registered by Sunday night, as compared with two registrations two years ago, it was reported. Early Monday morning more delegates began arriving until by mid-morning the town was full of Lions.

The day's activities Monday started with a breakfast for presidents and secretaries at the Paramount Coffee Shop and a breakfast for Master Key and Key Members at the Gholson Hotel.

The general session Monday morning was held at the Arcadia Theatre with A. J. Ratliff, president of the Ranger club presiding.

Both the Decatur and Fort Worth clubs, each of which is sponsoring a candidate for district governor, had entertainment features on the program, and each held a model luncheon at noon. The luncheon by the Fort Worth Club was held at the National Guard Armory, and features the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band. The luncheon sponsored by the Decatur Club was held in the Gholson Hotel.

The afternoon session started at 2:30 with the general convention session being held in the Armory Building. Election of the new district governor and selection of the site for the next convention was due at the session, possibly before 4:30, with nominations scheduled at 5:15.

Decatur is boosting the candidacy of A. E. Lee, while the Fort Worth club is campaigning for Charles Williams.

Battle of Words May Decide Role Of U. S. In War

The Battle of Words, which ultimately may decide whether this nation will be plunged into another European War, reached a eloquent climax over the weekend.

President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie, recent Republican candidate for the office of president, both pleaded for all-out aid for Great Britain.

The president said the nation had been "ever ready to fight" for democracy.

Meanwhile Charles A. Lindbergh, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler and Senator Champ Clark all pleaded for an isolationist stand.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murrell
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Madonna of the Shelters

It is gruesome to see human beings in gas masks which make them look like an insane cubist's conception of a Martian. It is even more gruesome to see babies bottled up in a contraption that makes it look like a biological specimen in a laboratory.

Yet to this world has come in A. D. 1941. In Britain they wait, day by day, for the ultimate horror of poison gas. Like any horror long delayed and always threatening, the fear and terror are redoubled by uncertainty. So a constant campaign must be kept up urging people to carry their gas masks at all times, and constant education must be carried on among mothers in means of preserving the lives of tiny babies if the gas comes.

It is a terrible thing that babies should be forced to live thus, the very breath of life pumped to them through a strainer—babies whose natural inheritance should be air and sunshine and the good food that will build them into sturdy men and women.

Yet the baby who is placed in a respirator is being saved from something worse. Should the fight fail in which that respirator is an incident, that baby would live the rest of its life out in a murkier atmosphere than filters through the respirator.

No good clean air would be available at all in that world, only the foul and pestilential vapors of state-taught racial hatred. No sunshine of liberty would filter in to it in an atmosphere murky with tyranny and regimentation. No light would penetrate the crannies of its cell, though that cell were a nation broad. No light of the mind and spirit and the dignity of the person would be seen there any more.

They protect the baby today against poison gas, and the sight of it is terrible. But unless that defense succeeds, no respirator will ever protect that baby in the future against the foul miasma of the world in which it would have to live.

The girl who gets invited out to dinner three nights a week is convinced that there's a lot of food value in dates.

All we hope is that the German troops in North Africa get a good kick in the panzers one of these days.

Taxes to be increased three or four billions. Truly, the government giveth and the government taketh away.

Government freezes steel prices. That's going to leave any political war profiteers right out in the cold.

Funny, but it's possible to be a higher-up and pretty low-down, all at the same time.

The handwriting on the wall is still sometimes prophetic—of a licking for Little Johnny who put it there.

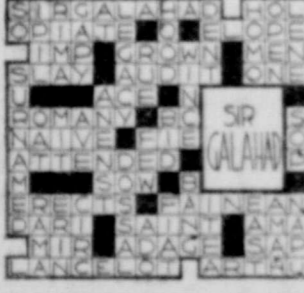
When money goes to a man's head it touches his soft spot.

HEAVENLY BELT

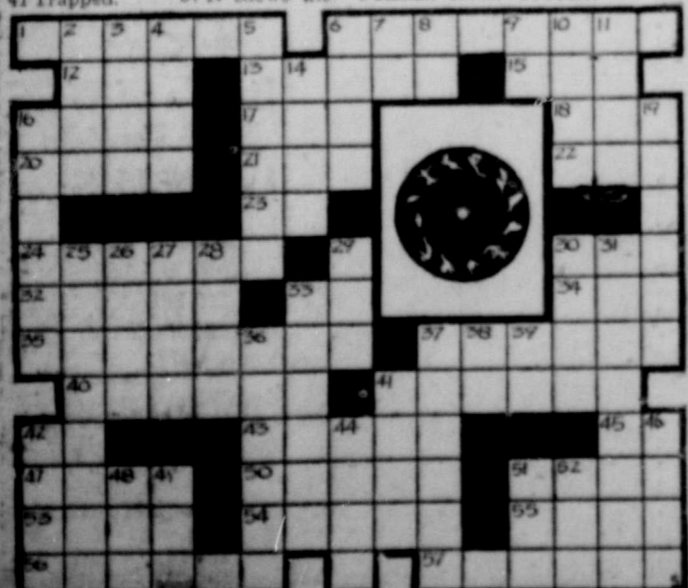
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Imaginary heavenly belt.
- 6 It contains the sun's path.
- 12 Commanded.
- 13 Radical.
- 15 Over (cont.).
- 18 Race end.
- 17 River.
- 18 Upright shaft.
- 20 Sea eagle.
- 21 Male offspring.
- 22 Collection of facts.
- 23 Half an em.
- 24 Structural units.
- 30 Courtesy title.
- 32 More.
- 33 To prosper.
- 34 God of sky.
- 35 Denoting equal pressure.
- 37 Keystone.
- 40 Perfumes.
- 41 Trapped.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 42 Plural (abbr.).
- 43 Radio bulbs.
- 45 Provided.
- 47 Herb.
- 50 Small island.
- 51 About.
- 53 Knot.
- 54 To vex.
- 55 Glade.
- 56 It has signs or divisions.
- 57 It shows the paths of the principal.
- 58 Ancient god.
- 59 Genus of swans.
- 60 College official.
- 61 Unoccupied.
- 62 Blagues (pl.).
- 63 Stuff collar.
- 67 Credit (abbr.).
- 68 Musical note.
- 69 Italian river.
- 70 Male.



OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY J.R. WILLIAMS

Eight 4-H Club Boys Are County Contest Winners

The following Eastland County 4-H Club boys were winners in the recent essay contest entitled, "Advantages of the Cow, Hog, Hen Plan of Farming": Ralph Wheat, Morton Valley Club; Grady Redwine, Alameda; Mac Harrelson, Romney; Johnnie Elvin Barrow, Gorman; Marvin Otho Duncan, Flatwood; Charles Jones, Morton Valley; Joe Collins, Carbon, and Billy Galley, Strawn.

The essay contest was judged by an agriculture committee, and according to John A. Wright, assistant county agent, there was about 30 contestants.

The winners of the contest will go to Abilene to attend a banquet for the boys and their fathers and at this time they will be given their registered gifts. All winners will be notified several days in advance of the date they are to go and arrangements will probably be made so they can all go in three or four cars.

While Texas has approximately 53 per cent of the Nation's oil reserves, it was able to market only 36 per cent of the total oil production of the Nation last year.

Texas refined more petroleum last year than the three next largest refining States combined.

THE PAY OFF

MYSTERY of Debs Garmes decorating the Pittsburgh dugout during the season's start is solved.

Frank Frisch wanted to see what Lee Handley could do at the bat.

Jeep Handley didn't do enough, so Garmes will look after him far turn.

Yet Garmes being benched was further evidence that hitting does not cover all of baseball's sins.

The Texan led both big wheels in batting last season with a .355 average.

But there is considerable lacking in his play at both third base and in the outfield.

COMPETENT judges consider Lou Boudreau the game's first shortstop, yet the Illinois collegian is slow.

Boudreau, an instinctive player, makes up for his deficiency obtaining the jump on the ball.

Up on his toes, his body swaying, Boudreau at the instant the ball is hit has his weight on the side to which the ball is likely to be hit.

Fred Hane of the Browns says Johnny Berardino will be a great shortstop when he learns to do this without tipping off the batter.

SPEED is highly essential, but some of the finest base-runners were not exceptionally fast.

Many a player got over ground steeper than Tyrus Raymond, Cobb, daddy of them all, and Max Carey, who burned up National League paths.

But Cobb and Carey were matchless at obtaining long leads. They were masters of the pivot and the quick break, had a remarkable anticipation.

They knew every pitcher like the rules. Give-away moves they knew when pitchers were going to pitch to the batter or to catch them off first base.

FRANK FRISCH says many present-day ball players run like a man of robots.

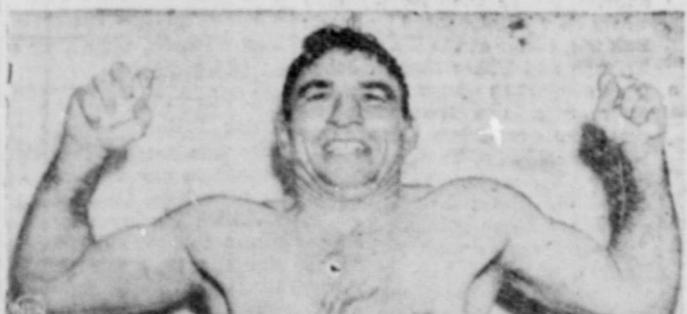
They don't think . . . fall to take advantage of situations.

"The business of a catcher throwing a new ball directly to the pitcher," says the Pirates' pilot. "When I played we passed the ball around the infield and by the time it got to the pitcher you'd suspect somebody worked on it with an axe. We run tobacco juice into it . . . made it purple . . . gave it a work over so the pitcher could get a grip on it."

"Now, these guys just throw it to the pitcher. Why, they even agree with umpires."

Things like that make Frank Frisch grayer by the hour.

Collegian Bids for Capital Prize



Billy Soose, above, Penn State product, says he'll win world middleweight championship in 15-round fight at Madison Square Garden May 9, but Ken Overlin still feels pretty strong after 14 years in ring.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



YOU COULD DROP EVERY BUILDING IN NEW YORK CITY INTO ALASKA'S VOLCANIC CRATER, MT. KATMAI, AND STILL LEAVE A HOLE TWICE AS LARGE AS HAWAII'S KILAUEA.



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LOVE POWER

BY OREN ARNOLD

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you! Beyond any description I can give!"

"No," she was not frightened. "I trust you, Bob. You said only sudden heat or a severe shock, like a dynamite cap, would explode it."

"In theory, yes! But that first tiny bit we tried to move—"

"Something tells me we'll never know the answer to that. Please relax, Bob. And anyway, the stuff is made. Somebody has to take chances, don't they?"

That made sense, of course. Nevertheless Bob Hale was still distressed. "But an airplane! And you, Carolyn! Suppose there is trouble. What could I do? How could I possibly save you?"

"Oh, it's me you're worried about!"

His lips snapped tight. He was in no mood for teasing and banter now. "Must I tell you again what extreme danger is involved here?"

"Must I remind you again that somebody has to take chances?"

Carolyn's heart leaped. She pressed her face to a window. Instantly Bob Hale was at her side peering out, too. Quite unconsciously he put an arm around her shoulders as if to protect or steady the slender girl. She felt his muscles, tight, tense.

The ship soon began to bounce ever so little. Then it bucked a bit more.

"I've got to get you out of here!" He almost growled it.

"Please don't worry," she begged.

"If it were just the ship—" he glanced significantly at the box on the floor, a parcel that really crowded the small cabin, "—if it were just us, flying—"

IN 10 minutes more the ship was quite unsteady. Bob looked around desperately. This was a plane for private hire. Unlike the regulation air liners, it had parachutes neatly folded in racks above the seats.

"Put this on!" he ordered peremptorily, reaching for a chute harness.

"But why, Bob? We are still flying." Secretly she was delighted that he would be concerned about her. Her face held a radiance despite the increased threat of danger that surrounded them.

"I'll go crazy!" he shouted.

"Carolyn, I am responsible for all this. For you! Do as I say!"

He strapped the chute on her. There was only one way for it to go. She noted the ring handle which, some obscure crumb of knowledge told her, was the gadget to pull if ever a person did bail out. "It has begun to rain!"

"We have a rook!"

So they had, but the ship moved up and down now, somewhat like a roller coaster car. Thunder cracked frighteningly. She forced a smile at him, but it didn't take.

"We couldn't possibly land!" he cried. "And the pilot doesn't know what we are carrying! You've got to jump, Carolyn! Jump, pull that cord, and say your prayers!"

"And leave you? Bob!"

"I'll tell the pilot, then follow you. Go on—I'll force the door open. It's our only chance! Or—"

he was striving frantically now to get her mind, to force her into action, "—or maybe you're afraid to jump! A coward!"

That struck home. Carolyn's eyes narrowed, she held her breath. The ship was tilting, weaving, sliding now, and even the box on the cabin floor began to move. Bob had unlatched the door.

All at once she reached up to grasp Bob Hale's shoulders, and kissed him quickly on the lips.

Then she dropped out into the black, blinding hurricane.

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He strapped the chute on her. There was only one way for it to go. She noted the ring handle which, some obscure crumb of knowledge told her, was the gadget to pull if ever a person did bail out. "It has begun to rain!"

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So they had, but the ship moved up and down now, somewhat like a roller coaster car. Thunder cracked frighteningly. She forced a smile at him, but it didn't take.

"We couldn't possibly land!" he cried. "And the pilot doesn't know what we are carrying! You've got to jump, Carolyn! Jump, pull that cord, and say your prayers!"

"And leave you? Bob!"

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Then she dropped out into the black, blinding hurricane.

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you! Beyond any description I can give!"

"No," she was not frightened. "I trust you, Bob. You said only sudden heat or a severe shock, like a dynamite cap, would explode it."

"In theory, yes! But that first tiny bit we tried to move—"

"Something tells me we'll never know the answer to that. Please relax, Bob. And anyway, the stuff is made. Somebody has to take chances, don't they?"

That made sense, of course. Nevertheless Bob Hale was still distressed. "But an airplane! And you, Carolyn! Suppose there is trouble. What could I do? How could I possibly save you?"

"Oh, it's me you're worried about!"

His lips snapped tight. He was in no mood for teasing and banter now. "Must I tell you again what extreme danger is involved here?"

"Must I remind you again that somebody has to take chances?"

Carolyn's heart leaped. She pressed her face to a window. Instantly Bob Hale was at her side peering out, too. Quite unconsciously he put an arm around her shoulders as if to protect or steady the slender girl. She felt his muscles, tight, tense.

The ship soon began to bounce ever so little. Then it bucked a bit more.

"I've got to get you out of here!" He almost growled it.

"Please don't worry," she begged.

"If it were just the ship—" he glanced significantly at the box on the floor, a parcel that really crowded the small cabin, "—if it were just us, flying—"

IN 10 minutes more the ship was quite unsteady. Bob looked around desperately. This was a plane for private hire. Unlike the regulation air liners, it had parachutes neatly folded in racks above the seats.

"Put this on!" he ordered peremptorily, reaching for a chute harness.

"But why, Bob? We are still flying." Secretly she was delighted that he would be concerned about her. Her face held a radiance despite the increased threat of danger that surrounded them.

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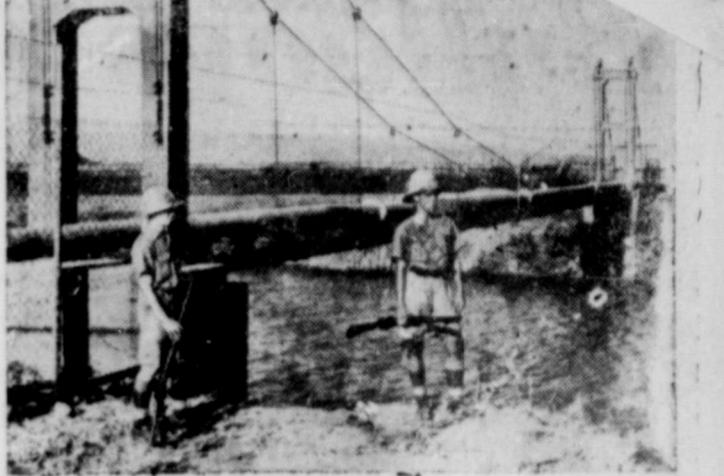
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"Fifty-Fifty Again, Joe?"



On Guard Over Iraq Oil



British troops guard closely the pipeline that brings vital oil from the Iraq fields to warships and machines in the Mediterranean. This view shows the pipeline as it crosses the River Kishon, near its terminus in Haifa, Palestine port.

This mighty program is truly a national effort. Every state in the nation contributes to the task. Men from 125 trades and professions in all parts of the country are involved, either directly on construction or on parts and fittings for Uncle Sam's new ships.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



MAKING AMERICA STRONG



This is one of a series of articles designed to inform the public of the progress being made by American industry in providing the weapons for national defense. The facts presented have been gathered in surveys of leading defense industries and from other authoritative sources.

The American shipbuilding industry is now engaged in one of the mightiest naval construction programs of all time. It calls for some 6,000,000 tons of naval and merchant shipping to be built at a cost of 10 billion dollars. And there will be more.

More than five billion of the twelve billion dollars in defense contracts let out since last June have gone into ship construction.

The greater part of this huge job is being done by private industry. Industrial shipyards are building 447 of the 643 ships of all kinds afloat under construction the first of this year. These run all the way from battleships to torpedo boats and cargo vessels.

The overwhelming share of this building is, of course, for the Navy. Between seven and eight billion dollars is being spent on naval construction, including new and half months ahead of completion facilities. This huge tract line

One Star Case Has Outlived a Few of Officials

By Ursel Press

DALLAS, Tex.—The Lone Star Company's eight-year fight for rate cuts ordered by the Railroad Commission, means to become the legacy of a new generation of company officials.

Most of the executives who in 1933 started the case in its long and costly history have died. Now much of the work must be repeated. The Supreme Court recently reversed the case to lower courts a new trial.

Evidence and testimony in the case have piled into a huge fieldy mass of documents and reports.

A large truck was required to haul the company's written reports from Dallas to Austin. The sheets used by Lone Star's engineers totalled more than 4,000 and occupied 40 bound volumes. There were more than 4,000 typewritten sheets of valuation data alone.

Similar work was done by the railroad commission, which appropriated \$45,000 for the purpose. Cost to both sides has been estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

When the commission cut the company's rates by 20 per cent in 1933, Karl Griffith, head Lone Star counsel, sought a restraining order in Federal District Court in Austin. His request was granted. The United States Supreme Court, in effect, upheld the decision.

A state case in the Court of Civil Appeals also favored the company. The Texas Supreme Court, however, reversed the trial court on some points.

Griffith was killed in an automobile accident. Other men active in early phases of the litigation, who have died include L. R. Denning, Sr., company president; Frank L. Chase, vice president; and Henry Morris, president of the Dallas Gas Company, an affiliate.

Four state's attorney generals have been in office since the case

Every Eligible Man In Town In Army

By United Press

ROBERTS, Mont.—Women seeking husbands should avoid this town.

Uncle Sam has called all the eligible young men. Roberts counted 400 inhabitants in the last census yet every man eligible for military service either has enlisted or has been drafted.

John R. Sparks, recruiting sergeant for the district, said 90 per cent of the young men signed up for three-year enlistments and the remaining 10 per cent were drafted.

More than a million man-hours of labor were used to prepare the company's valuation data, statisticians said. At least 60 engineers were employed to check every item making up more than 4,800 miles of pipeline and equipment. The company even unearthed gas lines at hundreds of places to determine the condition of the pipe.

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