

Between the Lines

Dark Day, Dark Thoughts . . . Little Hope for Viaduct at This Time.

By Tex Reynolds

ANY gray, dripping Monday is a good promoter of pessimism; an occasion for many folks to lean back and have a good time looking on the dark side of their own problems and life as a whole.

Webster's latest dictionary defines "armistice" as follows: "A temporary suspension of hostilities by agreement of the parties; a truce."

Today the U. S. and Russia are the only two members of the last war lineup who aren't formally entered in this one. But Russia has been sharing some spoils of Germany's conquest, and thus far, at least, has been friendly to the Nazi cause.

As for this nation, anyone willing to face facts must admit that in all but the name and actual use of our armed forces against Germany and Italy, we are in the war on the side of Britain.

WAR contributes, more or less directly, to the death of two noted men in today's news. Neville Chamberlain, in his last moments as Nazi war planes roaring over his country home, may have remembered that in 1938 he told the people of Britain, "We are assured of peace in our time."

Then there's Nevada's Key Pittman, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. His physicians say overwork on his job, as the world crisis developed, plus the strain of an election campaign, had a lot to do with his death from a heart attack at the age of 68.

ON the local front, there's a cheerless answer to a question raised herein the other day. I mean the one about what has happened to the proposed viaduct across the valley from Douglas to Grand avenue. It seems that local authorities haven't quit trying, but that hope, while not dead, is far from healthy.

Just the other day, I'm told, a delegation of aldermen (including Carl Christensen who, as chairman of the local streets committee, is particularly interested), visited the state highway commission offices in Madison. A few months ago it seemed possible that the state might contribute a large share of the cost of the viaduct, since it would improve and straighten important Highway 42 through Racine. But from the commission now comes a tale of woe that consists principally of the phrase, "We haven't any money."

When you add that to the fact that help from the PWA is unlikely (because of the federal defense needs), plus the fact that the city of Racine hasn't any large sum of money to spend on its own hook, you can see that we'll all probably be a lot older before we walk or drive across said viaduct.

BRITISH BOMB CAGLIARI LONDON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Bombers from the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal have raided Cagliari in Sardinia, the admiralty announced tonight.

Violent Squall Rakes City and County

Chamberlain, Appeasement Premier, Dies—Story on Page 3; Death Calls Senator Key Pittman,—Story on Page 2

Greek Forces Crush Five Italian Divisions Trapped in Mountains

Quakes Ravage All Rumania; Oil Fields on Fire

At Least 1,000 Persons Killed; Nazi War Supplies Damaged

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Nov. 11.—(U.P.)—Two earth shocks rocked Bucharest today, bringing new terror to those who had escaped death in Rumania's most devastating earthquake since 1802.

Officials estimated that 1,000 persons had been killed and between 3,000 and 4,000 injured in the earthquake which occurred early Sunday morning. Two more shocks were felt at midnight and two more today, at 8:36 a. m.

Many Towns in Ruins. Only western Rumania was spared. Many towns and villages were in ruins and their living and uninjured inhabitants took to the fields fearful of recurring quakes.

The oil fields of eastern Rumania which produce large amounts of oil for the German armies and air force were severely damaged. In some districts great fires still were burning today and German military fire fighters were attempting to bring them under control.

Disruption of communications made it difficult for officials to estimate casualties or damage. Officials said reports from many outlying districts told of entire villages devastated, but that casualties were low in comparison to the damage. Campina, an oil town, was reduced to rubble but only four persons were reported dead there.

Greatest damage was reported in Galatz, Rumania's chief Danube port; Buzau, a thriving town of 36,000 persons chiefly engaged in the lumber and oil trade; Ploesti, center of the chief oil district in the Prahova valley; Panciu, Roman and Focsani. The large oil companies such as Astra Romana, Romano-Americana, Unirea, Concordia and Redevezta have refineries in the Ploesti district. If fire brigades do not soon cope with the fires, the damage would be incalculable and might seriously interfere with Germany's war machine.

Refineries Damaged. (In London, newspapers said they had received reports that certain refineries had been badly damaged. It was reported that the Standard Oil company's offices in Ploesti had been destroyed and that Astra Romana, British-owned, had been badly damaged.) The earthquake shook every building in Bucharest, including the United States legation. The Carlton apartment was one of the largest buildings on the boulevard Bratianu and about 500 persons lived there. It collapsed after the first shock at 3:39 a. m. Sunday.

British Bag Italian Planes As Raiders Roar Over Coast

LONDON, Nov. 11.—(U.P.)—The air ministry said tonight that 26 enemy raiders had been destroyed in fighting on this Armistice day, including 13 German planes and 13 Italian.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—British fighters bagged their first Italian planes over England—five bombers and three fighters—today, the government announced, as axis raiders roared across the coast in an Armistice day air parade which set off five alarms in the capital.

Ten other invading planes, reported downed up to 3 p. m. (8 a. m., CST) by a ministry of information communique, were German. The eight felled Italian planes, it said, were shot down by RAF Hurricanes "during an attempted

Wendell Willkie To Talk on Radio Again Tonight

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie will make his first detailed post-election statement tonight in a radio broadcast over the networks of the three major broadcasting companies. The defeated republican presidential candidate will speak from 9:30 to 10 p. m. (CST) on time donated by the radio companies and is expected to express his views on what course his supporters should follow during the next administration of President Roosevelt.

Tainted Food Kills 11 Men

40 Stricken After Pancake Breakfast At Pittsburgh Center

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 11.—(U.P.)—The death toll mounted to 11 as authorities opened an investigation into the poisoning of approximately 40 men stricken after they had eaten breakfast at the Salvation Army Men's Social Service center.

Police immediately began a search for a former cook at the center, who was dismissed three weeks ago because of "unsatisfactory service." Authorities said a preliminary investigation indicated that roach powder may have been mixed with batter from which pancakes were made for the men.

Roy Barber, in charge of the center, said that the dismissed cook had threatened to "get even" because of his discharge.

Mark Twain's Nurse, Oldest School Alumnus, Dies in Connecticut

GROTON, Conn., Nov. 11.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice R. Denison, 85, who as a private nurse years ago attended such prominent persons as Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), Prof. Calvin Ellis Stowe, husband of Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Charles Dudley Warner, died at her home Sunday after a two-week illness. Mrs. Denison was graduated from the Hartford hospital nurses' training school in 1883 and was its oldest living alumnus.

GALE KILLS ONE GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 11.—(AP)—A 57-mile-an-hour gale brought death and destruction to western Michigan today. One person was killed and at least six others injured when a chimney crashed through the roof of the Applied Arts corporation here. The victim was not identified immediately.

Ruin and Defeat Check Invasion, Athens Asserts

British Bombing Planes Help Defenders Repel Enemy Attacks

ATHENS, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The Italian invaders of Greece "have lost the battle in all sectors and are retreating in disorder toward Albania," the Greek radio declared today.

ATHENS, Greece, Nov. 11.—(U.P.)—Aided by British bombing planes which assailed Italian concentrations and supply lines, Greek troops, on the offensive in the Kalamas valley and Pindus mountain sectors, have dispersed large bodies of Italian troops, reports from the front said today.

Reliable quarters said that an Italian "lost division" in the Pindus had been annihilated, leaving the Italian southern sector, in the Kalamas valley, exposed to flank attack from the west. The Italians were said to have retreated down the valley after two of their battalions had been dispersed. Greeks were reported to have captured mortars, machine guns and other equipment.

In Headlong Retreat. A Greek communique today said that the Italian third Alpine division had been shattered, that many were killed, wounded or taken prisoner and that the survivors had swept their reserves before them in headlong retreat, with Greeks pursuing them.

Thus the Alpiners completely failed in their assignment of cutting the road from Epirus to Thessaly," the communique said. Meanwhile, British bombers, co-operating with Greek ground forces, were reported to have raided Italian embarkation points and other Albanian ports, as well as troop concentrations and supply roads behind the Italian lines.

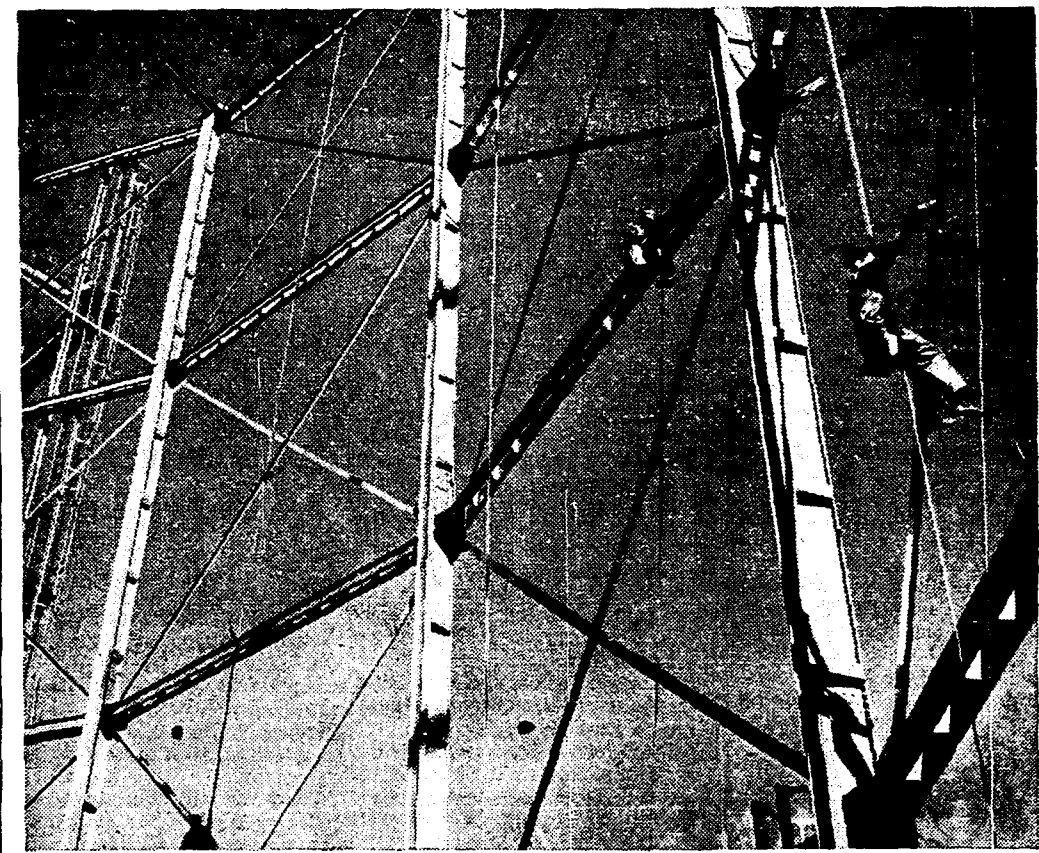
Italian prisoners were quoted that communications at the Italian rear were in bad shape and that the high command was having difficulty keeping in contact with the far-flung units.

Agitation Increasing. A hundred more Italian prisoners have arrived at Salonica and some were quoted that anti-war agitation was growing among the Italian public, with Crown Prince Umberto among those who have been outspoken in criticizing the strategic error of the war in Greece.

Prisoners were said to include men from five Italian divisions—the Centaur, Parma, Ferrara, Julia and Venezia. (At Budapest, the Greek radio was heard broadcasting that Greek troops in the Pindus mountains had advanced Sunday in a rain, using hand grenades in close fighting. The Italians were said to have abandoned many rifles and machine guns, which Greek women and children helped assemble.)

Lists More Eligibles for Military Training

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Clarence A. Dykstra, director of selective service, announced today that professional men and owners of one-man businesses would be considered eligible for compulsory military training. Such cases, however, will be passed upon by local draft boards, he said.



21 Below Zero In Montana City

Winter Lashes at Mountains and Plains States Today

DENVER, Nov. 11.—(AP)—Winter's first major thrust broke with whip-lash fury over the Rocky mountain and plains states, bringing sub-zero cold, high winds, snow and sleet today.

2 1/2 Feet of Snow. Twenty-one degrees below zero at Lewistown, Mont., two and a half feet of snow in Utah's Wasatch mountains; a 50-mile an hour wind at Garden City, Kans., and drenching rain at Dallas, Texas. These were some of the weather highlights.

Forecasts of continued sub-freezing weather were general for states fringing the Rockies on the east, and warnings went out to ranchers to protect their livestock. In Denver the temperature dropped from 58 to 15 degrees within 24 hours. Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, west Texas and the Oklahoma panhandle were blanketed with heavy snow swept down from the north.

Wires Down. Snow, sleet and freezing temperatures swept into central and western Kansas, wires were reported down at Norton and it was feared drifting snow might create traffic problems in the southeastern part of the state.

No Election Deficit, Republicans Report

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Nov. 11.—(AP)—Samuel F. Pryor, Jr., eastern manager of the Wendell L. Willkie election campaign, said that the republican national organization finished without a deficit. Asserting that while it was "too early" for a final compilation of campaign finances, Pryor said, however, that in contrast to other years there would be no deficit in the national statement.

LIBREVILLE SURRENDERS

LONDON, Nov. 11.—(U.P.)—The headquarters of Gen. Charles De Gaulle reported tonight that Libreville, capital of Gabon, French equatorial Africa, surrendered to De Gaulle's forces yesterday.

Some Buildings, Trees and Poles Blasted Down

Considerable Damage Is Reported; Sturtevant Hard Hit

A 70-mile an hour line squall which lasted 20 minutes battered Racine county this noon as it swept through the state from the west.

Damaged sheds and out-buildings, broken roofs, shattered windows, felled trees and poles were strewn in its wake. The wind lashed Racine with sheets of rain as it smashed obstacles in its path.

Sturtevant Hard Hit.

Roof of the Sturtevant graded school was damaged and torrents of rain swept in during the storm. Corrugated iron shed at the Sturtevant Airport also was damaged. Signs were down in front of oil stations and other business houses all over the village.

The storm caused several thousands of dollars damage at the B. F. Sturtevant company, caving in a section of brick wall on the left and plunging the roof of the water tower through a warehouse.

Shed Hurled at Autos.

On Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. property just east of Lake avenue south of Fourth street, the wind picked up a corrugated iron shed, twisted and carried it 25 feet up in the air and tossed it against automobiles parked on a lot in the rear of the police station to the west.

Chief of Police Arthur J. Muhleke and Desk Sergt. Al Costabile ducked from a window as the swirling mass of wreckage threatened to crash into the station here.

Trapped in Debris, Father, 2 Children Die In Wake of Storm

CANTON, Ill., Nov. 11.—(AP)—A WPA worker and two of his six children burned to death in the wreckage of their home, which had been flattened by a violent wind and rainstorm.

The dead: Lewis Leroy Moore, 40; his daughter, Alma, 10; and a son, one month old.

They, with the mother, Mrs. Mildred Moore, 32, and the other children, apparently were bunched around a cookstove in the kitchen when the house collapsed under the impact of the storm. Fire broke out immediately amidst the debris, trapping the father and the two children. The mother, Robert, 11; Lewis, Jr., 4; Billie Ann, 8; and Elsie Jane, 7, were injured, but not seriously, by falling objects. They were taken to a hospital. The storm leveled the three deaths levelled trees, communication lines and small buildings within a radius of 75 miles of this area.

Storm Cancels Legion Flight

Milwaukee Airport Closed; Snow, Sleet and Fog Reported

Snow, rain, sleet, fog and high wind which lashed Wisconsin today, cancelled the annual Armistice day aerial membership roundup of the American Legion, marking the first time that the tour has had to be called off since 1929.

It was "visibility, zero; ceiling, zero" throughout the state except along the Lake Michigan shoreline. G. H. Stordock, department adjutant in charge of the roundup, wired owners who had placed their airplanes at the disposal of the Legion that the flight had been "grounded."

To Be Done by Mail. Gathering the thousands of memberships from all sections of the state will be done by mail, it was indicated. Ordinarily, the planes fly to various cities in Wisconsin, pick up the membership packets and take them to Milwaukee. The Milwaukee county airport was closed.

For a time, it appeared as if the flight would go through, but reports received from cities on the tour early this morning revealed that flying conditions were hazardous.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Wisconsin: Cloudy and much colder tonight and Tuesday with occasional light snow; moderate cold wave in west and south portions tonight. RACINE TEMPERATURES: Highest and lowest temperatures recorded during the 24 hours ended at 4 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 9, 1940. Maximum49 Minimum41. Precipitation0.04 of an inch Sunday, Nov. 10, 1940. Maximum52 Minimum47. At 10 a. m.52 Minimum47. Precipitation47 of an inch. Nov. 9, 1939. Maximum52 Minimum47. At 10 a. m.52 Minimum47. Precipitation47 of an inch. Nov. 10, 1939. Maximum58 Minimum48. At 10 a. m.58 Minimum48. The sun will rise on Nov. 12 at 6:37 a. m. and will set at 4:34 p. m. The moon will set at 4:08 a. m.



Journal-Times Photos "It's all in a day's work after you know how," says Ralph Brown as he swings from one steel girder to the next swishing his paint brush with the ease and confidence that more timid persons would feel if they were doing it on the ground.

Gas Tank Painter Nears Finish of Job on Trapeze

"He floats through the air with the greatest of ease, the daring young man on the flying trapeze." Ralph Brown, 1508 Chatham street, has his own ideas on how to get up in the world. One of his most successful ventures was the job of painting one of those big Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. gas tanks.

The job is nearly finished and the tanks will not have to be painted again for another six years.

Red Cross Opens Annual Membership Drive Racine Goal Is 4,250 Partners in Humanitarian Job

Crosses—row after row stretching endlessly into eternity. Symbols of a world gone mad. In the window of the Porter furniture store on Sixth street, another cross is being filled with hundreds of tiny red crosses—symbols of humanitarian preparedness. The American National Red Cross is conducting its annual membership drive commencing on the day set aside for all the world to remember when it temporarily came to its senses. In Racine 4,250 persons are sought to become partners in humanitarian undertakings. Within a few days, Racine workers will begin a house-to-house crusade, William Connolly, campaign chairman, announced. President Roosevelt added a personal plea for generous support. Mr. Roosevelt in a special statement last night told the people of the nation that the Red Cross had an essential place in the country's "great program of national defense." "Our people have learned through the years to turn to the Red Cross for practical aid in any emergency and that high trust always been fulfilled," he said.