

Between the Lines

Aftermath of the Big Wind... Vital Fat Chewing in Berlin... Three Blasts.

By Tex Reynolds

THE weather, which never falls very low in the standings as a topic of conversation, is definitely in first place today after a wild and windy afternoon and night, followed by a temperature nose dive that catches our summer-thinned blood off guard, and produces a bumper crop of shiver-chased goose pimples.

Having swayed violently into Chicago on an interurban when the big wind was at its biggest, and then flown sideways in a taxicab on the Outer Drive, I thought I'd have some storm stories to tell. But I return to find that Racine has had more than its share of thrills, excitement and damage. So bringing in any tales about the big blow would be like carrying coals to Newcastle.

FOR weeks, duck hunters in Wisconsin have been praying for colder weather and high winds that would start the "big flight." Nature finally obliges, but doesn't use any judgment. The whole business is overdone. As result, boots and pants, with half frozen fellas inside of them, are marooned on bogs and islands all over the place.

But don't think there is anything funny about such a situation, even if it doesn't have fatal results, as reported in some cases today. If you have ever sat in a damp duck blind for even a couple of hours, with the temperature below freezing and a gale blowing, you have some idea what it would mean to be stuck in such a place all day and all night.

THERE'S nothing very funny in the situation for insurance men, either. I mean those who handle wind storm policies. Today they make the well known one-armed paperhanger with the hives seem like an indolent loafer as flocks of claims come piling in.

But all is not so serious. For instance, take the case of Harry Andersen, superintendent at Hamilton-Beach. He steps out of the plant and his hat falls from his head. It doesn't leave the way hats generally do in a high wind, (and as scores did yesterday), twisting and turning as it gains some altitude, then diving to the ground a few hundred yards away, and rolling a few hundred more. It just goes straight up into the air and disappears, as though by magic.

Also on the lighter side is the story about the big virile guys who "shoot trouble" for the Electric company — and who send a truck on an emergency call to their homes, collecting their long woolens ere they go out to brave the elements. But don't call them sissies unless you have stood on a pole with nothing but BVD's under your pants, and let a high cold wind whistle through your rigging, so to speak.

BUT we mustn't let the weather crowd out all the other important news of the day. For example, the fatal blasts in three different explosive plants in as many U. S. cities, all at about the same time.

You can hardly pass that off as coincidence. And a safe forecast seems to be that this country will see a lot more of the same in the months to come.

WHILE the news from Greece continues to be almost too good to be believable (from the standpoint of those who'd like to see Mussolini take a licking), the world fastens its eyes on Berlin, where Russia's Premier Molotov chews some vital fat with Hitler.

On the local front, as is often the case, the Lost and Found ads tell some stories. There's the mother who loses her purse containing some highly cherished possessions, including pictures of her soldier son who is now far from here. Then there's the old folks at the Danish home, looking for their missing dog. So if you run across a black cocker spaniel that barks with a Danish accent, you'll know where it belongs.

6,334 CIVILIANS KILLED LONDON, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—The ministry of home security said today that 6,334 civilians were killed and 8,695 injured in air raids against Britain during October.

Coast Guards Rescue Storm Victims

Willkie Offers 5-Point Plan To Aid Nation

Urges Loyalty and Watchfulness; Says Unity Up to Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—Wendell L. Willkie's program for national unity today awaited republican congressional ratification and President Roosevelt's reaction before its ultimate scope could be determined.

Willkie outlined his program last night in a radio address from New York, telling the millions who supported him for the presidency that unity depends upon administration moves to prevent inflation and correct "some of our economic errors."

Unity Up to Roosevelt. Warning that national unity was up to the administration and that discord and disunity would arise from suppression of the minority, Willkie called upon Mr. Roosevelt to take into account "the very powerful opposition" which was recorded at the polls last week.

By implication, Willkie accused Mr. Roosevelt of usurpation of congressional powers, subjugation of the courts, concentration of enormous authority in his own hands and warlike talk. He restated the principles upon which he conducted his campaign, asserting that "my fight for those principles has just begun—I shall not be silent and I hope you will not be."

Loyal Opposition Urged. If the administration wants national unity, he said, it must give open minded consideration to the recommendations of the opposition. Thereby, he contended, the national economy would thrive and the national income hit the \$100,000,000,000 a year figure necessary to make the national defense tax burden bearable.

Willkie eliminated himself from any possibility—however remote—of joining the Roosevelt cabinet. He said any suggestions that the minority join the majority by surrendering its convictions must be rejected utterly—"this is a totalitarian idea, a slave idea."

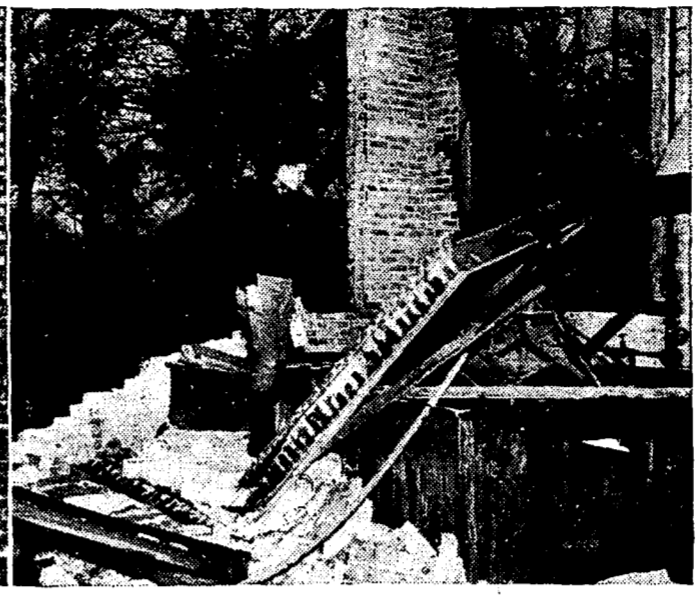
Our national unity, he said, "can not be made with words or gestures. It must be forged between the ideas of the opposition and the practices and policies of the administration."

5-Point Plan Offered. And with the request for consideration of the principles of his own following in the shaping of administration policies, he said there were five steps which should be taken immediately to "counteract the threat of inflation and to correct some of our economic errors":

1. Cut all but national defense expenditures to the bone, maintaining work relief but with every effort to substitute productive jobs. 2. Encourage private capital to provide new plants and machinery for national defense to prevent (Turn to Page 17, Column 4.)



Supports held up what was left of the west wall of the Christensen Machine company.



The D. F. Sturtevant company suffered several hundred dollars worth of damage when the top of a water tower was ripped loose by the wind and slammed through the side of the factory building.



A shower of bricks tumbled down on three cars when part of a wall of the Christensen Machine company building collapsed during the wind storm. An idea of the extent of the damage can be gained from the above view of two cars. The damaged machines, which were covered by insurance, were removed this morning.

Woman and Son Shot to Death

Bodies Found in Burning Home in Southside Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—A spiritualist mother and her 8-year-old son were found shot to death today by firemen who went to their southside Milwaukee home to put out a fire.

Preliminary examination of the bodies of Mrs. Alma Katzenmiller, 36, and her son, Noel, at the morgue indicated that both were shot in the head by a shotgun. The mother apparently was gagged, according to the coroner.

Husband Arrested. Peter Katzenmiller, the husband with whom Mrs. Katzenmiller was said to have conducted seances for several hours later. Neighbors said the two had quarreled frequently.

Police records showed that he had been brought into district court on an assault and battery charge preferred by his wife on April 30, 1937, and again on Oct. 9, 1939, on charges of pointing a gun brought by his son, Peter, Jr., but that both charges were dismissed.

Cold Weather to Stay Until Next Saturday, Says Weather Bureau

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—Extended weather forecast for the period from 6:30 p. m. CST Nov. 12 to 6:30 p. m. Nov. 16, inclusive. Great Lakes temperature will average considerably below normal for period as a whole.

WPA QUOTA INCREASED MADISON, Wis., Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—An immediate increase of 3,430 in Wisconsin's WPA employment quota was announced today by Mark Muth, state WPA administrator.

Indians Announce Roger Peckinpaugh To Succeed Vitt

CLEVELAND, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—Roger Peckinpaugh is the new manager of the Cleveland Indians.

In taking the job Peckinpaugh becomes a baseball rarity — twice manager of the same major league club. His previous tenure, started in 1928, ended with his discharge in mid-season 1933.

"Peck," who is 49 and was once a star shortstop, succeeds Oscar Vitt, who was released after he led the rebellious Tribe into second place this year. Alva Bradley, the club president who fired Peckinpaugh seven years ago, announced Peckinpaugh signed a two-year contract today.

Blasts in 3 Different Plants Kill or Injure Scores of Persons

(By The United Press)

Powerful explosions blew up three plants in the industrial east today, killing at least 11 persons and injuring scores more.

The blasts occurred at the United Railway Signal corporation, Woodbridge, N. J.; the Trojan Powder company at Sipples Station, Pa., near Allentown, and the American Cyanamid and Chemical corporation at Edinburg, Pa. Countryside Shaken.

The three explosions, all of which shook the surrounding countryside, took place at approximately the same time—between 8 and 9 a. m. Federal bureau of investigation agents were called in but there were no immediate indications of sabotage. At least one of the plants — United Railway — was engaged in fulfilling government orders.

The known casualties:

AT SIPPLES STATION—Three killed; a number reported injured.

AT EDINBURG—Three killed; none believed injured.

Although the Woodbridge plant is a small one—made up of half a dozen scattered, one-story structures—the detonation there was terrific and was felt sharply even at Jersey City, 20 miles away. Motorists driving in Staten Island, across Raritan bay, felt their cars jerk out of control from the concussion.

The Edinburg blast took place in the Burton explosives division of the plant. The three workers were killed when dynamite they were packing in the gelatin tank house exploded. The 600-square foot building was shattered. Authorities believed it miraculous that none of the 100-odd men employed at the plant—apart from

the three dead—had been victims.

The Edinburg plant makes commercial explosives only and it was believed the firm had no government orders on hand.

The three victims were packing the dynamite into wrappers when the blast shook the small building.

Sabotage Doubtful. The Allentown explosion occurred in the cap plant, a one-story building where detonations for blasting are made. Company officials said they "doubted" that espionage was involved. Both the FBI and state police began inquiries. The work had no connection with national defense orders and plant officials believed the blast might have been accidental.

The Woodbridge plant makes small torpedoes, used chiefly as signal devices on railroad lines. It was reported that some government orders were on hand there.

Violent Gale Causes Damage In All Parts of Racine County

Violent gales, accompanied by hail, snow, sleet and rain, swept a path of destruction in Racine county Tuesday, leaving in their wake damage to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Reports today told of wreckage in every community.

The wind, screaming across the county throughout the day and most of Monday night, occasionally reached a maximum velocity of 70 miles per hour. Average speed, however, was 45 miles per hour.

The storm struck with its greatest fury around noon and wreaked its vengeance on the county during the afternoon. In the early evening the attack was renewed and property damage again continued to mount.

Mercury Tumbles. Temperature readings began to tumble as the storm gained momentum, making it difficult for repair crews from the Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co., the Wisconsin Telephone company and the department of public works to compete with the wind and the cold in keeping telephone and electric service and traffic lanes in condition.

Every conceivable type of property damage was reported. Trees were blown down, roofs torn off, brick walls caved in, steel girders were bent, a tool repair shack was carried more than 300 feet and scattered in pieces, wires and poles were broken, schools and churches were damaged, trucks were tipped over on the highway, interurban service interrupted, cars were damaged by falling bricks and tops were torn off water towers.

Transportation Interrupted. Trees, which fell across the trolley wires between Racine and Kenosha, caused the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Transport company to substitute bus service from 5 p. m. Monday to the first run this morning. Bus service between Racine and South Milwaukee was interrupted for the same reason from 5:30 p. m. to 10 p. m. Many persons marooned in South Milwaukee were brought home at that time.

Trouble shooters were out all night between Racine and Kenosha, clearing trees and limbs from the right of way. Several trees were uprooted along the Wisconsin avenue stretch, two in the 1100 block, one at Fourteenth street and another in the 1300 block. It took the troubleshooters hours to saw off the overhanging trunks.



Even the storm warning signal tower at the coast guard station was not exempted from the storm. The staff at the top of the tower was bent at a 45 degree angle by the heavy wind.

Court Raps Act Of Labor Board

Authority Exceeded in Republic Steel Case, Justice Hughes Rules

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—The supreme court ruled today that the labor board did not have the right to require a company found guilty of violating the Wagner labor act to reimburse governmental relief agencies for wages paid employees held to have been deprived of their regular work.

Authority Exceeded. Chief Justice Hughes delivered the opinion which held that the board had acted beyond its authority in issuing such an order against the Republic Steel corporation of Cleveland, Ohio.

"We do not think," the chief justice said, "that congress intended to vest in the board a virtually unlimited discretion to devise punitive measures, and thus to prescribe penalties or fines which the board may think would effectuate the policies of the (labor) act."

The labor board had held that the money it ordered reimbursed would be deducted from the amount due the employes for back pay. A government spokesman estimated that approximately \$200,000 to \$400,000 was involved in the Republic Steel case.

The litigation grew out of a board order directing the corporation to reinstate 5,000 or more employes who participated in the 1937 "little steel" strike. The supreme court previously has refused to review the reinstatement order. The board's relief order had been upheld by the third federal circuit court.

A Bookkeeping Convenience. The labor board said it regarded the work relief funds received by the men while away from their regular employment as "a sort of windfall" which neither the corporation nor the employes should be allowed to retain.

It added that the order could be viewed as directing the corporation to reimburse the employes for back pay lost but that the employes should reimburse the government "for interim support."

"In this view," the board said, "it is but a bookkeeping convenience for the corporation to pay the government directly."

CAROLE LANDIS DIVORCED HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—Blonde Carole Landis, film actress, today was granted a divorce from Willis Hunt, Jr., yacht broker. She charged cruelty.

The Weather

WISCONSIN: Partly cloudy south, mostly cloudy with occasional light snow north tonight and Wednesday, colder east and south tonight.

RACINE TEMPERATURES Highest and lowest temperatures recorded during the 24 hours ended at 4 p. m. Monday, Nov. 11, 1940. Maximum.....54/Minimum.....28. Temperature since 4 p. m. Monday. At 10 a. m. ....29/Minimum.....12. At 10 a. m. Nov. 11, 1940. Maximum.....46/Minimum.....23. SUN AND MOON The sun will rise on Nov. 12 at 6:38 a. m. and will set at 4:33 p. m. The moon will set at 8:24 a. m.

Six Marooned On Tiny Isles in Racine Lakes

Two Spend 19 1/2 Hours On 10-Foot Bog In Tichigan Lake

Snow and freezing temperatures clamped most of the nation in a wintry grip today as destructive gales which left at least 52 persons dead in the Midwest battered furiously at the eastern seaboard.

Winter's early invasion was the most severe in decades, causing uncounted millions of dollars property damage across a broad belt of the central and southern sectors in addition to the heavy toll of human lives.

And the force of the storm—a terrifying compound of wind, snow and cold, was not spent. Fifty-mile-an-hour winds tore at property in New England and the middle Atlantic states as temperatures dropped to freezing levels. Icy squalls and snow pounded at the Rocky Mountain region for the fourth day with a reckless disregard for shelterless humanity, transportation and communication.

Six persons were known dead in the storm which swept Wisconsin yesterday and raged unabated through last night, ravaging Lake Michigan shipping and causing hundreds of thousands of dollars damage.

A seventh person was missing and feared dead, possibly lying hidden beneath two inches of ice covering Big Muskego lake. Five others have been missing since they went duck hunting on a Mississippi river island on which Kenneth J. McFarlen of Thiensville was found frozen to death.

Rescue parties braved the boiling waves of Lake Michigan and inland Wisconsin waters to succor dozens of hunters and mariners trapped by the storm, one of the worst in years.

Six men, including two rescuers, were marooned on islands in Tichigan and Brown's lakes by violent squalls and mountainous waves Monday night and early this morning.

Racine and Kenosha coastguards removed Joseph Landry and Henry Sandow, Milwaukee duck hunters, from a 10-foot bog island on Tichigan lake at 1 a. m. after the pair endured a 19 1/2 hour ordeal. Suffering from exposure, the two men were removed to a Milwaukee hospital.

Landry and Sandow were out on Tichigan lake since 5:30 a. m., one in a skiff and the other in an outboard motorboat.

Forced to Seek Refuge. When the storm broke, Landry was in distress as an oar in the skiff broke. Sandow picked him up in the outboard motorboat but yet they were forced to seek refuge on the bogs one-half mile from the east shore when water stopped the outboard motor.

Joseph O'Neil, operator of a resort on the east shore, sighted the pair through binoculars just before dark when he heard them fire spots as a signal for help. He called the Racine coastguards.

Officer in Charge Paul B. Hellman took six men and an ice skiff to Tichigan lake but rescue efforts failed. The boat when launched filled with water.

Backing high winds, it took the Kenosha coastguard crew three hours to transport their 28-foot power surf boat to Tichigan lake (Turn to Page 6, Column 6.)

Missing Boy Found Dead

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Nov. 12.—(U.P.)—Murray Upshaw Jr., 2, object of a widespread search since he disappeared last Friday, was found dead today a mile and a half back of his parents' farm home northeast of Cartersville.

Joel Parker, farmer and one of more than 200 men who renewed the search for the boy after a temporary halt to allow possible kidnappers to contact the family, came upon the body lying face down under a pine tree. Parker said the boy bore no marks of physical violence, indicating he had died of exposure some time during the four days and nights since he wandered off from the Upshaw home.