

Washington Merry-Go-Round

Washington, D. C.
BIG DAY FOR NEWS MEN
Twenty newspaper men leaned forward around the long blue baize table in the ante-room of the secretary of state. At the extreme end stood tall, austere acting secretary, Sumner Welles. On his face was an expression of grim-lipped intensity. In his hand was a typewritten statement. He read it aloud. It was a scathing, carefully worded blast against Japan.

At the opposite end of the table stood three Japanese news men, short, affable, eager. For months and years they had been attending press conferences, given the same privileges as any American news men. For months also they had waited for some such bombshell. Now it came.

One split second after Welles finished reading his statement, the Japanese were out the door, patting down the marble corridors to the press room telephones. It was a big day for Japanese news men.

Finally Ickes Wins.
It was also a big day for certain members of the Roosevelt cabinet. For months and years they also had been waiting. For months and years also they had been urging Roosevelt to embargo oil shipments to Japan. At a cabinet meeting just before Japan moved, Secretary Ickes, as new oil administrator, raised the embargo question again. He proposed to stop oil shipments to Japan. But the acting secretary of state said no. Japan, he said, was going to make a move toward Indo-China and it would be wiser to wait.

Once before, Ickes had stopped a shipment of oil to Japan and aroused the wrath of the state department. Last June a Philadelphia manufacturer complained to him that a Japanese ship was loading 240,000 gallons of lubricating oil.

"I can't get oil myself to speed up my own defense orders," wrote the manufacturer, "and yet I see in front of my nose this shipment of oil going to Japan. To hell with defense, if the government is as screwy as that."

So Ickes called the coast guard and asked them to act before the oil was loaded. They did. Then things began to boil. It did not leak out at the time, but the state department complained to the White House that Ickes' action had interfered with the policy of appeasing Japan so she would not go south to the Dutch East Indies.

However, Ickes held his ground. He insisted that he was not meddling in foreign policy, but that it was necessary to ration oil sea lanes on the Atlantic seaboard and at the same time let Japan ship oil away from the Atlantic seaboard.

Bombard Tokyo.
Naval strategists make no secret as to what they would do to curb Japan. They consider it foolhardy and suicide to send a lot of U. S. warships across the vast expanse of ocean to Singapore or the Dutch East Indies.

They figure we are going to get into the war anyway, and it is good strategy to deal knockout blows in the very first round. They favor sending waves of U. S. bombers from the Philippines to raze the paper and bamboo cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe and Osaka. They also favor sending the fleet, plus airplane carriers to the coast of Japan.

They favor doing this immediately. There is no use, say the navy men, of punching at a man's legs when you can strike for his heart.

CLOSING PANAMA TO JAPAN
Secretary Stimson was telling the absolute truth when he denied that the discovery of a time-bomb was responsible for keeping 10 Japanese ships out of the Panama canal. For this was not the reason.

Real reason why the canal was barred to the Japanese was the discovery that two of their ships were floating bazars being rushed to the east coast of South America to grab off the trade which Axis operators were forced to abandon as a result of the U. S. blacklist.

Apparently the Japs had a tip that the blacklist was going to be issued, because the two ships hastily left the west coast and were waiting to go through the canal, when suddenly the blacklist was published. Equipped with elaborate merchandizing displays, and carrying high-powered, Spanish-speaking salesmen, the ships were literal arsenals of economic warfare. With them, the Japanese would have invaded the most lucrative markets in Latin America before either the U. S. or the Latin Americans could have moved to block them.

MERRY-GO-ROUND
U. S. authorities are quietly keeping an eye on Andre Maurois, well-known French writer, who has departed on a mysterious "private mission" to South America. Maurois is strongly pro-Vichy and is suspected of going south for the purpose of plugging the Nazi-controlled French regime.

The army's new heavy tank is equipped not only with machine guns and a 75-mm. gun, but also with a nice shiny horn to keep soldiers themselves from getting in the way.

PATTON BRIEFS

A birthday party in honor of their son, Jack's ninth birthday, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hudak on Tuesday evening, July 29th. The following youngsters were present: Billy and Dick Donahue, Jimmy Kollar, Bobby and Tommy Lamont, Mahlon and Kenny Kirk, Teddy Ott, Bertie Donahue, Rheul Sperry, Victor Scott, Billy Turnbull, and Jack Hudak.

The regular meeting of the Women's Democratic Club will be held Monday evening, August 11th at 8 p. m. in the Moose hall.

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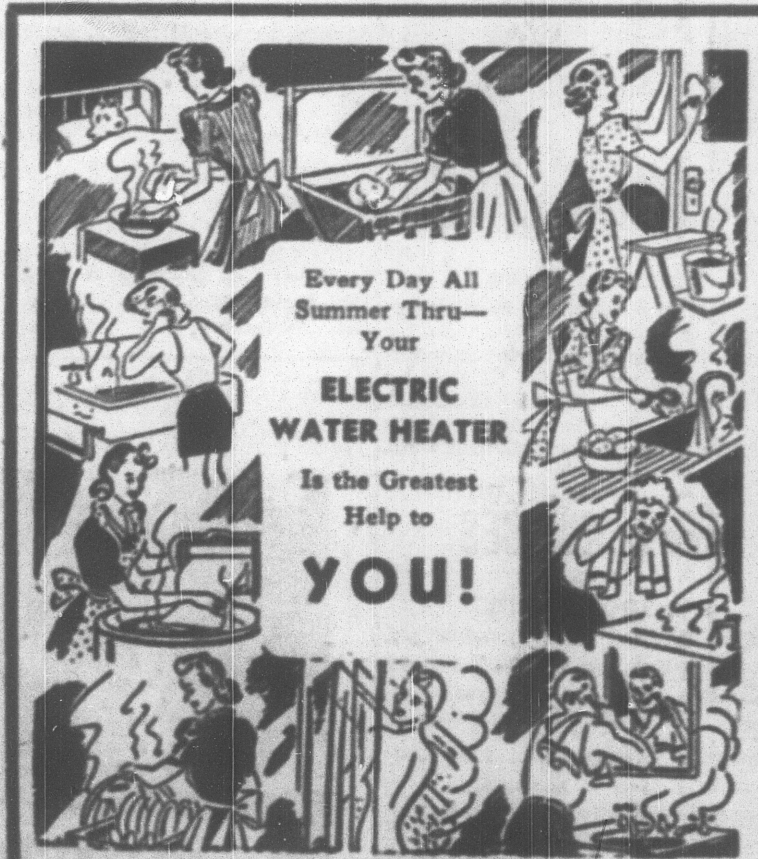
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Francis B. Bender, of Lilly, one of the Democratic candidates for the office of Jury Commissioner, was a Patton caller on Monday.

The Second Ward All Stars defeated the Highland Grove Zebras on Monday afternoon, by a score of 6 to 2 on the local Athletic field. Winning pitcher was Pettorin, and losing pitcher was Barrett.

Perpetrators convicted or who plead guilty to charges of operating motor vehicles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor in the future, in the court of Judge John H. McCann, will be given jail sentences, he has announced.

The Patton Baseball team won a 9 to 0 decision over the Clearfield Eagles on Sunday. This coming Sunday, Patton will have the fast Phillipsburg Club at Patton Athletic field, with the game starting at 2:30 P. M. The team management states they feel very fortunate in having a team like Phillipsburg play here, and hope to have a good turn out at the game.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Walter McCoy Post of the American Legion was held on Monday, when delegates to the State Convention were elected. Delegates are Mrs. Ann Jacobs and Mrs. Laura Campbell. Alternates are Mrs. Bess Sheehan and Mrs. Anna Hainiska. The Convention will be held August 14, 15 and 16 in Altoona. Mrs. Ann Jacobs will attend the 8 to 40 meetings in Altoona next Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no meeting during the month of August. Next meeting will take place September 8th.

Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bender of East Carroll Township were Mrs. Ernest Kinter and daughter, Mabel, of Braddock, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of Greensburg, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Bender of Niagara Falls, N. Y., Paul Bender and Francis Yeckley, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Winifred Fitzpatrick returned home on Sunday after spending a week in Cadillac, Michigan, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown. She was accompanied here by Mrs. Brown and daughter, Carol Mae, who will spend three weeks in Patton.

Lieut. William Condy of Bangor, Maine, spent the week end at the home of Attorney and Mrs. Reuel Somerville.

Miss Naomi Somerville, registered nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, spent a two weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuel Somerville of Beech avenue.

Mrs. Carl Becker of Detroit, Mich., spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Bridget Calahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Modestus Farabaugh of Detroit, Mich., are spending a two-weeks' vacation in Patton and with North County relatives.

Miss Clair Berk, of New York, and Mrs. Annie Berk of Summerhill, Miss Tillie Long of Greensburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoover of Summerhill spent Sunday at the Farabaugh home.

Miss Nellie Wilkinson visited last week in Charlestown.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Palcho and daughter of Washington, D. C., are visiting at the Palcho home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hartzog and daughter are spending the week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hartzog of Texas, former Patton residents, announce the birth of a son, James David, Mrs. Hartzog is the former Mabel Ivory.

Miss Doris Bloom spent the week end in Washington, D. C.

State's Relief Rolls Are Again On Upward Trend; WPA Cuts Apparently Are to Blame

Harrisburg. — Pennsylvania's relief rolls turned upward during the week ended July 26th under the impact of recent heavy cuts in WPA employment, the Department of Public Assistance has announced.

The week's net increase totalled 1,304 cases with added to the list and 3,318 taken off.

With WPA workers being released at a rate faster than they could be absorbed by expansion in private employment, the week's net addition to general assistance rolls because of the WPA curtailment considered alone, amounted to 3,163 cases, the department said.

"Since the effect of WPA activity on state relief rolls lags about three weeks behind the dates of project assignments and lay offs, the new addition of 3,163 cases attributable to this factor can be traced to a cut of approximately 11,000 WPA workers during the week ending July 5th."

Governor Signs Cresson Coal Right Measure

Governor Arthur H. James last Friday approved a measure appropriating \$91,750,000 for relief in the current biennium. He vetoed a bill that would have exempted clubs from provisions of the Liquor Control Act limiting licenses to one for each one thousand population, and approved a bill where-in the state will buy the coal and the mineral rights that underlie the Cresson Sanatorium grounds.

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COLVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Grier Ball, Sally Ball and Richard Ball are visiting relatives in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shively and Mary DeHaven of Colver, visited in Curwensville on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Davis, Jr. of Colver, and Miss Madeline Maholtz of Spangler, were united in marriage last Friday. The couple will reside in Colver.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mack, Edith Catherine Mack, Mr. and Mrs. John Meek, all of Johnstown, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. H. Rainey of Colver.

Miss June Overmyer of Colver has been accepted as a student nurse at the Memorial Hospital in Johnstown.

Miss Virginia Depp, a student nurse at the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, visited her parents recently.

Miss Helen Moore, Miss Dorothy Moore, Mrs. John Luther, Marion Luther, Imelda Luther, all of Colver, are visiting in Erie.

Mrs. Michael Hartzak of Ebensburg visited in Colver recently.

RAILROAD CAR RUNS WILD FOR EIGHT MILES AND HITS ENGINE, SOUTH FORK YARD

Railroad officials have been scratching their heads ever since one day last week and are wondering how a loaded coal car was able to remain on the tracks and run wild from Beavertown into the South Fork yards. But it happened, and aside from extensive damage to a freight locomotive and the car itself, nobody was injured. After descending the grade from the car crashed into a locomotive that was getting ready to move out of the yards. The fireman leaped from the cab and escaped injury. The engineer was unable to get out of the cab before the crash, but was unhurt.

The coal car had been loaded in Beavertown and the brakes on the car were set about a week before. Then they let loose and the car started its wild dash down the eight mile grade. When the car shot over the Sidman grade crossing it was traveling at a speed estimated at 90 miles an hour.

When Beavertown railroad officials noted the car moving out there they threw a switch in an effort to wreck the car and stop its wild dash. The car, however, was traveling at such a high speed that it hurtled the switch and continued on the branch tracks. Officials in the South Fork yard were notified by telephone that the car was running wild, but before the yardmaster could have a switch thrown to derail the runaway, the car had entered the yards. The collision with the locomotive followed.

There are several curves on the branch line between South Fork and Beavertown and railroad officials are still at a loss to understand how the car could negotiate these as such a fast rate of speed and still remain on the tracks.

Runaway Truck Causes Quite An Extensive Loss

A runaway truck-tractor and trailer crashed into a truck, stopped at a traffic light in Blairsville on Sunday evening, resulting in only slight injury for one of the drivers, but causing an estimated damage of \$1,000. Injured was R. B. Boucher, 33, of Cresson, operator of the runaway vehicle, who suffered wrist lacerations. The fronts of two buildings were also damaged.

—Union Label Political Printing a specialty at this office.

Miss Mary Yeckley had her tonsils removed at the Spangler hospital last Wednesday.

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