WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS *By Farnham F. Dudgeon*

Powerful Attack by Nazi Army Pushes Allies Out of Belgium; U. S. Defense Board Is Selected

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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THE WAR:
Flanders Flight

When King Leopold III ordered his 300,000 Belgian troops to lay down their arms in their battle against the military might of Adolf Hitler, worried French and British leaders saw that the forces they had rushed into Belgium following the German invasion were doomed. For on the fields of Flanders their armies were exposed to a great encircling movement by the Nazis and were in great danger of being cut off from the main body of the troops in central France.

Without waiting Adolf Hitler began to close the jaws of his gigantic trap of death. Attacking with great ferocity the German machine moved toward the retreating allies. Without loss of impetus military objective after objective was gained in a tremendous show of force.

In the sky, dive bombers swooped toward the earth, cutting off supply details, disrupting communications, destroying immense stores of war goods but failing to seriously daunt allied morale and courage.

Their lines in formation, the British and French retreated steadily toward the English channel. For they were outnumbered and the country they had come to protect from invasion had been ordered by its king to cease fighting. Their best chance

KING LEOPOLD III
His order started a retreat.

for escape was across the Strait of Dover to England or down the seacoast to rejoin the main portion of their troops along the Somme and Aisne rivers in France.

While from Berlin came word of the great victory being won, from the first soldiers to reach English soil in their retreat across the channel, came reports that important losses were being effected upon the Germans as they advanced. But even these sources admitted that great stocks of war booty was falling into Nazi hands. Supplies of gasoline and munitions which any army needs were being obtained by the Germans.

Next

Next, with Belgium and much of the vital industrial portion of northern France safely tucked away, Adolf Hitler had a choice to make. He could launch his long-threatened air attack on the British isles or he could strike out for Paris.

Feeling against France has been running high in Berlin, judging from current reports. Usually it has been the British that have been the subject to press attack by the Nazi propaganda machine, but now France is getting its share of verbal abuse. Some observers thought these attacks were a feint intended to lull the British into believing they were to be left alone and then when the "hour" arrived it would be a surprise blitzkrieg for Johnny Bull. But England has taken strong defense measures of late to be ready for the worst and she has promised a warm reception for any invader.

France's interior seemed a bit stronger too, for as the Germans moved against the trapped Flanders army in the north the line of defense across the nation's central axis was decidedly bolstered.

U. S. DEFENSE:
Progress

President Roosevelt's fourteenth fireside chat began a series of events in the new national defense program that was marked by increasing attention to the details of getting Uncle Sam's house in order—"come what may."

President Roosevelt

Influenced chiefly by the progress of the German army in its drive toward Paris and London, Americans of both major political parties are getting behind the President's announced objective of building defenses of the Western hemisphere "to whatever heights the future may demand."

Pleading for unity in the drive for military security, the President in his nation-wide radio address warned against Troan Horse treachery within the nation's borders. He pledged that the government would not expect private capital to provide all of the funds necessary.

Tax

This statement invoked discussion as to how the government intended to foot the necessarily large bill of any such program. A defense-tax movement has been gaining ground in congress. This is a complete about-face on the subject by the legislators. When the first proposals were made to increase armaments, most members of the senate and house passed over the matter of providing the money by remarking that the important thing to do was to provide the defenses and worry about paying for them later.

Now the sentiment is that a flat 10 per cent increase in individual and corporate income taxes might be the best way to meet the obligations to be incurred by the billion-dollar program now under full steam.

William S. Knudsen

And as the rising war hysteria spread over the nation it seemed likely that this suggestion would not meet the disapproval such a tax increase would ordinarily encounter. Reading reports of the fierce power of German military might, U. S. citizens may prefer to dig down in their jeans for preparedness than feel home defenses were insecure.

Commission

A presidential commission of seven, appointed to muster the country's economic resources in connection with the preparedness drive, was announced in Washington. This commission represents a lay "general staff" which will work with government officials and agencies in lining up men, materials and plans for speeding up armament production.

The commission:

Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U. S. Steel company chairman, who will supervise production of raw materials; William S. Knudsen, General Motors production wizard, who will direct his attention to manufacturing problems; Sidney Hillman, Amalgamated Clothing Workers union president, responsible for labor matters; Chester C. Davis, Federal Reserve board member and former AAA director, who will guide agriculture's course; Ralph Budd, president of the C. B. & Q. railroad, transportation; Leon Henderson, chairman of the Securities commission, will check on stabilization of wholesale prices; and Miss Harriet Elliott, University of North Carolina, who will guard the consumers interests.

Chester Davis

Like This

Scheduled to be an important cog in the machinery of defense, the automobile industry was given a tuning up by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau on his announcement that the annual policy of introducing new car models may be discontinued after this year. In charge of airplane procurement, he believes it may be necessary to keep assembly lines open for planes. Henry Ford says after six months he can turn out a thousand planes a day if necessary.

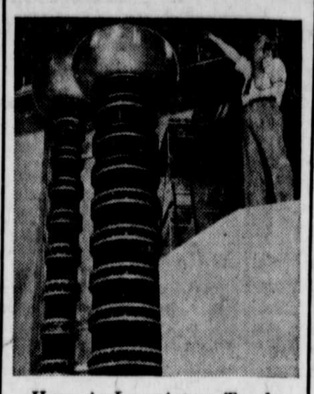
NAMES
. . . in the news

¶ Eleven months after he resigned as governor of Louisiana, **Richard W. Leche,** political heir of **Huey P. Long,** went on trial on charges of using the mails to defraud. The charge grew out of a truck deal which is alleged to have netted him and two others, a cool $113,370.

¶ Motion-picture actor **Walter Connolly,** outstanding character actor, died at his Hollywood home.

¶ **"Who's Who in America,"** with more "names in the news" than ever before has been released for 1940-41. Sketches in the book relate to accomplishments of the nation's most famous names. here are 31,752 sketches in the new version of "Who's Who." Oldest member included is Brig.-Gen. **William Henry Bisbee,** retired, who is 100. He is a Civil war veteran. Youngest name included is that of **Shirley Temple,** also retired—at the age of 11. Longest sketch is that of Columbia university's president, **Nicholas Murray Butler.**

PEEK-OF-THE-WEEK



Here is Lauriston Taylor, physicist of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, directing the placing of the corona cap atop of the world's largest X-ray machine. Capable of generating rays to a power of 1,500,000 volts, it was assembled in the high voltage laboratory of the bureau in Washington, D. C. Its use will set a standard for other such machines in hospitals and cancer clinics throughout the country.

GOOD NEIGHBORS:
To the South

Not such a "good neighbor" is what many Mexicans are thinking these days of Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian political leader, who has taken up a haven of refuge from his Soviet enemies in Mexico's interior. The recent attempt to assassinate Trotsky has caused at least a few Mexican officials to believe that no good can come from his remaining in their country and they are anxious for him to move on. Trotsky's home is constantly guarded but despite this "protection," Joseph Stalin's arch-rival is not especially loved or admired by some of his "neighbors."

A neighbor further south has been having a bit of trouble with a little uprising of its own. Reports from Panama indicate that the government nipped an alleged plot for a revolution which was scheduled to prevent that country's 1940 presidential election.

An indication that U. S. business was attempting to regain some of its foreign trade lost by the European conflict was evidenced by news that the Moore-McCormack lines were opening a new shipping service between North and South America on both the Atlantic and Pacific seaboards. In announcing the new shipping routes and ships to be used in the service the company's president, Albert V. Moore, said: "The surface of trade possibilities between the U. S. and South America has only been scratched." This was good news to business men for the commerce department's current trade report shows a $27,000,000 decline in export trade for last month. Some real "scratching" will be necessary to build up this loss.

To the North

A career diplomat, Jay P. Moffat was nominated by President Roosevelt to replace James H. Cromwell as U. S. minister to Canada. Moffat, now chief of the western European division of the state department, is not expected to create the flurry that Cromwell did when, as a U. S. representative, he made his now-famous speech expressing a decided sympathy for the British-French cause in their struggle with Hitler.

SOCIAL SERVICE:
Trouble, Trouble

There is no group of persons in the United States that is closer to the nation's vital problems of unemployment, relief, youth movements, etc., than the National Conference of Social Workers. Basic human needs are the social workers stock-in-trade. Meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., in national convention, that organization discussed, debated and "resolved" these problems in their relationship to the current domestic and international picture.

MISCELLANY:

¶ Six army flyers were killed in the crash of a Douglas bomber near Mojave, Calif. The crash, which carried the two officers and four crew members to their deaths, occurred in a night trial flight over the army's desert bombing range.

¶ Fifty thousand civilian pilots in the U. S. can be trained by the Civil Aeronautics authority, "without any loss of efficiency and safety," according to an announcement made by that governmental agency.

¶ In Chicago, a 10-day milk srike, in which labor union drivers had refused to make home deliveries pending the outcome of a wage dispute, was ended in a truce.

¶ From the office of the U. S. comptroller of the currency comes news that the assets of the 5,184 active national banks in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and the Virgin Islands have reached an all-time high—$35,736,657,000. Bank deposits are also higher now than at any time in the nation's history.

¶ The U. S. civil service commission ruled that it would refuse to certify for work in any federal agency persons established to belong to the Communist party, the German Bund, "or any other Communists or Nazi organization."

Kathleen Norris Says:

Be Worth Wanting Girls And You'll Be Wanted

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

"Tom," said this girl, "we have to take my kid brother to Grandma's. And Mama wants me to stop and get her some vanilla. Isn't this fun! This is the first time we've been to a movie together!"

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

A WOMAN in our town, after nine childless years of marriage, adopted a baby boy. She and her husband became so infatuated with the charms of the tiny Keith that a year or two later they adopted a brother for him.

Never were parents so happy as these two in their handsome boys. John Macgregor came home every night to play with "our kids" and help put them to bed. Nell Macgregor boasted everywhere of the smartness of "the children." And when Keith was three and Bruce two, Nature stepped in and sent the Macgregors a boy of their own, and this morning when the ages of their small family are five, four and two years I am informed that there is to be another child.

Stop Worrying.

This happens so often that it makes one realize that the minute a woman begins to stop fretting, and worrying, and thinking exclusively about something, is often the very moment when she is nearest to attaining it. Over and over again the years, in which a woman talks and worries and hopes for a child, are wasted years and when she becomes absorbed in something real and forgets her yearnings, the contrary baby decides it is time to start on its way.

It is the same way with the unmarried woman whose whole thought is a fear of spinsterhood and a desire to secure a beau. She emanates some element that repels a man's interest; she creates about her an atmosphere that is destructive to a love affair. Such a woman places far too much importance upon the whole thing. She can't take love naturally; she is always thinking of it, construing the most innocent friendly advances of any man, into serious declarations, frightening him off with her own too-eager response.

Looks Play Minor Role.

Hundreds of women, whose ages range from 24 to 40, write me every year about this problem. Sometimes they send their pictures, to prove to me that they are good-looking. As if looks had anything to do with it!

But they think looks have. And many a time it is her fussiness about her appearance, her embarrassed apologies for her hair or her old hat, or that maddening little patch of poison-oak on her cheekbone that make a man know that here is a born old maid, thinking of nothing but herself. Or rather, thinking of nothing but the impression the man is getting of herself.

She can be natural and simple and amusing, with comfortable silent intervals, in the presence of anyone else. But the minute a man is around she goes stiff, self-conscious and silly; tittering, saying things she doesn't mean, painfully shy one moment, wildly reckless the next, always presenting to him not only her least natural side, but making an impression that is absolutely unfair to herself.

Develop 'Comfortableness.'

The real basic trouble is that such girls make men too important. The man knows it, and while it flatters his secret pride, he goes for comfortable friendships to the other girls those cheerful casual souls who don't mind his seeing them with a cold in the nose, with an old coat, with errands to do. If there is one quality a man likes in a woman it is "comfortableness." He likes to be made to forget himself, forget that he is openly announcing himself as an admirer of this woman, forget everything except the pleasantness of companionship and the fun and joy of a good time.

The other night, on an evening walk, I passed a small lighted house from whose doorway a tall girl was briskly emerging. A young man was waiting in the garden shadows for her, and as she approached him she was calling back a message into the house.

"Mary, if you read my book don't lose the place; I will, Mama! I will, Dad. Tom," said this girl, joining the waiting swain, "we have to take my kid brother to Grandma's, because my sister's here with her baby. And Mama wants me to stop and get her some vanilla; I promised I'd make a chocolate custard for Dad tomorrow. Isn't this fun!" she went on, as she and the young man went toward his car, "d'you realize this is the first time we've been to a movie together?"

The Full Life.

The first time. But if I know men it wasn't the last. For in her easy, joyous way she'd told him that she loved her family and needed them, and they needed her, and that even a beau didn't put her father's, mother's, sister's, brother's comfort out of her mind; that she was interested in plenty of things other than the excitement of having a man take her to a movie.

To be able to extend simple friendliness to male friends, as easily as to women friends, is a real gift. But if it is not a natural thing it can be cultivated. The secret is to be a whole, complete person yourself, not waiting for another person to round out your entity. The moment a woman finds life full and satisfying, some man turns up who wants to break in on that happy, contented life, and share it. She is absorbed in books, friends, work, hobbies, plans. Next summer she is going to do wonderful things; next winter she has been promised that adorable apartment she's had her eye on for two years. Friday night is symphony night and Tuesday night is the hilarious Spanish class, on Sunday she always goes out to her brother's place and they picnic or do something with the children. She has a victrola, a radio and a car and one or two of those male standbys who are not beaus, exactly, but who are always on hand for escort duty on real occasions.

Challenge to Men.

When an eligible man meets a woman whose life is as well-rounded as this, a yearning to upset her smug little apple-cart takes possession of him. She doesn't need him, and so he has to convince her that she does. He asks her curiously why she, at 32, has not married, and she can answer with perfect truth and seriousness that she's been too busy—she likes men, really she does, but she never seems to have any time to think of marriage!

But surely she'd like a home, and kids of her own?

Well, ye-es, of course. But then so often things don't turn out right. And she is so comfortable, with her fire and her books and her friends—

He then must set to work to convince her that she is all wrong. A woman doesn't know what happiness is until she marries. He's always thought he didn't want to marry, himself, but as a man gets older and sees the happiness of his friends—

And from that point on, all is smooth sailing.

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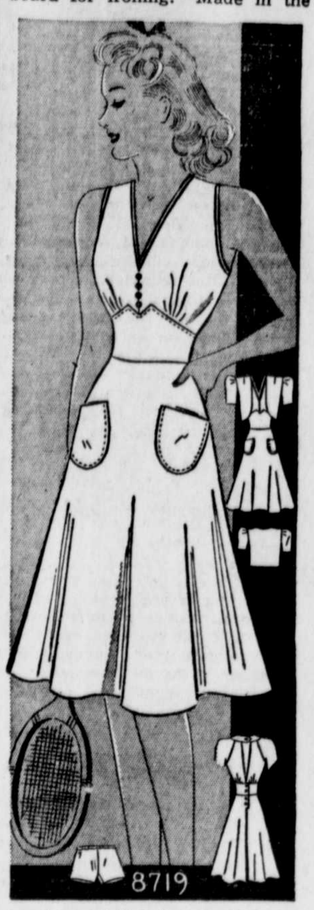
THIS three-in-one sports pattern is not only new in the sense that it is fresh from the hands of our expert designers. It is also decidedly new in idea. You'll notice that the frock of 8719 fastens in the back, at neck and waistline only (with plenty of lap-over), leaving the front perfectly smooth. Thus you can lay it flat on the board for ironing. Made in the



popular waistband style, it has a charming silhouette—small-waisted, round-bosomed.

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