

The Week In Washington

A Resume of Governmental Happenings in the National Capital

Washington, Aug. 13.—Women standing six deep at the stocking counters in department stores indicate that the war really hit home when American women were informed by defense authorities here that they may soon be unable to buy any silk stockings at all. Although the protests were few, since most American women oppose doing business with Japan even if it does mean the end of silk hosiery, the buying panic brought even closer the day when the supply will be exhausted.

Cutting off our \$100,000,000 annual purchase of raw silk from Japan, plus the great use for silk in parachutes and other defense items, probably means that silk stockings will be unavailable by fall. There will also be a major scarcity of nylon hosiery, since nylon production equipment is not able to fill more than a small portion of our nation's demand for silk, and nylon is also being used in defense industries.

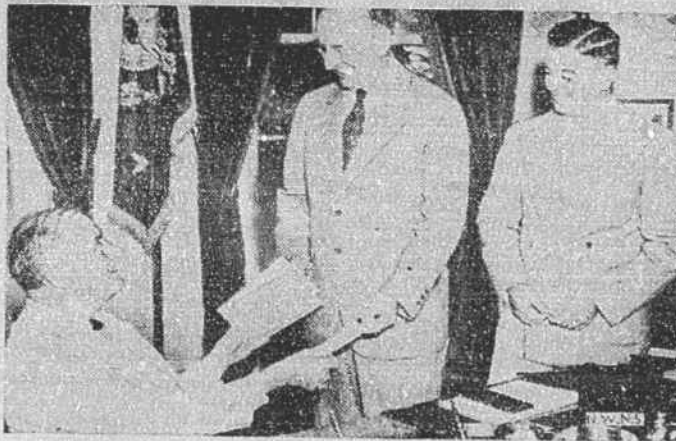
Although this is in the nature of a minor tragedy to fashionable women, a real tragedy faced the 175,000 workers in the silk weaving industry in this country who were threatened with loss of their jobs. To protect them, the office of price administration issued an emergency order that all rayon yarn producers set aside a portion of their stock and of their daily output for a government pool which will supply the material to silk mills so that they may make rayon stockings and dresses to replace their silk production.

This order, however, is creating a scarcity of rayon in the factories which now make rayon goods, which will call for further adjusting and a future scarcity of rayon. It also is likely to lead to major increases in the price of silk, nylon and rayon stockings, unless prices are curbed by government control.

The many complications caused by a sudden scarcity of one material are well illustrated by this crisis in the hosiery industry. It is, however, only one of many domestic industries which is being disrupted by similar scarcities, including such necessary defense materials as aluminum, steel, rubber, tin, copper, etc.

Another example is the situation in the automobile industry which

Anticipation—the Painful Kind



President Roosevelt is shown purchasing the first of the income tax anticipation notes. These are being offered for sale to taxpayers for their convenience in setting aside regularly funds required to meet the higher taxes to be paid next year on this year's income. Sec. of Treasury Morgenthau is at center and Under Sec. of Treasury Bell at right.

was brought into the limelight when the United Automobile Workers of America asked that a program be worked out by the government to cope with the possible loss of jobs by hundreds of thousands of automobile workers. Most of us thought these workers would be absorbed in defense work if the threatened 50 per cent cut in automobile production goes through. But they pointed out that the defense business would not absorb their workers, since the reason for a drastic cut in automobile production would be a scarcity of material rather than manufacturing facilities and manpower and that they understood it would lead to the closing of many big automobile factories.

Curbs on gasoline in the east also are expected to cause major disruptions, due to need for less workers in service stations and in delivery work. The seven o'clock closing idea is not expected to cut gasoline consumption enough and it is now anticipated that rationing may go into effect after Labor Day.

Because of such situations as these, a flood of control orders are being issued here and legislation is being sought to protect the interests of both workers and consumers.

One of the major pieces of legislation which has been heatedly debated is a measure making it possible to put ceilings on prices and on rents. The President has warned that such legislation is needed to prevent prices from spiraling upward on everything from automobiles to food products.

The majority in both houses of congress immediately saw the need for such legislation, as analysis showed prices on many products already have gone up considerably. Chief opposition came from the farm bloc in congress, which didn't object to ceilings on prices but also wanted a floor on farm prices—a guarantee that prices wouldn't go below a certain level. The suggested ceiling on farm prices was 110 per cent of parity, which was satisfactory to most farm groups.

Another major objection to the

measure which is being given serious consideration, is that it does not call for any fixing of wages. It is evident that major wage increases would force prices up or force a loss to the manufacturer or producer.

The tax bill changes suggested by the President, which included reducing the income tax base to include single persons with an income of \$750 and married couples with an income of \$1,500, were rejected by the house ways and means committee, which already had presented a complete measure, but his suggestion will undoubtedly influence the senate bill.

Congressmen face a difficult job in pleasing their constituents over both the price fixing bill and the tax bill, but because of the emergency it is expected that both measures will be put through with a minimum of delay. When they are signed by the President the consumers and business men of the nation will have a much easier job of making their plans for the future.

FRANCE WILL ACCEPT NAZIS' NEW ORDER' VICHY ENVOY STATES

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Aug. 10.—Fernand Brinen, envoy of the Vichy government in occupied France, declared yesterday in an interview in Paris, made public in Vichy last night, that France has decided to accept the German version of the new world order as opposed to that of Britain and the United States.

As the interview was made public there was considerable speculation on the results of the day-long conference here among Chief of State Marshal Petain, Vice-Premier Jean Darlan, General Maxime Weygand, pro-consul in Africa, and Defense Minister General Charles Huntziger on the future of the French empire.

Throughout the day while the four conferred, informed circles insisted that the marshal was studying the legal position of the government in terms of the German armistice convention. The four men met after postponement of a scheduled cabinet meeting, which had been regarded as important.

EMPLOYMENT AT ALL-TIME PEAK AS 53,120,000 ARE PLACED IN JOBS

Employment in the United States reached the highest peak in history during June, affording jobs to 53,120,000 workers, the national industrial conference board estimated Thursday in an employment survey. This was 1,359,000 greater than the number employed in May and 6,193,000 above the figure for June, 1940. It was more than 5,000,000 ahead of the 1929 average, a big year for employment in record books.

Unemployment, the conference board reported, dropped to 2,536,000 in June from 3,848,000 in May, reaching the lowest level since June, 1930.

NEUTRAL OBSERVERS SET NAZI WAR LOSSES AT 1,500,000 MEN

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Aug. 9.—Military observers in Vichy estimated today that the Germans have lost 1,500,000 men and the Russians 2,000,000 men on the eastern front.

The aggregate casualties thus far were described here as having already made the campaign the bloodiest in history.

Because of the desperate nature of the fighting, these observers added, relatively few prisoners are being taken by either side. Losses, it was said, are running as high as 70,000 daily. In the battle of Smolensk alone, Nazi losses were placed at 5,000 a day just in men killed.

As to losses in material, experts here described them as fantastic, offering this approximate tabulation: The Germans, 7,500 tanks; 5,800 guns, 5,000 planes. The Russians: 9,000 tanks, 7,500 guns and 7,300 planes.

GOOD

Domestic market prospects for most farm commodities continue good, the U. S. department of agriculture reports.

NYA Student Work Officer Coming Here

According to an announcement made today by Superintendent W. H. Walker of the Watauga county schools, William Watkins, NYA work officer, will be at the courthouse in Boone at 11:30 a. m. on Tuesday, August 19, to interview white students needing NYA in-school assistance in order to attend the county high schools during the coming year. To qualify for the NYA student work program a boy or girl must be at least 16 years of age and must need the funds to properly continue his or her education. Each year the NYA program has assisted thousands of worthy and needy boys and girls in the state to enter or remain in school who otherwise would find it difficult to continue their education.

JAMES ILA BINGHAM

On July 25, 1941, James Ila Bingham of Amantha, was called to the great beyond after a brief illness. Death was due to a heart ailment.

The funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon, July 27, at 2 o'clock with the Rev. M. A. Osborne, pastor of Henson's Chapel Methodist church, in charge of the services. The pallbearers and flower girls were selected from among the friends of the deceased. Interment was in the Henson's Chapel cemetery.

Mr. Bingham was born May 11, 1886, and was 55 years, 2 months and 14 days old. He was the son of Mrs. Cordelia Bingham and the late Dr. E. F. Bingham of Amantha.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Victoria Mast Bingham, three daughters, Mrs. Henry Campbell, Miss Annabel Bingham and Miss Elizabeth Bingham of Amantha, his

mother, four sisters, Mrs. Clyde Greene of Boone, Mrs. J. C. Mast, Miss Edna Bingham and Miss Hattie Bingham of Amantha; one brother, Dr. W. O. Bingham of Roan Mountain, Tenn., and one grandchild, Elizabeth Anne Campbell of Amantha.

NEW RECIPES, HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

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- \$10.95 Dresses reduced to \$7.33
- \$14.95 Dresses reduced to \$9.33



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