DEFENSE

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requisition."

Imported Materials Guarded

Far-reaching steps were taken to guard the supply and price of imported war materials and foods. The sale of new tires and tubes was forbidden from December 11 to 22, except for top defense orders and the processing of rubber, practically all of which comes from the Far East, was put under stringent control by the Priorities Division. The use of iridium in jewelry was banned except when specific permission is given. Iridium is needed for airplane engines. The Office of Price Administration prescribed maximum charges for all those materials commercially known as fats and oils, except butter; on unprocessed coffee, cocoa, and pepper; and on cocoa butter.

The OPM Materials Division asked strict limits on deliveries of glycerin, a component of explosives which is made largely out of Philippine cocoanut oil.

The Priorities Division took control of the entire supply of shearlings (skins of sheep that have been sheared) so that flying suits for our air forces will not run short. Houses supplying the petroleum industry were given an A-3 rating on materials. Manufacturers of industrial explosives, and makers of insecticides, fungicides, and germicides received priority aid. Allocation of silk was continued, as was the order giving aid to manufacturers of mining equipment. Copper restrictions were relaxed to a certain extent to permit use of metal already partly fabricated.

Priority aid was prepared for completion of 7,042 dwelling units under construction by the United States Housing Authority.

Miss Harriet Elliott resigned as associate administrator of OPA. She had been in charge of the Consumer Division since the formation of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, at the beginning of the defense program.

OPA established a ceiling which reduces prices of old rags, a basic material in roofing, linoleum and certain grades of paper. Representatives of iron and steel scrap buyers and sellers, at a meeting with OPA, expressed satisfaction with the general level of prices under the present ceiling; but Administrator Henderson named two dealers in the Middle West as "frequent and persistent" violators of the schedule. OPA forecast action on the prices of scrap and secondary lead.

A Nation-wide study of crude oil production costs was undertaken by the Tariff Commission at the request of OPA.

Makers of parts for common barrels agreed to abide by reduced prices until a formal schedule is issued shortly. OPA asked producers of the solvents of industrial alcohol, butanol and acetone to refrain from quoting prices for delivery after January 1, pending steps to insure stability under wartime conditions.

Reported resales of rayon yarn at mark-ups higher than those approved by OPA moved Price Administrator Henderson to ask leading jobbers and converters for price lists. It was announced a ceiling would be imposed on raw wool.

OPA moved into the retail field with a price ceiling on flashlights, bulbs, and batteries which are a "must" in coastal areas threatened with air raids.

Reality of Civilian Defense

The Office of Civilian Defense attacked a task imbued with a sudden reality. The academic stage of planning has passed, Director LaGuardia said, in urging regional medical officers to get emergency field medical units and field casualty stations established on both coasts. OCD issued instructions on what to do in air raids, and cautioned parents to keep up the family morale by staying calm and giving the children useful tasks. Mr. LaGuardia announced creation of a Civil Air Patrol to enlist a personnel of 280,000 and take some of the pressure off the armed services.

LOCALS

Mrs. Jennie Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Tad Murphy of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murphy and family of Wyandotte were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Durgan will entertain at a family dinner party on Christmas Eve. Guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindberg, Miss Mary Durgan, Dr. Frances McCracken and her mother, Mrs. William McCracken and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rowe, all of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Leland and Mrs. Nancy Waugh.

Ben Bacon of Detroit spent Thursday with his brother Reynolds Bacon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Taylor of Detroit plan to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. George Aulgur.

The Edward Alexander family plan to spend Christmas with Mr. Alexander's sister, Mrs. Merrill White and Mr. White of Redford.

Dangerous Men

By GRIFF CRAWFORD

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DANNY ROGERS had feared Bliss Taggart for more than a year—ever since they had met, in fact. Physically, Danny felt equal if not superior to the rival that had, almost from the beginning, usurped his place at the side of Tess Ambers, the sophisticated cashier at Nelson's Night View.

"I could bust him in the face," Danny admitted, "but there's the gat!" And Danny had a holy horror of gats. Somehow, the thought of a gun—and bullets—had always germinated a sickening feeling at the pit of his stomach. And it was broadly hinted that Bliss Taggart was a master with the weapon he always carried. Some declared he was entitled to four notches on the butt of it and the bearing of the man carried out the declaration. If anyone depicted positive badness by mere looks and atmosphere it was Bliss Taggart.

"He's got the grim smile of a killer," Danny had heard one of the guests declare as the object of his words stood nonchalantly leaning against the cashier's desk breathing words into the shell-like ear of Miss Ambers.

"Damn him!" Danny muttered, "if it wasn't for that gat I'd go up against him. I'm as dangerous as he is—if you don't count the gun. Tess falls for him because she thinks he's a hero. I could—" he stopped his rumination suddenly. Bliss Taggart had stepped aside and was removing something from his pocket. Danny's heart gave an extra thump as he saw what it was—the gat!

Shielded as he was by the contour of the recessed spot probably none but Tess and Danny saw him reach over and slip the weapon in the overcoat pocket which was conveniently near. At that moment one of the house girls relieved Tess and the trim, little vision stepped out to be taken in the arms of her waiting Romeo.

"They're going to dance," Danny reflected and an instant later they whirled away. It was then that an inspiration struck Danny like a ton of bricks.

"Gosh, maybe it's a break!" he muttered as he arose and sauntered over toward the cage. Already the new incumbent was holding hands slyly with her boy friend and watching, with others, the newest addition to Nelson's Night View who danced as he sang the latest hit from Tin Pan Alley.

It was but the work of a second to reach over, remove the gun, extract the cartridge clip and replace the weapon in the overcoat pocket. With the deadly shells in his own possession Danny walked back and sat down.

When the number was finished Bliss Taggart seated Bess at a table and excused himself. He went to his overcoat and secured the gat once more, slipped it into the hip pocket of his dress suit and returned to the waiting girl. "I don't like to wear it when I dance but I feel better when I've got it," he explained. "What'll you have, Bright Eyes?" He glanced up as a shadow fell across the cloth. Danny Rogers was seating himself directly across from him. Instantly the grim smile, the one the man had described as that of a killer, came to Bliss Taggart's lips.

"Scram!" he hissed, "this is a private session!"

"Sez who?" Danny's tone was insolent. Bliss looked his surprise and Tess hooked a hand to her ear to determine whether she was hearing aright. Then she screamed. Danny had reached over and slapped Bliss Taggart squarely on the cheek. The hubbub of the place subsided as if it had been shut off by a valve. Only the scraping of Bliss Taggart's chair sounded as he leaped to his feet and produced the gat.

"I'll blow your blankety-blank heart out!" he yelled; "get down on your knees and apologize. Quick!"

"Oh, yeah? Listen, you big false-alarm," Danny was grinning into his rival's face. "Listen. You ain't got the nerve, you hunk o' cheese! I'm going to show these folks how yellow you are. I'm going to wallop you to a frazzle right here—and NOW!" He kicked the table from between them as he finished speaking and reached for the agitated Mr. Taggart. But his hands found empty air. The killer's legs were bearing him valiantly down the hall and out of the door. They had not even paused to let their owner get his overcoat. And the gat lay where it had fallen on the night club floor. Some one picked it up. Danny watched amusedly.

"Darling!" Tess threw her arms about him and laid her peroxide fluff close against his own dark brown hair. "And I always thought you were—were yellow. My brave Tarzan! My . . . ."

"Steel jackets." The man who had picked the gat up was examining the cartridge clip. "They kill cleaner than the soft-nosed ones—"

"Wh-a-at?" Danny removed the encircling arms and pushed the peroxide fluff aside:

"45's; shoot a hole through—" .

"He—he musta had two—" Danny was gulping.

"Darling! My brave . . . . Hey! Somebody bring some water. QUICK! Danny's fainted!"

AT THE REDFORD THEATER

"Sun Valley Serenade," 20th Century-Fox's new entertainment inspiration starring Sonja Henie and John Payne and featuring the irresistible rhythms of Glenn Miller and his Orchestra is the new attraction due Friday at the Redford Theater.

With most of the scenes set on the sunny, snowy slopes of the nation's glorious vacationland, "Sun Valley Serenade" is a gay, romantic musical with new skate and ski surprises.

Sonja is featured in two new skating ballets and several skiing routines. She is again given the opportunity to show the mastery on ice which won her renown as the World and Olympic Figure Skating Champion.

The happy comedy starts when John Payne, piano player for Glenn Miller's band, finds that the "little" refugee he has offered to care for is really Sonja. He tries to duck out of the agreement, but Sonja keeps after him to his discomfort and to the annoyance of his fiancee, Lynn Bari.

This gay romance is helped to its unusual climax by the popular rhythms of America's number one band, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra. In addition to playing seven tunes by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren, Glenn and the boys handle acting roles. They also present their already famous arrangement of "In The Mood," which has sold over half a million records. This is the band's first feature picture appearance.

The new Gordon and Warren tunes, played in the inimitable Glenn Miller style, had preview audiences humming and whistling. Written especially for "Sun Valley Serenade" they are "I Know Why And So Do You," "At Last," "It Happened In Sun Valley," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "The World Is Waiting To Waltz Again," "I'm Lena The Ballerina" and "The Kiss Polka."

"I'm Lena The Ballerina" serves as a novelty number for comedienne Joan Davis, who with Milton Berle provides the comedy in the film. "Chattanooga Choo Choo" is used by the Nicholas Brothers in their unusual style of dancing.

LOCALS

Danny Davis is home from camp and is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis.

Miss Lois Goers entertained members of her Sunday School class at a progressive dinner Saturday evening. Dessert was had at the Goers' home and a Christmas party was held there also.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McCrow of Ann Arbor, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gault and Miss Ruth Wycoff of Ypsilanti are expected to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Gault.

Margaret Mary Finn of Fiena Heights College is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finn. The Finn family expects as its Christmas Day guests, Mrs. Finn's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher of Toledo.

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gaston plan to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conroy of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sprague of Franklin, Mrs. May Gaston and Miss Harriet Gaston of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grace and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Grace of Dearborn have been invited to spend the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George Gildemeister.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Eisenlord and family expect to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Headley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ernst attended a dinner and Christmas party of the Northwest Realty Thursday at Huck's Redford Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Esch and daughter Betty and Clifford Rozman of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Evert of Farmington and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brockmiller and family of New Hudson are to be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Evert.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Durgan will spend their Christmas vacation with the former's parents at Columbiaville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham plan to go to Milford for Christmas Day where they will visit their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bamford have been invited to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooke and family for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Crook of Detroit are to be host and hostess to Mr. and Mrs. George Crook on Christmas Day.

Holiday plans of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Daines include guests from Toledo. They will be Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tussing and Fred Mosher.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Coon and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Abney of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Coon of Plymouth are expected to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers and family.

Mrs. Myron Carrier left for Louisville, Kentucky Saturday evening to be with her father G. Zimmerman who is seriously ill. Mr. Zimmerman is 93 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bade are to be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Junth in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hastings have invited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowman and sons Bill, Jim, and Dick to be their guests for Christmas dinner at their home in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett and Charles Walling and Miss Marie Walling expect the Rev. Albert Walling and son of Memphis, Michigan and Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett of Highland Park for Christmas Day.

Miss Lorna Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bell, finished her nurses' training at Grace Hospital in Detroit on December 13 and is now a registered nurse. She is expected to spend the holiday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William Bowerman, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. William Bowerman, Jr. and daughters Mary and Nancy of Detroit and Mrs. J. Dunlay of Grosse Pointe will be guests of the Robert Bowerman family on Christmas Day.

A cable saying "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" was received from Frances Bacon, American nurse in England, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Bacon on Friday.

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Busching and son Bruce and Mrs. Busching's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Currie of Ann Arbor left Monday morning for Boston, Massachusetts to spend the holidays with the Currie's daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Roger Makepeace.

Mrs. Florence Young and children Elizabeth, Robert and David of Oxford and Miss Mable Brandt of Flint will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten and family along with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muether of Farmington.

Tom Bacon is spending his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Bacon. He is a student at the University of Michigan.

The George Aulgurs attended a lecture by Alexander Woolcott at the Detroit Town Hall series on Friday, December 12.

A Christmas Wish To You....

Through blasted skies a lone star still glows.

It's brilliance draws all Christian Men to their knees.

A star of =Faith=Courage=and Peace= shining everlastingly.

May it bring contentment to you on this Christmas Day.

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