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Confession of Defeat

It must have been very amusing to watch, that day recently when the British government authorities went into an orphan asylum near London to experiment with gas masks.

The government has been trying to devise gas masks suitable for small children. A number of experimental masks had been made; so 50 infants in an asylum were chosen to play the part of guinea pigs.

And it's a good thing someone was able to get a laugh out of it. For nothing that modern society does is quite so grimly discouraging as this despairing effort to find some way of protecting children against the gas attacks of wartime.

If we had any real conception of what the word "civilization" ought to mean, a news story of this kind would make us rise in revolt against the modern war machine and the blight it has put on modern life.

For a society that has to devise gas masks for small children is clearly a society which, having stumbled to the dark end of a blind alley, is vainly trying to protect its own children against itself. It is admitting its own incompetence to perform one of its most important jobs. For if civilization does not mean that small children are protected against the threat of violence and sudden death, what in the name of sanity does it mean?

To be sure, the gas masks may help a little. The inventors may be able to keep one jump ahead of the chemical warfare experts. They may be able to rig up a mask which a small child won't tear off. And there is always the chance, slight but hopeful, that the bombs will leave a few children alive to put on the masks before the gas attack comes.

But what a ghastly mockery it is all! For this despairing effort to fit gas masks to babies simply means that we have given up trying to make our Christian civilization live up to its name. We have equipped ourselves with the kind of weapons which make it certain that when we make war we shall kill the young, the aged, the sick and the defenseless with indiscriminate efficiency.

Having done that, we have found ourselves forced to admit that we have no way of preventing war. At the same time that we have made war more horrible than ever before, we have confessed its inevitability.

Letters From Home

A REVERSAL of the time-honored exhortation to college boys to be sure and "write home to mother" is contained in an address recently made by a dramatic critic before the New York Historical association. This gentleman turned the tables and urged mothers to take time out "between cigar puffs and cocktail sips" and write to their collegiate sons.

That the average mother is so busy with cigars and cocktails that she neglects her correspondence is probably something of an

overstatement. But that the old-fashioned practice of writing long letters, and writing them often, is falling into disuse among adults as well as among youths is probably quite true. And there is a good deal of good sense in the speaker's concluding assertion: "If modern mothers would establish a letter-writing hour and take it as seriously as they do their cocktail hour, present-day youth would reach manhood with higher ideals than they now possess."

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

THE dictatorship of the first Caesars followed the breakdown of popular government in Rome. The first Caesars were BENEVOLENT dictators. They governed the Roman people better than the Roman people had been recently able to govern themselves. But the beneficent first Caesars were followed by INSANE NERO AND CALIGULA, under whose mad reigns the Roman people suffered unbelievably.

That has been the history of dictatorship. It may start good, but it soon GETS BAD.

YOU may not believe that the big issue in this country right now is one-man government as opposed to government by the people. But at least you should watch the struggle for one-man power that is going on in Washington.

You may believe that Franklin D. Roosevelt can govern us better than we can govern ourselves. But at least you should ask yourself this question: WHO WILL FOLLOW ROOSEVELT?

U. S. Fruit Exports REVEAL DECREASE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—United States fruit exports for the first nine months of 1937 totaled \$4,928,000, compared with \$56,880,000 for the corresponding period in 1936, the commerce department said today.

Declines in exports of citrus fruits, apples and pears, totaling \$15,298,900 against \$24,958,000 last year, were mainly responsible. Exports of dried and evaporated fruit, valued at \$1,799,000, were \$137,900 under 1936, while canned fruit increased from \$16,997,000 to \$16,397,000. Canned fruit shipments by volume, however, were off \$989,000 pounds from last year.

Fruit juice exports increased from \$1,181,000 to \$1,514,000 in value and from 1,752,000 gallons to \$2,215,000 gallons in volume. A comparatively small apple crop in 1935 was blamed for a \$2,247,000 decline in sales from a previous figure of \$8,121,000.

Fresh pear exports dropped from 74,968,000 boxes valued at \$2,924,000 to 68,112,000 boxes bringing \$2,443,900.

OREGON EVENTS FLASHED FROM WIRE SERVICE

MEDFORD, Oct. 29 (AP)—Miss June Earhart, 62, widely known southern Oregon woman an amateur golfer, died here late yesterday. She was stricken by a paralytic stroke eleven days ago.

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 29 (AP)—District Attorney Orval J. Millard yesterday declared illegal a rifle-shooting game which offered prizes up to five dollars. It was his first prize-machine action since ruling pinball machines illegal. The operator agreed to remove the machine.

ASTORIA, Oct. 29 (AP)—The central labor council endorsed the AFL boycott against Japanese goods.

CLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 29.—Albert Nabeury, 8, drowned yesterday when he slipped from a log boom near the Pollean hay lumber company plant.

FRANCISOVICH TO ACT AS GOVERNOR

SALEM, Oct. 29 (AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin today advised State Senator Frank Francisoovich of Astoria of his intention to leave for Tulsa, Okla., next Tuesday.

Governor Martin will cross the Oregon line late Tuesday night, when Francisoovich, by virtue of being president of the senate, will become Oregon's chief executive. The governor will be absent from Oregon for two weeks.

Francisoovich probably will not spend more than a few days in the executive department unless some emergency should arise.

This is the third or fourth time that Francisoovich has had an opportunity to serve as governor during the Martin administration.

BRIDGE WORKER AT ELKTON INJURED

Robert Minter of Elkton, employed with a county bridge crew, was brought to Roseburg this morning for treatment of a back injury, suffered while engaged in handling bridge timbers. He is injured. It was reported, were not of a serious nature, although very painful.

OUT OUR WAY



MECHANIC'S TAN.

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN

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COST OF CHARACTERS CAROLEE COLTER, heroine, prospectors daughter. STUART BLAKE, eastern "dude" tourist, Carolee's lover. HENRY COLTER, prospector. PAUL AND SILAS COLTER, prospector's sons. NINA BLAKE, Stuart's sister.

CHAPTER IV "What if I did ask about him?" she challenged. "He's the only man who's been decent to me since I left school. And you even tried to kill him. You've dragged mother and me a thousand miles from home and stuck us up on a mountain. Do you think I want to be a hermit?"

Nobody answered immediately. None of the other Colters could keep conversational pace with Carolee, whom they loved in a strange fashion, enough to have sent her through a junior college, and had grown too far away from them. Old man Colter refused a chew of tobacco, labored at it and spat.

"We are up here after gold," he reminded her, laconically. "Court-bid don't digger in this."

The highest peak in Superstition mountain towers slightly more than 5000 feet. This is not a stereotyped mountain with one central point. It is more of a table when viewed from Phoenix.

Close up, the table top is saw-toothed in silhouette; between points is a dangerous junctured. Hikers there often must crawl through thicket tunnels that wild animals have made. Over it burks a constant eerie haze which adds credence to the mystic legends, and enhances its primeval beauty.

Carolee Colter loved it from the beginning. Here was Nature in rebellion and rugged defiance of the pretty business of man. She loved its cliffs, theatrically high-lighted at dawn. She loved to watch the velvety, purple blankets pulled slowly up over the same cliffs and the canyons at nightfall. At all hours she loved to ride horseback in the wilderness there.

She had named her horse Chieftain. He wasn't a beautiful horse—he was all her dad could afford—but he was presentable. By feeding him aprons full of especially rich grass, by rubbing his coat persistently, Carolee had groomed a good-looking mount. Carolee was adept at making things pretty.

She had named her horse Chieftain. She mounted Chieftain and started down the Colter family had camped on a mesa edge 3000 feet up—circling the see-sawing back and forth to reach a level where she could cut over to the highway that skirts the north side of the mountain. She sang and hummed constantly, so exhilarating was her morning ride today. She was even whistling when she turned one of the hairpin curves in the road and came face to face with two other horsemen. Because of the whistling she was embarrassed. One of the other riders, she saw, was a girl.

"Hello," Carolee called casually, then, "Oh, hello, Mr. Blake! I certainly didn't recognize you at first!"

"Well!" exclaimed he. "This is something! Miss Colter! How are you? And where are you now? You dropped out or my sight once, and girls don't ordinarily do that, after saving my life!"

The other girl gave a loud and exaggerated cough, then spoke. "Well, good morning everybody! I'm just the honey who got me off, but the riddles have got me confused. How are you, my dear? I'm Nina Blake, sister to this dill-witted ox who never introduces people. Isn't it a lovely morning, and aren't—"

"Nina!" Stuart interrupted. "I'm sorry! But I was going to introduce you two. I was just so elated to find Miss Colter, and so surprised at finding her here

By Williams



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her reply. He changed his tact. "Say, listen," he suddenly spoke again. "I'm going to call you by your first name. If you'll tell me what it is."

"It's Carolee." Stuart's admiration was genuine. "But where were you riding? Out looking for the lost mine?"

"The girl laughed, then was serious. "No. Father and the boys do that. I'm—I'm like you, I guess. I don't much believe in it. And yet, sometimes I wonder. There seems to be considerable proof."

"Why is the mine 'lost,' Carolee? Who lost it?" "The Dutchman. Old Jacob Walk. Didn't you know? He was an eccentric old prospector, Father says. People tried to track him into the mountain and steal his ore, so one day he concealed the mine shaft and came to Phoenix. He said he would wait until people lost interest in his property. But he died rather suddenly, without revealing the mine's location."

"Who? I hadn't heard that. The Lost Dutchman Mine—I see. But weren't there Spaniards, and Indians?" "Yes, long before the Dutchman. Come on—let's explore this gulch. Look how bronzed the cliffs are!"

She turned Chieftain to the left and the other horse followed. The going wasn't easy but the horses were used to mountain slopes. They had left the trail entirely. The riders didn't speak for a time, so engrossed were they in the scenery. One turn revealed a gap through which they could see Squaw peak 50 miles away, and unidentified ranges even beyond. Great majesty of distance—distance—a new concept, one of it impressed both of them as their horses moved on at free rein.

It was half an hour before they halted, after a rough bit of going through laurel and scrub oak. The boy and the girl turned in their saddles to study the wild panorama. It was, somehow, strange.

"I'm not—not just sure where we are," Carolee said. "Well, now that you mention it, I haven't been sure for several minutes." Stuart laughed a little. "Perhaps we should start back, or at least locate the trail again."

It was a sensible suggestion, but it didn't work out so well. Neither of them was accustomed to sell, in dense riding. They hadn't watched their way. They had looked at distances without noting definite landmarks nearby. And, too, a boy and a girl, riding together, are likely to be rather complacent of each other. It must have been well past noon when Carolee confessed definitely, however.

"For the first time in my life," she said, a little meekly, "I'm actually lost, and I'm hungry as a bear." She laughed, but it wasn't convincing.

Stuart didn't laugh. He was remembering the tragedies that had occurred in Superstition, the deaths from thirst, and the people who had just disappeared. (To be continued)

Daily Devotions

By DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS Who at times has not puzzled over the prayer of Jesus, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do. Did they not really know what they were doing? Was it not because of cruel and altogether selfish reasons they did it? And yet Jesus used the prayer, and we know He did not use it carelessly and indifferently. After all, Jesus was right. They did not know. They knew what they thought they were doing. Their stupid and wicked, and sordid hearts could not know it in the sense that Jesus meant, for such knowledge and understanding is a matter of character of soul and not of intellect. Hence "They know not what they do." We crave of Thee, O Father, a better understanding of how wicked and cruel and selfish a thing sin is. May we have a sensitiveness of soul that will help us to recoil against injustice and wrong. Amen.

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HIGH RADIO SPOTS

AUNT EMMA WOTS: Since sponsors like to know that you approve the programs they present, follow that impulse and write post cards to your radio station whenever you are pleased. Our radio entertainment, being free, Aunt Emma wots we are all free to take it for granted.

!Thanks too much! The Angelus hour, Sundays at 4:00 p. m., is justly loved by KRNR listeners. Conducted by the veteran sky pilot, Dr. Edwards, the Angelus hour this week drew this pleasing letter: "... Thank spiritual uplift and tolerance and inspiration toward better every day living your fine, broad Christian talks are giving us. We count the Angelus hour among the loveliest and most worth while of our radio programs and look forward to it each week — and remember it — with pleasure and thankfulness. ..."

!Mary Jane! Truth is stranger than fiction, Aunt Emma wots. Iowan Mary

Stop Over Here—Mr. and Mrs. George Rancour, of Seattle, stopped over here today between trains for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Rancour is a cousin of Mrs. R. R. Wood of Roseburg.

Here From University—Bill Campbell, junior at University of Oregon, has arrived here to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Campbell, on North Jackson street. He will return to Eugene Monday morning with Mr. Campbell, who will spend two days there attending the teachers' institute.

5TH SPEAKER BIDDEN TO EDUCATORS DIES

ADA, Okla., Oct. 29 (AP)—Death dogged the East Central Educational association meeting, striking five speakers—all scheduled for the same spot—from the program.

First to be invited was Sen. Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, who died in July.

Then Amelia Earhart was asked. She accepted, flew off on her ill-fated world flight and plunged into the Pacific.

Next to accept was Dr. H. H. Cherry, president of Bowling Green, Ky., teachers college. He, too, died, and so did Dr. M. E. Haggerty of the University of Minnesota faculty.

Yesterday U. S. Rep. R. P. Hill of Oklahoma, last to be invited, died.

OCEAN FLIGHT PLAN ENDED BY TRAGEDY

LONDON, Oct. 29 (AP)—G. P. Nair, Indian aviator who left Croydon airbase yesterday on the first leg of a projected round trip across the Atlantic, was reported killed in the crash of his plane, "The Spirit of the India," near Forges-Les-Eaux, France.

Nair's plane was reported to have lost a wing and crashed into a clump of trees.

FIRST U. S. ENVOY TO LITHUANIA LEAVES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Dr. Owen T. C. Noren, a 35-year-old clergyman, left today to take over his duties as the first United States minister accredited exclusively to Lithuania.

RRNR PROGRAM

(1,500 Kilocycles) REMAINING HOURS TODAY 5:00—Hi There Audience, MBS. 5:30—WOR Presents SYLVIA Cross, MBS. 6:00—Louisiana Hayride, MBS. 6:30—Frank Bull, MBS. 6:45—"Knights of the Road," MBS. 7:00—News Flashes. 7:00—Dramatic Production, MBS. 7:30—Geo. Olsen's Orch., MBS. 8:00—Horace Heidt's Orch., MBS. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS. 9:15—Know Your State, MBS. 9:30—Sign Off.

Stock and Bond Averages

Table with columns for STOCKS and BONDS, showing various market indices and values.

LAWYERS HERE GET BAR ASSN. POSTS

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