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AMERICANS are, in some ways,

an even funnier race than the

French are alleged to be in the

words of the old song. Come war

or revolution, come war or war,

they want their creature com-

fort.

The complaints of some of the

passengers on the troops that

the passage home from Europe

was rough and the service

terrible makes us think of one of

the greatest of the short stories of

W. Somerset Maugham, which he

called "Mr. Harrington's Wash-

ing."

Mr. Harrington was an American

in Russia at the time of the

revolution, seeking certain con-

tractions. So thoroughly indicated

in him were his midwestern ways,

that he had no understanding

whatever of what was going on

around him. He saw everything

in terms of his own life and home

surroundings. A week enough

later, Mr. Harrington stood by un-

til he got his contract from a cy-

clindrical official who finally signed it

knowing that his government was

doomed and that it meant nothing.

An revolution lowered over-

head, Mr. Harrington was finally

persuaded to leave the city, but

insisted that no decent person

would do so without proper clean

shirts. His laundry had been

sent out, and those slovenly Rus-

sians, who never seemed to do

anything right, had not returned

it. That the talk of revolution

could really be serious never en-

tered Mr. Harrington's head. Such

things simply didn't happen. So

he went out into the dark streets

to get his washing.

But the patrols of irresponsible

soldiers and revolutionaries roum-

ing the streets were intent on

other things than Mr. Harrington

and his laundry. The next morn-

ing anxious friends found Mr. Har-

rington sprawled in a gutter, in-

duced with bullets, a futile and

pathetic package of laundry still

grasped in his cold hand.

A few of the Americans in Eu-

rope for the summer holidays seem

to have a little of Mr. Har-

ington's spirit. They insist that Eu-

rope should interrupt their holi-

days with a mere war, and they

do not propose to be bothered by

it. And when ships are sent to

bring them home, there are some

to complain that the ships did not

ride smoothly in a storm, and that

cabin accommodations and service

were pretty poor.

The state department has now

announced officially that "each

American citizen in belligerent

countries desiring to come back

has had an opportunity to return."

Ambassador Kennedy has (who)

warned Americans in England to

go home unless their business was

urgent and necessary. Six weeks

of actual war have followed at

least two weeks of urgent crisis.

Yet ships returning from Europe

come to half-loaded.

There is a war going on in Eu-

rope. Europeans are serious about

it, even if a few Americans seem

not to be. Will the time come

when the United States is asked

to go to war to defend the rights

of American summer trippers to

travel through war zones in state-

rooms with private bath?

shot at a warship the warship is

doomed. What airplanes can do

against a modern battle fleet re-

mains to be proved. If and when

he starts fighting the British in

earnest, Hitler is pretty sure to

try to prove it.

THE sinking of the Royal Oak,

however accomplished, strength-

ens Hitler's hand in his

present peace deal (which isn't

needed) because it arouses British

fears that he may be able to whip

the British fleet down to his

level.

LONDON—Four German destroy-

ers were sunk off the Dutch coast

by the British fleet, so the govern-

ment war news bureau officially

announced. The destroyers, it is

understood, attacked the British

cruiser Undaunted, and were sent

to the bottom after a short en-

gagement.

PETROGRAD—The Germans in

Russian Poland are held pressed

and in full retreat, the war office

declared. Their battle with the

Russians in the vicinity of War-

saw is described as having moved

desperately for eleven days, with

heavy German losses.

PARIS—Gains by the allies in

the regions of Aras and St. Mihiel

and the occupation of the district

around Armentieres and the village

of Fleury-Baix are claimed in an

official statement from the war in-

ter.

NAGO, Arizona—Four American

cavalrymen and three civilians

were wounded early today by bul-

lets fired by Mexican bandits at

Nago, Sonora, opposite this vil-

lage. The two cavalrymen may die.

The casualties occurred

during a skirmish between the

U. S. Cavalry and Mexican bandits

on the Carranza garrison at Nago,

Sonora.

SOUTHERN OREGON

DEMOCRATS MEET

County chairmen of the demo-

cratic party held a district meet-

ing at the Empress hotel Monday

evening and discussed plans for

the coming presidential campaign.

Attending the dinner meeting

were representatives from the

southern Oregon district. County

chairmen present were Glen Wim-

pey, Douglas; Marvin T. War-

lick, Lane; Paul Morehead, Jose-

phine, C. T. Stringer, Linn, and

Mr. Reed, of Lane. Several of the

chairmen were accompanied by

their wives.

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Mutual Broadcasting System

1500 Kilocycles

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

1:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.

1:15—Helen of Rest, MBS.

1:30—Tea Time Dance.

1:45—Melody Strings, MBS.

2:00—Console Sketches.

2:15—Tonight's Tune.

2:30—News, Calif. Pacific Utili-

ties Company.

2:45—News-Review News Flash.

3:00—Shaffer Parker, MBS.

3:15—News and Views with John

B. Hughes, MBS.

3:30—Hinner Dance.

3:45—American Family Robinson.

4:00—Mutual Maestros.

4:15—Green Hornet, MBS.

4:30—Helen of Rest, MBS.

4:45—Dick Jurgens' Orchestra,

MBS.

4:55—Twilight Trails, Avalon Ci-

garettes, MBS.

5:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.

5:15—Skinner Kinn, MBS.

5:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.

5:45—Sign off.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18

6:40—Farm Bureau Service Pro-

gram.

7:00—News and Non-news.

7:30—News-Review of the Air.

7:45—News, Gilmore Corner.

7:55—Judd Says Good

Morning.

8:00—Rhapsody in Wax.

8:15—Breakfast Club, MBS.

8:30—Keep Fit to Music, MBS.

8:45—Homecoming Forum, MBS.

9:00—Frederick's Cowboy Band,

MBS.

9:15—News of the Planners, MBS.

9:30—Man About Town.

9:45—Happy Gang, MBS.

10:00—Old Time Times, MBS.

10:15—Adventures of Uncle Jim-

my, Gopco.

11:00—Hollywood Whispers, MBS.

11:15—Class Opinions, MBS.

11:30—Scrapbook Stories, MBS.

11:45—John Wayne's Orchestra,

MBS.

12:00—To Be Announced.

12:15—Rhythm at Random.

12:30—Parkinson's Information

Exchange.

12:45—News-Safety Stores.

12:55—News-Review of the Air.

1:00—Henninger's Man on the

Street.

1:15—Jack Arthur, Baritone,

MBS.

1:30—Wayne West, Singer, MBS.

1:45—To Be Announced.

2:00—Old Fashioned Girl, MBS.

2:15—Johnson Family, MBS.

2:30—Ma Perkins, Procter &

Gamble, MBS.

2:45—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.

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