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TOMORROW a quaint little ceremony will be re-enacted in Washington. The Finnish minister will drive to the state department and tender the United States government a check for $234,693. Hands will be shaken, speeches made; but this time the Finnish envoy may not smile.

Finland, as usual, is fully expected to remit her semi-annual interest payment on her world war debt. If present plans proceed, the money will be held in suspension by the treasury department and congress will be asked to return the money to Finland for use in the fight with Russia.

That would be America's way of expressing appreciation to a country that doesn't welch on its obligations, and the United States would have the whole world know it. Cautious even in its generosity, Uncle Sam would make certain, first, however, that the payment is actually accepted and then turned back. Any other procedure might inspire crazy notions that the United States doesn't want debtor nations to settle up.

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What may happen to war debts if present hostilities continue for long is something no one likes to think about just now. The expensive game of war isn't played with buttons; and, if debtor nations happen to find a few forgotten shillings in the pig bank, the money will go for machine guns and such—not to settle old accounts. Even during the peaceful years that lay between the two wars, debtors were not over-zealous about remitting.

Take a look at the record: Total debts incurred in the United States by the allies during and immediately after the war were $10,350,000,000. The original interest was 5 per cent. It was later cut to 4½ per cent, and finally the entire debt structure was rearranged to fix interest on the ability of each nation to pay. Thus Great Britain's interest today is set at 3.3 per cent while Italy's is only .4 per cent.

So far, all the nations have paid only $2,500,000,000, most of which went for interest. Because of defaults and interest, the total debt has mounted to $14,500,000,000. Had the debtor nations continued to make prompt semi-annual payments under the funding agreements, reached between 1923 and 1928, they would have paid the United States a total of $22,259,000,000 by 1989, the year in which all countries would have made their final payments.

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The war debt problem has provided political ammunition for all sides since the ink was still moist on the Versailles treaty. Attempting to get payments from Europe just now would be about as successful as stopping into a riot to ask one of the participants for the quarter he borrowed last week.

Europe is interested these days only in contracting new debts—not paying old ones. And about all the United States can do is to keep sending dunning notes to the defaulters as brusque reminders that you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

If the world were a great corporation, we might take it into receivership and try running it our way until its affairs were straightened. But it is nothing of the kind, and the new debts that prolonged hostilities would produce might so complicate international relationships that even the United States would be forced to throw up its hands helplessly in a state of complete confusion.

Freight Rate Cut On Fruits Denied

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The transcontinental freight bureau declined today a request of fruit growers of Washington, Oregon and California for reductions in freight rates on apples and pears.

Chairman J. G. Stubbs announced the bureau's decision after a meeting of a day and a half. He did not comment further.

The present rates, filed in March, 1938, will remain in effect. The transcontinental rates for pears are $1.50 per hundred pounds, with a minimum of 24,000 pounds, or $1.63 on a minimum of 26,000 to Chicago or farther west, and 27,500 east of Chicago.

Apple rates, with a 37,000 pound minimum, are $1.31 east of Chicago and $1.05 to Chicago.

The growers had asked $1.10 on pears, with a 36,000 minimum, and the following apple rates: $1.10 to east; $1.05 to Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Cleveland; $1.00 to Detroit and Cincinnati; and 90 cents to Chicago.

Eight transcontinental railroads were represented on the bureau.

Josephine County Recall Move Comes to Naught

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 12.—(AP)—An eight-day Josephine county sensation, a recall move against County Judge W. A. Johnson and Commissioner Richard McElligott, reached its apparent finale today.

T. H. Dawson and Wm. L. Schroeder, two leaders of the six-man committee which filed preliminary petitions and circulated others, signed a statement today declaring their intention of dropping the entire recall movement.

They said economy and reduction of high taxes was their aim in asking the recall; they were dropping it because they were told it would mean added expense to the county. They said they expected the newly-formed Josephine county Taxpayers' league, which held an open meeting on the subject last night, to carry on the economy move.

Ailing Coast Guardsman Hurls Self Under Train

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—(AP)—G. M. Marchand, 37, lieutenant in the cost guard and attached to the U. S. coast and geodetic survey, was ground to death beneath the wheels of an electric train at the San Francisco interurban terminal today.

Witnesses said Marchand dived under the wheels of an interurban electric railway local that was leaving for Oakland. Capt. R. R. Lukens, in charge of the San Francisco office of the geodetic survey, said the victim had expressed fear of losing his mind to marine hospital attendants last week.

He was admitted to the hospital for treatment after recurrence of a back injury received aboard a ship. Last night he obtained a leave from the hospital until midnight, but failed to return.

Long, Bitter War in Europe Predicted by U. S. Envoy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Joseph E. Davies, American ambassador to Belgium, told reporters today after conferring with Secretary Hull that "nothing short of a miracle can prevent the European war from being a long and bitter one".

He would not predict how many years were signified by the word "long."

Belgium, the ambassador said, is honestly maintaining her neutrality, but is fully prepared if she should be invaded. King Leopold, he reported, has built up an admirable army of between 600,000 to 1,000,000 men.

"Since the war began Belgium has done an enormous amount of work to strengthen her defenses along the German border," he said. "They are now like the Maginot line, though perhaps smaller."

Myrtle Creek Postoffice Completely Refurnished

MYRTLE CREEK, Dec. 12.—Arrival here of grill work for installation at the post office completes improvements being made under the supervision of Postmaster Bryan Dieckman. The post office has been equipped with all new furniture and fixtures, including new locked boxes, counters, cancellation and sorting tables and boxes. The new fixtures also include a safe for use in protecting stamps, cash and other valuables which formerly had to be carried daily to and from the bank vault.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

ceedingly polite to Russia. This isn't so polite.

BRITISH troops, officially in action on the Western front, have been given these instructions: "Be vigilant, be cool and FIRE LOW."

"Wait till you see the whites of their eyes" is the American way of putting it. The British are learning.

THAT recalls a story told of the Swiss, who are notably good marksmen.

Kaiser Wilhelm, the tale goes, was present at a Swiss army review. "Why," he is reported to have commented, "your total mobilized strength is less than HALF the German standing army."

"That means," the Swiss general is said to have answered, "that we'd have to SHOOT TWICE."

New Type of Sweet Peas Resists Heat

The newest of the sweet peas is the spring flowering Spencers, intermediate in period of bloom between the early or winter flowering and the late or summer flowering sweet peas. It is claimed for them that they will produce flowers in greater abundance than the "earlies" and prolong the season of bloom. Thus far, but three colors in this new class are available: Rose on white ground; marine blue; clear lavender.

The late or summer flowering Spencer sweet peas dominate the field today, for it is in this class that the greatest amount of interest has centered. The Spencers of today are truly waved and frilled in an array of colorings that defy description. Along the Pacific coast in districts relatively free of severe frosts, this class is best planted in trenches outdoors or in plant bands or pots indoors for transplanting outdoors later, during the month of November. In colder districts inland where the ground freezes, the seed should be covered about three inches deep, then, as soon as the soil is frozen, follow by a three-inch layer of manure or other litter to be removed in early spring.

There has been developed from the late or summer flowering sweet peas, two very desirable classes which are rapidly gaining in favor. The one is the Giant Ruffled or duplexed sweet peas with an extra very ruffled petal giving the impression of doubleness; the other the multiflora group which produce a minimum, under good cultural conditions, of five flowers to the stem with an occasional six and seven flowered spray. These are grown under the same method of culture recommended for the summer flowering sweet pea.

KRNR
Mutual Broadcasting System
1500 Kilocycles

REMAINING HOURS TODAY

4:00—Fulton Lewis Jr., MBS.
4:15—Haven of Rest, MBS.
4:45—The Cinnamon Bear, Copco.
5:00—Larry Clinton's Orch., MBS.
5:30—Pioneers of the Prairie.
6:00—Tonight's Tune.
6:05—News, Calif. Pacific Utilities Co.
6:10—News - Review News Flashes.
6:15—Shafter Parker, MBS.
6:30—John B. Hughes, Avalon Cigarettes, MBS.
6:45—Dinner Dance.
7:00—Mutual Maestros.
7:30—Lone Ranger, MBS.
8:00—Romance in Rhythm, MBS.
8:15—Alvino Rey's Orch., MBS.
8:30—Interlude.
8:35—Clyde Lucas' Orch., MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Guy Lombardo's Orch., MBS.
9:30—Phil Harris' Orch., MBS.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
10:00—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

6:45—Farm Bureau Service Program.
7:00—Stuff and Nonsense.
7:30—News-Review of the Air.
7:40—News, Gilmore Corner.
7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Breakfast Club, MBS.
8:30—Keep Fit to Music, MBS.
8:45—Medical Information Bureau, MBS.
9:00—Melody Strings, MBS.
9:15—Sons of the Pioneers, MBS.
9:30—Man About Town.
9:45—U. S. Navy Band, MBS.
10:00—Happy Gang, MBS.
10:30—Enoch Light's Orch., MBS.
11:00—Palmer House Concert, MBS.
11:15—Broadcast From Northwest Turkey Show at Oakland, Douglas Co. Flour Mill.
11:45—Symphony.
12:00—Luncheon Dance.
12:15—Rhythm at Random.
12:45—News, Safeway Stores.
12:50—News-Review of the Air.
1:00—Henninger's Man On The Street.
1:15—Don Lee School of the Air, MBS.
1:30—The Quiet Hour.
2:00—At Your Command.
2:15—Johnson Family, MBS.
2:30—Ma Perkins, Proctor & Gamble, MBS.
2:45—Bill McCune's Orch., MBS.
3:00—Gus Lazardo's Ensemble, MBS.
3:30—Streamline Swing, MBS.
3:45—American Legion News Barrage, MBS.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
4:15—Haven of Rest, MBS.
4:45—The Cinnamon Bear, Copco.
5:00—The Bettys Entertain.
5:15—Old Heidelburg Concert Orch., MBS.
5:30—Capsole Sketches.
6:00—Tonight's Tune.
6:05—News, Calif. Pacific Utilities Co.
6:10—News-Review News Flashes.
6:15—Shafter Parker, MBS.
6:30—John B. Hughes, MBS.
6:45—Dinner Dance.
7:00—American Family Robinson.
7:15—Mutual Maestros.
7:30—The Shadow, MBS.
8:00—Alvino Rey's Orch., MBS.
8:30—Interlude.
8:35—Johnny Long's Orch., MBS.
8:45—Twilight Trails, Avalon Cigarettes, MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Hal Howard's Orch., MBS.
9:30—Jan Garber's Orch., MBS.
9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
10:00—Sign Off.

Jobs Provided by Local Employment Unit Upped

The Roseburg district has furnished three times as many jobs this year as during the same period of 1938, according to figures received by F. W. Chase of the local employment office from State Director L. C. Stool of Salem.

Last year only 928 jobs were secured through the Roseburg branch, while this year 2,898 placements have been made. Of these 1,163 were private, compared to 532 last year. Public jobs increased from 191 to 497.

Unemployment benefits so far in 1939 have been $41,216 in this district, as against $62,785 last year. New claims fell from 1,077 to 580. The active file of unemployed has dropped to 648.

Popular Front Breakdown Seen as Doom of Stalin

NEW YORK Dec. 13.—(AP)—Breakdown of the popular front in the United States, Great Britain, France and Spain, together with the invasion of Finland, has doomed the Stalinist dictatorship, in the opinion of Alexander Kerensky, former Russian premier.

Kerensky, who released Joseph Stalin from exile in Siberia, in 1917, when Stalin was "just another name," spoke at a mass meeting last night under the auspices of the democratic federation in protest against the Red invasion of Finland.

He and Oscar Tokoi, first premier of Finland after the fall of the czarist regime, were principal speakers, Tokoi predicting that should the soviet finally establish a puppet government in Finland, similar governments would follow in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Kerensky said the fall of the popular front in the four countries had forced into the open Stalin's fight for a world communist dictatorship and that this was aiding in what seemed his defeat.

Wheat Futures Advance To Dollar Per Bushel

CHICAGO, Dec. 13. — (AP) — Wheat futures sold for a dollar a bushel here today, highest since October, 1937, as a general buying wave developed in the grain market.

Stimulated by reports of continued drought and crop damage in the domestic southwest and Argentina, all contracts rose sharply to new season highs. The December delivery advanced two cents to $1.00 a bushel. May soared 2 3-8 cents to 97 3-8, and July, representing the new crop, climber 2 1-8 to 92 7-8.

The weather bureau reported that drought conditions had been intensified in many places recently, and that following the driest fall on record, December so far had had no appreciable rainfall.

LEGENDARY MISER

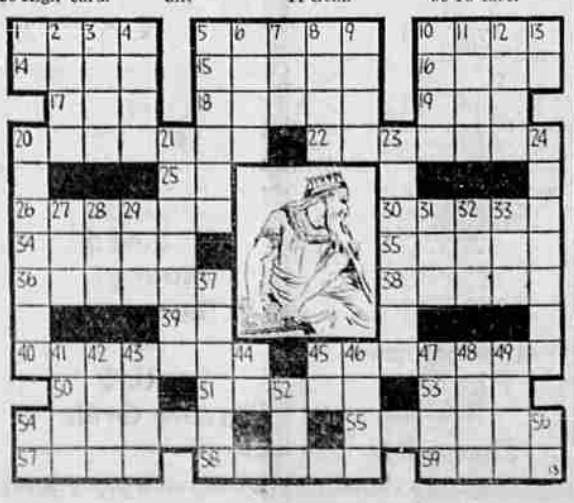
HORIZONTAL

1,5 Miser sovereign of a Greek myth.
10 Everything he touched changed to ——.
14 Smell.
15 Apart.
16 Armadillo.
17 Epoch.
18 Buzzard.
19 Upright shaft.
20 Wound dressing.
22 Spelling book.
25 Italian river.
26 Cam lever.
30 African plant.
34 One that hires.
35 Hair ornament.
36 Satiric.
38 To commingle
39 Noun ending.
40 Spectacles.
45 Betrothed.
50 High card.
51 To corrode.
53 Legal rule.
54 Even his food —— to gold.
55 He —— to have his normal touch returned.
57 Pieces of poetry.
58 Boats.
59 Pertaining to air.
12 After delay.
13 Doctor.
20 He was made normal by —— in a river.
21 Amish actions.
23 Exalting.
24 Slackened.
27 Ozone.
28 In behalf of.
29 Writing tool.
31 Brink.
32 School of whales.
33 Silkworm.
37 Professed opinions.
41 To extol.
42 12 rods.
43 Coins.
44 Senior.
45 Verbal termination.
46 Pointed ends.
47 Seaweed.
48 Type of plum.
49 Pitcher.
52 Kimono girdle
54 Toward.
56 To fare.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

1 Measure.
2 Thought.
3 Giantess of fate.
4 Hundredth of a right angle.
5 Grublike larva.
6 Small island.
7 Pattern block.
8 Says further.
9 To percolate.
10 Bile.
11 Gem.



Boettiger Swats N. L. R. B. Rulings

Son-in-Law of Roosevelt Says He Doesn't Blame Firms For Making Complaints.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A memorandum was placed in the record of the house labor board committee today which quoted John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, as saying he "didn't blame employers for complaining" against NLRB's administration of the Wagner act.

The memorandum was from Elwyn J. Eagen, labor board regional director at Seattle, to Nathan Witt, board secretary, and reported on a conversation Eagen said he had with Boettiger.

The conversation allegedly concerned a case in which William Randolph Hearst's Seattle newspaper and the American Newspaper Guild were involved. Boettiger is publisher of the Hearst newspaper in Seattle.

No Kick To President

"Boettiger stated," Eagen wrote, "that he was very sympathetic with the act, but that when it was administered by a board which made the kind of decision it made in this case, that he didn't blame employers for complaining about the board.

"He stated very definitely that he did not intend to take the matter up with the president, that he never used his family connections to accomplish anything in which he might be personally interested.

"He indicated that he did not intend to publicize his feelings or to make them known generally. He asked me not to do so, but inferred that he thought I would communicate the substance of his conversation to the board."

"Unfairness" Charged

In recounting the Seattle case Eagen asserted that after a settlement had been completed "Boettiger leaned back in his chair and stated he had something to say to me as a representative of the board, that what he had to say was in no sense a reflection upon me personally, but as I was the only one available representing the board, he would speak his piece to me."

"He stated to me," said Eagen, "that he thought the board's order was based upon a distortion of the facts produced at the hearings and (upon) illogical inferences that he personally resented the decision very much and was only complying so as not to embarrass the administration and to avoid prolonging the controversy.

"He also stated that he did not want to do anything which would jeopardize the very fine relations which he had with the Newspaper guild.

"He made some very extensive remarks about the trial examiner's unfairness and the fact that the board would not consider the company's protest in regard to the trial examiner, who, he was later informed, had been discharged for unfairness."

Eagen said he "tried to convince" Boettiger the board made its decision "in a fair manner on what appeared to be the facts from the record."

The regional director added he also attempted to persuade the publisher that "there certainly was no intention on the part of the board to penalize him because he happened to be the son-in-law of the president, as he had inferred in his conversation."

BARBS

The University of Rochester (N. Y.) hasn't quite enough tuxedos for all its faculty members when formal dinner parties are held. The professors probably draw straws to determine who will not have to wear those available.

A 97-year-old man says he was rejected for army service in 1861 because he was too feeble. The army is still unwilling to accept him, probably because it doesn't like to admit an error.

The only phase of the German method that looks good to American husbands is that limit of six pairs of stockings per year for every woman.

A truck dropped off a highway onto a front porch, thereby surprising the family who thought it was grandpa.

Relief clients in an Iowa city may not call for their rations in taxicabs hereafter. Looks as if they'll just have to get used to privation.

The number of marriages is rapidly gaining in Canada. England expects every man to do his duty—or get married.

U. S. Ambassador Anthony Biddle said 698 pieces in his 700-piece china collection were damaged before he could leave Warsaw. Someone had better make a note of that to be presented when the inevitable war debt conference gets under way.

No more football in Germany. It will be permissible hereafter to get killed only in battle.

Supposed Dead Soldier Visits Oregon Folks

SWEET HOME, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Romeo Tabler was reported killed in action in France 21 years ago.

Last week he appeared at the homes of his brothers, C. W. and W. H. Tabler, of Foster. He said the war report was erroneous, that he had resided in China, the Philippines and Hawaiian islands before returning to America ultimately to become a deputy sheriff and guard at San Quentin prison, Calif.

He traced members of his family, formerly residents of San Francisco, through the American Legion. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Tabler, live in Salem.

Young Grangers Planning Two-Act Minstrel Show

AZALEA, Dec. 13.—"Sweet Adeline," a two act cowboy minstrel, will be presented by the Y.G.A. at the grange hall Friday, December 15th, at 8:15.

The cast as follows: Adeline, sweet young thing, Doris Fair; Belinda, her war like mother, Mrs. Lester Robson; Chauncey Alberton, English dude, Charles Pope, Jr.; The Boss, Lewis Brady; Chinese Charlie, Amery Eastman.

The cowboys are: Bronc, Lester Harrison; Gloomy, Charles Pope; Handsome, Frank Stringer; Curly, Floyd Ames; Two Gun, Vernon Caylor; Hungry, Curtis Nichols; Cookie, Donald Brady.

No Morning Wings

WARSAW, Ind. — William D. Nighswander, suing for divorce, charged his wife got his breakfast only three times during their two years of married life.

Daily Devotions

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

The story of the prodigal son is so familiar that it seems too trite to quote, yet it is spiritually indispensible. A son began to be a prodigal. How did he get his start? By giving the prodigal password. Give me, he said, give me. That is just the right language with which to start the wrong life. He was all for adventure, and an adventure that would work to his own advantage. He wanted his substance and he spent it in riotous living. It was only when he stopped saying, Give me, that he began to arrive at his soul. When he came to himself, he gave, not the prodigal, but a penitent password. "Father, make me as one of thy hired servants." Having first made the wrong demand upon life, he had now the wrong idea of his father. Such a father as he had never could have made him a hired-servant. What the father wanted was to make him his real son once more. Thus we see God's great love. Amen.

Red Cross Aid To Europe Reported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt reported today the American Red Cross, of which he is president, has spent or is spending over $500,000 for relief of persons in European war areas.

Of that, he said at his press conference, $25,000 has been sent to Finland for civilian uses and $16,000 has been applied to the purchase of medicines in London for shipment to Finland.

Asked whether he had anything to say about the undertaking of former President Hoover in raising funds for Finnish relief, the chief executive said he thought it was fine and that he understood Hoover had been cooperating with the Red Cross. He said he thought the former president had been consulting with Red Cross officials for about two months.

The Red Cross central committee has appropriated $1,000,000 for war relief in Europe, including Finland, Mr. Roosevelt said.

Oral Drug Dscovered to Aid in Fight on Syphilis

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A new drug for syphilis which is the first of its kind to be effective when taken by mouth has been released to doctors generally.

The drug, a powder that can be swallowed in capsule form, was discovered at Stanford university's medical school and has been tested for almost four years in some of the nation's leading clinics.

Formal acceptance of the medicine was given today in the journal of the American Medical Association by its council on pharmacy and chemistry. It can be obtained only by prescription.

Job Placements Up 68 Per Cent Over Oregon

SALEM, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Portland office of the state employment service found jobs for 25,194 persons during the first 11 months of this year, while the Salem office was second with 19,255.

Klamath Falls and Eugene were next with 10,753 and 6,096, respectively. Totals for other cities include Pendleton 1,912, Medford 3,276, Corvallis 3,148, Roseburg 2,898 and Baker 2,765.

Job placements over the state were up 68 per cent from last year, while jobless benefits were down 38.4 per cent.

Danmoore Hotel in Portland Meets Public Demand

Because after several months' study the management of the Danmoore hotel in Portland has found certain demands are made by the people who visit Portland and stop in hotels . . many of these demands are now being met at the Danmoore . . first reasonable rates, room without bath single rate $1.54 instead of a dollar for the second person in the room a charge of 50 cents is made . . Room with bath $2.00 single, $2.50 double are the minimum rates . . . second the Danmoore hotel makes no charge for your car in their fireproof garage . . the garage is free . . third . . cheerful bright rooms, many of which have soft Monterey or Carmel colored furniture . . four; family or group rates . . a family of four, two adults and two children may have two connecting rooms with bath for as low rate as $4.00 per day . . recently $10,000.00 was spent on improvements at the Danmoore and now the manager, Ray W. Clark, formerly in business in Roseburg announced that the Danmoore has the BEST HOTEL ROOM VALUE in Portland and he suggests that you try the Danmoore on your next trip . . he also says that if you are not pleased with the rate and appointments of the rooms at the Danmoore he will pay your taxi fare to another hotel . . The Hotel Danmoore is at 12th and S. W. Morrison streets.

(Paid advertisement.)