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Don't Babble

THE army may be suffering shortages of certain kinds of material. It would be strange if there were no such shortages, when you consider that a year ago the country simply had no munitions industry at all. Of one thing there is no shortage—the volume of babble and gossip about such shortages.

In an unusually timely and serviceable story, Paul Harrison, who has been touring army camps and writing about them for NEA Service, showed just how evil such talk may be. "They" say, Harrison tells, that there are no rifles to drill with, the boys have just the old world war artillery guns, there aren't enough tanks, and so forth and so forth.

Nobody ever finds out who "they" are. The stories go the rounds, added to and dressed up by each person who thoughtless repeats them. And finally a large number of people become convinced that the army is not adequately equipped and cannot be properly trained.

Isolated cases may be true. Certain shortages, especially of ammunition, are real enough. Much old equipment has not yet been replaced by the new, which is on the way. The specific cases of which you hear may be real enough. The danger is that from constant repetition and embroidery of these incidents, a totally wrong impression may become widespread.

In general, we believe it is true, and we base our opinion on repeated reports from many men who have gone to the camps themselves to see, that equipment is sufficient for elementary training, and that new equipment is continually arriving in quantity.

This is not to suggest that any truth about lack of equipment or poor conditions should be suppressed. If your nephew writes you from Camp Wheeler that he's been there three weeks and hasn't got a rifle yet it may be true. But find out how many others are in the same boat, and why.

People have a right to be assured that their boys in camp are properly equipped, fed, housed and trained. There is excellent reason to believe that these things are all being done as fast as it is humanly possible to do them.

There is a different, of course, between neglect and inefficiency and a sheer lack of materials that haven't yet come off the production lines. The former should be exposed and remedied. The latter is to an extent unavoidable; be patient.

Above all, don't babble just for the sake of babbling. Restrain that perfectly human impulse.

Bombers and Borders

THE "new order" of adjusting border disputes is being amply demonstrated in Europe. There is another demonstration going on, however, of how to adjust borders without either bombs or bombast.

It is in the western hemisphere, Peru has at last accepted, with some qualifications, true, but with evidence of sincerity, the offer of the United States, Argentina and Brazil, to help settle her 110-year dispute with Ecuador over certain rich lands in the Amazon headwaters. This acrid dispute has festered on the edge of war many times, and if it can be thus amicably settled

with brains instead of bombs, one more good example will have been set. The U. S.-Canadian border, once a subject of dispute that led to the edge of war, has not yet finally been settled. Certain surveys are even today being made along the Minnesota-Canada border to determine the allegiance of more than 100 small islands.

Thus quietly the western world makes progress—brains instead of bombs.

Poor, Perplexed Panda

PANDORA the Panda, idol of New York's Bronx zoo, died the other day, and physicians who autopsied the body declare that she died of a brain congestion indicating a neuritis.

Poor, perplexed panda! The world is hard enough for human beings to understand. To a panda, wanting nothing out to march bamboo shoots and sleep, it must have been too much altogether.

Pandas apparently don't thrive on pandemonium, and it's just possible that trying to keep abreast of the rumors of the Hers case gave the beast its fit and shove toward that neuritis. Things like Rudolf's Hoesapeake from Germany don't happen in panda-land; the only hand in their madder world inhabited by human beings.

Editorials on News

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when a great battle is on.

There is a disturbing one from Vichy to the effect that German war materials are moving steadily by rail THROUGH TURKEY.

That would indicate (if true) that the Turks have been bluffing.

FROM La Linea, in Spain, comes a report that the British are forcibly removing civilians and foreigners from Gibraltar.

The implication is that the long-awaited German attack on the western gate of the Mediterranean is near.

AND reports from German occupied Paris say the French forces in the Caribbean island of Martinique have received orders from Vichy to prepare for an American attack.

The Paris newspaper Le Matin (The Morning) says the defense of Martinique will be centered around the fortress containing the gold reserves of the Bank of France (sent there when the French gave up) and that the defenders will blow up the stronghold as a last resort. French warships at Martinique have been warming up for several days.

The war, you see, is getting steadily closer to us.

Train Unit Leaps Track, Goes Half Mile, Gets Back On

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 23. (AP)—Amazed railroad men told yesterday how part of a fast passenger train jumped the track near here, ran a half mile partially derailed and then climbed safely back on the rails.

The "City of Miami," Illinois Central streamliner, stopped after the freak mishap early yesterday and a passenger, H. W. Corbett of Columbus, averted another possible accident when he flagged to a stop a Fort Benning troop train just before it rolled into the damaged track.

Section Foreman T. E. Baze more reconstructed the accident this way:

One or more trucks of the streamliner left the rails at a crossing two miles south of here. The train rolled on at little diminished speed while the derailed wheels sliced off spikes and torries. The train roared on across a 150-foot trestle and when it swung into a curve the dragging trucks climbed back on the rails. It wasn't determined just which trucks were involved but none was badly damaged and the "City of Miami" continued its run.

No one was injured.

Laborers Ask Raise

PORTLAND, May 23. (AP)—The city council had a petition from city laborers today for a pay increase to meet advancing living costs.

They asked \$130 monthly instead of the present \$85 per day, representing an increase of about \$20 a month.

WEATHER STATISTICS

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday (per cent) 73
Highest temperature yesterday 88
Lowest temperature last night 57
Precipitation for 24 hours 0
Precip. since first of month 2.23
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1940 27.74
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1940 3.08

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

By Williams

Federated Women Favor U. S. Aid To Enemies of Axis

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 24. (AP)—The general federation of women's clubs, representing 2,000,000 American women, approved all necessary aid to the foes of totalitarianism although warned this might mean convoys to Great Britain.

The federation's triennial convention amended the original resolution to oppose the sending of war supplies to axis powers by United States citizens. A speaker had pointed out that this nation was supplying Japan with a considerable stock of military needs.

Mrs. Frederick W. Boggs of Wycoff, N. J., international relations department chairman and the woman who introduced the resolution, said she was fully aware of its serious implications, such as the possibility of convoys.

It approved a "policy of giving whatever aid is necessary to those nations whose defense is deemed 'vital' to the defense of the United States."

Election of Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck of Richmond, Va., treasurer of the outgoing administration, as second vice president of the federation was announced today. She defeated Mrs. R. L. C. Prout of Wakefield, Mich., in a run-off. It was the only contested election.

Officers previously elected were: Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, Baltimore, president; Mrs. La Felt Dickinson, Keene, N. H., first vice president; Mrs. A. L. Blackstone, Waukesha, Wis., recording secretary, and Mrs. Rowland H. Latham, Asheville, N. C., treasurer.

LETTERS to the Editor

ROSEBURG, May 23. Editor News-Review: On behalf of the 99th anti-tank battalion, I wish to thank the people of Roseburg for the splendid entertainment given the soldier boys; and, too, Roseburg should be mighty proud of its all-girl "drum corps," and the four "young ladies" who sang for the quiz radio program. Again we thank Roseburg for the best that has been shown to us by any town or city.

Yours very truly,
ARNOLD T. SLIGER,
99th Anti-Tank Bn.,
A. P. O. 309,
King City, Calif.

Rotarians Will Hold Inter-City Meet Here

The Roseburg Rotary club today is mailing invitations to all southern Oregon Rotarians to attend an inter-city club meeting to be held at Riverside grange hall at 7 p. m., Saturday, June 7. A floor show, music, an interesting address, and dancing will provide entertainment following the dinner, which will be served by the ladies of the grange.

Rotarians are invited to remain over Sunday to enjoy golfing and fishing.

Boy Dies in River

BEND, May 23. (AP)—The Mirror pond section of the Deschutes river claimed its first drowning victim in several years yesterday with the death of John Garske, 7.

The youngster was swept away from the shore by an undercurrent and two men passers-

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

Doubtless Christ was deeply wounded when there was no appreciative response to His love. This was clearly evidenced when He was rejected at Nazareth by His tears over Jerusalem and at the indifference of all but one of the ten lepers whom He had cleansed. What must have been His joy when Mary broke the Alabaster box at His feet in token of her love. Kindness is often urged. Gratitude is not emphasized as frequently. In gratitude is a sin for which there is little excuse. In most cases gratitude is an acquired virtue. Children have to be taught their "manners," and reminded again and again to say, "Thank you," for favors received. Unfortunately, the lesson is sometimes forgotten in later years. Many prayers are burdened with requests more frequently than with praise. Paul suggests a happy balance, viz., "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." Moffatt makes him say, "Wherever I go, thank God. He makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ." The Psalmist also found occasion to bless the Lord at all times, and to praise Him continually. The responsive soul is never without cause for thanksgiving. Therefore let us also give thanks unto the Lord. Amen.

by failed in an attempt to reach him by forming a human chain.

Annals of Two Schools Delivered By News-Review

The Roseburg high school annual, "The Umpqua," and the Oakland high school yearbook, "The Acorn," have been delivered to the students of the two schools by the News-Review commercial printing department.

The two publications, edited by students, were printed in the News-Review shop, and plates for photographs were made in the News-Review engraving department.

Both annuals are profusely illustrated, carrying pictures of faculties, students, activities and athletic groups and snapshots of student doings.

The Roseburg high school yearbook carries a patriotic motif throughout and offers a unique system of departmental insert pages, drawn by Barbara Garwood, each of which bears a patriotic design and the words of one of the famous patriotic songs.

Through the courtesy of the staffs of the two publications, the News-Review today is printing the pictures of members of the graduating classes of the two schools, as prepared in its engraving department for the annuals.

Will Pay Visit Here — Mrs. Eleanor Perkins, of Portland, recently elected grand guardian of Job's Daughters of Oregon, will be in Roseburg next Tuesday to install the new council for Roseburg branch of Job's Daughters.

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