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Make Haste to Stop Waste

THE more of everything we have, the quicker we are going to win this war.

Don't waste anything. Begin now to conserve every serviceable and valuable thing that is useful in prosecuting the war.

The United States is not faced with the sort of acute shortages by which the nazis, fascists and Japanese managed to build their military machines. They denied themselves things for years to get those fighting machines, things which we in the United States regard as daily necessities.

We in the United States are fortunate to have plenty of many things denied to most of the rest of the world. There is no shortage of sugar, flour, pork, lard, eggs in sight.

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One looks for the joker, of course. It doesn't sound reasonable for the Germans to be meaning that their offensive power is slipping.

Unless the situation is much worse than anybody believes, there will be other German offensives. And they will have plenty of steam behind them.

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Napoleon's blitzes ended after his retreat from Moscow.

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The axis is trying desperately to rush reinforcements across the Mediterranean to Africa and so far the British fleet seems to be STOPPING them.

If we are to keep the picture clear in our minds, we must remember above all else that this is a WORLD war. Its strategy is world-wide. What happens on one front is important to all other fronts.

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Some day it will start. Some

day the opportunity will come. And then God help the men who believed they could overrun the whole world and make the world like it.

Heed Military Orders

A DOZEN or more civilians have been shot by military sentries near various military and naval posts throughout the country when they failed to heed orders to halt, or otherwise disregarded warnings.

The war is serious. The possibilities of sabotage are real. Military sentries have their orders, and they will obey them. Persons halted by uniformed sentries must learn to obey without hesitation, or else there will be more tragedies like those already recorded. Military or naval sentries under orders to shoot if disregarded are nothing to trifle with. The old adage about the inadvisability of monkeying with the buzz-saw still goes.

Editorials on News (Continued from page 1.)

tacked first. If Hongkong falls, the attack on Manila will become fiercer.

THE Netherlands news agency reports from Batavia today that Japanese planes bombed and sank the RUSSIAN freighter Perekok on her run between Vladivostok and Surabaya, Java. The Russian flag on the ship is said to have been clearly visible from the air.

There has been some doubt as to Russia's attitude toward Japan. If this bombing of a Russian ship was deliberate, it indicates Japanese belief that war with Russia is inevitable.

For that reason, this report from Batavia is extremely interesting. Russia is in a position to do Japan a lot of damage.

THE Russians continue to pound the Germans from Leningrad to the Black Sea. In the face of this pounding, the Germans continue to RETIRE.

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OUT OUR WAY



Martinique To Be Neutral, French Promise to U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull indicated yesterday that an agreement had been reached with French authorities of Martinique assuring the neutralization of that strategic Caribbean island.

Hull conferred with Rear Admiral Frederick J. Horne, who last week was reported to have reached an agreement with Admiral Georges Robert, French high commissioner, after secret conversations at Martinique.

The secretary told his press conference later that the result of the admirals' mission was simply a continuance of the status quo. This was interpreted to mean that French authorities on the island were in accord with precautionary measures taken by the United States to prevent axis seizure of the colony and at the same time were satisfied that this country had no desire to infringe on the sovereignty of the island.

While Martinique is strategically located athwart the approaches to the Panama canal area, there is no military air field there. The French aircraft carrier Bearn, a cruiser and a training ship are anchored off Port de France and about 100 American-made short-range fighter planes originally destined for France are lying idle there.

Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly's Father Taken by Death

Oscar Eugene Lent, 76, father of Mrs. Carl E. Wimberly of Roseburg, died Monday in Portland, following a long illness. Besides Mrs. Wimberly, he is survived by his widow, Vilur Louise Lent, and a son, Paul, of Portland. A son, Jasper, was killed in the World war, and Jasper post of the American Legion in Portland was named in his honor. Besides a brother and sister in Fullerton, Calif., he is also survived by seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held this afternoon in Portland. Interment took place in the Multnomah cemetery.

Page Diogenes

SEATTLE—City Treasurer H. L. Collier received \$35 in currency from "a taxpayer," along with a letter which read: "This is city of Seattle money—\$35. Someone made a mistake they may have to make good. However, this does not belong to me, so I am returning it." Collier didn't know anything about the mistake, but said it might have been a clerk's in making change.

U. of O. Basketeers Down Nebraska, 49-42

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23—(AP)—The University of Oregon outscored the Nebraska Cornhuskers' basketball team last night, 49 to 42.

YOUNG STAR

HORIZONTAL Answer to Previous Puzzle

- 1.6 Pictured movie star. 11. Govey tower. 12. Unit. 14. Obtain again. 16. King of beasts. 18. Sleep rock. 19. Print measure. 21. Heating material. 23. Couple. 24. Part of "be". 25. Downy. 27. Clothiers. 29. Mouth part. 30. Type of coat. 32. Pairs of horses. 33. Fashion. 34. Hearts. 36. Skin openings. 37. Belches. 38. Lifeless. 40. Card game. 41. The (Fr.). 42. Symbol for samarium. 44. Courtesy title. 45. Grandchild (Scottish). 46. Move forward. 47. Lyric poem. 48. Sun god. 50. Antelope. 51. Rant. 53. Wooded ground. 57. Vegetables. 58. Repentance. 59. Give.

Don't Dismiss Pupils During Raid, Advice

SALEM, Dec. 23—(AP)—All school officials and county defense councils were advised today by Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen that pupils should not be sent home during an air raid.

Income Property For Sale

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Elmer Riddle of Cincy Reds Tops Major Pitchers

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—(AP)—Elmer (the great) Riddle, still a comparative unknown to many fans despite his sensational hurling for the Cincinnati Reds last season, received today his accolade as the "pitcher of the year."

The national league released its official pitching records showing the 24-year-old Georgia boy had surpassed all other twirlers in the major leagues in both the earned-run average and winning percentage, bringing the pitching championship to Cincinnati for the third straight year.

Riddle won 19 games and lost four while achieving the low earned-run average of 2.24 per nine innings for the best mark of effectiveness since Carl Hubbell set the league record for left hand pitchers at 1.66 in 1933. Grover Cleveland Alexander, while pitching for Philadelphia in 1915, set the mark for righthanders at 1.22.

The young righthander had to win 11 straight to pry the public's attention away from the Whitlow Wyatts and Bobby Fellers, and even then his real value scarcely was realized.

Riddle's fine national league performance compared with a 2.37 earned-run average for Thornton Lee and the 15-won 5-loss record of Lefty Gomez, the leading pitchers of the American league.

U. of O. Basketeers Down Nebraska, 49-42

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 23—(AP)—The University of Oregon outscored the Nebraska Cornhuskers' basketball team last night, 49 to 42.

The game was wide open with 24 fouls called on Oregon and 14 on the Huskers. Oregon lost center Lloyd Jackson and his two replacements, Archie Marshik and Warren Taylor, on fouls.

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SERIAL STORY

BRIDE FROM THE SKY

BY HELEN WELSHIMER

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THE STORY: Judy Allen has bailed out. Floating through the sky in the wedding dress she was wearing when imaginative aviator Sandy Ammerman kidnaped her an hour before she was to marry handsome, stable attorney Philip Rogers, magazine career girl Judy is making her escape from Sandy, whom she once thought she loved. Rumors romantically linking Sandy with actress Peg Gowen decided Judy on marrying Phil, convinced her that Sandy was just an infatuation. Now, floating earthward, she is in real danger, because as Sandy climbs his plane to give her parachute—one he has invented—plenty of room, she sees below her, at a strange airport, another plane, ready to take off in her path.

IN REAL TROUBLE

JUDY pulled on the parachute with all her strength as she came down, the rising sound of the motors following her. No, she decided, she couldn't bear to the south enough to save herself.

Sandy had done this to her... Sandy whom she hated. A great silver light picked her up then, and she realized she was being placed in the center of a searchlight to call the attention of the oncoming pilot to her fate.

She watched the strange plane start down the runway, turn, come to a sudden halt that rolled it over on its side, crashing a little dizzily as it took this unexpected and undeserved punishment. Two men, bewildered and bruised, climbed from the injured airplane.

And she, Judy Allen, associate editor of Under Twenty, was floating down to earth like a white moth or an angel.

She wasn't afraid suddenly. She didn't mind descending from the purple sky in her wedding dress, clinging to a parachute. When she touched the ground, she became aware that one white satin slipper was gone. Lost in the flight. Or maybe left in Sandy's plane. She was glad that the train on her wedding dress concealed her unslipped foot. The earth was cold, though.

She must look funny—a bride who took to hurtling earthward. She started to laugh and could not stop.

Why, there were hundreds of people at the airport to watch her. Yet there was an air of unreality about the scene.

A dozen hands had released her from the parachute as it touched earth. Amazed voices began an artillery of questions.

"Oh boy, what a story! 'Bride Falls From Sky!' a newspaperman crowed.

THERE was a newsreel truck present, too, and the operator was just winding up the crank. Looking around more carefully, Judy realized that a dozen news cameramen had been on hand to make her arrival everlasting.

Judy found her voice. It sounded strangled, though she fought for a casual tone. "Who told you I was taking off from Capricorn? 'Nobody told us. We've all been waiting around for a couple of movie stars coming in from Hollywood.'"

"It's a bridal couple. Maybe she jumped, too," somebody else said as his flashlight exploded.

"You're ace, sister." Another voice cleared itself of the motley tones. "Come on, give us your name and town and why you made your flying leap."

Judy ignored the questions. Her wide brows were drawn into a sudden, startled line. She would be in the tabloids and the movie now instead of the rotogravure section where Judy Allen belonged. Phil would wipe the grounds up with Sandy. Or maybe it would be the other way.

It would be best to get Sandy behind four strong walls as quickly as possible. Not the kind of walls that made a home, either. The wide field, the darkness, pierced with tall balls of guiding lamps, the murmur of the water in the distance, the people who kept appearing from everywhere—all this made Judy feel that she had dropped down to a strange weird place.

Her bronzer curls blew around her shoulders, her eyes smoldered with purple fire, her white dress was thin and it was fragile.

"Is there a phone near?" she asked, all the haughtier because

her stockings foot stood party in a mud puddle. "And I want to swear out a warrant for someone's arrest."

Everybody laughed at that except a heavy-set man who had crowded his way through the crowd. "Can't give you the second request, sister," he stated bluntly. "But you can't get away with a phony landing."

"Phony landing!" She stamped the foot that still wore a slipper. "That's the idea. It's your own arrest that's taking place. We're taking you to Headquarters now, this minute."

THE whole crowd of people seemed to have taken the incident as a public show by this time. People were following Judy, pushing against her, tearing pieces of lace so lavishly that at last she turned to one of the officers and let him clear a path.

The siren on the police car sounded eerie and dangerous as the patrol rushed through the streets of the town. A crowd collected quickly when the patrol wagon drew up at the station. Judy hung back.

"Disperse the audience, please," Judy moaned. "I invited my own friends to my wedding."

"When was that?" another officer asked. "Everybody come?" "I don't know. I couldn't make it." She didn't let a tear trip her sweet, husky voice.

A moment later she realized the seriousness of her offense. The airport police charged that she had been endangering lives and holding up transportation.

"We've had enough outrageous pranks of this kind," the desk sergeant explained. "This morning a debutante got hold of a fire engine and went with her gang for a joy ride. You need a lesson—you and your kind. Holding up real aviation."

There were more words. Something was said about Judy's ball being arranged at the police court in the morning, and suddenly she was placed in a cell, the barred door closed, and the jailer turned his rusty key.

(To Be Continued)

Nazi Troops Quitting Norway, Prince Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—Crown Prince Olav of Norway said today that because of military reverses in Russia and Libya, Germany was pulling troops out of occupied Norway and underground unrest among loyal Norwegians was growing day by day.

The crown prince has just arrived here from London where he has been with the Norwegian government in exile. He said that with the entrance of all world powers into the war, axis members were going to find that the way of the aggressor "doesn't pay."

Explaining that it was impossible for Norway to declare war on Japan "because we can't get a parliament together to do it," the crown prince said the Norwegian charge d'affaires in Tokyo had been instructed to leave Japan with the British embassy staff.

See PAGES' CHRISTMAS MIRRORS AND UNPAINTED FURNITURE. (adv.)

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