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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAD

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Tomorrow the nation pauses to remember its honored dead. The annual Memorial day observances will be particularly directed to the men of our armed services who gave their lives in supreme sacrifice for their country. Mixed with our tributes will be serious thoughts concerning the possibility of another armed conflict, the shadow of which already hovers over the globe.

Our hearts turn cold with the thought that we may be forced into another war—a war transcending anything that has gone before in ferocity and destruction. To avoid war we have sacrificed our national dignity time and again. We have tolerated insults that only a few years ago would have produced war in themselves.

We once, for instance, would have allowed no nation to hold an American national a prisoner. We have, at times, shown threat of force to rescue nationals illegally held in foreign lands.

A few years ago no nation would have dared shut us off from territory to which we had rightful entry. But we permitted Berlin to be blockaded for many months and absorbed a cost of billions of dollars while we went about determinedly but with a red face performing a modern air lift miracle.

Not too long ago we would have been at the throat of any nation that imposed an economic picket line around our trade area, but today we swallow our pride and meekly accept expulsion from valuable markets.

### Will Meekness Preserve Peace?

Will our humble attitude before a swaggering bully be conducive to peace, or are the humiliations being heaped upon us destroying our prestige and effectiveness as a world power? Are we courting war because we avoid a show of strength and determination?

When we face an enemy bound by no rule of civilized conduct, an enemy who worships power and power alone, are we on safe ground when we meekly retire before all bullying and threatening, absorbing insult after insult with no retaliation?

True, we want no war. But are we less apt to have war by demanding rightful respect and civilized neighborly relations than to be constantly giving ground?

These are puzzling questions. Denied the truth, fed on propaganda, apprehensive about the true patriotism of segments of our leadership, cognizant that high officials place party welfare above safety and honor of the country, we can only hope and pray that our course is right.

### Shirking Responsibility

And while we tread lightly, carrying a swagger stick instead of a big stick, we are dashing the hopes of millions of suffering peoples throughout the world. When forces of aggression were swept back into their foul lairs, it was expected by oppressed people that the United States would bring to them the freedom it enjoyed for itself. Their expectant faces were turned in our direction. We have fed and clothed some of them, but we have denied their souls the food of freedom. Instead of binding aggression, we have permitted it to escape to again spread its pollution over larger areas and more people than in its previous sweep.

We have hopes that our enemy may weaken himself by his efforts to control the world. We may believe that time is working for our side and that we can afford to swallow our pride until the force of aggression has spent itself in its expansion effort, bringing against itself a resistance born of desperation.

What Would Be Our Message From The Dead? If our honored dead were able to advise us of the course we should pursue, what would be their message? Would they tell us that loss of honor is worse than death? That right should never quail before might? That a struggle once begun is never ended until the goal has been reached?

Throughout the ages man has been striving constantly upward. Our wars have taken many forms. But each war is only continuation of the struggles that preceded it. From each bath of blood the world has emerged cleansed of some of its black spots of oppression.

We believe our dead would, if they could, speak from the grave to tell us that the struggle must go on until all men are free. That we are God's chosen people to carry the banner of freedom into battle. That freedom should be advanced by peaceful means if possible, but by war if necessary. That we should never permit the battle flag of freedom to retreat.

Drain Sets 2nd Budget Election City Recorder Vern Thomas announced Thursday, June 22, as the day Drain voters will again be asked to approve a city budget which includes \$14,071.57 outside the six percent limitation.

Western Hillbilly Band Is Coming To Tri-City The Maddox Brothers and Rose, the western & hillbilly band are coming to the Melody Mountain Barn at Tri-City on June 2 for a one time appearance.

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### In the Day's News

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grateful that in the future they will thumb their noses at the nasty Communists and hereafter honey up to good old Uncle Sam.

I rather expect they will — AT LEAST AS LONG AS THE OLD BOY'S CASH HOLDS OUT.

SPEAKING of foreigners—The vigilant teletype informs us that "dark-eyed Egyptian Princess Fathia" and her Egyptian commoner bridegroom (name of Riad Ghali) are honeymooning radiantly somewhere along the Pacific coast after their Moslem wedding in San Francisco.

BUT, the teletype clicks on: "THE FURY OF EGYPT'S KING FAROUK HUNG DARKLY OVER THEM LIKE A DESERT SANDSTORM."

WHY should Fathia and her Riad be ruffled by the fury of King Farouk in far-away Cairo? Why don't they just thumb their young and pretty noses at him and laugh merrily?

Well, it isn't quite so simple as that. Farouk holds the family purse strings and if he STAYS MAD Fathia and Riad will have to go to work.

Going to work is one of the very worst things that can happen to these Old World aristocrats.

Dr. Harold V. Anderson, professor of chemistry at Lehigh university in Pennsylvania, gets into print with a statement to the general effect that students of the present day are fully able to comprehend the fundamentals of atomic science.

But, he says a bit mournfully, THEY CAN'T SPELL 'EM. The highly important atomic word "nucleus," for example, he has been compiling a list of the ways in which "nucleus" can be misspelled and to date his list includes 68 orthographic boners culled from his students' work.

The most exotic of the 68, he adds, is "neucleogheous."

PERSONALLY, I hold to the theory that a well-educated person will no more misspell words in fairly common usage than a truly tasteful and cultured person will wear a loud four-in-hand tie with his evening starched shirt and tails.

But I'm continually amazed at the number of people and the KIND of people who confuse the spelling of principle and principal. I've even caught college presidents mixing them up.

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Just now as I was running the vacuum, I was thinking of two famous rugs: one made by a Navajo, Minnie-many-horses, the second largest floor-covering in one piece in the world (so I am told); and the exquisite needlepoint "carpet" which was made in eight patient years of stitching by the Queen Mother, dowager Queen Mary, of England.

The Navajo rug, last I knew, is in the Marble Canyon lodge in Arizona. The needlepoint rug is, of course, much in the news now, as it is on our here and is to be sold to the highest bidder.

Minnie-many-horses, it is said, had twenty assistants in shearing the sheep, washing the fleeces, carding the wool, and spinning it. But Minnie-many-horses did the weaving—twenty-three months of work. The rug is 19 x 31 feet.

Queen Mary sat on a straight backed chair for two hours every morning of the eight years, stitching on her rug while someone read aloud to her. When the dollar-crisis came up, the Queen who

loves her country with whole-souled fervor, decided to give the rug for American dollars. There were loud cries of protest over there. After all, it isn't every day a rug made by a queen is available to collectors! But Queen Mary was adamant. The rug was to go to America . . .

As I worked, I enjoyed contrasting the two craftswomen. Both women planned their work and commenced it with the same thought, probably, every woman has when she starts a hooked rug, a crocheted bedspread, or whatever: a desire to busy her hands with what may well be called a labor of love! Both women required perfection in workmanship of their hands, and to have this, the pattern must have been a clearly defined idea, and the hands carrying out the work must have been self-disciplined by long practice and tireless patience.

Both rugs fit in the category: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever. Its loveliness increases . . ."

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Allocments Of Time In Poppy Sales Explained

ROSEBURG—Most of you wonder why the veterans have so many flower sales and think it is a racket, but I would like to state now that is not. There are four organizations of veterans who sell flowers — the Spanish American War Veterans, the Disabled American War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, who all have a given time set aside to sell their flowers.

May 26th and 27th were set aside for the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars to sell their flowers. A couple of weeks ago the Spanish American War Veterans sold their flowers, but the Disabled American War Veterans won't know what date will be set aside for them until after their state convention, which will be held in Eugene, starting June 13.

Actually the money derived from the sale of all these flowers goes for the same purpose, yet it is still insufficient to supply the demand for a package of cigarettes or a bar of candy to all of the patients in the hospitals.

Many of these patients have drawn a pension or compensation for war time injuries, but when they enter the hospital their pension or compensation is cut off. Some years back during the Roosevelt administration (this is not any reflection on the Roosevelt administration) many of the veterans were cut off from their government check and the money went for relief so we might all eat. This really caused a hardship among veterans, in many cases they were in debt and had to make adjustments with their creditors. However, we did not hear much squawking from the veteran about it. Now many of these same veterans are in the hospitals, looking at four walls or the ceiling, without funds wondering what the outside world is doing; so what little money you contribute in the purchase of these flowers goes to make life more worthwhile for them.

These flowers are made by the patients in the hospitals who are able to be up and around. They are paid two cents apiece, which is little for the time involved in the making. Then the veteran

who is able to be around and the auxiliary give their time to sell the flowers by standing on the street all day.

It was my pleasure to talk with one of the ladies in front of the postoffice selling flowers, and as each person would pass, she would say "poppy, mister?" or "poppy, lady?" Some would shake their heads "no" and keep on going. I wonder what they have in their minds that they object to contribute a dime to help the man who gave all he had for us? Is it that easy to forget?

RAY C. LYNES  
Roseburg, Ore.

## Timber Harvest Tax Has Netted Over \$1 Million

More than \$1,000,000 has been collected from the timber harvest tax since it was enacted by the 1947 legislature. It has been in effect less than three years. The tax, explained Commissioner Robert D. Maclean, in charge of assessment and taxation for the state tax commission which has the responsibility of carrying the law into effect, is collected from the industry for the purpose of aiding the lumbering industry.

As originally prepared a 20 cent tax was proposed. This met with such opposition during the session that a compromise was finally made on 5 cents per 1000 board feet. No compensation is received by the state tax commission for the collection and enforcement and all funds are deposited with the state treasurer with 40 percent going to the state board of forestry for rehabilitation of forests and 60 percent for research in the utilization of waste resulting from harvesting, processing and manufacturing of forest crops and other expenses incurred in the forest products laboratory.

A special section had to be created to handle the tax business requiring office equipment, automobiles for inspectors to cover logging operations, a staff of two women to manage the office details and two inspectors who are traveling auditors. The operating expenses since the law took effect amounted to \$63,139.16 on April 30, the latest tabulation, at which time the gross revenue was \$1,002,421.70. The expense breakdown for the 34 months is salaries \$38,

## Katharine Brand Acknowledged In Special Write-Up

Katharine Edith Brand and her work which has contributed largely to a knowledge of the World War I president, Woodrow Wilson, were the incentive for an article by Lillian Porter Say, Journal Washington correspondent. The story appeared in the Oregon Journal, Friday, May 26.

Miss Brand is the daughter of Charles A. Brand, of this city and a niece of Justice James T. Brand of the state supreme court. She attended the local schools and continued her education at Smith college in Northampton, Mass., where she studied English literature.

For 15 years Miss Brand worked with Ray Stanard Baker, long-time friend and associate of Woodrow Wilson. He was head of the American Press bureau at the 1919 Paris Peace conference and said of Miss Brand, she was "an invaluable secretary and later research assistant."

She assisted Baker on his biography of Wilson and did much research into Wilson's day-by-day life from newspapers and personal interviews with friends and co-workers of the World War I president.

Upon Baker's completion of his eight-volume biography and editing of six volumes of his public papers, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson gave the Wilson papers in her possession to the Library of Congress.

Mrs. Wilson asked the Library of Congress to put Miss Brand in charge of organizing the vast collection of documents in the Wilson room at the Library of Congress and then to act as custodian of them. She has been with the Library ever since.

The Washington Journal correspondent said "I saw results of the work of Katharine and her assistants. Neatly labeled and available to researchers (under certain restrictions) I saw some 1200 boxes of Wilson papers."

She is now in charge of the Library's "Division of Manuscripts."

"Her field is now all recent manuscripts beginning with the Wilson period. The Josephus Daniels and Baker papers have now come in. The latter are under her control for 10 years. Her articles appear in the Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions. She has a chapter in a selected bibliography of Wilson's published writings and addresses.

"Her contribution to the Library of Congress, now in its 150th year, is best expressed by H. C. F. Bell of Connecticut. His book 'Woodrow Wilson and the People' bears this dedication:

"To Ray Stanard Baker and Katharine Edith Brand, benefactors to all people interested in Woodrow Wilson and his work."

Miss Brand visited her father here two years ago.

## Airliner Wrecked In Landing; Nobody Injured

NEW YORK, May 29—(AP)—Thirteen passengers and crew members walked away from a four-engine airliner that piled up yesterday at LaGuardia field when its landing gear collapsed.

No one was injured. The big Colonial airlines DC-4 gave a holiday crowd of airport sightseers an unexpected thrill when it swooped in and then skidded for 200 yards to a lopsided stop when the right wheel and strut buckled.

The fuselage, a wing-tip and several propeller blades were damaged. The plane came from Montreal.

436.25; GOM \$16,006.59 and capital outlay \$8,756.41. Tax collected from logging is \$863,864.28; miscellaneous tax \$7,281.04; penalty and interest \$11,276.38. Over the period n.s.f. checks amounting to \$316.01 were received and tax refunds were \$3,312.03.

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FUNERAL ANNOUNCED Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie McAfee will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Grants Pass. Mrs. McAfee died Friday night at a Grants Pass hospital. A former Roseburg resident for 30 years, she had been residing with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Powers, in Grants Pass.

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