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REAL STATESMEN NEEDED

The clang of the hammers in American shipyards is about to sound at a louder, faster pitch than we have heard in years. Across the Pacific in the shipyards of Japan an equally accelerated clanging is about to begin; and unless all signs fail these two nations will presently be embarked upon a naval building race of the traditional type, in spite of treaties, gentlemen's agreements or any other forms of restraint.

It is very easy for an American to deplore this trend. No one who remembers the out-come of the world's last great naval building race — between England and Germany — can be blamed for dreading the advent of a new one. But it is not nearly so easy to say just how this race is to be avoided.

Your pacifist, of course, will remark that the way to avoid a race of this kind is to build no more warships under any circumstances; to let the other chap lay down as many keels as he chooses and to pare your own establishment down year after year, secure in the knowledge that you yourself aren't going to war no matter what happens.

But it isn't likely that many Americans will endorse this plan. The world is still a perilously disturbed and suspicion-racked planet; international policies still have a way of colliding head-on, in spite of all we can do to prevent it; and while war may be a most costly and wasteful way of settling disputes, the world does not yet seem to have reached the point at which it can assure itself that war will be no more.

In short, America has very solid reasons for maintaining a strong navy, and a government which failed to do so could properly be called short-sighted. And the same thing doubtless can be said of the Japanese. Which leaves us, perhaps, right where we started—except that it all underlines the heavy responsibility which rests on the shoulders of the statesmen of the two nations.

There are, after all, more reasons for the United States and Japan to be friendly than there are for them to be enemies.

This country is Japan's best customer; Japan, in turn, buys heavily from the United States, and the development of Japan's Asiatic conquests should logically open still larger markets to American manufacturers.

As both nations prepare for trouble, it should be possible for their statesmen to work out a way whereby they could continue to live in peace. Self-interest on both sides of the Pacific dictates such a course.

DR. POWERS IN CITY ON WAY TO JOSEPH

Dr. W. L. Powers, of the O. S. C. staff at Corvallis, arrived in La Grande last evening from Malheur county points where he has been making soil surveys for use in connection with applications of several drainage and irrigation districts for government aid. This morning he left with Mrs. Power, who had driven

up from Corvallis, for Joseph where he will perform similar service for the Prairie Creek irrigation project known as Wallawa Valley Improvement District No. 1. The Wallawa county irrigationists are hoping to refinance their bond issue with government aid.

More than 500,000 acres in 38 counties of the Panhandle-Plains section of Texas are infested by prairie dogs, biological survey workers estimated.

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The Weather

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday with fog on the coast; slightly cooler interior of west portion Friday; gentle changeable winds offshore.
LOCAL WEATHER
Wednesday: maximum 92, minimum 59 above, Clear.
Today: minimum 55, 7 a. m.—67 above, Clear.

ROBBERS LOOT JOSEPH STORE

JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)—The Safeway store at Joseph was robbed the other evening, the intruders driving of the rear entrance and breaking in through a window. Mr. Keener says it is not known just how much was taken, but flour, sugar, bacon and several articles have been missed.

Last of U. S. War Mothers Return

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—One of the last and quietest chapters of the World War closed today as the steamship Washington docked with 166 Gold Star mothers, homeward bound. They composed the final contingent of mothers sent to France by the American government to look upon the graves of sons who fell there and they brought the total to 6,674.

WILL ATTEND C. E. MEETING

Miss Ruth Geibel will leave tomorrow for Turner, where she plans to spend a few days at the state Christian Endeavor conference.

Special Session To Depend on Two Things

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gested at a conference of legislators and relief leaders with Governor Meier here Tuesday. He said labor was lined up as definitely against this new plan as it was against the original sales tax rejected by the voters at the special election July 21.

Ray Gill, master of the Oregon state grange, said that organization would probably oppose the newly suggested sales tax as it had opposed the one rejected by the voters.

He said a special meeting of the executive committee of the state grange will be held in Portland Aug. 29 to consider the matter.

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUS DECREE CLARIFIED

SALEM, Aug. 24 (AP)—A formal decree elaborating his memorandum opinion of last week holding invalid certain sections of the truck and bus law was handed down late yesterday by Judge L. G. Lovell.

The circuit judge held unconstitutional the placing of contract and private haulers under the jurisdiction of the commissioners of public utilities and nullified the authority of that official to fix rates, prescribe forms and accounting, issue permits, require surety bonds, require periodic reports on demand, prescribe safety precautions, promulgate traffic rules to relieve congestion, require duplicate receipts for certain shipments, prescribe class distinguishing emblems, conduct hearings for new contract carrier applicants, and to require copies of contracts on demand.

He did not declare invalid the provisions of the law respecting fees to be paid for use of the highways; but the invalidation of the enforcing machinery is deemed to leave the provision of doubtful force, in the opinion of observers here.

PAVETTE MAN KILLED

BAKER, Aug. 24 (AP)—Earl D. Shurtliff, 39, of Payette, was fatally injured Wednesday night when pinned beneath his overturned truck after the machine had struck a cow near the Old Oregon Trail a short distance west of Pleasant Valley.

Mr. Shurtliff, who was riding alone in the truck, was pulled from beneath it by a number of motorists and brought to Baker, where he died a short time later in a hospital apparently of internal injuries.

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP)—Paul Singleton, 37, for a number of years employed as a salesman in Oregon for the Zellerbach Paper company and more recently for the Carter-Rice Paper company, was killed this morning when a Union Oil company truck which he was driving skidded over a grade five miles from Roseburg.

CHILD SKATER KILLED

SUBMITTY, Aug. 24 (AP)—Confused by an approaching truck and automobiles, Irene Zuber, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zuber,

roller skated into the side of the truck here last night and died this morning as a result of a fractured skull.

NO INCREASE SANCTIONED

SALEM, Aug. 24 (AP)—No increase in present rates of public utilities by reason of the NRA code will be permitted in Oregon except upon showing that general law of regulation requires it, Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, telegraphed in answer to inquiries from New York.

VILLAGE OF 800 MENACED; MANY DEATHS

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the Madison, with 100 persons aboard fought her way into Norfolk, Va., today after sounding two S. O. S. calls. She reported two men missing.

Virginia Hard Hit
The hurricane — racing far out of the usual path of such storms — flailed the coast from the Carolinas northward, but Virginia was perhaps hardest hit.

Waterfronts were inundated, hundreds of miles of highways flooded, communities cut off by floods or communications failure, traffic paralyzed and crops ruined.

New York, with a three-day rainfall that exceeded the normal fall for the whole of August, faced serious traffic jams because of flooded highways and railroad tracks. Fallen trees strewn streets.

Windows all over New York City were shattered as the wind, as measured at the top of the Empire State building, reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour last night.

The Crescent Limited, crack Southern railway train en route from New York to New Orleans, carried two engineers to instant death and sent 13 passengers and members of its crew to hospitals when it was derailed over a swollen stream near Washington this morning.

Two C.C.C. Men Are Frozen In Montana

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 24 (AP)—Two members of a civilian conservation corps, Lt. Robert Gilmore, of New York state and Harry Halverson, about 40, of Canyon Ferry, Mont., died from exposure in a sudden storm that swept down on the Belt mountains near here Monday. Their bodies were recovered last night.

A third member of the party, a conservation corps member named Funk, from Long Island, is recovering.

Utah Natural Resources association is waging a campaign for an embargo against removal of cactus plants from the desert. Members consider cactus a natural resource.

AT THE LIBERTY

For the first time in six years Laurel and Hardy discard their shabby clothes to don the habiliments of a couple of roistering ragsbonds in their latest feature-length comedy, "The Devil's Brother," opening Friday at the Liberty theatre. As embryonic bandits, bold outwardly but diffident when confronting their victims, they are said to have created two of the funniest characterizations of their successful career as a comedy team.

The picture is based on the celebrated Auber comic opera and presents a novelty in being the first of the Laurel and Hardy comedies to have a musical touch. To properly interpret the musical phases of the production, LeRoy Shield, well-known musical director, was secured through

the courtesy of the National Broadcasting company of Chicago, and Dennis King, star of "Rose Marie" and "The Vagabond King" was induced to play a featured role.

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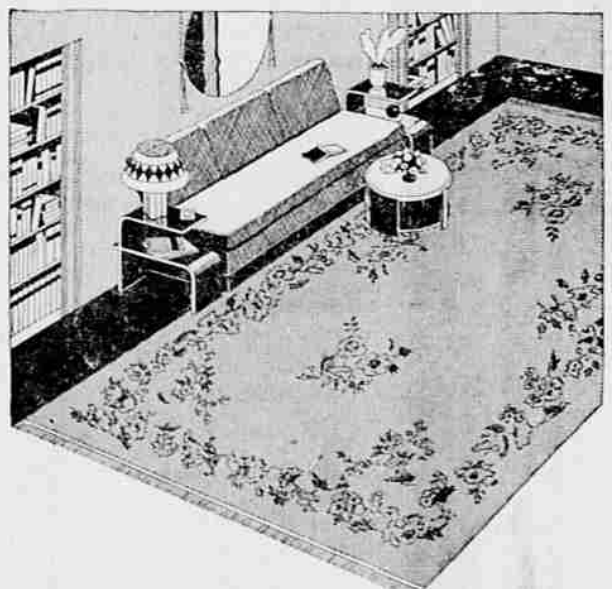
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