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THE ECONOMIES OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Col. E. C. Dentler, United States Army, who has been in the service of his country for forty-two years, since he entered West Point, and who is now instructor of the National Guard companies in Oregon, addressed the Salem Rotary Club at the noon luncheon on Wednesday, on the economies of reasonable national preparedness for emergencies.

It was not a set speech, and the time was short, so that no printed report can do Col. Dentler's instructive talk justice.

Col. Dentler held and holds that the army provided for by the present National Defense Act is a democratic army. It is organized to support the Constitution of the United States, which recognizes the principle that all men are created free and equal. The President of the United States takes this oath:

"I solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

The National Guard officers take this oath: "I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon" (or of the other states).

So the National Guard under the National Defense Act is the instrument which the President has at his command to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

And when this Act fully functions he will have 500,000 men for any emergency at any time or any place, who will be ready for action on twenty-four hours notice; and a million men ready and equipped within sixty days.

These men instructed by the professional soldiers in the Regular Army of 150,000 men; sufficient only for this work and such other work as they are called to do in the regular conduct of the business of this government at home and abroad.

Col. Dentler says this is sufficient; that it does not provide for a militaristic system, but that it will be found adequate for any emergency that may arise.

He said the credit is due to Elihu Root for framing the National Defense Act; that he was inspired to do this by reports of army officers which he found in the archives of the War Department at Washington, through which he was convinced that if the United States had had in 1912 a well drilled army of 10,000 men, Canada would now be a part of the United States; and that had the United States possessed in 1861 a thoroughly equipped and drilled army of 25,000 men, there would have been no Civil war.

Had our country been prepared in 1914, perhaps the World War would not have started; and had we been prepared in 1916 a large part of the 26 billions of dollars our participation in that war cost us would have been saved; to say nothing of many precious lives.

And the interest we annually pay on the excessive cost would pay ten times the cost of maintaining the 500,000 men of the National Guard under the National Defense Act.

This force costs only one-seventh the cost of a standing army of the same number of men, and, under the present system of training, the National Guard forces are thoroughly efficient. They proved this in the World war; and Oregon

was not only the first state to report ready for duty, but she sent the best body of men of equal size ever organized in the world's history.

Col. Dentler told of many cases where armed forces ready at instant call have saved vast property wastes and many precious lives.

And we do not know what moment emergencies may arise.

Vast quantities of supplies are needed in the infantry, the cavalry, the air service and other branches, in order to insure instant preparedness. It is a great deal cheaper to provide these vast stores in peace times than in the stress of war. Every consideration of economy, to say nothing of safety, argues on the side of a reasonable preparedness, with a democratic army, made up from the body of the people, and backed by a small but adequate force of Regular Army officers and men.

Col. Dentler tells of the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City, made up of members employing large numbers of men. They have signed an agreement to encourage 20 per cent of their employees to enlist in the National Guard. While on duty the men shall lose no pay, nor promotion or vacation privileges; and that enlistment in the National Guard shall be considered a patriotic representation for the company or firm in the service of the state and the United States.

The National Defense Act is the best provision ever made by our country to carry out the idea of President George Washington, whose first act was to provide for a regular army for the defense of the liberties and the safety of the people. All that is needed now is the faithful adherence to the provisions of the act; the support of Congress; the molding of public opinion; the willing and loyal service of a sufficient number of the best young men in all the states to give it the binding force necessary to make it function fully. And all this would be absolutely assured if every thinking person in the United States could hear Col. Dentler.

The Democratic papers that are making the campaign for Governor Olcott are saying or leaving the impression that nothing can be done to decrease expenses and lower taxes in Oregon. Is there any one in the whole state who really believes this? Or is there any one in the whole state who does not want efforts to be made to disprove this assumption? That is, any one outside of a few high salaried officials and job holders who want to hold on to their places?

Another thing Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has neglected to tell us whether there are any Democrats in the spirit world. — Los Angeles Times.

If the Near East ever gets out of the news of the world it will be a mighty good place to live in. Somewhere, somehow, there is always fighting to be done there.

The railways are giving large orders for new cars and other equipment to handle passengers and freight. No country ever went to the dogs when such signs of business activity are in evidence.

We have overlooked an anniversary. On May 7, 1792, Captain Gray, of Boston, in his ship, the Columbia, discovered the Columbia river. That was 130 years ago last Sunday.

The steel industry is undoubtedly the most reliable business barometer. It is more reliable than agriculture for the reason that production and prices in the sphere of the farm are determined to a large extent by the bounty of nature. The figures in the steel industry are showing a decided increase in earnings, an improvement fixed as high as 40

per cent. This is proof of a business awakening after a long period of self-denial and enforced retrenchment. It means that everything is on the upgrade.

Judge Webster Holmes of Tillamook, candidate for the nomination for governor on the Democratic ticket, was a Salem boy and young man, and he belongs to a pioneer Oregon family. If his political star should lead him into the office of chief executive, he would give a good account of himself.

BUNDLE DAY

May 24th will be bundle day for Near East relief throughout the United States. Last year America sent 1000 tons of clothing to the Near East. President Maesnanian of the Armenian republic says that one-fifth of the present population of that section have been clothed in cast off American garments during the year.

New clothing wears out fast enough, the supply of half worn garments is now completely exhausted. Numberless men, women and children are destitute of clothing and thousands have no covering whatever save the thinnest rags.

Inside the Near East relief

orphanages, much of the clothing is manufactured by the children themselves under the direction of the relief workers, but the majority of them and almost the entire population of Armenia will have to dress in American second hand clothes again next year.

Approximately 80 per cent of the hand looms were destroyed during the war; famine and invasion have scattered the women and girls who formerly operated them. And the flocks of sheep which in former days furnished the wool have been killed for food or stolen by invaders.

"With the exception of food there is no greater need than that of clothing," says J. J. Handsaker, state director of Near East relief, who traveled extensively in the Near East last summer. "Therefore I am asking the people of Oregon to respond to the appeal for warm clothing and shoes that comes to us from the Near East and southeastern Russia."

It is planned that the appeal for spare clothing be spread in schools, churches, clubs and lodges through speakers, illustrated circulars, motion pictures and the press, that every organized group in the state may have opportunity to make collection of clothes, and that it also be presented to clothing concerns whose shelves and store rooms may be cleared of shop worn garments that are too poor or out of date to sell and too good to throw away.

Oregon does not want a governor, and Salem does not want a mayor representing any Klux, clan, class, cult, creed, color, combination or company. We want cooperation, coordination, constructive work, not division into warring camps and factions. Every man in Oregon has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the further we can get away and stay away from class consciousness of any kind, the better it will be for the great majority of our people. We should be a harmonious whole as a people, and not a set of warring factions, playing dog-in-the-manger.

THE WORLD ENVISIONING

Frank A. Vanderlip, the eminent American financier, who has been an unofficial observer at Genoa, states that the wisdom of America's nonparticipation in the conference is conceded by most of the delegates, although it is upon America that the world must mainly depend for its financial rehabilitation. The various representatives can speak more freely with America absent than if Uncle Sam were regularly represented. But, whether in or out, America holds the key to the situation. The gold reserve in this country is the thing needed to stabilize the business of the world and the point is to utilize this to the greatest good of civilization and industry. The federal reserve must have world vision rather than domestic. There should be an international view in fixing and determining discount rates. America is a participant in every international conference or convention, willy nilly. Her unofficial attitude, however, places her in a position pregnant with possible good. America is in a position to exact political security from the nations of Europe and this would mean higher standards of civilization and a more substantial government. England may embark on friendly commercial relations with the Russian soviet, but unless Russia shows a capacity for intelligent and just government that commands the confidence of America there can be no definite progress. Mr. Vanderlip thinks that by making moderate loans

FUTURE DATES

May 12, Friday—Concert by Mary Scholz, violinist, Grand theatre.
May 13, Saturday—Senator Charles Hall speaks at Armory 8 p.m.
May 14, Saturday—Hospital banquet at Marion hotel, evening.
May 15, Saturday—Junior week-end entertainment at O. A. C.
May 16, Sunday—Mother's day.
May 17, Sunday—Hospital Sunday; kick-off of hospital fund campaign.
May 18, Monday—Prosperity week, in Portland.
May 19 and 20, Tuesday and Wednesday—Apollo club concerts.
May 21, Friday—Special recall elections against public service commission.
May 22, Saturday—Primary elections.
May 23, Sunday—Salem city primary election.
May 24, Friday—Open house, science department of high school.
May 25, Saturday—Non-conference college track meet, Sweetland field.
May 26, Sunday—Marion County athletic meet.
May 27 and 28, Friday and Saturday—May Festival, Orotorio Creation Friday in armory; living pictures Saturday night.
June 2, Saturday—Automobile races at state fair grounds.
June 5, Monday—Track meet, Williamette and Pacific University at Forest Grove.
June 6, 7, 8 and 9—Oregon State Orange convention at McMinnville.
June 14, Wednesday—Flag Day.
June 16, Friday—High school graduation.
June 29-30, July 1—Convention of Oregon Fire Chiefs' association at Marshfield.
July 3 and 4—Monday and Tuesday State convention of Artisans at Woodburn.
September 2, 3 and 4—Lakerview Round-up.
September 13, Wednesday—Oregon Methodist conference meets in Salem.
September 21, 22 and 23—Piedmont round-up.
September 25 to 30 inclusive—Oregon State Fair.
November 7, Tuesday—General election.

to various nations America is not doing the permanent good of which she is capable. It would be better for the country to preserve her resources to make a more important and more lasting contribution when conditions are ripe. America can require Europe or each nation thereof to put its house in order. That should be America's accomplishment. We must attain and hold the international viewpoint.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Ballots going out—
Getting all set for election a week from today.

There are many reports of damage to fruit from freezing throughout the country. The white spot seems to be the Salem district, and it is to be hoped that fortune will follow our growers throughout the season.

The prospective June brides are already doing a lot of shopping.

Up in Umatilla county they think the fight is between Hall and Patterson.

Mother's day Sunday. Father's day in many homes is Saturday night, with the pay check.

But pity the poor mother who is remembered only one day in the year.

Riding two horses going in opposite directions does not seem to be as successful as it used to be in Oregon politics.

Margot Asquith says that American men want to kiss every pretty woman they meet. Is this the reason Margot has been immune?

The woman police magistrate

WILLIAM FOX presents
THUNDERCLAP
with MARY CARD, THE MOTHER IN THE HILL



Starting Sunday
LIBERTY THEATRE

of Winslow, Ill., announces that she will hold court in the parlor of her home. Will the witnesses be allowed to look over the family album while they wait?

Sugar is now made from corn. The first shipment having just been made from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

GRAND ONE NIGHT Monday, May 15

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Home Talent Plays

THE MILESTONE

The road through studyland is the scene of this playlet. Halfway down the road is a finger post with a sign: "One Mile to Examination Mountain." Beside the post there is a large stone. Down the road comes The Shriker, walking along with his eyes on the ground and looking sullen. He stops and frowns at the sign post.

THE SHRIKER: Well here it is, along the last of May. Another milestone passed upon the way. Examination Mountain lies ahead. That means a climb you bet your life I dread. I wish I hadn't fooled along the way. They I wouldn't feel so shaky today. Gee whiz! I'll hardly catch my breath before the climb. I guess I'm scared to death. (The Shriker walks on, slowly and hesitatingly, as though he wanted to turn back. Then The Dullard enters. She is carrying a big book under each arm and is mumbling to herself.)

THE DULLARD: In Argentine is Buenos Aires. I know. In Chile—Oh, I know a little while ago. (She stops and looks at the sign post and then sits down wearily on the stone.)

THE DULLARD: I'm sick of study, study all the time. The way they pile up lessons is a crime. And what's the use, for when we have review I have to learn the stuff all over, too. And now Examination Mountain's near; I never shall get over it, I fear. You have to have a lot of grit to stand a journey on the road through Studyland. (She sighs, gets up, and plops on. Then The Player enters. She is an overdressed girl who trips along carelessly.)

THE PLAYER: Ho, hum! Another mile, I see, to go. I never knew the time to be so slow. And old Examination Mountain, too, I'll have to cross before I'm really

and canes. And to think I've got to use one! I'd rather not go back to school at all.

"Oh, very well," said Mrs. Stanley, "you can stay home if you like. But I thought I heard you saying something about a track meet you wanted to see. And then there's a meeting of your club."

"Oh, you know I'll go," grumbled Jack, "even if I have to use that crutch. Good thing it isn't two."

"That's the spirit," said a hearty voice in the doorway. Dr. Shultz smiled in at them. "Just think how you'll have it over the other fellows, having three legs, now, instead of two. Of course one of the three isn't working very well, but it will be in time."

Jack grinned. "It'd be nice to have three hands, too, wouldn't it? Then if I got tired using one I could give it a rest and use the other two."

"Or if you had an extra brain," suggested Mrs. Stanley.

"That's talking," laughed Jack. He looked at the crutch with more favor.

"It's all in the way of looking at it," said the doctor. "Just keep thinking of that crutch as your third leg that you're using to give one of the others a rest for a while, instead of as a hindrance. Don't call it your 'crutch' at all."

"All right," said Jack, who looked upon the big doctor as his best pal. "Hand me my third leg and I'll see how it goes."

Jack is back running on the track team again. Getting his foot back into shape wasn't half the trouble he expected. And nailed up in his room beside the racquets and bats is his "third leg."

ONE REEL YARNS

THE THIRD LEG
Jack looked at the shiny crutch by the side of the big chair. "I won't go hobbling around on that thing," he said sulkily. "I've always hated the sight of crutches



HOW THAT LITTLE LADY CAME DOWN TO SEAM.

the packs reduced. However, during the war when men were fighting each other instead of wolves, the animals began to increase.

Now reports tell of the boldness of the wolves and the large packs they are traveling in. They have attacked many villages, in numbers as large as 50. In one place in Jugo-Slavia they even attacked a train.

Range Officer: "Don't you know any better than to point an empty gun at me?"
Rookie: "But it isn't empty, sir. It's loaded."

How, Why, and What

Do turtles have teeth?
Turtles have no teeth, but they don't miss not having any. They have horny jaws with such a sharp cutting edge that they can snap off a man's finger.

Alice: "All good looking girls are concealed."
Beatrice: "Oh, I don't know, I'm not."

TODAY'S PUZZLE

I am an animal; change my head once and I am to plant seed; change it again and I am to cut grass.
Answer to yesterday's: Nip, pin, Nab, ban.