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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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War in the Desert

There are many trials and tribulations to fighting in the desert, as any schoolboy who has marched the weary parangs with Xenophon can testify. The land is hot, scorched, burned; above it the sky, at midday arches like a great burnished kettle; there is no life, except as the general of the ten thousand wrote, a few nondescript birds which cling to the few waterholes. The day is inconceivably hot, the nights oftentimes chilly; men go mad with the heat, and submit dumbly to the cold. There is no water.

Against this sort of backdrop, and that described in mysteriously beautiful passages by Colonel Lawrence in his *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, the approaching battle between the minions of the new Fascist state and the British colonialists will be fought. Seen from afar, the conflict bears the mark of high adventure; for the participants it is more likely an anticipation of the nether regions.

They will be fighting over ground which has known the strife of men since the earliest dawn of humanity; their prize will be the isthmus between two continents over which the Hittites swept millennia ago, and their line of communication will be the Red sea, which swept back to allow the Chosen People to escape from the Pharaohs in the time of Moses. The Egyptian monarchs, Heracleitus, Marc Antony, Cleopatra, Caesar himself, and Alexander, the deity and world conqueror, are all associated in men's minds with these lands over which armies strive today. Their ancient hearts may brood today over the men who, in Homer's term, go forth to become "food for dogs, and a feast for birds."

Yet for all of the epic character of the theatre of combat, North Africa has not seen an important combat in modern times. Napoleon, the last world conqueror, brought hither to Egypt in 1798 a French army, only to see its naval arm destroyed by the British fleet at Aboukir. The men themselves remained, forgotten by their power-winning leader who returned to France; and from the exploit came nothing in a military way. Only the famous translation of the Rosetta stone, which gave the key to the reading of hieroglyphics, and the famous Egyptian spire in the Place de la Concorde in Paris remain to immortalize the dream of the French general of dominion in the land of Egypt.

But now, however, the hour of destiny, as Mussolini rhetorically puts it, strikes in the sands of Libya, and the brushy deserts of Ethiopia. The tanks, the armored cars, the planes and even the now lowly camels set forth to win new empire for the nations whose "manifest destiny" has become apparent in the last seven or the last 20 years. How it will all end, no man knows; but it is certain that though the conquerors pass in the footsteps of Alexander and of Napoleon, the desert will remain ageless and unchanged, a thing of heat and no life.

Paternalistic Bonneville

"Bonneville is also interested that our outlets operate in a businesslike way," remarked George Hibbert, a representative of the big federal power project who appeared before the Salem committee studying the problem of this city's future electrical service.

And thus, even in a preliminary meeting devoted to calm research rather than the controversy which may rage at some future date, was raised the head of federal paternalism which has been inseparable from the Bonneville activities. This was the point raised in McMinnville, where a Bonneville contract was finally approved; this was also the point raised in Eugene and Lane county, and the stumbling block which caused failure both of a proposed municipal tieup with Bonneville and a PUD for the territory outside Eugene.

It is not yet time for conclusions. Salem wants the benefit of Bonneville power; is already enjoying it to some degree. But this issue of federal paternalism is one to keep in mind. Supposing Salem decides to create a municipal utility, adding its administration, say, to the duties of the water commission, a body of men who have heretofore demonstrated their ability to solve financial problems and set rates accordingly. With such a setup, why should Bonneville insist upon dictating rates and financial practices, as its McMinnville contract provides even though that city obtains only a small portion of its power from Bonneville?

No one knows who will be directing Bonneville policies from year to year. One administrator may want the municipalities using Bonneville power to cut rates and make a showing, regardless of the debt service problem; another may insist upon high rates and rapid retirement of the debt. This is a choice that the municipality should retain. If and when a definite proposal for municipal power is submitted, every citizen should scan carefully the proposed contract with Bonneville. Salem must reserve the right to manage its own business—if it goes into the power business.

Electric Fences

A four-year-old boy wandered into contact with an electrically charged wire surrounding a stock corral near Springfield last week and was killed instantly.

The incident might appear at first glance a decisive argument against the legalization of electric fences. It appears however that the electrical charge in this particular fence was controlled by a homemade transformer which did not have the approval of the state bureau of labor's electrical inspector.

The investigation has not been completed but the homemade transformer and some others like it, made by the same man and in use in the Springfield vicinity, have been destroyed. It is to be presumed that the bureau of labor in regulating the amount of electric current permitted for such installations, takes into account the possibility that livestock or human beings coming into contact with the fence may occasionally have simultaneous contact with some other metallic object which provides a "ground," and that in wet weather the same general conditions prevail.

If the regulations take these things into account, presumably electric fences, properly inspected and approved, are safe. This is the first fatality of the sort that has come to our attention. In view of the circumstances, it may be viewed as a warning against "bootleg" installations, rather than an argument against the use of such devices in general.

Centennial Wins High Praise

The Salem centennial was an outstanding success and did credit to a city four times the size of Salem. We wonder if there is another city in the world of 30,000 inhabitants that could have put on so successful a pageant with so talented a group of amateur performers. And where else on earth could so small a city have placed 3,999 people in costume in one scene as did the pageant's finale?

It was a great show, historically, scenically, musically and from the point of attendance. We imagine now that it is over, and the fanfare of drum corps and the toot of horns and police whistles on car crowded streets have ceased, that Salem is again a "city of peace" and that Salem people are glad they will not have another similar celebration till 2040.—Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Exactly what we would have said, Claude, if we weren't so modest.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

A great niece of Anna Maria Pittman Lee recently visited here and saw sacred spots:

A letter dated at Pasadena, California, 166 N. Bonnie street, July 30, 1940, from Mabel Pittman (Mrs. Walter A.) Graves comes to this desk. It reads: "My sister has just sent me your 'Bits for Breakfast' column of July 16th to 19th. You speak of a woman from California looking for the location of Lee Mission."

"I think I'm that woman, as I was in Salem recently. Not finding you to get this information, we turned to the Chamber of Commerce, and (will you believe it?) they couldn't tell us! My suggestion is you send them a copy of your column with the description of the location and have them look it up by the 'Historical Spots' information."

"Coming from California, I sort of chuckled at a chamber of commerce not being able to give this information to travelers."

"We didn't give up, though. Ten miles north of Salem on Mission Bottom" was the information given, so we found a highway sign directing to Mission Bottom and drove until we saw a house which looked like the people living there would be able to tell us. "This gentleman gave us very plain directions, and we found the two stones marking the site of Lee Mission."

"My blood tingled as I stood on ground where my great Aunt Maria had once lived and had sacrificed her life that the Indians might see the light of Christianity."

"We would be glad to contribute toward a road sign directing others to this sacred spot."

"While in Salem I was told that the body of Aunt Maria was not in the grave where the tombstone is. Do you know if this is true?"

"We would like to express our appreciation and thanks for all you have done in restoring the mission to its original site."

"With best wishes for successful centennial celebration."

Thanks to the great niece of Anna Maria Pittman for her complimentary words. She will be pleased to learn that the matter of providing a road sign has had attention, since her visit. So her contribution to its cost will not be required. At the suggestion of N. C. Hubbs, Marion county engineer, the state highway department has put up the needed sign, guiding both north and south bound passengers to the sacred spot. The sign reads: "Lee Mission Rd." (Also, Lee Mission site grounds have been cleaned up since the grand niece's visit.)

Due thanks have been tendered all concerned. However, the project to restore the original Lee mission buildings at the original spot on the "old" Willamette has not been given up as hopeless.

It should by all means be accomplished. Of course, in California, this would have been done long ago. But Oregon is growing more history minded, and by the same sign, more enterprising, too.

The California grand niece of Anna Maria Pittman is hereby informed that it was a cruel lie she was told "while in Salem" to the effect "that the body of Aunt Maria was not in the grave where the tombstone is."

It is presumed that no true Salemite entered such a falsehood. The grave of Anna Maria Pittman and her child was at the "old" mission, on about the same spot where was her husband's grave on July 16, 1837. That was the first opening of the ground in Oregon for a white mother and child. It was a few yards north of the marker on the stone.

That became the white cemetery for the "old" mission. All whites who died there were buried in that cemetery, including Cyrus Shepard, the foster son of Dr. White and wife, and others. Including, too, the first child, Lambertson W. of Rev. J. L. Parrish and wife, the second month after their arrival with the Lausanne party; that is, in September, 1840.

The third wife of Rev. J. L. Parrish told this writer that the body of that child, Lambertson W., was never removed from the original burying place, though at least one member of the Parrish family regularly decorates a grave there, in the mission plot of the Lee Mission cemetery, next to that of Rev. J. L. Parrish, as the grave of the child, Lambertson W. But there is no doubt whatever that all the other bodies were, at various dates, taken up from that earliest of all white cemeteries, or among the earliest in the Oregon country, and were given burial at other points—most of them in the mission plot of Lee Mission cemetery.

The body of Anna Maria Pittman Lee and young son were certainly taken up from the original burying place and given new interment at the place designated on the tombstone. The land for the Lee Mission cemetery was donated to the First Methodist church of Salem by the first Mrs. J. L. Parrish, who had been Miss Elizabeth Winn of New York, from her (the wife's) part of the Parrish donation land claim. (Concluded tomorrow.)

Carl Fitts Awarded \$100 Sears Scholarship, OSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Aug. 2.—Carl Fitts, a graduate of Salem high school, has received a \$100 scholarship from the Sears Roebuck company to attend Oregon State college this fall. He is one of 25 high school students in Oregon to receive such scholarships. Fitts made an outstanding record in Future Farmers' activities and plans to enroll in agricultural engineering at OSC.

Good Old "Simmer" Time



Radio Programs

KSLM—THURSDAY—1300 Kc.

6:30—Milkman Melodies.
7:30—News.
7:45—Melody Lane.
8:00—Neighbors at Woodcraft.
8:30—News.
8:45—Pastor's Call.
9:00—Here's Frank Luther Again.
9:15—Popular Music.
9:30—Thursday Serenade.
9:45—Keep Fit to Music.
10:00—News.
10:15—Ma Perkins.
10:30—Hills of Seasons Past.
10:45—Bachelor's Children.
11:00—Friendly Neighbors.
11:15—Woman World Wide.
11:30—Melody Lane.
11:45—Jack McLean Orchestra.
12:00—Yale Parade.
12:15—News.
12:30—Hillbilly Serenade.
12:45—Willamette Valley Opalones.
1:00—Grandma Travels.
1:15—Bob Stanley Orchestra.
1:30—Interesting Facts.
1:45—Johnson Family.
2:00—Popular Music.
2:15—Popular Music.
2:30—Conservation Report.
2:45—The Alfrick Family.
3:00—Madcap Family and Rose.
3:15—Your Neighbor.
3:30—Carol Leighton, Ballade.
4:00—News.
4:15—Popular Music.
4:30—Arthur Mann.
4:45—Shirley Parker.
5:00—Blue Beetle.
5:15—Raymond Gram Swing.
5:30—Local News.
5:45—Dinner Hour Melodies.
6:00—News and View—John B. Hughes.
6:15—G-Man Stories.
6:30—Twilight Trails.
6:45—Headlines.
7:00—Fighting the Past.
7:15—Popular Music.
7:30—Talk of the Town.
7:45—News.
8:00—Popular Music.
8:15—Plantationaires.
8:30—When a Girl Marries.
8:45—Newspaper of the Air.
9:00—Pulmon Lewis, Jr.
9:15—Joe Study Orchestra.
9:30—Gus Arnheim Orchestra.
9:45—Martin Eise Orchestra.
10:00—News.
10:15—Ray Pearl Orchestra.
10:30—Rhythm Rarials.
10:45—Midnight Melodies.
11:00—News.

KOW—THURSDAY—430 Kc.

6:30—Sunrise Serenade.
7:00—News.
7:15—Jesse Foster Frolic.
7:30—Wife Savers.
7:45—Sam Hayes.
8:00—Woman in White.
8:15—The O'Neill's.
8:30—By Kathleen Norris.
8:45—Dr. Kala.
9:00—Light of the World.
9:15—Arnold Grimm's Daughter.
9:30—Valliant Lady.
9:45—Hymns of All Churches.

These schedules are supplied by the respective stations. Any variations noted by listeners are due to changes made by the stations without notice to this newspaper.

11:00—Story of Mary Marlin.
11:15—Ma Perkins.
11:30—Popeye Young's Family.
11:45—Vie and Sada.
12:00—Pettis House Faces Life.
12:15—Stella Dallas.
12:30—Lorenza Jones.
12:45—The O'Neill's.
1:00—Stars of Today.
1:15—Midstream.
1:30—The O'Neill's.
1:45—Musical Ramblings.
2:00—Associated Press News.
2:30—Against the Storm.
2:45—The Guiding Light.
3:00—Three Romances.
3:15—News.
3:30—H. V. Kallenborn.
3:45—US Army Band.
4:00—The Alfrick Family.
4:15—Musical Hall.
4:30—Caravan.
4:45—Fred Waring Pleasure Time.
5:00—Chas. Parca Orchestra.
5:15—The Alfrick Family.
5:30—Symphony Hour.
5:45—Dress Rehearsal.
6:00—News.
6:15—Faithful Stradivari.
6:30—Florentine Gardens Orchestra.
6:45—St. Francis Drake Orchestra.
7:00—News.
7:15—Hotel St. Francis Orchestra.
7:30—Florentine Gardens Orchestra.

KOIN—THURSDAY—940 Kc.

6:00—Market Reports.
6:15—KOIN Clock.
6:30—Headlines.
6:45—Bob Garred Reporting.
7:00—Consumer News.
7:15—Kate Smith Speaks.
7:30—When a Girl Marries.
7:45—Romance of Helen Trent.
8:00—Our Gal Sunday.
8:15—Life Can Be Beautiful.
8:30—Night to Happiness.
8:45—Mary Lee Taylor.
9:00—Big Sister.
9:15—Ann Jenny.
9:30—Fletcher Wiley.
9:45—My Son and I.
10:00—Society Girl.
10:15—Life Begins.
10:30—Pretty Kitty Kelly.
10:45—Myrt and Marge.
11:00—Billpost House.
11:15—Stepmother.
11:30—By Kathleen Norris.
11:45—Beyond These Valleys.
12:00—Sluggin' Sam.
12:15—Staggered Balines.
12:30—Young Doctor Malone.
12:45—Outdoors with Bob Edge.
1:00—Joyce Jordan.
1:15—The World Today.
1:30—Hello Again.
1:45—Chicagoans.
2:00—Newspaper of the Air.

Sons of German Agent in US



Klaus and Peter Westrick

Presence of Dr. Gerhard Westrick, special business representative of the German government, in the United States and reported visits with American industrial leaders, have been the subject of much news. F. E. L. agents check on the doctor's movements. Dr. Westrick has been making his residence at Scarsdale, N. Y. The auto rights of the German agent have been suspended. Two children of Dr. Westrick are pictured. They are Klaus and Peter, shown at Scarsdale.

News Behind Today's News

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The obscure origin of the draft bill has aroused suspicion in the country. Prospective draftees and even editors have been asking where the bill came from? How is it that what seems to be an administration approved bill happened to turn up under the sponsorship of a lame duck anti-new deal senator and a republican representative of no official position in the house? Why all the supporting propaganda activity from the Military Training Camps association? Are the draft boards going to be fairly judicial, or composed of political appointees capable of choosing their enemies and exempting their friends?

A personal investigation points to the following conclusions: The administration wanted such a measure. The war department firmly and unanimously believed it necessary. It has kept a similar bill in its safe all along. But as this is a presidential campaign year and war is not yet imminent, the government officials, especially those in the White House, deemed it strategic to let the measure originate and progress along non-political lines, which would relieve the new deal from sole responsibility for it. This is what has caused all the confusion.

The original bill actually was drawn by the Military Training Camps association of New York City, a group of business men, attorneys, and reserve officers, many of whom are republicans. Prominent in the group were Henry Stimson, later appointed secretary of war, and the man whom Stimson has now installed as his assistant secretary, Judge Robert P. Patterson.

Such men as President James B. Conant of Harvard, Julius Ochs Adler, general manager of the New York Times, Colonel "Wild Bill" Donovan, who was in the Hoover cabinet, and the eminent New York attorneys, Elmer Root, Jr., and Grenville Clark, had a hand in it. They have worked very close to the war department since their Military Training Camps association was formed. It sponsored the Plattsborg training camp for business men early in the last war (with the cooperation of Leonard Wood who was then secretary of war).

Their decision to back the draft method was made at a meeting in New York last May 22, shortly after the German invasion of the Netherlands. It was decided at that meeting.

"Flying Blind"

By VERA BROWN

Chapter 7 Continued
When Elsie came out to them she cried on Lem's shoulder, but she was less hysterical. Judith felt it had done her good. The three of them talked together while Judith dressed to go to the trial. Elsie tried to describe her aunt to Judith.

"I'll have her paged if I miss her," Judith promised. "Don't you worry."

Lem offered to wait with Elsie until Judith and Mrs. Royce came back. That seemed to solve that difficult problem.

Watching the clock, Judith stalled, hoping against hope that Tex could come before she had to leave. Finally she gave up, kissed Elsie goodbye. Lem promised to make some necessary telephone calls and he followed Judith out into the hall when she left.

"What about money? I don't think he had any more than enough to pay his hotel bill and get back home."

"We'll manage some way. Tex will pay the hotel bill."

"We fellows can dig up the funeral expenses, I guess."

How real they were! Judith's heart was warmed. On the trip down she chided herself. Tex would be afraid to face Elsie. He was like that. Besides he had loved Marvin. Judith knew how Tex hated scenes. How well she knew! Marvin had been closer to Tex than any other man. I mustn't be unfair, she concluded.

So Judith argued with herself. It was comfortable leaning back in the fine limousine. A beautiful day, too. Perfect flying weather, and warmer than yesterday. Yesterday? It seemed weeks away. Her troubled thoughts gave her little peace.

Of course, Tex had celebrated last night. Not that she blamed him. He was new national hero. She knew how much the big race meant to him, how he would feel this morning. She wished she'd started earlier so she could have stopped off at the hotel. But it was too late now.

At the station she found the train was half an hour late. She could have seen Tex. As she stood there uncertain, she heard somebody call her name. It was Hugh Lanning.

"Don't tell me I'm to have the good luck to find you going with me to New York?"

"The answer is no. If you call that luck, I wouldn't be much of a traveling companion today."

"It would be 'yes' with me any time," Lanning held her hand a moment, saw the dark smudges under her eyes. "You must have had a bad time of it."

"I'm not the one to be pitied, Hugh."

"I know. Tough break! But you know the flying game. How's his wife?"

"You can imagine."

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the association should throw 80 per cent of its effort for compulsory military training and devote 5 per cent to sponsoring a new Flatbush for men over 40,000 age limits and 5 per cent toward aiding the allies.

A committee was appointed at the same meeting to come to Washington in furtherance of these ideas. The war department also knew a presidential campaign was in progress and war was not at hand, so it refused to sponsor directly or encourage the controversial aspects of the program. But the committee apparently received some very good personal advice somewhere in Washington, as their No. 1 recommendation now is to have the bill introduced by Senator Burke and Representative Wadsworth.

Usually, organizations do not get republicans or anti new-dealers to sponsor legislative proposals for democratic administration, especially not in this one, but there seems to have been a meeting of the minds involved in this matter. If new dealers were to be avoided, the choice of Representative Wadsworth as sponsor was not at all unusual as he is the ablest experienced military authority in congress. Senator Burke was chosen as co-father because he is practically out of politics, having been defeated in 1936, and therefore is unsusceptible to political recriminations which may have frightened some members of the senate military affairs committee.

When Mr. Roosevelt thereafter got Stimson and Patterson in at the head of the war department, official departmental approval of the Burke-Wadsworth bill became automatic. Stimson's predecessor, War Secretary Harry Woodring, has publicly announced his opposition to the draft. It is believed in congress his departure from the administration may have resulted in whole or in part from his opposition to this course while in office, although no direct evidence to sustain that viewpoint is yet available.

However, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Stimson, Mr. Patterson and Chief of Staff Marshall, who was always for the method, have now publicly endorsed it, and it is plodding its carefully selected non-political way in congress. (Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc. reproduction in whole or in part strictly prohibited.)

Polk, Linn Road Jobs Put on List

\$500,000 Letting Slated by Highway Commission on August 22, 23

Bids for road and bridge projects aggregating a cost in excess of \$500,000 will be considered at a meeting of the state highway commission at Portland August 22 and 23. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, announced yesterday.

The projects include: Grading, surfacing and filling 6.1 mile of South Newport section of Oregon coast highway, in Lincoln county.

Constructing 7.6-foot reinforced concrete bridge over Crook creek on Pacific highway at Albany, Linn county.

Reconstructing pier fenders for Yaquina bay bridge on Oregon coast highway at Newport, Lincoln county.

Reconstructing King creek culvert nine miles west of Salem on Salem-Dayton secondary highway in Polk county.

Widening Beaver creek bridge on Oregon coast highway in Tillamook county.

Missouri State's Picnic Is Sunday

The annual Missouri state picnic will be held at Avery park in Corvallis Sunday, August 11. A basket dinner at noon will be followed at 2 o'clock by a program of music, short addresses and sports in which those present will be invited to participate. Professor F. M. Brandt, executive director of the Missouri State association; James Cushman of Portland, known as the father of the Oregon Missouri club; Sergeant Jack Cutler, and Chas. and Mrs. W. E. Salem, all Missouri state relatives and friends are invited to be present.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

To the Editor:

About 26 years ago I left all this beauty and lived in Arizona and New Mexico. I have been trying to get back all these years and finally made it. During these years I remembered the row of public buildings in Salem—the city hall, the postoffice, the courthouse and the capitol building. These distinguished Salem and were so characteristic.

Imagine my shock and heartache to come back after all these years to find the horrible monstrosity standing where the beautiful capitol building used to stand!

Cold, harsh, bleak and barren—I could not stand the horror and I wonder what prompted such a tragedy. One comfort though—the style may change again soon and perhaps they will build another. It could not be any worse. Oh, I suppose it's efficient—but what an atrocity.

W. J. BURNAP, Corvallis, Ore.

Council Has Hot Session; They Had the Steam on

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The argument grew warm

and perspiring city councilmen mopped their brows at Tuesday's meeting. Then someone touched a steam radiator. It was on full force—on one of the warmest nights of the year.