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Oregon's Peril

Yes, Tokyo has been bombed, and our oriental enemy will strike back if he can at cities on this coast. We ought to prepare for that, physically and mentally. But, taking into account the likelihood of an air attack and its prospects of success, that is not Oregon's chief danger.

Our greatest peril is from within-sabotage. And the easiest target for sabotage in relation to the amount of destruction possible, is Oregon's millions of acres of forest land. Getting into the forests won't be as simple a matter this summer as it has been in the past but in view of their extent, entering and setting fires will not require a great deal of cleverness on the part of a determined enemy saboteur. That it "will happen here" is almost a certainty-and though the season in which serious damage can be done is still a few weeks away, it already has "happened" in southeastern states where incendiary fires were raging over an extensive acreage this weekend.

Well, we're not entirely helpless. Congress, blind to the reality of this menace, unfortunately has practiced one of its few economies in this matter of forest protection, perhaps in the mistaken belief that it is a "non-war" expenditure.

But in partial compensation for congress' oversight, cooperating agencies here have perfected fire-prevention and fire-fighting arrangements which are expected to be much more efficient than any provided in the past. There is, in the first place, a "unified fire command" under which the facilities and manpower of the state and federal forest departments, the fire control associations and private operators will be pooled and marshaled for the most efficient service. The entire program has a single directing hand. Information as to condition of the forests, training and distribution of fire fighters, the shifting of equipment to meet need as it develops, all center in the state forester's office. In addition to paid fire protection forces, the thousands of loggers employed in Oregon forests are being trained and organized-and they are the best fire fighters obtainable.

Thus Oregon is better prepared for the normal fire hazard than ever before. But in this unprecedented emergency there also should be a large body of trained men for patrol and fire fighting duty, and meeting this need was the purpose of requests to congress for additional funds. Unfortunately it got tangled up in politics relating to continuation of the CCC and

eggs is equal to three dozen eggs in the natural state; a five-pound can of powdered chicken or vegetable soup will make 25 gallons of soup for the table. Do the boys ask for lemonade? Two 11-ounce cans of dehydrated yellow lemon crystals will make enough to serve 100 men.

In addition to potatoes, vegetables to be shipped in the dehydrated state include onions, carrots, cabbage, beets, rutabagas and sweet potatoes. This is a fast-moving development, Wall Street Journal reports. A month ago no meats had been dehydrated on a commercial scale. Now beef, mutton and goat's meat are being dried-pork so far is a holdout, may never be dehydrated successfully because of its high fat content.

The new dehydration methods are complex but the principle is simplicity itself. Most foods contain a high percentage of water-and water is cheap most anywhere. Why ship water across the water? Take it out at the source of manufacture; when the food reaches its destination, add water and serve. Strange that it took a war to develop this sensible economy to its currently feasible limits.

The current recidivation to the bicycle age is a boon, one might suppose, to the long-suffering pedestrian. A bicycle isn't likely to do as much damage as an automobile, even if it does hit one. However, there is one drawback. You can hear an automobile coming; a bicycle approaches silently without advance warning. And some bicycle riders' judgment of distance and timing is not quite equal to their venturesomeness.

News Behind The News By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, April 25-Figures showing exactly how many gallons of gasoline are available in the eastern seaboard have been hard to find since the rationing discussions began. But the American Petroleum Institute, a private

organization of the oil industry, has some figures, usually considered very accurate: which indicate that Messrs. Henderson and Ickes were not only right when they repudiated the published unofficial statement from an official

kind of limitation seems justi-

The institute figures show

stocks were but little under



'The Fleet's In'

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Two samples of the work of Salem's poet laureate, Winfield Taylor Rigdon, gone before:

(Concluding from yesterday:) As it appears below, Mr. Rigdon in 1927 wrote on a subject with Rhymes," his book of that year:

fear its power? Or even dread the pressure of the arm

final hour And anchors soul beyond the reach of harm.

> Death is only the parting of the ways:

eternal life; The summing up of all our

And start our journey to the

'Tis but the chiming of the cur-

When toilsome day succumbs

And joyful spirits take their

prison-house for inanimate

Until the resurrection word is

Will set the soul, its inmate

Will set the soul, its inmate

Where solvent earth absorbs the

And holds it fast throughout

At the closing hour of all fit-

Where the great Angelic host

And radiant lights of glory

Peaceful death! Thou are the si-

Death is the silent place where

When sexton softly rings the

close the final day,

'Crime at Castaway'

By EDITH BRISTOL

Chapter 14 Continued So from her tears and prostations from her tears and protestations as the widow stormed up the stairs from the sitting room to her own suite, I assumed that the attorney had made known to her the provisions of the will and I remembered what Martha had said that first day-that the ranch came to her, unencumbered. That the widow's legal share was left carefully in trust! The forenoon came to an end

and it was time for us to drive to Gallina for the inquest. Sydney drove his mother in his car and Lance drove one of the larger cars with the sheriff beside him and Martha Gregg beside me on the back seat. Nobody talked much all the way in to the county seat. Martha sat very

still, her brown hands folded in her lap, and gazed off at the rolling hills-and I looked at the hills part of the time and part of the time at the strong tanned neck of Lance Gregg. sitting in front of me-remembered how decent he had been about the cameramen. And wondered what he was thinking as we neared the ordeal of the coroner's investigation.

It was my first visit to Gallina and I had a blurred impression of white houses built for the most part in Spanish style, of green gardens, of a wide plaza in the center of the town, before we turned into a side street and came by a back way to the courthouse.

I had dreaded the ordeal-but it was not as bad as I feared. I was beginning to think things never are. The coroner was a fat, pudgy little man, dreadfully impressed with his own importance at playing a role in a sensational murder case. But he treated us all as if we had been made out of cut-glass, gave us every possible consideration. All arrangements had been made by Allen to make the investigation easy for us. And even the jury and the Gallina people who packed the small, hot courtroom seemed more sympathetic than

curious. One of the cameramen who was at Castaway the day before

lifted his camera in my direction just as we came in-before I could turn away Lance was beside me. "Remember me?" Lance

said to the photographer. "I'm the chap you made a bargain with yesterday."

The stocky little cameraman with black hair only grinned and looked smug. I understood that grin better next day when I found my face—with every one of the freckles showing across the bridge of my noselooking at me in a pose so lifelike it was startling, from the pink front page of an evening paper. He got it, after all, in spite of Lance!

ing called to Castaway by telephone, early in the morning; identified the body as that of Walter Gregg, told of its position in bed and with a moderate amount of technical detail described the death wounds-a gunshot fired through the head from a thirty-two calibre revolver. Two other shots had been fired, the doctor said.

"Describe them," ordered the coroner.

"One passed over the head of the bed and the bullet was buried in the wall; the other grazed the cheek of the victim and was found in the pillow."

"Is there a possibility that these wounds might have been self-inflicted?" asked the coro-

"Positively none," said the doctor with emphasis. "The bullets were fired from a distance of twelve to fifteen feet-that is the width of the bedroom."

Kobe's discovery of the body of his employer was told in three sentences, and the little brown valet came through the questioning very well, although his voice quavered.

"Was there any money in the room when you found the bodv?

"I saw no money," said the boy.

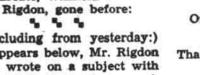
Sheriff Allen was sworn and told of the search of Gregg's room. He described the fingerprints on the furniture-among them prints of Martha Gregg, of Estelle Gregg, of Lance and Kobe; and, of course, many of the dead man's fingers. Nothing that might provide a clue to the presence of any outsider was revealed by the fingerprints, or anything else.

Worth Durfee was next on the stand. Again I had that haunting feeling that he looked like somebody I knew-but who? I couldn't tell. It bothered me. Durfee's testimony was practically the same thing I had taken down the afternoon before.

"You called on the deceased the night before he was found dead?" "I did."

"Please tell the jury the reason for your visit-and why you called after the rest of the household were in bed."

"I wished to discuss a compromise settlement of a damage suit that has been pending between Walter Gregg and myself; and I wiel other members of his household." Durfee was composed and self-oppressed and I was so intent on watching him that I did not notice anyone else in the courtroom. "Will you please explain to the jury the nature of the case -and the settlement you wished to effect?" Durfee gave a skeletonized statement of the long litigation between himself and Walter Gregg and ended as he had ended yesterday. "Nobody but the lawyers was getting any good out of our quarrel. So I wanted it ended."



universal and everlasting appeal. It is found beginning on page 147 of "Truth in Pleasant

1 he **Safety Valve**

That bears us safely through the

earthly days;

parting hand;

carnal load,

better land.

few bells,

to restful night,

parting knells.

peaceful flight.

blissful Heaven:

way

clay

given.

active brain

captive brain

captive, free;

dross again

lent usher,

ful dreams,

will muster,

ever gleam.

eternity.

and strife.

road.

An Angel pointing toward

The burning fever, racing pain outcast, Through death we'll find life forevermore.

tal clay

its carnal load, Through kindness Death will

Becomes too weak to freight

his body to its

After the trial scenes of life have passed: The shady bowers and haunting battles o'er;

When this poor tenement of mor-

was defeated.

There is something that civilians can do in this matter. They may not be able to prevent sabotage but they can at least, to offset it, cut down on the incidence of fires due to carelessness. The "Keep Oregon Green" educational program, so successful in 1941, is being intensified: organization of the "Green Guards" among existing groups of young people such as 4H, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, is progressing rapidly. Also there is another thing which a great many civilians may be called upon to do in an emergency. Situations may arise in which they will be called upon to drop normal tasks and join fire-fighting crews. It would be a good idea to keep in good physical condition with this and other possible contingencies in view.

Uncle Sam's Bounty

Eighty years ago men who had accurate vision of the west's future growth and its transportation needs were extending ribbons of steel across mountains and deserts to points on this coast which could not yet supply traffic justifying the expenditure. Statesmen who shared that vision helped them with a federal subsidy paid in land, and assisted them in obtaining loans. Uncle Sam was big-hearted to a degree which prompted, then and later, considerable criticism.

But it wasn't exactly a one-way deal. The railroads in their turn agreed to haul government's freight at reduced rates. That wasn't much of a concession at the time, when government's business was largely a simple matter of preserving law and order. And even when government went into many other lines of business in the last decade it didn't amount to a whole lot. Three years ago the railroads as a whole sacrificed only about \$10,000,000 on that deal.

Now, as you are well aware, Uncle Sam is the nation's biggest shipper. Civilian tonnage has dropped; shipments for war purposes have zoomed upward. As for the effects of this change upon the railroads, no doubt you are away ahead of us. The railroads are "enjoying" a rushing business but they aren't getting the revenue the interstate commerce commission concedes they should have.

It's quite complicated, for some shipments are considered "federal" and others for similar purposes are not. But it is a headache for the railroads. Congress is considering legislation designed to relieve them of this burden on some equitable basis. It's just another case in which Uncle Sam's "bounty" proves to have a "catch" that makes it much less attractive than it first appeared.

Dehydrated Foods

Shipping is scarce, so our gasoline supply is curtailed. But the scarcity of shipping is having other results, some of which are of primary signifinace to this community. One of these is the trend to dehydration as a means not only of preserving foods but of conserving shipping space in their transportation.

Dehydration of milk and certain fruits such as prunes, apples and apricots is old stuff. But now the principle is being infinitely expanded. Because some "drying" has been done here in the past Salem should be in position to keep pace with the trend-but it is essential to note that methods also are being revolutionized.

The advantage? Suppose you wanted to ship 27 million pounds of potatoes overseas. Just dehydrate them and you have only three million



Paul Mallon

about.

last year, and, instead of declining in the last three weeks, have been increasing.

fied.

Barrels of gas on hand in the critical area the last available weeks to April 11: (These are two weeks behind because one week is held up by the censor).

This Year Last Year 17,035,000 20,633,000 April 11 ... 20,422,000 April 4 17,319,000 20,495,000 March 28 16,470,000 This may be enough to justify rationing but certainly not the kind the OPA official was talking

----Furthermore, after all the talk that has gone on for weeks and weeks about reversing those three Pennsylvania pipelines so as to push fuel oil into eastern states, little has been accomplished. Two of the lines are still carrying gasoline west. The Susquehanna line is still running west to Altoona and the Tuscarora from Bayonne to Midland and not much has been done about changing them. The third line from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh is in the process of being changed over, but the operation has not been completed.

The eastern seaboard usually gets around 1,400,-000 barrels a day of all kinds of oil including gasoline, light and heavy fuel. Of this amount about 600,000 is coming in tank cars, and 150,000 by pipelines other than the three mentioned.

The rationing question, therefore, rests with what has been done to our tankers by Hitler and what might be done with the tankers still afloat by authorities here. If any considerable number of them should be or have been diverted to other purposes, the rationing figures would decrease accordingly. If they had to be taken off entirely for any purpose, drastic rationing might be necessary.

Mr. Roosevelt has created a White House cast of fictional characters which he interviews in private, with results given to the public by him. The last two have been described only as "sweet young things" but there was "a business man" before them and "an economist," and so on back into new deal years.

The tales of them are always told by FDR at. his press conferences. They are always the straight men in the conversation. They always ask him the darndest questions and he devastates them with his replies.

The president often asks the newspapers to name the authority for their statements, but he has adopted a contrary policy for his growing gallery of verbal straw men and young women (who so far have been both young and sweet). If the gallery gets any larger, someone is going to ask him to fill in the other half of the program with the names.

Biggest hearted thing Mr. Roosevelt ever did for business in his life was the thing he has been most criticized for locally-the construction at a cost of \$800,000 of an information center, facetiously known in the Washington Post as "Mellett's madhouse" in honor of FDR's informational adviser.

The president did not want the poor business men running around Washington wearing out shoes. He wanted to give him a centrally located place to go and ask questions.

It now develops that this favor, which was not specifically authorized by congress, came from a suggestion dropped by one of those unidentified business men who came in to see him to complain

in Henderson's office threaten-Letters from Statesman ing to limit motorists to 21/2 Readers

gallons-but they were very, **RECREATION CENTER** very right. Nothing like that

To the Editor: Soldier boys are wandering up and down our streets both day and night with apparently no very satisfactory place in which to pass their time when on leave. The number will doubtless increase with the completion of the cantonment.

Sons of Salem citizens are in other localities in the nation and abroad and it is certain that the folks at home as well as the boys are deeply appreciative of any recreational facilities that are furnished by local people that add to the comfort and good cheer of the boys.

The morale of the soldiers and the citizenry must be maintained if we expect to win this war. It does not seem that Salem is doing its full part along this line. Salem should have a recreational center for our soldier visitors. The city owns an ideal location for such a building on the block just back of the present water commission office. Other cities have met this need and Salem can and should do likewise. This is an ideal project on which the city, churches, service clubs and chamber of commerce could and should put forth an immediate and united effort.

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Here are four of the latest types of Army uniforms in use by U.S.

The overthrow of all our fear abode.

Death has no sting and grave no It is the terminus of this earthly victory, When we have tried to live

Where the conductor gives the the life sublime: When faith and trust adorn our Where we will leave behind this history. And all our songs with Heav-

en's anthems chime. So pass along in peace, unto the

grave; Unfearing, bid farewell to friends on earth. Trust in a power beyond the tomb to save, As carnal flesh gives away to spirit birth.

Radio Programs 'Tis but an oasis in the desert That separates our world from

ESLM-SUNDAY-1398 Kc. 8:00-Hit Tunes of Tomorrow. 8:30-East Side Church of Christ. 9:00-Shep Fields Orchestra. 9:15-News Briefs. 120-Levitow Salon Orchestra. 1:00-News. :15—Moonbeam Trio. 1:30—A Song Is Born. 1:30—American Lutheran Church. 12:00-Jean Ditmars. 12:00-Jean Ditmars. 12:30-Jean Sevillier's Commentary. 12:45-The Argentines. 1:00-Young People's Church of Air. 1:30-Claude Thornhill Orchestra. 2:00—Alpine Troubadors. 2:15—Church of Christ, 2:15—Church of Christ, 2:30—Singing Strings, 2:45—Moody Bible Institute. 3:00—Sunday Symphony. 3:30—Boy's Town. 4:00—Musical College. 30-String Quartett 100-Tonight's Headlines. 0-Magic Carpet. 100—Dinner Hour. 130—Pancho's Conga Orchestra. 150—First Presbyterian Church. 130—Alvino Ray Orchestra. 9:00-News. 9:15-Surf Riders. 9:30-Back Home Hour. 19:00-World in Review. 10:15-Dream Time.

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4:00-Music. 5:30-War News. 5:00-Music 5:00-Church in Your Home, 5:30-Music and American Youth. 5:30-Sunday Down South. 9:30-Emma Otero, Singer, 11:15-Organ. 11:30-War News Round Up. 30-News Digest. 15-Music for Neighbors. 30-World Is Yours. 10:30-World Is Yours. 11:30-Garden Talks. 11:30-Chicago Round Table. 12:30-Bob Becker's Dog CP 12:15-H. V. Kaltenborn. 12:30-The Army Hour. 1:30-Stars of Tomorrow. 5:00-Ports of the Pacific 2:30-Home Fires. 2:45-Symphony of Melody. 3:30-Quix of Two Cities. 2:30-News Headlines & Hi 3:45-Dypton. Close. KOIN-CBS-SUNDAY-979 Ke. 6:00-World Today. 6:15-Organ. 6:15-Organ. 7:30-Church of the Air. 7:30-Wings Over Jordan. 8:00-West Coast Church. es & Hilites Close. an's Fame -Log Cal in Farms Orche to Dres . . REC-SUNDAY-1190 Es Period.

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Chapter 15

Very little came out of the inquest that I had not known before-and the one unexpected and exciting moment of the afternoon didn't register with any of us then. It did later. Dr. Henry was the first wit-

0:15-Romany Singer. 0:45-Canary Chorus. 8:30-Jack Benny.

30-Invitation to Learning.

-News. -Syncopation Piece. -Salt Lake Tabernacie. -Church of the Air. -Wilson Ames

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Davis, News.

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S-News.

ness. Very briefly he told of be-

Voices in Song. Melody 0-Strings in Swingtima 5-Hollywood Whispers, 0-The Americas Speak for Defense People's Church of Air. Temple. -Young 5:00-Swedish Ten 2:30-Bible Classes 3:00-This Is War. 3:30-Lawrence We 6:00-News Welks Orche 3:30-Lawrence Welks Orchestra. 4:00-News. 4:13-Rabbi Magnin. 4:30-Nobody's Children. 5:00-American Forum, 5:45-Around the Clock. 6:00-Old Fashioned Revival Hour 7:00-Ray Gram Swing. 7:15-The Goat Steps Out. 7:30-Keep 'Em Kolling. 8:00-Hinson Memorial Church. 9:00-News. 9:00-News. 9:15-Voice of Prophecy. 9:15-Sunday Serenade. 10:00-Duke Ellington Orch. 10:30-News. -Ted Weems Orchestra. 11:00-Jan Savitt Orchestra. 11:30-Johnny Richards Orch 11:30-Johnny

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Five Star Final

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8:00—Tommy Dorsey.
8:30—For Your Dancing Mood.
8:45—Pearson & Allen.
6:30—Clete Roberts Reports.
6:45—Songs by Dinah Score.
7:00—Good Will Hour
8:30—Inner Sanctum Mysteries. 10:20-Wartime Women. 10:20-Air-Flo. 10:45-Marine Corps. 11:00-Manny Strand Orchestra. 11:30-Organ. # 11:35-News. 12:00 to 6:00 a. m.-Music & News. KALE-MBS-SUNDAY-1330 Ke. KALE-MBS-SUNDAY-1330 Ke. 8:00-Reviewing Stans. 8:30-Central Church of Christ. 8:45-Voice of the Field. 9:15-Gems of Melody. 9:30-Owen Cunningham, Hawaii. 9:40-Lesine Nichols, Cairo. 9:50-Frank Cuhel, Australia. 19:00-News. 19:15-Romance of the Hi-Ways. 10:30-The Hymn Singer.

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