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"No Favor Sweeps Us; No Fear Shall Awe"
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China's Food Basket

The Japanese armies are making a new thrust at China's rice basket. Around Ichang on the Yangtze several hundred miles below Chungking, where they have been severely defeated before, they are trying to cross the river to get at the rich rice fields of central China. It is a renewal of Japan's effort to knock China out of the war; and if the rice-growing area could be laid desolate or occupied, China's cup of woe would indeed be filled to overflowing. So narrow is the margin of subsistence that even a partial destruction of the year's rice crop would have harrowing effects on the population, if not a decisive effect on the ability of China to continue its six-year old struggle against almost overwhelming odds. We have hopes however, both that allied aid may come through in greater volume and that Chinese resistance will stand up against this new threat, probably the last in strength which Japan can make.

Although China is the greatest agricultural producer in the world, regularly in the past it has been necessary to import large quantities of wheat, rice and sugar. Even in normal times the total supply has been inadequate, with millions of the 450,000,000 Chinese suffering from under-nourishment and occasionally from actual starvation. Now the blockade bars imports. The poor transportation system has prevented movement of supplies to famine areas, so that through the centuries famine has prevailed somewhere in China almost every year. The past year Honan province, where fighting has been going on for years, has been the hardest hit.

The Chinese government is looking forward to broad development as soon as the war is over, that will increase the agricultural production and improve the standard of living. The present per capita average of farm land is only a little more than half an acre, but China has great areas susceptible of development under proper land reclamation—control of floods, irrigation, etc. Sun Yat Sen, founder of the Chinese republic, had a definite plan for supplying adequate provisions for his people. He recognized international aid would be required; and he outlined the steps in increased production, improved storage and transportation, internal colonization of backward areas and extension of the fishing industry. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek hopes to initiate and carry forward this plan. If China can only be saved now and Japan driven off the continent, then international assistance should be extended to enable the Chinese people to feed themselves and end the succession of famines that have long been China's sorrow. Defeat of Japan's new thrust is therefore of immediate and long-time importance to the Chinese people.

Planes Are Missing

"Two of our planes are missing" is the frequent sentence which winds up the story of a successful air raid. We read of the victory, the enemy planes shot down, the enemy works demolished, the enemy towns left burning. We note the losses, and if, as is usually true, the proportion is small, we count it a real victory. "Only two of our planes are missing."

But for many families back home their chief concern in the war rides in those missing planes. When they crash, their world crashes. For their sons or husbands ride in those planes.

This fact comes home with word that Lieutenant William Clark Leedy of the well-known Leedy family of the Lake Labish district, is reported "missing in action". He served with the navy air force, so it may well be that he rode in one of the planes reported "missing." When the "next of kin" are folk you know, the cost of war comes close home. And sympathies go out to the Leedy family for their great loss.

Premier Aberhard who won his office in Alberta by promising \$25 a month for everybody has gone to his final accounting. Albertans never got the social credit paycheck each Saturday night, but he kept them hoping so he held office till he died.

It was just a year ago that Radio Rome announced: "Events are marching and the power of Italy's adversaries is cracking."

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, May 24—The liberals may be awaking from their dreaming. One of their leaders, at least, is rubbing the mists of wistful-visioning from his eyes, and publicly suggesting that hereafter they revise their war and post-war program to base them on truth and realism.

In an article in the weekly liberal bible, the New Republic, no less a power than its foremost editor, Bruce Bliven, forthrightly indicts himself and his associates on many counts of political somnambulism. I did not feel I had to ask him for permission to quote from his article, because the substance sounds as if it came from this column.

In spots, it reads almost phrase for phrase along the lines of free advice to liberals offered by me since the war started, urging them to awaken and see Britain, Russia and China as they are, not as Vice President Wallace and the New Republic had viewed them; and counseling them to renounce their antiquated liberalism which espoused totalitarianism in democratic, socialist, or communist forms, in favor of a truly liberal doctrine of freedom for the individual and the common man.

Well, the sleeping part of it all there now as advice from Mr. Bliven to liberals and his position may carry more weight. His words also suggest there is a chance that the course of professional and orthodox liberal thought may be turned away from its marked totalitarian and narrow new dealish channels, and modernized.

The alarm which seems to have awakened Mr. Bliven (he implies) was Mr. Stalin's announcement that the Russians have not abandoned their historic desire for a piece of a "strong" Poland. Says Mr. Bliven:

"Men like Churchill, Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek keep silent during the war, for diplomatic reasons, about those of their opinions and policies which may strike a disagreeable note among the populations of allied countries; but they don't abandon these beliefs and policies."

Britain, he finds, still wants the empire despite the offer of Mr. Bliven and associates to free India, Egypt and some other places. But you will hold your hats when you hear him saying:

"I am aware of no evidence that Stalin has altered his ideology a particle under the pressure of war."

He even mentions a few bad things, along with the good, about Russia, the bad including "merciless wholesale executions of political opponents, universal spying, the ruthless carrying out of economic plans."

China, he now sees truly as being "very far from being a political democracy on the western model." But he is rougher with Mr. Roosevelt than I have ever been, contending, apparently, that the president is not strictly a new deal leader:

"Mr. Roosevelt became a new dealer after he got into office and, on an ad hoc, day-to-day basis. He surrounded himself with an unusual group of men and women with a progressive outlook and, item by item, they sold him the various parts of the new deal program."

They were helped in doing so by the fact that, year after year, the depression continued to be so serious that almost any experiment seemed better than just to let matters drift."

He concedes he and associates have exaggerated the "altruism" of the American people by hoping they would give away much more after this war than they will, and directly confesses:

"Some American liberals have delusions of grandeur as to the extent of our influence upon the allies," in writing the peace and now. "It is better that turns out to be wrong," he rightly adds.

Reluctantly, he is even prepared to accept a post-war plan "based on arrangements that are as much to the benefit of this country as anyone else." He suggests liberals should go that far too, although this requires quite a drop from their world visioning.

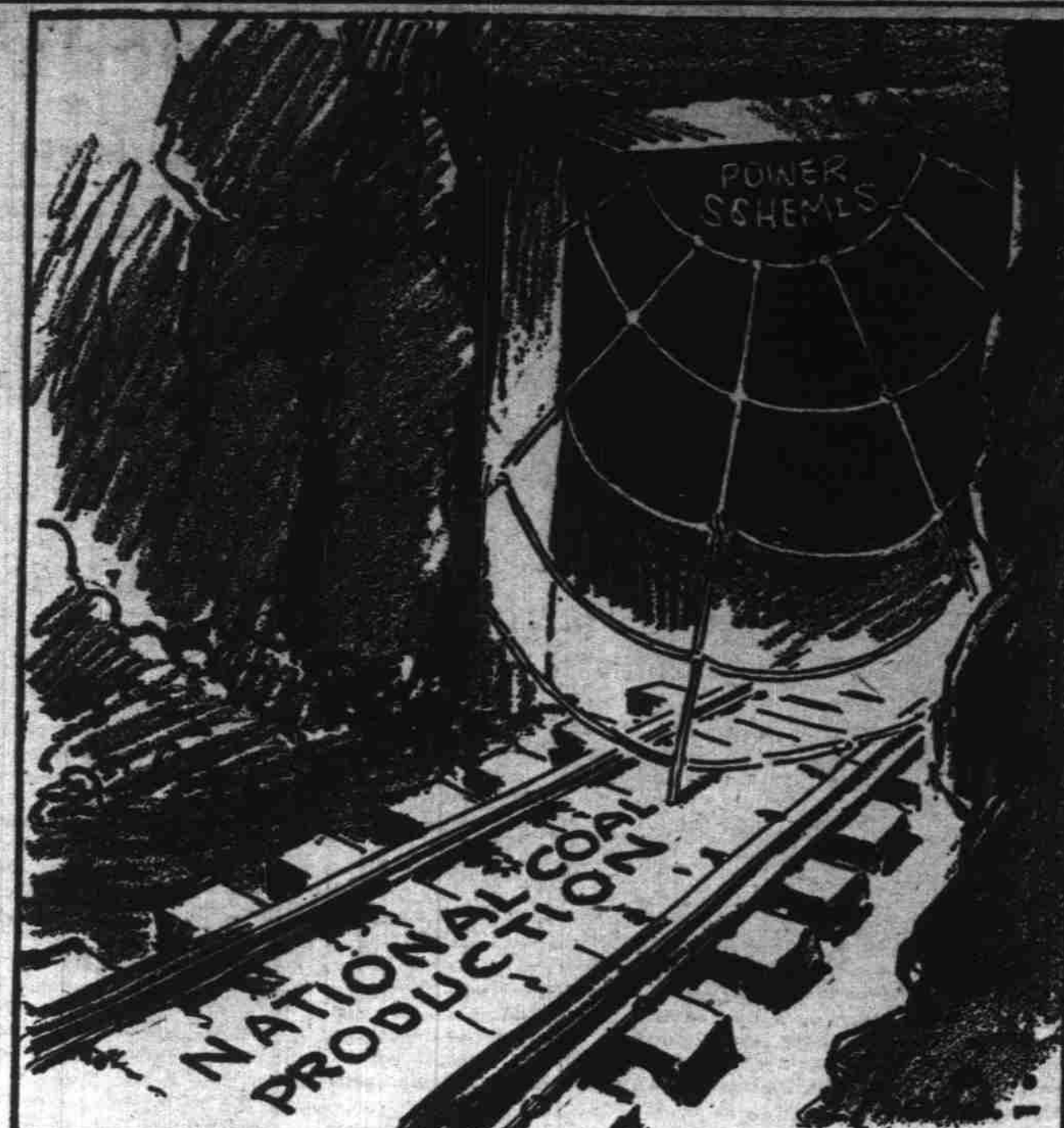
To the confused and disheartened "liberal" he offers a new goal:

"A conception of the dignity of the individual, or freedom and fairness for all."

Why that would be democracy, Mr. Bliven! The libs could have gotten it all from this spot in the past three years for three cents instead of paying 15 cents for it now. I would like to think that I helped to cause or inspire this revolutionary change. Unfortunately, I cannot.

There is no copyright on truth. It cannot become a private possession. When the other fellow comes upon it, we think he took something from us whereas he really only opened his eyes.

There may be unity in this country yet.



Strongest Nation vs. John L. Lewis

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM—TUESDAY—1390 Kc.

- 7:30—News.
- 7:35—Rise 'n' Shine.
- 7:40—Newspaper.
- 7:45—Morning Moods.
- 7:50—Orchestra.
- 7:55—News Briefs.
- 8:00—Tango Time.
- 8:05—Pastor's Call.
- 8:10—Nucleo Sam.
- 8:20—Farm Home Programs.
- 8:45—Round-up Time.
- 8:50—Consumer News.
- 9:00—A Song and A Dance.
- 9:10—Musical Presentations.
- 9:15—Millanette U. Chapel.
- 9:20—Organalities.
- 9:25—Nucleo Sam.
- 9:30—Hillbilly Serenade.
- 9:35—Matinee.
- 9:40—I Love 'n' Abner.
- 9:45—Music.
- 9:50—Isle of Paradise.
- 9:55—Nucleo Sam.
- 10:00—Four Nocturnes.
- 10:05—Broadway Band Wagon.
- 10:10—SLM Concert Hour.
- 10:15—Mexican Matrimony.
- 10:20—News.
- 10:25—Teatime Tunes.
- 10:30—Homespun Trio.
- 10:35—Sleepy Look! Listen!
- 10:40—Novelities.
- 10:45—Tonight's Headlines.
- 10:50—War News Commentary.
- 10:55—Evening Serenade.
- 11:00—Soldiers of the Press.
- 11:05—News.
- 11:10—Texas Jim Lewis.
- 11:15—Keystones Karavan.
- 11:20—Michela Russell.
- 11:25—War Front in Review.
- 11:30—Sketch Henderson.
- 11:35—News.
- 11:40—Don Allen and His Orch.
- 11:45—Gusto Night.
- 11:50—Dance.
- 11:55—News.

KOIN—CBS—TUESDAY—970 Kc.

- 6:30—Northwest Farm Reporter.
- 6:35—Breakfast Bulletin.
- 6:40—Texas Rangers.
- 6:45—KOIN Clock.
- 6:50—News.
- 6:55—Dick Joy, News.
- 7:00—Nelson Fringale, News.
- 7:05—Consumer News.
- 7:10—Valiant Lady.
- 7:15—Valiant America Loves.
- 7:20—Aunt Jenny.
- 7:25—Kate Smith Speaks.
- 7:30—Big Sister.
- 7:35—Dick Tracy.
- 7:40—Our Gal Sunday.
- 7:45—John B. Hughes.
- 7:50—Ma Perkins.
- 7:55—Vic and Sade.
- 8:00—The Goldbergs.
- 8:05—Young Dr. Malone.
- 8:10—Joyce Jordan.
- 8:15—News and Learn.
- 8:20—News.
- 8:25—Bob Anderson, News.
- 8:30—William Winter, News.
- 8:35—Bachelor's Children.
- 8:40—Home Front Reporter.

Interpreting The War News

By GLENN BABB
AP War Analyst for The Statesman

The heaviest air raid of history, inflicted by the RAF on Dortmund Sunday night, seems to indicate that the experiment mentioned by Winston Churchill—to determine whether "the use of air power by itself could bring about the collapse of Germany or Italy"—is well launched.

The Dortmund raid evidently ushers in a new phase of the war. It followed more than a week of inactivity by the big four-engined planes of the RAF's bomber command which coincided with a fine bomber's moon. It was evident that something new was in preparation. Dortmund showed the Germans what they can expect the war on the home front to be like from this point on.

It must be remembered, however, that Churchill said the experiment was worth trying only "so long as other measures are not excluded." The terrible punishment German industrial centers are getting and will get in ever increasing measure will not mean any release from the constant menace of invasion. There is no basis for any Nazi hope that the experiment will permit the slightest relaxation of the guard that must be maintained all around the 11,000-mile perimeter of the European fortress.

There is no reason to believe that the bombing campaign alone would satisfy Russia's insistence on a second front in Europe. That insistence must be met this summer unless the relations between the western powers and

Next day's programs appear on comics page.

- 1:30—Uncle Sam.
- 2:00—Newspaper of the Air.
- 2:30—This Life of Mine.
- 3:00—Treasury House.
- 3:45—News.
- 4:00—Nucleo Sam.
- 4:15—Sam Hayes.
- 4:30—American Melody Hour.
- 5:00—Songs.
- 5:30—Harry Flannery.
- 5:45—News.
- 6:00—Secil Brown.
- 6:30—Burns and Allen.
- 6:30—Suspense.
- 7:00—Jazz Laboratory.
- 7:30—Congress Speaks.
- 7:45—Frazier Hunt.
- 8:00—I Love A Mystery.
- 8:15—Harry James Orchestra.
- 8:30—Lights Out.
- 8:35—Al Johnson.
- 8:55—News.
- 9:30—For Mutual Benefit.
- 9:45—Five Star Fun.
- 10:15—Wartime Women.
- 10:20—The World Today.
- 10:30—Air Force.
- 11:00—Henri Busc Orchestra.
- 11:30—Manny Strand Orchestra.
- 11:35—News.
- 12:00 to 6 a. m.—Music and News.

KEK—SN—TUESDAY—1190 Kc.

- 6:30—We're Up Too.
- 6:45—Victory Gardens.
- 6:50—National Farm and Home.
- 6:55—Western Agriculture.
- 7:00—Life and the Land.
- 7:15—Music of Vienna.
- 7:30—News.
- 7:45—Gene and Glenn.
- 8:00—Breakfast Club.
- 8:05—Meet Your Neighbor.
- 8:15—Music.
- 8:30—Breakfast at Sardi's.
- 8:45—Bauhaage Talking.
- 9:00—The Gospel Singer.
- 9:10—Andy and Virginia.
- 9:15—Funny Money Man.
- 9:20—KOIN Clock.
- 9:25—Science of Travel.
- 9:30—The Victory Hour.
- 9:35—News.
- 9:40—Hop Harrigan.
- 9:45—Livestock Reporter.
- 9:50—News.
- 9:55—Blue Newsroom Revue.
- 10:00—What's Doing, Ladies.
- 10:05—Uncle Sam.
- 10:10—Labor News.
- 10:15—Kneese With the News.
- 10:20—Club Matinee.
- 10:25—My True Story.
- 10:30—News.
- 10:35—The Ecstasy.
- 10:40—The Sea Hound.
- 10:45—Dick Tracy.
- 10:50—Jack Armstrong.
- 10:55—Captain Midnight.
- 11:00—Hop Harrigan.
- 11:05—News.
- 11:10—Spotlight Bands.
- 11:15—Little Known Facts.
- 11:20—Raymond Gram Swing.

KALE—MBS—TUESDAY—1330 Kc.

- 8:45—Uncle Sam.
- 9:00—Round and Clock.
- 9:15—Texas Rangers.
- 9:30—Memory Timekeeper.
- 9:40—Haven of Rest.
- 9:50—News.
- 9:55—Old Songs.
- 10:00—Boake Carter.
- 10:05—Woman's Side of the News.
- 10:10—US Marine Band.
- 10:15—News.
- 10:20—Stars of Today.
- 10:25—This and That.
- 10:30—Buyer's Parade.
- 10:35—Bill Hay Reads the Bible.
- 10:40—Concert Gems.
- 10:45—Music.
- 10:50—News.
- 10:55—On the Farm Front.
- 11:00—News.
- 11:05—Sneezah Carter.
- 11:10—Texas Rangers.
- 11:15—All Star Dance Parade.
- 11:20—Pat Neal and the News.
- 11:25—Philip Keyne-Jordan.
- 11:30—Wartime Women.
- 11:35—Hello Again.
- 11:40—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 11:45—Salmon Swing.
- 11:50—Johnston Family.
- 11:55—News.
- 12:00—Sunny Days.
- 12:05—Boake Carter.
- 12:10—Hi-way Patrol.
- 12:15—Norman Nesbitt.
- 12:20—Gabriel Heatter.
- 12:25—News.
- 12:30—Movie Parade.
- 12:35—John B. Hughes.
- 12:40—Pass in Review.
- 12:45—Music.
- 12:50—Jack McLean Orchestra.
- 12:55—Manpower Limited.
- 1:00—News.
- 1:05—Managers.
- 1:10—General Barrows.
- 1:15—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 1:20—Orchestra.
- 1:25—Buyer's Parade.
- 1:30—News.
- 1:35—Return of Nick Carter.
- 1:40—Music.

KOAC—TUESDAY—890 Kc.

- 10:15—The Homemakers' Hour.
- 11:00—School of the Air.
- 11:20—Music of the Masters.
- 12:00—News.
- 12:15—Noon Farm Hour.
- 12:45—Neighborhood Leaders Question Box.
- 1:15—War Commentary.
- 1:30—Variety Time.
- 2:00—Homemaker's Half Hour.
- 2:30—Memory Book of Music.
- 3:00—News.
- 3:15—Adventures in Research.
- 3:30—The Concert Hall.
- 4:00—Neighborhood Call.
- 4:15—Echoes of Waltzland.
- 4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls.
- 4:45—On the Upbeat.
- 5:00—On the Campus.
- 5:20—Vespers.
- 5:45—It's Oregon's War.
- 6:15—News.
- 6:30—Evening Farm Hour.
- 7:00—Education for Freedom.
- 7:15—Neighborhood News.
- 8:00—The World in Review.
- 8:45—School of Music.

'American Bred'

By FRANK MELONEY

Chapter 13 Continued

"I think that just the upkeep of a place like this is an enormous responsibility," she explained tactfully. "After all, you mentioned that you were very happily ensconced in some place over in Westchester, so why change?"

"I said nothing about being particularly happy over there," she denied a little petulantly. "A farm like this would be heaven next to it, but if you'd rather not rent it, that's that."

She frowned. "That's not the point. You know perfectly well it would be a godsend to me to have anyone living on the place. But it's impossible for you to take it over; it needs two men just to take care of the grounds and the stock."

"I have two men," Christopher broke in. "My kennel men," he amended quickly. "I'd rent as is, assume full responsibility for animals and feed, and pay whatever you feel is fair."

Chapter 14

She felt in the position of clutching at a straw. If she could get the burden of upkeep off her shoulders, she'd have time in which to turn around. But could she afford a rental of fifty dollars a month to enable her to meet the taxes and insurance? She broached it to him tentatively.

"For all this?" he expostulated. "Lady, where's your business head?"

"Where's yours?" she retorted. "Don't forget there's a hundred dollar feed bill to add to that."

"For which I'll be getting enough dairy products to support not one kennel but two," he pointed out. "You're giving the place to me, not renting it!"

"You're being awfully generous about it," she murmured gratefully, and hoped that he wasn't the ingratiating type of ne'er-do-well who would rather pay big bills than little bills. After all, what did she know about him? Of course, she might telephone Paul Freund for references, or ask Mr. Wain outright for some assurance of his character, but somehow she couldn't bring herself to do that.

"How long a lease have you on the Westchester place?" she asked instead.

"I have no lease at all," he answered promptly. "I can send a man and a couple of my best dogs over here first thing tomorrow morning."

Ann gasped. "You certainly move fast," she protested.

"If I didn't, you might change your mind, or pull a farmer out of your hat and say, 'Sorry, Mr. Wain, but I've already found someone to cut my grass and water my stock; the deal's off.'"

"Perhaps you're right," said Ann slowly. She looked up to see him standing at her side holding his brimming pail of milk.

"You bet I'm right," he said. "This is the sort of thing that happens to a person once in a lifetime. . . . Want me to finish your cow for you?"

Ann wanted to tell him that she was perfectly capable of finishing her own cow. But for no good reason that she could think of, she found herself telling him the truth. "My hand is dead," she admitted faintly.

Two hours later, having finished the chores, they started back to the house.

"I reek of horse liniment," Ann announced. "Phu!"

"Not phui at all—one of the better smells of life," said Christopher. He smiled. "I'm no rose myself. As I stand, I could get into a Grange meeting without the passwords."

"There'll be plenty of hot water. Would you like to take a tub before you go?"

"Am I going?" he asked. "I thought I was going to stay over to help you in the morning."

"You thought wrong. I can manage perfectly well by myself."

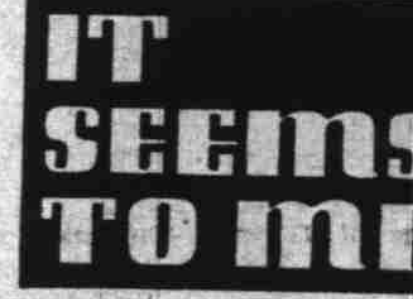
"That's foolhardy. What if that fired farmer takes it in his head to come back?"

"Rowena's here. Just look at her now. Isn't she marvelous?" Christopher followed her eyes to where the dog, who had been romping ahead with Gretel, suddenly stood at attention, with the hair rising sharply across her back. He smiled. "Belligerent little pup. Always looking for a scrap."

(To be continued)

Today's Garden

By LILLIE L. MADSEN



IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from Page 1)

that our state tax administrative system is good, and that the tax commissioners are unusually competent and trustworthy.

Just what are the sins assessed against Fisher and Galloway? First Galloway is charged with ordering the change-over in basis of assessments in Multnomah county. In that order he was merely (and belatedly) following the law, as the supreme court later affirmed. And the ensuing legislature refused to listen to any change in the assessment law.

Second, Farrell is irked because Galloway admitted he had delayed ruling in the Multnomah case to keep the matter out of the legislature at the time. Galloway was wrong if he did this, and his fears were not well grounded if he thought the legislature would overturn the assessment structure. But this is a slim basis for his summary discharge—particularly when the legislature when it met offered no criticism or reprisal.

Galloway's bill for changing dates of property tax payment, which was condemned a year ago, is now praised, as giving a far better distribution of tax burdens than before.

As to Fisher he is on the grid because tax notions of Farrell & Co. failed to get anywhere in the last legislature. Fisher's offense was that he pointed out the mechanical difficulties of making a rebate on 1942 taxes; but the legislative committee after very careful study and hearing Farrell's own "experts" turned thumbs down on the rebate, adopting instead the Walker plan of tax discount which is now universally approved.

Watson's story was that Snell and Scott might go along on an ouster if Farrell could find two well qualified successors, which to date he has not done. That doesn't sound very plausible. If there are two \$4800 posts to be filled surely the governor would want to do the picking and proposing himself. He wouldn't want to be left in the sand-trap by having Farrell do the picking.

This part of the Watson version is undoubtedly true: they haven't found anyone as well qualified as the incumbents—nor will they.

So it seems to me the governor would be smart if he made it clear that Galloway and Fisher would continue to the end of their terms, when the appointments for the next term would be considered. No charge for this advice, governor; and it's worth more than the usual free advice.

Mrs. A. C. D. reports that she received a packet of seeds called annual poinsettia and wants some information on it.

Answer: This is frequently listed in seed catalogues as Euphorbia, the family name of the poinsettia and is actually an annual. It is frequently known as the Mexican Fire plant, Fire-on-the-Mountain, Hypocrite plant, Painted Leaves—all according to locality in which one was reared.

It grows readily from seeds and prefers a sunny situation in the garden. It can also be grown indoors in pots just as the common poinsettia can be grown. Both white and variegated forms are in cultivation and can be obtained from seed houses. The E. heterophylla is the most brilliant. While I have never grown any of these, I am told they are treated in cultivation much like the aster or the zinnias or even the geraniums.

The same inquirer complains of black spots on the pansies, and asks about mixing two kinds of commercial spray for roses. Answer: Pansies are frequently bothered with leaf spot—particularly if growing conditions are not par-excellent. In this case the plants should be sprayed with Bordeaux at the first indications.

Do not mix the two kinds of spray. They are put out by the same commercial company and if they could have been mixed the company would have done so. I would suggest following directions exactly as printed on the containers.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

ARMED EFFICIENCY

To the Editor: In "The Oregon Statesman" of May 21, 1943, is a poster which starts out with: "The Old Judge Says" and is endorsed by the Conference of Alcoholic Beverage Industries, Inc. and part of the same reads thus:

"When the men in the last war came home and found prohibition had been put over on them behind their backs they were sore as hells. You can see from what I just told you how they feel about it this time, too."

In regard to banishing liquor in the first World War, allow me to quote from "The Volck" of December, 1942, the following statement:

"Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy in World War I, was responsible for banishing liquor from the navy before national prohibition. The records of the American navy contain positive proof of the tremendous value of that policy in the interests of armed efficiency. The assistant secretary of the navy at that time was the Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, now president of the United States."

JESSIE MARTIN,
1848 Lee street, Salem.

1:30—Higher Education in Wartime.
9:30—Striving Time.
9:30—News.