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New Emperor?

Americans have drawn deductions that Hirohito may abdicate as emperor from the apparent build-up of his young son Akihito in Japan. This is not at all improbable. Hirohito's prestige must have fallen among the Japanese in spite of the emperor worship so sedulously cultivated. What more fitting than that he should retire from the stage of action to some cloistered palace and write poetry the remainder of his life? His own father was retired because of mental illness; and the history of Japan shows that in spite of alleged divinity emperors have been shifted from time to time seemingly at the will of the men who were running the

If Akihito succeeds to the throne he would have to have a regent or a governing council since he is only 11 years old. And this would be in line with the desires of the men who run Japan. For they would name the regent or compose the council.

What the shift may amount to is that new names and faces will emerge in power as the Tojos and Suzukis who have occupied positions of responsibility bow themselves off the stage or are kicked off by the allies. But their blood cousins will step into their shoes and continue to run the show.

While the allies seem to have been induced to put up with the emperor in order to have some one around whom the fanatical Japs scattered over the one-time co-prosperity sphere would obey, the Japs have wanted him around so his prestige could be used to keep the people in line. The radio and newspaper emphasis in Japan for days has been for the people to "keep calm," and acquiesce in the orders of his august majesty. In other words, "Don't start anything rough. True, we got you into this jam, but we are the ones to get you out."

Unfortunately the policy of rigid repression has left no opposition party in Japan. There the rulers have cracked down on "dangerous thoughts." The pliant people will doubtless continue to be putty in the hands of the military and political and commercial masters.

The price index in Chungking is 1832 times the prewar figure. If what goes up must come down, think of the deflation in China's capital when normal trade is resumed.

President Truman's report on Potsdam was sort of cold turkey after the stories of the atomic bomb and Russia' entrance into the war. It just shows how fast times march nowadays.

And to think that all this diplomatic ruckus might have been saved if the shipping clerk on the first atom bomb had written Hirohito on the tag instead of Hiroshima.

Suggestion is made that the battleship Missouri be used for the signing of Japanese surrender terms. Why not the carrier Roosevelt?

#### **Editorial Comment**

URANIA-BRAVE NEW WORLD Just now the Japanese are getting the fearful fruits of uranium. We, the American people, will get ours later, after the "Peace."

For there will be atomic toothpaste and atomic soap powder, atomic hair oil and atomic reducing candy.

Already we can almost hear the spectral choirs softly chanting from the loud speakers of Geranfum, poor Geranium, a stay at home because of her dull gray smile ("Since Geranium bought Uranium, there's a nimbus 'round her crantum," for Uranfum not only will have brought her a blinding smile, but is a shampoo as well),

Atomic soap powder, we will be told in Staccato, explosive tones on the hour every hour, "sets off billions of inaudible blasts (guaranteed not to roughen the hands; in fact, the minuscular explosions gently rip away out-worn tissue, leaving the hands like gardenta petals), literally blowing away food fragments and heavy greases." Atomic hair oil, we predict, will wrap each

filament in an aggressive tonic lending it a kinetic separate splendor to each and a glad horripilation to the whole.

We forbear to have any opinion at all upon the bleak reality that a Burbank burlesque theatre now advertises: "Atom Bomb Dancers." We are choked with sobs, and we hope you are, too. Anyway, anybody want to buy a stockpile of vitamins, cheap?-San Francisco Chronicle.

Fred M. Vinson, the new secretary of the treasury has called for a thorough examination of the construction industry.

We need to do a tremendous postwar building job, he says. The country can use 1,250,000 new homes each year for 10 years-one-third more than we ever built in the best previous year. Private and public construction should rise to a record annual level of at least 15 billion dollars. That would mean upward of 6,000,000 jobs.

But the construction industry, Mr. Vinson says, "appears to have lagged" in improving its methods, reducing its costs and so widening its markets. He sees special need to examine its restrictive practices, "whether they apply to materials, labor or financing," and to find ways to set this industry free for the task ahead.

The industry-materials manufacturers and dealers, contractors and workers-is caught in a vicious circle. In the past, it has swung sharply from intense activity to stagnation. It has tried to protect itself against instability by unwise practices, restraints that keep costs up, price-fixing agreements, collusive agreements among business firms and between business and unions, excessive hourly

wage rates. The results have been low volume of building. low employment, low annual earnings for workers and continued instability.

Somehow, this circle must be broken if the construction industry is to reach such goals as Mr. Vinson envisions. Somehow, that industry must be stabilized if the country is to have postwar prosperity and high employment. We hope Mr. Vinson will lead on along the line he has indicated .- Pittsburgh Press.

Timetable for Peace

Already a timetable to peace is being set up. It extends from demobilization of army and navy to supplying shoes and shirts for civilians. Papers are full of predictions, which so far lack a great deal in the way of official confirmation. This is unanimous, however; wartime controls should be and will be eased very rapidly with the ending of the war. Those who decried government regimentation during the war, fearing it meant a permanent political yoke, will find their fears unfounded. Instead the prospect is that the lifting of controls may come faster than really is wholesome, especially controls designed to thwart inflation.

Scheduled for almost immediate lifting are manpower controls. Price and wage controls have legal life until next June 30th, but congress may terminate them any time. Or administrative agencies may let bars down. These controls are most critical to avert runaway inflation such as the country had in 1920.

Most goods will come into supply in retail stores quite rapidly, now that government demand is being reduced. Meats and sugar will not be abundant for some months, sugar, not for a year or longer.

The "hardship" which has most affected Americans has been travel restriction, beginning with the lack of tires and gasoline for automobiles. It is predicted that gas rationing will end as soon as gasoline supplies are redistributed. Production is enormous and refineries will want to keep stuff flowing into carburetors. Tires, too, will soon be available in quantity for passenger cars. First they will be largely synthetic. Tires of natural rubber await transportation of rubber from the far east and we do not know what the state of those rubber plantations is.

Renewal of unrestricted passenger automobile travel will lighten the load on trains and stages; so travel controls should thaw out soon.

Shortages in textiles, in men's shirts and women's dresses will ease fast as production is allowed for civilians. Quality will be better too; and supplies of workmen's clothing should in-

Shoes will probably go off the ration list before a great while, perhaps after October, one authority says.

Fuel famine will not be experienced this winter unless it he in isolated snots. While the government will still use huge quantities of fuel oil and coal its consumption should be reduced so that fuel oil rationing may be lifted and coal supplies be adequate. More manpower in mining will help relieve the latter shortage too. Now about gadgets: radios will be coming

through in about two months. By the first of the year autos will be in volume production. Lack of steel has handicapped motor-makers this summer.

Electric appliances will be in the markets

Makers of farm machinery are not too optimistic. They lack manpower, and are afraid the auto-refrigerator and other manufacturers will gobble much of the steel they need. However, these difficulties should fade rather fast.

Finer grades of paper will be in better supply, are so now in fact, due to imports from Sweden. Newsprint is pretty much of a manpower problem, with deficiencies indicated for another six

Building construction will run into lack of lumber, but other building materials should become more abundant. The government will withdraw largely from the lumber market, however, leaving production for civilian uses.

In view of the great productive capacity of American industry and agriculture and mines it ought not to take long before stores will be full of merchandise for all needs. Labor troubles, already cropping up in lumbering, may serve as a brake on production, however. At any rate, business should soon be on its way to satisfy the accumulated demands of Mr. Average American.

"Too little, too late," is the common verdict on plans for reconversion. We heard the same thing about war preparedness. But American GRIN AND BEAR IT industry has demostrated a great capacity for making changes. It will speed up the changeover to civilian production, shortening the time estimated for it by many months. Management and workers can do wonders under pressure. With participation in the flush business that looms no factory will want to be laggard. The chances are that individual managers are much farther along with their plans than government authorities realize.

Governor Earl Warren has appointed Major William F. Knowland as senator to succeed the late Hiram Johnson. Knowland was state senator and republican national committeeman for California. He has been associated with his father in the publication of the Oakland Trib-une. The Knowlands have had extensive timber holdings on Smith river in Douglas county.

In the New York city election a No Deal ticket is named with Newbold Morris as candidate for mayor. That handle resembles our valley No Name league.

The mysterious "rain of fire" reported in Spain recently turns out to have been the trick of a 15-year-old girl who spread petroleum around and ignited it. The superstitious thought it was a visitation from heaven.

Nylon stockings are promised by Christmas Uh-huh; and what about silk stockings? Or cott against them be revived?



And Still Champion!

#### The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE UNCERTAIN JOURNEY, by Oscar Lewis (Knopf; \$2.50). Love matters more than learn-

ing. This seems to be the lesson you get from this novel, if it's a lesson you think you need. Bruce Priest is diligent by long habit, but not so much so but what at the swirl of a skirt

he drops his books and starts He is a serious boy, son of a high school principal and a widowed teacher. He is studying tween two fires, a girl he remembered having and a girl he has. The new one is Elaine Barnes. She is a person with principles, but they are definitely not the most reputable ones.

She loves me, she loves me not. she loves me . . . that's the history, and a history which repeats itself, of Bruce's attitude. Though his mother wants him to go on with his education, he wants to go on with Elaine, and

apparently he can't do both for

he hasn't the money. If Elaine is a somewhat uncommon character in literature, so is Bruce, though in real life you may have met both of them. He has strength of character except when he is tempted, which means in fact that he has no strength at all. He would like to be an architect and he studies hard, and in his own masculine domain he is possessed of talent. But because of Elaine he discards his ambition; to be with Elaine proves more enticing any day, or any night, than to be

Though perhaps Lewis' prose does not often rise above the commonplace, his story is excellently thought out, from the moment we meet the lonely youngster on the lunchroom stool to the time when the lonely artist entrains for New York. A sufficient master of his craft to get away with the occasional improbable incident, he holds our interest with a combination of

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century turn to ashes, to anticipate the disgrace of foreign entry and command on Japanese soil, to see the shriveled body of empire-small wonder the Japanese leaders meditated long. Of greater consequence however was the impending fate of atom bombings, of land invasion, of Russian penetration of the Manchurian stronghold. The Japanese yielded though the message of surrender meant harakiri for all their glowing

The United States can take real pride in its achievement as nation. It has waged war on two fronts, at enormous distances from its home base. It has built the largest fleet in the world and a great merchant marine. It has transported great armies. It has solved the secret of atomic power. It has fought in all climates and under all sorts of conditions. At the same time it has been the arsenal and storehouse for allied powers. sharing generously of its substance. In all this time its own people have been well fed and well clothed - probably better than at any time in history for the nation as a whole. It has maintained its constitutional system of government, its essential freedoms, its love of liberty. It has gone through elections and political changes without serious

lifelike characters and skillful plotting.

And even if Elaine once in a while does things which every man is supposed to hope his mother and his sister wouldn't do, it all turns out happily and very morally. Love without benefit of clergy isn't necessarily sinful, Lewis says.

By Lichty



will the pre-Pearl Harbor anti-scrap iron boy- "A fine idea this trip, Senator-think of the long rambling acco we could give in case we need to fillbuster on a bill!" ing cards.

interruption of the business of government.

Now Uncle Sam stands astride two oceans, exultant in victory, yet not vengeful; a champion conscious of the responsibility of moral leadership.

David E. Ankeny vs Heien Lois Ankeny vs House plaintiff granted custody of minor child with certain restrictions.

Claire Edward Weaver vs Hazel Opal Weaver: counter affadavit denies all.

Grant H. Wicklander vs Erma L. Wicklander; divorce decree granted plaintiff granted with the plaintiff granted custody of minor children plaintiff.

A world awakens to peace. Outwardly we may not sense it. We will awaken this morning to the same "high fog, clearing by midday" we have had for some days. But swiftly we shall realize the change has come: our minds will be quickly reconditioned to peace as five years ago they were being conditioned for We awake to peace; but to no

think of peace in terms of sirloin steaks and more gasoline and new refrigerators we miss its underlying significance. A world does not go off on a spree like six years of war without violent disturbance to its whole system. The problems of peace inhuman treatment; plaintiff asks absolute divorce, restoration of former name of Ellen C. Lantz; division of property; attorney fees and costs and other relief.

State of Oregon vs Leroy R. Payne; complaint filled charging defendant with delinquent taxes for special carrier operations.

PROBATE COURT system. The problems of peace which now loom—employment, taxation, debt, world reconstruction—are as difficult as the problems of logistics in supplying vast armies. The world must unscramble itself from its ecowhich now loom-employment.

The generals and the admirals,

up, ABC Motors, 13th and State streets, scalded his right wrist with hot water from a radiator Tuesday and went to the east Salem fire station, where city first aid men treated the injured

Picnic Sunday - The Salem Men's Garden club will picnic Sunday at the summer home of Earl Woods on the north fork of the Sentiam beyond Taylor's grove. Members expecting to attend are to get in touch with Rex Cuts Foot-City first aid men

cuts on the bottom of the left foot of Sgt. Martin W. Ward, 920 Broadway, who stepped on the glass while swimming Tuesday in Mill creek near Paradica Volume 1 and Berma Marion Stewart, 30, Salem, 30 in Mill creek near Paradise Island Injury Stight - W. J. Edison,

1005 Broadway, who was struck on the head with a bottle Tuesday evening, was not seriously injured, city first aid men who were called reported. Wrist Cut-J. F. Correll, 1165

N. Winter st., who accidentally cut his left wrist with an axe Tuesday severing the vein, drove home and then summoned city first aid men.

Child Falls-Bernard Johnson. 7, of 595 N. 14th st., fell and split his chin open at Olinger pool Tuesday. City first aid men treated him and sent him home.

Two Curfew Violations - Two curfew violations were noted on police records Monday night, the youths being released on bail and sent to their homes.

#### Luncheon Party Given

FALLS CITY - Mrs. Laura Horne entertained with a luncheon for Mrs. Virgal on her birthday Wednesday.

Invited guests were Mrs. Speerstra and daughter, Mrs. Judson Foster of Salem, Mrs. John Gilbert, Mrs. George Kitchen, Mrs. Virgal Taylor and Mildred Wray.

## Commission **Orders Coos**

The state tax commission Tuesing timber with the exception of Port Orford cedar.

Under the tax commission order 20 per cent over the 1944 assessment. The Coos county assessor dates, the school board is expected had increased the assessment on to ratify the recommendation. all standing timber, other than Port Orford cedar, approximately 100 per cent over 1944 which was vocational education. He organapproved by the county board of equalization. The Weyerheuser Oregon high schools and helped timber company and a number of establish the Eugene vocational other companies owning timber school, widely known for its sucin Coos county appealed to the cess in this field. He helped draft state tax commission for review of the assessment.

Principal reason assigned by the Coos county assessor for raising the 1945 assessments was that war- the vocational training program time demands of recent years, for the navy yard, and attained the selling prices and opportunities for rank of lieutenant commander. He sale, had improved substantially. has been absent on leave from his commission here two weeks ago.

Will Haul Logs-M. G. Burdick, 3545 E. Turner road, has been granted a permit from the city of Salem to haul logs over certain streets in the city.

Strain Returns-The Rev. Dudley Strain, pastor of the First Christian church, returned from New York late Tuesday afternoon.

#### Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

State of Oregon vs Delmar Kobow: order revoking parole and probation of defendant.

A. B. Hinz vs Glenn Sheffield; plaintiffs reply to answer of defendant denies all allegations.

David E. Ankeny vs Helen Lois Ankeny vs

plaintiff; custody of minor children granted defendant; plaintiff ordered to pay \$50 per month support and maintenance money to defendant plus \$50 per month for support and main-tenance of minor children; property settlement approved.

Edward L. May vs Myrtle Compton
May: divorce decree granted plaintiff;
plaintiff awarded custody of minor

vorce complaint; charges cruel and in-human treatment; plaintiff asks cusody of minor child.

Anna May Starr vs Clyde Starr; divorce complaint; charge defendant con-victed of felony and now is confined to Oregon State prison. Ellen C. Bercier vs Harry Bercier; divorce complaint; charges cruel and inhuman treatment; plaintiff asks ab-

J. H. McDonald estate; order ap-proving final account; executor dis-

unscramble itself from its eco-nomic dislocations, its social ten-sions and get back in the path of orderly living.

Signature M. Evans, guardianship; report Brooke T. Hedges, estate; order ap-pointing Mabel Sullivan administrator; Edith Shaffer, Victoria Campbell and Paul F. Burris appointed appraisers.
Nina E. Taylor, guardianship; repor their names covered with the glory of victory, retire from the stage; the statesmen take their places.

Nina E. Taylor, guardianship; report by Bertha L. Emmons, guardian shows a feetipts of \$124.46 and disbursements of \$110.99; order approving account.

Robert Stevelev, guardianship; order allowing support money.

F. Klutke, estate: final account filed and approved, administrator diseharged; estate closed.

Millie Carlson estate; order to defend suit.

George Urban, guardianship; decree allowing final account of guardian. JUSTICE COURT

State vs William Henry Jenkins and Ardith Lenore Jenkins; charge rob-bery by force; preliminary hearing set for Thursday, August 18, at 9 a. m. State vs Henry Daniel Miller; charge overwidth load; \$2.50 fine and \$4.50 MUNICIPAL COURT

J. E. Tryon, 1100 Chemeketa, parking violation, \$4.50 bail.

William McCarthy, 480 Jefferson, parking violation, \$4.50 bail.

Elmer F. Shaeffer, 1905 North 8th st., charge no drivers license; \$5 bail paid.

Vera Larson, 332 Main, Walla Walls, Wash., charge disorderly conduct; \$50 fine paid.

Marvin O. Bacon, USN Farragut, Idaho; charge disorderly conduct) released to military. MARRIAGE LICENSES

### O. D. Adams in Line for Post Tax Reduction At Golden Gate

Superintendent Warren of the day issued an order directing the San Francisco public schools has Coos county board of equalization recommended O. D. Adams, directo meet before August 18 and re- tor of vocational education for duce by 40 per cent the 1945 as- Oregon, who has been absent on lessment on all Coos county stand- leave with the navy since 1940, for the position of assistant superintendent of adult and vocational education in San Francisco. While the assessment of this timber is there has been some flurry because Warren passed over local candi-

Adams was recognized as an outstanding leader in the field of ized courses in vocational work in the vocational education law of Oregon, passed in 1941.

Called to Bremerton before the outbreak of war he has directed-Hearing was held before the tax Oregon position but is expected to accept the San Francisco position which carries a salary of \$7000 a

### **Shodeo Slated** At McMinnville

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 14-(Special)-Four mounted posses, Tennessee walking horses and riding horse exhibitions, as well as obstacle races for men, women and children, topped by the appearance of the famed "Singing Sentinels" of the Kaiser company, will highlight the third annual Shodeo of the Yamhill county sheriff's posse here Saturday and Sunday.

First showing of the two-day event will be Saturday evening followed by an afternoon performance on Sunday. The Shodeo will be staged at the county barns arena on Lafayette avenue.

First class seats for 4500 persons have been set up at the show grounds and the arena has been given a topping of oil to eliminate the clouds of dust which usually mark horse shows and



## V-J Service

Calvary Baptist Church Liberty at Miller

Wednesday at 8 P. M.

Dr. Charles Durden will speak

The Service Roll will be called and a Candlelight Service Flag will be formed.