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Snafu at Sea

Ulysses, the story of whose odyssey Homer has made immortal, didn't have too much, based on comparative speeds in transportation, on the cargo vessel Yale Victory which has been wandering about over the Pacific for more than 170 days hauling its original cargo. This is what the ship's log says:

Loaded and sailed from San Francisco July 1, 1945; arrived at Hueneme between San Francisco and Los Angeles, July 2; arrived at the navy base at Ulithi, Palau islands, July 30; sailed from Ulithi on October 26; arrived Okinawa October 30; sailed from Okinawa for Manila, en route to Calcutta, December 27; arrived Manila December 30.

The failure to discharge its cargo is due to bickering between the army and navy over what disposition to make of it. Finally at Manila the crew sent a message to the New York Times reporting the story of the ship's wandering and its tugs in port and asking if something could be done to end the long ordeal which they said was costing the government \$2000 per day. Finally the army transportation corps has announced the ship would unload its cargo at Manila.

The Yale Victory is one of the Victory-model ships built during the war, with 10,800 tons capacity. Its story is probably extreme but the War Shipping Administration is peeved over the way the army and navy let ships stand idle in ports for lack of proper orders. Such snarls are inevitable in bossing so many ships through several different agencies; but the record is not very convincing as to efficiency of government administration.

A Well-Chosen Course

The mass criminality of German leadership, affiliation with which is deemed sufficient evidence of war-crimes guilt, doesn't find a true counterpart in Japan. Therefore, General MacArthur appears to have kept to a well-chosen course in decreeing that Japanese shall be tried individually without regard to memberships in or associations with various organizations.

He also succeeds, by this method, in shying away from what amounts in Germany almost to condemning an entire race. There certainly is no doubt that individual Japanese have been guilty of as bestial atrocities as the nazis perpetrated, but so far as the records show there was no government-dictated exterminations of whole peoples at home or in conquered lands.

The Nippon treachery of Pearl Harbor days is a stigma that will never be forgotten. All the "so sorry, please" business in the world won't erase that stain, nor can it restore to life and health the thousands of Americans who fought to their deaths the aggression in the Pacific.

But if the Japanese can be made ashamed of the actions of their war criminals, and be encouraged to hope that some day their government can achieve the respect of the democratic nations, they will have advanced further on the road to civilization than seems to be in immediate prospect in Germany.

Save Those Fats

The lagging program of fat salvage needs renewed vigor if maximum production of many essential materials is to be realized. It is a program which has been sadly misunderstood since the shooting stopped and since there no longer was a vital necessity for fats in armament output.

There is definitely a need for fat salvage, however, and the four cents a pound which merchants are allowed to pay for it nowhere near indicates its actual value in our economy. Its scarcity has continued long after the V-days, for one reason because salvage campaigns fell off and for another reason because fat-starved Europe needed what little we could spare.

Used cooking fat is defined as any animal or vegetable fat left over after food has been prepared, including drippings from roasters and broilers, residual grease from fried meats, grease from the top of stews and soups, used lard, vegetable shortening, and cooking oils, and fats cut from meat during preparation or left on the plates after meals.

If there is any doubt as to what materials require fats, here is a partial list: soap, linoleum, draperies, paints, electrical appliances, nylons, paper, cotton fabrics, rugs, leather goods and pharmaceuticals.

Reconversion should not be hampered by a scarcity of what amounts to waste.

Portland is to have 300 surplus ships moored in the Willamette river there. From the looks of things, 300 surplus cattle would help, too. Or the smelt better get to running heavier than ever.

Editorial Comment

LOST OVERBOARD

Due to Mr. Kahut of Woodburn, not keeping his chin out of the road of the right fist of Mr. Lehevich, light heavyweight champion of the world, in a fight in the metropolis Friday evening, upstate is upset, its pride and pocketbook jolted. An Oregonian sports scribe notes as follows:

"The Willamette valley went overboard on Joe and is so strapped that Washington will have to work out new farm aid legislation for that area." On the same day and date, in a Congressional election, in the affected area, the Democratic candidate, met the same fate at the hands of his Republican opponent. Both losers will survive, to fight and run another day. Any federal aid, however, for the bum guessers is out. It pourth forth for crops, that are not planted, but not for blows that don't land. Art Perry's Smudge-Pot in Medford Mail-Tribune.

Farm Radio Tastes

The Federal Communications commission has been running a Hooper-survey of its own on rural radio listeners. Through a study of habits of farmers it has hoped to get information on whether or not to allot more air space to so-called clear channel stations. The bureau of agricultural economics made the survey and turns up with the following report based on interviews with 4293 of the farm radio audience:

About two rural women in 10 listen to their radios less than two hours a day. At least two of 10 listen six hours or more, and another two listen from four to six hours.

Men listen much less. Four in 10 listen less than two hours a day.

Men in different sections of the country listen to the radio about the same amount of time. Among women, regional differences are pronounced. Western women do the most, Southern women the least listening.

While news held first position in all regions, there was no such agreement on other kinds of programs.

Religious programs are special favorites in the South. They rank somewhat lower in popularity in the North Central States, and are chosen by only half as many people in the West as in the South.

Women in the West rank comedians and popular singers next to news, but Southern women place such programs seventh.

Western men rate sports events and scores higher than do the men in other parts of the country.

The Sunset Highway

Oregon's fighting 41st division, long known as the Sunset, gets a major state highway named for it and there won't be any arguments against the plan. The picturesque Wolf Creek road from Portland to the coast, the state highway commission has decided, hereafter will be the Sunset highway. The attractive name for a road which itself leads toward the sunset will bring many a sobering pause to its traversers in years to come. It is an honor more than merited.

Rudolf Hess says the British put "brain poison" on his food and kept whistles going all night so he couldn't sleep. He didn't say how he got in such an imaginative condition in the first place.

If firecrackers are coming back, we're more happy than ever that the Fourth of July doesn't fall on April Fool's day.

Scarce items now probably will include cigars in Florida. Winnie Churchill is vacationing there.

Interpreting The Day's News

By James D. White
Associated Press Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18—(AP)—To an extent, the pessimists are being proved right in their contention that the recent truce in China wouldn't stop the bickering and the fighting.

The truce has been followed by a rash of mutual accusations between communists and the kuomintang authorities of the central government.

It merely illustrates an old principle in China that orders from headquarters are one thing and carrying them out another.

The truce commission in Peiping is sending out planes to drop leaflets urging field armies to stop shooting at each other, but it remains to be seen how far or how soon they are heeded.

Behind the smoke in the field the political fires burn in Chungking. A military sub-committee is dickering over how big an army China may have and what proportion may be communist.

Another committee is tinkering with regulations designed to strike at the heart of one of China's age-old problems—how to keep militarists from running the country. The suggestion is to prohibit any civil official from holding an army job at the same time.

Seek New Election

Meanwhile, in the political consultative council, both the democratic league and the communists are demanding a general election before May 5, when a national assembly is scheduled to meet and draft a new constitution. The idea is that the present delegates are mostly kuomintang members chosen before the Japanese war began, and that any new constitution they might write would be merely another kuomintang constitution. The government reply is to repeat the old promise that it will hold an election to choose a new assembly only after the present one does its drafting job.

China today also is in a swirl of new developments in her relations with other powers. Her troops are back in Mukden, but China reportedly was asking the Russians once more to delay their evacuation of Manchuria until more Chinese troops could be brought in.

Property Confiscated

Amid unconfirmed reports that the Russians were asking the Chinese for a large share of Manchurian industry, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek issued an order confiscating all Japanese and puppet property in Manchuria in the name of his government and prohibiting its sale or transfer. Issuance of this order was not widely reported in this country, but it could have far-reaching effect on the rumored Russian aspirations over Manchuria.

While the American export-import bank announced the grant of a \$33,000,000 cotton loan to China, her generals on the Manchurian frontier were refusing to let American correspondents enter to look into grave but unsubstantiated Chinese charges that the Russians already have stripped Manchurian industry pretty bare.

Prominent Chinese recently have suggested that China could serve usefully as a "bridge" between American and Russian interests in east Asia. Today it looked as though the bridge were being undermined before its building had begun.



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The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

Twilight on the Danube, by F. C. Weiskopf; \$3.

Prague and Vienna in 1913 and 1914 are the scenes of this novel about a world which, for its Austrian people, fell to pieces and hasn't ever been the same since.

Alexander Reither, publisher of a liberal newspaper in the Czech capital, heads a family which ranges from his sister, a 19th century relic, to his granddaughter Wally who toys with anarchism and does much more than that with love.

Perhaps more as a physical than a spiritual force, love plays a big part in this long novel. Men think about getting women, women about getting men, and they up and do something about it.

But the futility of the affairs of the heart reflects soberly the futility of the affairs of their world. The woman a man goes to bed with one night may be a different one in the morning, just as the Austria in which he falls asleep may be a changed Austria when day breaks.

The chief of the Reither clan opposes the ambitions of Franz Ferdinand, heir to the rickety throne and is convinced that an army which isn't used will be come unfit for use. It's a dual monarchy because it's two-faced: looking toward the past and toward the future, or looking toward two kinds of future, one of peace and one of war.

Weiskopf's novel is panoramic, but it's also unappetizingly a little diffused. The frustration of the period seems to be in part the frustration of the author. He pictures mainly the liberal forces, which failed, and we see why they failed. . . . in this he succeeds. But a little of the vigor and ruthlessness of the right-wingers, who prevailed, might have been transformed in a way to invigorate the writing.

The translation from the German, by Olga Marx, is not perfect. Occasionally a scene probably intended as old-fashioned and out of a world that is dead seems merely stiff.

The author, born in Prague has been living and writing in New York since 1939.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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made mandatory an order to the county public welfare commissions to pay a fixed fee for burial of indigents. Hitherto this has been left with the counties to decide, and they have made their own arrangements as to cost. This is a sample of the pressures being imposed on counties with resulting increase in costs of assistance programs.

While the attorney general may be correct in his interpretation of the statute, the logical inference from such a policy is at variance with legislative intent. It has been the firm theory of the legislature that counties should have a direct financial responsibility in the cost of assistance programs. This was based on the well-known principle that the closer home comes the tax the more scrutiny will be exercised in the spending. To rob the county welfare commissions of administrative responsibility and to pile burdens on the counties will lead inevitably to the demand that the state run — and pay for — the whole show. The ruling of the attorney general gives the counties a powerful club to wield in enforcing this demand when the next legislative meets.

Judge Murphy's statement touches off what may become a very important issue in the 1947 session of the legislative assembly.

At San Francisco—Miscellaneous on following: Copiapo from Pearl Harbor, 857 navy, 776 army; Mobile from Guam, 1200 navy; John Serles from Sasebo, 32 navy; LCI 793, five navy.

At Los Angeles—Gen. John R. Pope from Manila; 5551 troops, including 616th ordnance base armor maintenance battalion; 980th signal service company.

At Seattle—Miscellaneous on following: USS Fremont from Nagoya, 1-589 army, 69 navy; Yukon from Alaska, 77 army.

At San Diego—Miscellaneous troops on following: destroyer Eaton, 142 navy; LST's 245, 454, 462, total 307 army and navy; LCI 83, four coast guard; LSM's 70 and 79, no passenger information.

Death Claims Mrs. Kirkwood

Pearl Kirkwood died Friday morning at a Salem hospital, where she had been a patient for a month. Born in Yamhill county, Ore., and a resident of Salem since 1918, she had been seriously ill the past six months.

Mrs. Kirkwood was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Miller, born June 10, 1882. She was married to Fred Kirkwood on Feb. 1, 1902, in Yamhill county, where they made their home until coming to Salem.

She was a member of the United Brethren church. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday from the Clough-Barrick chapel, the Rev. Arthur Brown officiating, with interment in Belcrest Memorial park.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. Olga Daugherty of Eugene; a sister, Grace Nash, Salem; three grandchildren, Lawrence Imah, Jr., of the US navy, Bernice Imah and Douglas Daugherty, Salem.

Orven deVries Finishes Longer Overseas Duty

FRUITLAND, Jan. 18—(Special) Sgt. Orven deVries, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. deVries received his discharge at Ft. Lewis January 16.

He served the army 51 months, 22 in North Africa and Europe.

Col. George Spaur, a reserve officer who went into the service in October of 1940, has arrived home from Japan and now is on terminal leave. The colonel, who was assistant engineer with the 9th corps in Japan and was in the Philippines and elsewhere in the southwest Pacific for a year and a half, formerly was with the state forestry department and will return to that duty. He and his wife reside at 2110 Chemekeka st., Salem.

ARMSTRONG RETURNS

Lt. (jg) Paul Armstrong, formerly of the Billings and Armstrong school of dancing, has just returned from four years in the U. S. navy and is now on terminal leave. He plans to reopen his dancing studio in the Moose hall, 12th at Leslie streets, Friday, January 25.

Wistful Pup Signed for Film

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 18—(AP) When Gladys, then known as Wilbur, was pining her heart away in the dog pound two weeks ago, little did she think that today she'd be in the movies. But that's Hollywood.

Producer Herb Lamb announced he has signed Gladys for a part as mascot of a boys' gang in his forthcoming picture, "Play ball, Son."

Gladys will appear with Joe Cronin of the Boston Red Sox, although Joe probably will get superior billing. The new mistress of the non-descript pooch, three-year-old Gladys Payne, was pretty excited about it.

Tax Students To Meet With Cities League

Several members of Gov. Earl Snell's tax study commission, including County Judge Carl Chambers of Umatilla county, will meet with the League of Oregon Cities in Portland Monday and Tuesday, for a general discussion of tax problems.

Participating in one panel, other than league officials, will be Kelly Loe, Portland; Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, and Chambers. Much of the discussion on Tuesday will relate to municipal tax problems. It was indicated that league officials would suggest a larger share of state highway funds and liquor profits for the cities and towns.

The regular meeting of the tax study commission was cancelled because of the League of Oregon Cities sessions.

S. J. Barrick, commission director, is preparing a memorandum dealing with municipal taxes for the Portland meeting.

Two or three million years ago, Tibet and neighboring regions were a well-watered and well-forested area only slightly elevated above the sea.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Loyce L. Grove vs Mildred Grove: Defendant files answer admitting and denying.

Flora Jane Taggart vs Vern Edwin Taggart: Default against defendant filed and application made to place on trial docket.

Ella Francis Hershagen vs Claude A. Hershagen: Default against defendant filed and application made to place on trial docket.

Geraldine C. Rogaway vs Donald J. Rogaway: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for custody of one minor child and \$50 per month support money. Married Feb. 14, 1942 at Salem.

Nelson Bros., Inc. vs R. J. Blanchette: Application made to place on trial docket.

Maureen Watkins vs Ernest St. J. Watkins: Application made to place on trial docket for Jan. 17, 1946.

Marjorie M. Pierce vs Lee Pierce: Default against defendant filed.

PROBATE COURT

Hazel Olmsted: Guardianship estate. Final account of Pioneer Trust Co. Guardian filed.

George C. Will, estate: Order directing conveyance of certain real property by U.S. National Bank of Portland executed.

Gail E. Craig vs Delpha M. Craig: Request for hearing for Jan. 21, 1946, filed.

Herman Tasto estate: Anna H. Tasto appointed administratrix de bonis non.

William G. Stoddard, estate: Order approving final account of Iva R. Stoddard administratrix.

Fred Crites, Carl Crites, Lavalle Crites and Darline Crites: guardianship estate. Annual accounts of Pioneer Trust Co. guardian approved.

Joseph Hickstick, estate: Order approving final account of Freda Engel administratrix.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Henry J. Schuette, 31, laborer, Topeka, Kan., and Bonetta Walker, 28, office worker, Salem.

Freddie G. Long, 27, farm worker, and Evelyn May Presho, 16, student, both Silverton.

Marvin Floyd Tooker, 19, farmer, Benton, and Rosella Mary Verbeck, 16, student, Silverton.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Robert M. Jewell, 306 N. Capitol st., reckless driving \$25 bail.

Mrs. Wolfe, Glendora apartments, jay walking, \$1 bail.

JUSTICE COURT

Harlan Elden Morefield, no PUC plates, not guilty.

Dean Alvin Prather, no 1946 vehicle license, \$1 fine and costs.

Dancer Delays Wedding Plans

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 18—(AP) Dancer Ann Miller announced yesterday that her wedding, set for next Sunday, to Reese L. Milner, investment broker, has been postponed until her next picture is completed.

"I hate to put off my wedding," said Miss Miller, "but if Reese and I really are in love, we'll come through all right."

Linda Darnell was to have been the bridesmaid.

The Philippine islands were named after Philip II of Spain.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"But I HAVE to take time with my makeup. Mother—it isn't as if I were married and didn't have anyone looking at me!"

Vets' Service Committeemen Elect Saalfeld

H. C. "Hub" Saalfeld, Marion county service officer, was elected chairman of the executive committee of the local Veterans' Service Committee at the executive group's weekly meeting Friday noon at the Quelle restaurant.

Don Good, of the state department of veterans' affairs, was elected vice-chairman, and Joe Hopkins, veterans' information clerk of Marion county board No. 1, was named secretary of the executive group, which is composed of representatives from the various local veteran agencies and also of people whose business brings them in contact with veterans.

Aim to Aid Veterans

"The purpose of the executive committee is to coordinate the efforts of local groups involved in veteran welfare," Saalfeld said. "Our aim is to help the veteran and to arouse local interest in his behalf," he added.

Named Thursday and present Friday making up the executive board at large were Lt. Col. George E. Sandy of selective service; James Harris, of the veterans' administration; Carlton Grieder, of the US employment service; Mr. Halstead, apprenticeship coordinator of trades and industries; Capt. Lesher, of the Salvation Army; C. F. Fiekie, of state vocational rehabilitation service; Mrs. Virginia Stephens, of the American Red Cross; Ray Bassett, service officer of the American Legion, Capitol Post No. 9; Dr. Roy Scofield, service officer of the Marine Corps league; A. L. Brewster, service officer of Disabled American Veterans, and Mrs. A. L. Strayer, service officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Weekly Meetings Planned

While the main group of the Veterans' Committee will meet monthly, the executive committee will hold weekly meetings and report their efforts to the entire membership.

Former Salem Woman Dies

Mrs. Garfield (Lena R.) Anderson, former resident of Salem, died Friday at her home in Portland at the age of 61 years. She had retained her membership in chapter BC, PEO, Salem, although the family moved to Portland several years ago.

Funeral services will be held from the W. T. Rigdon Co. chapel here Monday at 1:30 p.m., the Rev. Chester W. Hamblin officiating, and interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

Survivors include the widow, a son, Graydon K. Anderson, Madison, Wis., graduate of Willamette university who, a few years ago, returned to a faculty position at the university here following graduate work elsewhere, and who now is at the University of Wisconsin; Mrs. Homer C. (Chloe) Millard, Portland, who also attended Willamette; sisters, Mrs. Charlie Skillings of Corvallis, Mrs. Elsie Beutler of Los Angeles, and Mrs. R. G. Hamilton, Weippe, Idaho.

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Budget Payments

Give her one of these perfect little gold watches, beautiful as jewelry in their exquisite cases, but with fine mechanisms on which she can rely.

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