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COME HOME OR TAKE CHANCES

QUITE accurately, President Roosevelt has gauged the state of mind in the United States in his warning that American citizens now in the China war zones must come home or take the risks of staying. There has been some protest against this policy, but this has been based on the erroneous supposition that Americans would be left entirely without the aid of their government. This is not so.

The marines and some infantry are still in China. The navy has many vessels co-operating in rescue work. Secretary Hull has made it very plain that aid to those leaving China will be continued. But no absolute protection will be promised or attempted. The armed forces will not do anything which might involve us in conflict.

Some Americans have been killed and wounded and others probably will be. A stray shell landed in front of the Shanghai consulate the other day and bombs have struck perilously close to marine headquarters. These have been accidents of battle and will be so regarded. It will require a deliberate attack on Americans because they are Americans to provoke a stronger policy. This is sensible.

Events in Europe have occupied the president's attention quite as much as events in China. There is perhaps more serious danger of involvement in Europe than in the Orient. Roosevelt announced Saturday that it would be his effort to keep us out of war. That is what Wilson said in 1916. We were in it in 1917. Roosevelt knows it will not be any easier for him to keep this policy than it was for Wilson.

The most ominous trend is toward a coalition of fascist powers against the rest of the world. Italy, Germany and Japan seem to have some understandings. It is a weird period in world history. It is an era of world banditry. Only one thing is certain. No nation will be safe which is not prepared to defend itself. Those who cannot do this will be plundered.

Some think the United States could have prevented all this by joining Wilson's League of Nations. Some think the United States now could use its great economic power to check the fighting. It will be quite an accomplishment if American leadership can keep this continent out of trouble. The most helpful service we can render for peace and democracy is to hang onto them here indicating wisdom by example.

HOWDEDO, COUSIN FISH!

THIS is the age of disillusionments. We have been told in the last week, by no less authority than Prof. James Gray, eminent zoologist of Britain's Cambridge university, that the brain of man is no different essentially from that of the fish. We had long suspected it, but lacked the coldly factual proof.

Those savage malefactors of great wealth, as Teddy called them, or economic royalists, as the newer Roosevelt prefers to say, have all the mental and moral characteristics of those cannibals of the deep who prey on lesser fish. It was an instinct which led reformers years ago to liken the great corporation to the octopus.

It has often been observed that the human kind run in schools like the pilchard or the lowly smelt. Our intelligentsia, if any, might be likened to the ponderous salmon or the fighting trout—brilliant, game, resourceful, but only up to a certain point, suckers for a piece of bright brass or a bit of red rag dangling on a hook. That fish which we call the sucker because of the shape and the use he makes of his snout has really been misnamed. He lives on the soft pickin's and a good many of us are like that.

It is wise to smile when you speak of So-and-so as a "poor fish." It may be the truth which is the only thing that ever hurts. Whales are very scarce. It needs to be observed that they usually get the harpoon when they begin to spout.

Science is a great thing. Prof. Gray in his lab has proved what we might have guessed, judging by man's behavior in war and also in what he calls peace. Times change. The Great Banks which were in the vicinity of the Forum in Cicero's time now fluctuate between Washington and Wall Street. Any luck? Try worms next!

Hay fever victims may take heart with a scientist's announcement that each tear destroys a million bacteria.

A girls' softball team is considering silk stockings as team equipment because they are better for getting runs.

At least one forgotten New Year resolution will be recalled when it comes time to

store the straw hat you swore you'd throw away.

Any taxpayer can tell worried economists how long the present wages will last. Until six days before next Saturday, of course.

Un-huh, this is also the political football season.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By SENATOR ARTHUR CAPPER
Written Exclusively for Register-Guard and NEA Service, Inc.

THE year 1940 will find the Republican and Democratic parties contesting for political control as usual, although one or both parties may suffer from desertions.

There is little possibility of a third party which would weld masses of farmers and masses of industrial workers into a political unit. Such a combination, I believe, is impossible at this time.

We have three powerful farmers' organizations in this country, and while they don't often clash with each other, I don't think organizers would find them politically malleable.

The oldest of the three is the National Grange, headed by Louis J. Taber, a progressive Republican from Ohio, who represents the large body of conservative farm thought on politics.

Mr. Edward O'Neal, an Alabama Democrat, is the head of the Farm Bureau, which has been consistently pro-Roosevelt and pro-New Deal in its political sympathies.

Probably the most liberal farm group is the Farmers' Union with Mr. E. H. Everson of South Dakota, as its president.

On such broad issues as that of the original AAA these three groups worked harmoniously for a common cause, but generally speaking they don't think alike about enough things to form a cohesive political force.

Won't Join Forces

As for a political alignment with labor, I think with the exception of a few such farm states as Minnesota, where there has long been a local farmer-labor organization, there is little disposition on the part of farmers to join forces with industrial workers in the support of a presidential candidate or more than an occasional piece of legislation.

Typical of the breach between labor and farmer politics is the contrast in reactions to the Supreme Court recently. Farmers were resentful of the court's decision in declaring the processing taxes under AAA unconstitutional, as was labor when the Supreme Court invalidated wage and hour legislation.

But farmers generally were alarmed when the President subsequently suggested a reform of the court as the redress for those who had suffered under its decisions. Labor responded enthusiastically to the President's plan. I think before the President proposed to alter the court, he was equally popular with farmers and industrial workers.

Today I feel there has been a cooling off of farmer sympathies with the administration. The Supreme Court bill alarmed the conservatism of the farm belt.

They Won't Complain

I have been asked how closely I thought the economic interests of farmers and industrial workers are interrelated, and inter-dependent. My answer is that I do not concur with the theory that higher wages for industrial workers are coincident with higher agricultural income. It is said that if labor is successful in its fight for higher wages, there will be an increased demand for farm products.

That much is true. It is also true that the manufacturer who sells to the farmer will raise his prices to meet higher labor costs. The effect is to level down the farmers' income which has been increased by the higher farm market. Ultimately the farmers' prosperity depends on good or bad crops.

However, the farmers are not going to complain about good wages for the industrial worker if at the same time they are getting good prices for wheat and cotton.

Get Nearer Parity Prices

Crop control legislation, which is scheduled for consideration by the Senate next January, should, I think, be governed largely by existing prices in the farmers' market. I believe farmers are feeling better about their economic situation than they have for years. They are getting nearer parity prices now than at any time since 1929, and there seems to me no evidence of overproduction at this point. If there is a trend toward overproduction with a poor farm market resulting, then I think Congress should step in and check the trend. But the farmer is not dissatisfied with the way things are going, as are the industrial workers at this point. I don't think agricultural communities in any important measure are open to agitation for political reform or any radical departure from the established political party system.

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine

MANY years ago, visitors to Switzerland noted tremendous goiters among the adults and numerous cases of cretinism and myxedema in children of the region. It was in Switzerland that the first operation for the removal of goiter was performed.

We now know that it is quite possible to get along without the thyroid gland, since some of the other glands of the body will take up its functions and since the thyroid material can be given in tablet form.

We have learned also that the activities of the thyroid gland depend to a large extent on iodine. Since 1895, it has been known that iodine is a rather large constituent of this gland. The normal human being contains 25-100,000ths of a gram of iodine, which represents 4-100,000ths of the total weight of the body. Two-fifths of this iodine is found in the thyroid gland.

The natural supply of iodine coming into the body depends on the part of the country in which we live. Drinking water of various sections varies in iodine content. The water of Stanford, Calif., contains 105 times as much iodine as that of New York; New York drinking water contains 100 times as much iodine as that of Duluth.

Since vegetables and animals are dependent on the water they get for their supply of iodine, the vegetables and the meats of various portions of the country also vary in the amount of iodine that they contain. It is important to know that lobsters, clams and oysters contain more iodine than salmon, but salmon contains more than a good many vegetables.

Fresh water fish contain much less iodine than do salt water fish. Seaweed contains much iodine. In Japan seaweed is used as a food; consequently the percentage of goiter is low. Among foods which contain much iodine are oysters and sardines, eggs and spinach. Among foods which contain little iodine are white bread and oranges.

The exact amount of iodine necessary for life and health is not definitely known, but it has been shown that children and expectant mothers should have at least 10-100,000ths of a gram of iodine each week.

Once the salt that we ate contained iodine. Then salt was refined and its iodine removed. Now most table salt in the United States is being supplemented with iodine because of its value in preventing goiter.

SIDE GLANCES



"Daddy always helped me with my arithmetic until I got to the fifth grade, but now he always seems to be busy."

"Wetter" Water Discovered By Scientists; Will Have Many Uses In Industry, Is Claim

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Service Editor
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 13.—

Wetter water—answer to the prayers of millions for something to take dust out of the air like nothing else ever did—became a reality recently.

This latest miracle of chemistry was announced to the American Chemical Society by B. G. Wilkes of the Mellon institute of industrial research, Pittsburgh, and J. N. Wickert of the Carbide and Carbons Chemical corporation, South Charleston, West Va.

It's no pun, but "wetter water" is made that way with alcohol. There's nothing intoxicating about the stuff. The alcohol is a new "synthetic," something that does not exist in nature. It is made from waste gas of oil wells. The new feature of this alcohol is the giant size of its molecules.

They have a most peculiar effect on ordinary water. A few drops of this "oil well hootch" added to a gallon of water actually makes it "wetter."

That is, the water wets whatever it touches almost instantly. Things like yarns that would take an indefinite time, many minutes as a rule, to wet through in water, soak in a few seconds in "wetter water."

Most spectacular was a dust laying experiment. In a work room where the dust was hazy thick

and breathing risky, an ordinary water spray fell through the air without relief.

"Wetter water," Mr. Wilkes said, made the air almost entirely clear, and solved the health hazard. The wet water simply soaked instantly every dust particle it touched where ordinary water drops had been "glancing off."

Fine sprays of ordinary water are the main reliance of architects and engineers for cleaning the dust out of air-conditioned buildings, homes and railroad coaches. The "wetter water" enhances the deadliness of most bug and insect sprays. It makes these lethal liquids spread faster and farther.

Old wall paper is said to give up the ghost and start peeling when wetter water hits it. It is also a good remover of the poisons left on fruits from insect sprays, Mr. Wilkes reported.

The main uses of wetter water are industrial. These were named as including bleaching, mercerizing, conditioning of cotton yarn and fabric, dyeing and felting of wool, and uses in leather, paper, ceramics, paints, metals, pharmaceuticals, oils and cosmetics.

Wetter water, said the scientists, even is good for its papa, the oil well. It aids in spreading faster the acids used to improve the yield of oil sands.

"Industry," they reported, "will now become wetter water conscious."

Variety of News For Peoria Listed

PEORIA, Sept. 13.—(Special)—George Githens of Oregon City was a caller in this vicinity and visited at the home of his son, Russell Githens, and among old friends last week. Mr. Githens is a resident of this section.

Mrs. Griff King of Portland spent several days with her daughter, Mrs. Russell Githens and family, last week.

The Potter threshing machine finished its year's work last week. They purchased a new machine in the spring and have done a great deal of threshing. Dick Duncan, manager of the company, treated the crew to ice cream at the close of work.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Hall have arrived home from a trip to Virginia on a three months visit with relatives and old time friends. They went to Turlock, Calif., and drove east with Mrs. Hall's sister and family.

Goes to Shower

Mrs. H. H. Abraham attended a bridal shower given for her niece, Mrs. June Schmidt Nitzel held at the Fairmont Grange hall in north Benton county recently.

Mrs. J. E. Walbeck and son Lovick have arrived from Juliatta, Idaho for a visit with relatives and friends. They came to Portland on business and took the opportunity to come on to visit here where they lived for four years.

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until last fall when Rev. Mr. Walbeck was sent to Juliatta. The Union Oil company painted the front of the Lamar and Lamar store in Peoria last week.

GROUPS MEETING
COTTAGE GROVE, Sept. 13.—(Special)—The Catholic Altar society will meet Monday, September 20, at the home of Mrs. Fred Bickie, instead of this week as previously announced.

Mrs. G. B. Pitcher will entertain LaComus club at her home Tuesday. A one-thirty dessert will be served.

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Wife's Plea To Franco Success; Will Free Flier

By EDWARD J. NEIL
BURGOS, Spain, Sept. 13.—(Special)—A young American wife's written plea of "please don't destroy my happiness" won a promise of life and freedom for her imprisoned aviator husband.

Insurgent Generalissimo Francisco Franco read her letter, studied the picture of herself which she enclosed, and decided to exchange 28-year-old Harold Dahl, Champaign, Ill., war pilot, for any insurgent aviator held captive by the Spanish government.

Mrs. Dahl wrote from her temporary residence in Cannes, France, asking life and freedom for her husband, whose Spanish government war plane was shot down behind insurgent lines July 12.

In quaint, studied Spanish she addressed the generalissimo as "Chief of Fascism," a term Franco dislikes.

What offset the mistake was Mrs. Dahl's picture—a photograph of a tall, beautiful, young American girl with blonde hair and sparkling eyes.

"I am the wife of the American pilot Harold Dahl who has been held in military prison at Salamanca since July 13," she wrote.

"I received a letter from him two weeks ago. Since then I have heard nothing."

"I am writing you to explain that he was and is a neutral. He joined (government aviation forces) only to get money because there are too many pilots in the United States air force."

"We have been married only eight months. I am all alone. He flew only to get money for me."

"I know you are an intelligent man with a great heart and much courage. I promise you he will fight no more if you have the compassion to give him his freedom and send him back to me in France."

The generalissimo told Mrs. Dahl to ask the Spanish central government to arrange for the release of any captured insurgent aviator and said that when such release was granted he would send Dahl to Franco immediately.

It was on Dahl's second trip aloft as a government war pilot that he was shot down.

Christian Science

"Substance" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, September 12.

The Golden Text was, "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty" (I Chron. 29:11).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is" (Jer. 17:5-7).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with

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Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "As God is substance and man is the divine image and likeness, man should wish for, and in reality has, only the substance of good, the substance of Spirit, not matter. The belief that man has any other substance, or mind, is not spiritual and breaks the First Commandment, Thou shalt have one God, one Mind" (p. 301).

Many Attend Dance At Scotts Valley

YONCALLA, Sept. 13.—(Special)—A large crowd attended the dance at the Scotts Valley Town-ship club hall Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vince Applegate visited friends and transacted business in Grants Pass and Medford last week.

Miss Mabel Kingery has left for Corvallis where she will attend college this coming term.

Son Born

Word was received here of the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ferris Sept. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris are former residents of Yoncalla.

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Dunham are moving to a cottage at the Elkhead mines.

Misses Patricia Preston and sister and Miss Mildred Kruse and Miss Lois Andrews have moved in apartments at Kruse apartment house. Miss Preston is a teacher in the high school and Misses Kruse and Andrews teach in grade school.

Fifth largest body of water in the world, the Arctic ocean has an area of 4,781,000 square miles and an average depth of 5160 feet.

The United States, Russia, Venezuela, Rumania, Iraq, Mexico, Dutch East Indies, Colombia, Argentina, Peru, Trinidad, British India, and Poland, in the order named, are the leading countries of the world in petroleum production.

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