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HOW MUCH ARMY DO WE NEED?

How much are we learning as to war preparations from what goes on in Europe? In Congress and on the air and in print wherever he can get space, Congressman Ross Collins keeps hammering for a more highly trained and specialized army, instead of a vast, unwieldy "mass army" such as met disaster in France. Our general staff keeps pressing for larger numbers and yesterday's appropriation of an additional 8 billion for defense carries with it provision for adding 300,000 men to the present force of approximately 1,500,000. It is no secret that our high command would like to have 3,000,000 men equipped and trained to fight.

The plain citizen ought to seek some understanding of this problem. It really is much more important than whether men now in service are to be retained another year or for "the duration." Nothing will matter unless we WIN THE FIGHT. Is our army planned for victory?

There could be no greater fallacy, we believe, than to suppose that modern total war can be won with a relatively small force—a first team—a highly specialized shock troops, and we doubt if Congressman Collins believes that. Behind the relatively small advance units of the German army which swept through France came Germany's mighty "mass army."

It would be folly to forget that every male in Germany, able to bear arms, has been trained in at least the rudiments. Just as you will hear "Tex" Oliver or any other big time football coach insisting that you can't win a championship without sufficient squad to back the first team up, so modern war requires not only the highly specialized "first team" with plentiful and well trained reinforcement and support.

The problem, we believe, analyzes this way:

Without the highly trained "fast troops" (tanks, motorized infantry, dive bombers, paratroopers) the old fashioned "mass army" is ineffective, but—
Without a sufficient and well trained supporting force, the modern "fast troops" can't hold the ground they gain.

The present campaign in Russia offers a striking demonstration. The German "fast troops" have "made their accustomed yardage" but their advance has been limited strictly by the ability of the mass support to come up.

The German "fast troops" are not only picked men—mentally and physically—but they are men whose training has been extended over years, not just a few months. German losses in killed and wounded have been held to an amazingly low figure because of intensive and expert training. Losses in the Russian campaign will mount in proportion as the Germans must use less well trained troops.

One point raised by Congressman Collins, we applaud with enthusiasm. He is demanding that we weed out most of the "old dowagers" who now occupy so many of our high command posts. There are plenty of the younger "sisters" that need to be eliminated also for the good of the service.

MR. ICKES IS NOT PLEASED

Latest outburst of Secretary (Donald Duck) Ickes is to denounce the federal power commission because it has approved plans for steam standby plants for the Portland General Electric company's system and the Puget Sound Light and Power operation at Seattle.

"It does not suit this department at all," says the Royal Ickes.

At the time when the government (and especially Mr. Ickes) has been bemoaning power shortage in the Northwest and suggesting rationing for defense industries, it would be very difficult to understand this opposition to an increase in power production if we did not have before us the bill by which Mr. Ickes hopes to make himself the political czar of this region.

Under that bill, Ickes hopes to buy up and bring under his control the PGE and the Puget Sound and every other utility public or private in this region—including the Eugene municipal plant in which we have some \$6,000,000 invested not counting the millions of advantage which we now enjoy in low rates achieved through good management and HOME RULE.

It is the Ickes aim not merely to buy these plants but to buy them at bankrupt prices. It requires only a short study of the Bonneville tactics to realize why Mr. Ickes gets excited over the federal power commission's action. The commission is trying

honestly to help defense by providing more power as quickly as possible. Ickes is interested only in his political empire.

It is difficult to believe that Ickes is still motivated only by ignorance. Even he knows by this time (as TVA's sad experience with low water for power dams proved) that it is necessary to balance hydro plants with steam standby (just as we have done in Eugene). Ickes is interested only in power for Ickes, not in honest service for this region.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

EUGENE LOOKS BACK TO MEASURE UP

(Corvallis Gazette Times)
EUGENE, July 20.—(To the Editor)—In these days when we look ahead with uncertainty, it is reassuring to look back and the Oregon Trail pageant which Eugene presented for the fifth time in 20 years offered an unforgettable opportunity. Those attending are indebted to the university city for delightful informative entertainment.

Of course, going back to the Greek philosophers, Rome's Scipio and even Moses was far enough to suit the most discriminating of the spectators at the pageant. Whoever thought that Moses was connected with Eugene? The Moses family is generally associated with Corvallis.

The parade Friday attracted 50,000 spectators and in it were vehicles and tools displayed which already are museum pieces and costumes out-dating even the horse and buggy days in many instances, for then ox teams to pull primitive plows and wagons were plentiful and horses were the only other mode of travel locally, except when a traveler walked. Naturally rafts and dug-out canoes were used on rivers and lakes in olden times.

The parade took over an hour to pass a given point and the pageant lasted slightly over two hours but both were so well managed that not a dull moment was felt. Leslie M. Scott, intellectual son of the west's foremost editor, a pioneer, was grand marshal of the procession.

A queen's ball and the pioneers' barbecue were interesting though smaller and more restricted parts of the entire celebration. You can find cabarets anywhere and many hotels furnish music and dancing for the diversion of their guests but the Hotel Osburn was unique: it had a large table of Indians in full regalia, who before and after eating played Indian music and danced in the lobby and on the dining room floor. Close by was the table occupied by the queen and her suite. Where else may you find this in a hotel? In some national parks Indians present dances outside the hotels just as the natives of Ball do in Den Paser when tourists are gathered there.

The writer, who attended with Mrs. Helen O. Damon of Newport, has seen the five pageants and can select no preference: he leaves Eugene with but one wish: that he may return when the sixth pageant takes place.—Joseph Patterson.

WASHINGTON LETTER

JOHN W. KELLY
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—Complaint is growing in congress that there is too much centralization of war defense industries and not enough orders given to most of the states. This is a vital matter with members of the house, for when they return home their constituents put them on the par for not locating some of the activities. In this connection, Assistant Secretary of War Patterson informed a senate committee a few days ago that but 15 per cent of the available facilities of the United States are engaged in defense production. This leaves 85 percent idle at a time when the administration is asking for 100 percent productive capacity. Congress suspects there is something wrong.

To date most of the money has been advanced, allocated or loaned in the defense program has gone to a few of the largest corporations in the United States; for the rest—nothing. Statements are made that these big corporations hesitate to assume responsibility for the contracts, yet at the same time they maintain lobbies in Washington and are on the alert for any work they can do. OPM organization is loaded with WOCs (without compensation) and dollar-a-year men. These men have been drawn from big business, and big business is taking the lion's share of the orders. These men in OPM and its various subdivisions do not know little business or medium-size plants and therefore no orders are placed with them. It is of a pattern with the first world war.

The percentage of facilities being used, is, according to Assistant Secretary Patterson, far less than what Bill Knudsen reported, and there were so few that Knudsen appealed to "spread the work." It has not been spread. Men have come to Washington and remained until their funds were exhausted by high hotel bills trying desperately to obtain a piece of the defense work. They could not get to first base with army or navy; the large corporations had the inside track. One man proudly announced that he had a contract because he bid \$2.65 per unit whereas the government has been paying \$7 to a large corporation for the same article.

It is the opinion of congress that if the war and navy department would avail themselves of the small concerns the work would be spread and money would be saved. It is difficult to convince the departments of this, however. The big corporations know in advance—before congress is asked for the money—what plans are proposed by the two defense agencies and by the time the public is aware that a few hundred millions or a couple of billions are to be spent the big fellows have the contract neatly tucked away.

Priorities are in such confusion that even concerns with defense orders can not obtain a certificate. When priorities were started a number of smart boys horned in and gathered up licenses. No one can get anything without a license. Steel mills can not sell without the prospective purchaser showing a license. The chiselers who obtained licenses are now hawking them around to the highest bidder, and one Portland concern with a defense order is being forced to buy one of these licenses of the company is to supply a particular article important in aviation.

Navy work is slowed down because of priorities. It can not obtain a certain type of gun mounts for anti-aircraft guns. There is a shortage of armor and one battleship may be delayed 10 months for want of this material. There is delay in obtaining armament. And while the navy is confronted with this situation, the administration is proposing a 24-inch steel pipeline which will require enough steel to build 22 battleships—and the administration wants the pipeline built immediately to relieve the oil shortage in the east because tankers have been given to Britain.

Always repairs on navy vessels have been taken care of in navy yards, but this precedent is being shattered and private yards will receive \$91,150,000 to expand their equipment and facilities. Reason that this is being done is that the British are sending their crippled boats to American navy yards to be repaired. It has been asserted, and not denied, that about 100 British ships are now being repaired in American ship yards. This, however, is being paid for by the British and does not come out of the lend-lease fund of seven billion dollars. Congressmen say that if it were not for the repairing of British ships the appropriation for private and navy yards would not have to be made.

Former Students Will Wed

By MARIAN LOWRY
INTERESTING to the university group is announcement of the engagement of Miss Lillian R. Mersereau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison I. Mersereau of Portland, to Robert C. Broderick of Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Broderick of Portland.

The wedding is planned for the early fall. Both are former students of the University of Oregon. Mr. Broderick being a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity on the campus. He is on the business staff of the Register-Guard.

IN LOS ANGELES
Miss Mildred S. Kehoe of Horn Lane is spending her vacation with friends in Los Angeles, Hollywood, and Long Beach. She will be gone two weeks.

PICNIC GIVEN
A group of fifty-one attended the picnic dinner given Monday evening at the J. A. Zimmerman home by Illahee division, G.I.A. of B. of L. E. Another picnic was planned for August 18 at the McKenzie river home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merriman at 5 p. m. Engineers and their families are invited. Rolls will be furnished.

AID MEETING
The Central Lutheran Aid will hold its meeting Thursday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock in the church parlor. This meeting was postponed from the regular meeting date last week.

FOR WEDNESDAY
An all day meeting will be held Wednesday by the sewing group of the First Baptist church in the chapel of the church.

FROM OLYMPIA
SPRINGFIELD, July 20.—(Special)—Terry Stafford and Etta Patterson of Olympia, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Endicott.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER
SPRINGFIELD, July 20.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ike Endicott entertained at a birthday dinner Sunday night in honor of their son, Ike Endicott, Jr., home on leave from Fort Lewis. Guests were Bob Davis, Beauford Holmerson, Faye Holmerson, Walt Johnson, Roy Jameson, Olympia, Wash.; Truman Greenland, Terry Stafford and Etta Patterson, all of Olympia; Jack Endicott, Ventura, Calif.; Roy Holmerson, Crescent Lake; Mrs. Hanna Lepley, and the guest of honor.

FROM AMITY
SPRINGFIELD, July 20.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Campbell of Amity were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flanery over the week-end.

FROM MICHIGAN
SPRINGFIELD, July 20.—(Special)—Homer Meads of Tecumseh, Mich., is here visiting his niece, Mrs. Bill Cox.

HERE ON BUSINESS
SPRINGFIELD, July 20.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rogers of Frazier station were here on business Saturday.

Huge Power Development Program Before Senate Group

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A tentative list of potential power developments west of the Mississippi river, prepared by the bureau of reclamation, has been submitted to a senate subcommittee by H. W. Bashore, acting reclamation commissioner.

Bashore testified before a public lands subcommittee, headed by Senator O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) which is studying mineral resources of the public land states and how they may be developed.

Secretary Ickes recommended to the subcommittee last Wednesday that construction begin as soon as possible on multiple-purpose plants to produce 9,004,500 kilowatts by 1947.

Bashore testified today that "with the west facing critical deficiencies in electric energy, the bureau of reclamation is ready to begin construction of projects which will avert what otherwise might be catastrophic consequences."

He said that although power for national defense provided the "immediate urge" for most of the plants, they would all "serve one or more other beneficial purposes."

Discussing anticipated power shortages in the west, Bashore said it had become "exceedingly difficult" to make estimates of power demands that would stand.

Basing his prediction upon a \$36,000,000 annual defense expenditure, he said there would be material increases in estimates of power deficiencies west of the Mississippi river.

"Reports are," he asserted, "that 1945 requirements will demand an increase in present installations of more than 2,100,000 kilowatts of dependable power. By 1946 the need rises to nearly 2,500,000 kilowatts."

Construction of new projects and installation of additional machinery at such existing projects as Boulder and Grand Coulee dams, Bashore declared, could avert "the crises which these estimated deficiencies would represent."

He discussed estimated deficiencies in various western areas and what he said could be done to avoid "the consequences of neg-

Calendar

Wednesday
9 a. m.—Weekly golf day for women at Country club.
All day meeting. Baptist church Red Cross sewing group.
2 p. m.—Sunset Home Ladies Aid meeting.

Loyal Band Class

The Loyal Band class of the First Christian church is meeting at one o'clock Friday afternoon on the church annex lawn for a picnic, husbands of members to be guests. Each member is to take her own table service. A business session for the class will be held following the picnic.

Eyesight Faults Blamed On Muscles

DENVER, (AP)—Dr. C. C. Reid, Denver, believes that many cases of sub-normal eyesight result from failure of optic muscles to focus automatically.

To help relieve such muscular failure, he has worked out a series of 16 eye exercises, which follow:

- 1—Close both eyes tightly, then more tightly. Open and repeat six times.
- 2—Open eyes wide, then wider. Close and repeat six times.
- 3—Close one eye tightly, then more tightly. Repeat alternately with each eye three to five times.
- 4—Rest all facial muscles with eyes closed for a few minutes.
- 5—Place three fingers of each hand on forehead over eyes and rub vigorously up and down ten times.
- 6—Place fingers on temples and rub as before.
- 7—Place fingers firmly on cheek bones and revolve ten times.
- 8—Pick up skin all around eyes with fingers as if pinching.
- 9—Close right eye. Face forward and without moving head look at small object (tack, pin or spot) with left eye as far to right as it can be seen.
- 10—Close left eye. Look as far as possible to left with right eye.
- 11—Face forward and without moving head look with both eyes alternately at objects located at 10 and 11 o'clock, winking eyes between each focus.
- 12—Cover each eye with palm of hand without touching eyeball, but excluding all light when eyes are opened; then close eyes and rest them with head supported by hands and elbows resting on table until all color disappears and total blackness is registered. Hold this position until eyes feel rested.
- 13—Look at dot on card 13 inches from eyes with first right, then left, then both eyes.
- 14—Look across room at dot or small object on white background with each eye, then with both eyes.
- 15—Repeat exercises 14 and 15 several times, then rest eyes by "seeing black" as in 13.

MINIATURE COMPLETED
DULUTH, Minn. (AP)—Work has been completed on Duluth's "newest church"—a 7 1/2 ft. structure. A. M. Lidberg, who designed and built the miniature church, started it as a hobby in January.

Christening Event of Sunday

CHRISTENING services for Steven Peter Hendrickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hendrickson, were held Sunday at the Danebo Lutheran church, Rev. N. Damskov of Winnipeg, Canada, great grandfather of the child, officiating. Rev. Mr. Damskov also officiated at the christening for the baby's mother, father, and grandmother.

Present for the services also were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hendrickson, parents of Mrs. Hendrickson. The baby wore a long white dress worn at the christening for his mother and aunt.

Following the church service, a dinner for forty-five relatives was served in the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hendrickson, parents of Marvin Hendrickson.

Seavey-Blachly Reunion Held

The Seavey-Blachly family reunion was held Sunday at John Seavey's picnic grounds on the Willamette river. The reunion, which is an annual event on the last Sunday in July, was the largest in its history. The family has met together for thirty years, but this year was an even, as seventy-four relatives and friends were present.

Of interest to all was the presence of Dr. A. T. Blachly, a physician of Portland. He exhibited the old Blachly family Bible showing all branches of the family of Dr. William Blachly, a physician of the Revolutionary war, and father of Eben Blachly who led a wagon train to Oregon and founded the Oregon Blachly family. Thomas Blachly, the original emigrant, born in London in 1615, came to New England in 1635 on the Hopewell.

Events in the life of Sarah Morgan Butler when she crossed the plains in 1852 were read. The invocation was given by Rev. Mr. Armstrong.

A musical program was given. Numbers on the accordion and violin were played by Verne Sellin. A song was given by Dale Gustafson; duets by Hazel and Kenneth Kienzie and Myra Simmons and Mrs. A. T. Blachly were sung. The entire crowd sang the old pioneer songs accompanied by Mr. Sellin on the accordion. Two readings were given by Dr. A. T. Blachly.

The relatives stayed all afternoon, enjoying boating, playing volleyball and visiting. Four daughters of Elizabeth Blachly January were present, Mrs. Anna Moore, Mrs. Susie Armstrong, Mrs. Minnie Yates, and Mrs. Katie Cooper.

Those present were Dean Gustafson, Nonda Gustafson, Dale Gustafson, Seratha Gustafson, Douglas Wassom, Clara A. Wassom, Stella Edfield, Vana Howe, Philina Yates, J. H. Seavey, Mrs. John Seavey, Cal. Forester, Mrs. E. T. Bushnell, E. T. Bushnell, Mrs. H. A. Stoneberg, Kermit Stoneberg, Marvin Stoneberg, Herbert Stoneberg, John Stoneberg, Barbara Seavey, Mrs. Lee Seavey, Lee Seavey, Lloyd Howe, Urcel Gustafson, Stanley Gustafson, Edna Gustafson, Vance Howe, Donald Grown, Ralph Blachly, Theodore Blachly, Bud Blachly, Lee Cooper, Lorna Jager, Eleanor Jager, Jacob Jager, Jr., Cleone Cooper, Hamlin, Jerry Hamlin, Anna Moore, F. R. Cooper, Kate Cooper, Florence Garrison, Janice Garrison, Norman Garrison, Clara B. Blachly, Mrs. Hattie Park, Mrs. John Lund, Mrs. Vance Howe, La Velle Brown, Mrs. Myra Simmons, William Simmons, Mrs. Will Seavey, Walt Seavey, Don Seavey, Bert Simmons, Dr. H. T. Blachly, Gertrude Blachly, Susie Armstrong, Mrs. Eugene Armstrong, Eugene Armstrong, Willard Hamblin, Betty Seavey, Verne M. Sellin, H. L. Stewart, Lieutenant Alvan Parker, Mrs. Alvan Parker, Alice Anne Parker, Kenneth Kienzie, Mrs. Kenneth Kienzie, Jackie Kienzie, Clare Brumwell, Lorinda Stoneberg, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Kienzie.

PENNIES BUY BOND
PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP)—Mrs. George Williams of Dursey entered the Pittston Post Office and asked for four \$18.75 defense bonds. In payment, she handed the clerk a shoe box, containing 7,500 pennies which she had saved during the past five years. Two clerks spent nearly four hours counting the pennies.

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District Picnic Planned By Groups

A district picnic of the Letter Carriers and auxiliary will be held Sunday at Cascadia park on the South Santiam. Members from Portland, Salem, Bend and other cities will be present.

Plans for this picnic and for the national convention in Los Angeles, Calif., September 1-6 were announced Monday evening at a six o'clock dinner of the auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Art Krey. Mrs. Ross Beeson was named as delegate to the convention and Mrs. Orville Richardson as alternate.

EX-SLAVE LEAVES ESTATE

MARTINEZ, Cal.—(AP)—George Washington Lee, who began life as a slave, died here, leaving an estate of "more than \$10,000." He was 89.

English Sub Commander Describes Sea Battles

By GRATTAN P. McGROARTY
ABOARD A BRITISH SUBMARINE DEPOT SHIP—(AP)—(Delayed)—Officers of a submarine credited with sinking 17 axis ships in the Aegean and Mediterranean told today of frantic German soldiers seeking clemency behind a Greek seaman they had forced to pilot their craft in unfamiliar waters.

The submarine had just returned from patrol duty in the Aegean, where it had sunk six German troop and provision ships. The vessel also sank the 5,232-ton Italian tanker Strombo when it attempted to sneak out of Istanbul where it had been repaired after a previous torpedoing. Four German vessels were destroyed by moonlight in one of the few recorder night surface actions involving a lone submarine. An Italian troop ship also was sent to the bottom.

The submarine commander had to send a boarding party on one of the ships to force the German soldiers to abandon it before it was blown up. In each case, all hands were given an opportunity to take to life rafts before their vessels were destroyed.

The commander's account of the actions follows:

"Early one morning we spotted a convoy of two Italian ships escorted by one destroyer and aircraft in the Aegean. They obviously were troop ships. We fired torpedoes at each and the first, of about 4,000-tons went down. The other vessel was of about 2,500 tons. I don't believe we hit her. The destroyer pursued us about one hour but none was very close and the remainder of the day was quiet.

"The following morning we encountered one craft carrying about 50 German soldiers. We came to the surface and opened fire with our 4.7-inch deck gun which sank her shortly.

"She was the first of a series of

Golf Day Arranged Wednesday

THE weekly golf day for members of the Country club will be Wednesday.

The golf games will be at thirty o'clock, first play to be on the Mrs. Earl Thompson course and a tin whistle tournament.

Luncheon will be at one o'clock.

GIRL FLIER LEARNS TO OGDEN, Utah—(AP)—A Utah girl to solo under the training program was Miss Fuller, a student at Weber College in Ogden. During her spare time she's another course—she's learning to drive an automobile.

craft flying the German flag we met in what appeared to be obviously small, but with a reinforcement of German soldiers in Greece and Crete.

"In the afternoon of the day, we met a schooner which was carrying approximately 100 German troops. After a couple of bursts from our she caught fire and sank. "The Nazis tried to take but I couldn't hang around whether any got away.

"One early, moonlight, we three or four days later, into a convoy of three small near the coast of Crete, schooner was flying the flag—of which I have one. We sank them all, one before dawn. They were on petrol and some munitions went up in great bursts as result of our gunfire. Our craft returned fire with a anti-aircraft gun.

"One schooner continued for more than three hours, attracting German but fortunately they did not.

"We were forced to back last craft and force the off so we could place a hold and blow her up. "When we went along German soldiers yelled: 'Tain is Greek!' I was sorry him but it wasn't his fault she had to be sunk. We them to take to boats or on.

"Finally, we had to send aboard to force the Germans. As my men climbed over German tried to fire a gun, but before it ever left he was shot. Another tried my number one man was fire, but he suffered the fate.

"We then continued our and we picked up the Italian tanker Strombo, attempting to Istanbul, presumably for the fired torpedoes at her and two hits, finishing her off.

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