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WAR BECOMING MORE BRUTAL
As the Germans and the Japanese are driven back to their last defenses, and as they realize the inevitability of defeat, they are becoming more and more brutal. The massacre of refugees in the DeLaSalle college at Manila is just a sample. Massacre of hundreds of American prisoners during the recent German push into Belgium is also well authenticated.

War is always brutal, and of this war it was written, long before it came to pass that because of its size and the hatreds engendered, it would probably surpass anything in modern history. In any war, men often become so crazed by physical suffering and fear that they do things of which they would not normally be capable. No army, however well disciplined or well led, escapes these tragedies, even when victorious.

However, there are some aspects of the recent atrocity reports which deserve some special attention. The Axis rulers have often been described as "gangsters." The behavior of German and Japanese armies in defeat is becoming more and more like that of gangsters as we have known them in the sporadic surges of organized outlawry in this country.

There was a time, even in this country, when a great many well-meaning people thought it was possible to ignore organized outlawry. In the "roaring twenties" it was not uncommon to hear some perfectly decent Chicagoan boast of the feats of Al Capone's "mob," and many people in other parts of the country figured that if Chicago chose "gangster rule," well that was Chicago's business.

When Germany and Japan have been vanquished, there will be a problem of rooting out "gangsterism" and preventing its recurrence, and even in this country, there may be problems with groups which offer "force" as a substitute for reason in producing "order."

The violence of gangsterism, when it is opposed, always is shocking, but the processes by which it obtains power are always subtle. The German people bought "a booby trap" when they got Hitler. We helped set "a booby trap" when we supplied oil and scrap for Japanese conquests in China and Manchuria. We are getting now some tales of horror which illustrate the gangster parallels.

World peace will require not only "an FBI" to root out "the international Dillengers," but some rather simple standards by which to detect "gang rule" in the making.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

CONGRESSIONAL REORGANIZATION
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Every idea for reorganizing Congress, regardless of its desirability, meets with some more or less valid objection.

There is in Congress itself considerable sentiment to change the procedure which requires two-thirds Senate approval for any international treaty negotiated by the President. This rule is considered bad for three reasons. First, 33 isolationist members of the Senate might block a broad international post-war security plan. Second, the House is cut out of any participation. Third, the President is driven to making "executive agreements" with foreign countries, not requiring Congressional approval when it was the intent of the founding fathers that the Senate should participate in making foreign policy and treaties.

Letting the full Congress ratify or reject all international deals by simple majority vote is proposed as a remedy for these evils. Yet students of Congress point out that the House of Representatives is the most unpredictable thing in gov-

Suggestions Made For Observing 4-H Week

Suggestions for the observance of national 4-H club week, March 3-11, are being sent to all club leaders in the county by E. A. Danielson, county club leader. Activities suggested by the county leader are listed as follows:
1. Complete plans for finishing

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ment, subject to strange moods and temperamental acts which at times defy reason. Recent action of the House in bringing to life the committee formerly headed by Martin Dies, after everyone thought it was safely dead and buried, is cited as an example of this whim. And if foreign relations are to be subjected to such irresponsible actions as this, say the experts in international affairs, the country would be letting itself in for many strange upsets should the Congress be reformed in this manner.

Another desirable reform of Congress is the proposal that the governing of the District of Columbia be taken away from Congress and given back to the people who are resident in the capital, along with the right to vote. Granting suffrage to the D. C. inhabitants is a long and involved issue in itself. But the necessity for Congress to turn itself into a city council every so often and worry about local schools, sewers, garbage collection and such matters is unquestionably a handicap to Congress, besides which it doesn't exactly make Washington the best governed city in the world.

Changing the rules of Congress to remove a few traditional though questionable procedures presents a problem of extreme difficulty, and the investigating committee will be restricted in this effort. However, there are just grounds for criticism of the Senate's rule which permits unlimited debate on any subject and makes it possible for one Senator to hold the floor until he has talked to death a bill to which he alone may be opposed. A strengthened cloture rule of some kind, limiting debate on any one issue, would correct that procedure. Yet it is pointed out that no essential piece of legislation has ever been defeated by a filibuster. And the right to filibuster is held up as a safeguard for the minority's rights in a democracy.

Undesirable "riders"
Another procedural trick in which the Senate sometimes indulges, though House rules limit the practice, is the passing of "riders" to pending legislation. The rider may incorporate the pet project of one Senator or one Congressional bloc. The rider may have no bearing on the legislation to which it is attached. Yet because the main bill is desirable, the less-desirable rider sometimes is adopted along with it, the President preferring to save the bad with the good than to let the good die with the bad.

Creating some system of party responsibility which would make individual members of a political party live up to the principles of a party platform has been advanced by some students of government. But again that may lead to a political dictatorship of the most vicious sort, and it involves a limit to freedom of individual thought and action.

Opponents of any kind of Congressional reform have their points. The present system has worked for 160 years, giving the American people what they believe is the best government in the world, for all its faults. No change is now proposed in the form of American government, but limited strengthening of Congress through modification of some of its procedures to meet changing times and conditions may be needed. Radical reform is not.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL
With one accord, those dealing with juvenile problems stress the importance of regular Sunday school attendance as a means of delinquency control. Trying to see why this was so, I couldn't; at least to my complete satisfaction.

Having attended Sunday school most of my life with what might be called relentless regularity, yet I was unable to put my finger on its influential element. The time spent in Sunday school is largely given over to the learning of Biblical history, memorizing scriptural passages and the singing of songs. True, there is some emphasis placed on right living, especially on the evils of drink, but I failed to see where there was enough to influence conduct to any great extent; especially when I remembered the week-long periods between lessons.

Too, much of the class time, too much in my estimation, is taken up in getting put for the real purpose of the meeting. Out of an hour spent in Sunday school, I doubt if 15 minutes is given to the actual study of the lesson and its application to real living. Yet statistics show few children who have good Sunday school records, have bad social records.

Not in conversation with a group of mothers who regularly send their children to Sunday school, I told them of my puzzlement and asked them why the singing of a few songs, the gathering of birthday pennies, giving out story papers, plus a few sketchy passes at the lesson, should be such a pronounced influence for good. Well those women gave what to me was a satisfactory answer.

Not discounting in the least the effect of the teaching of the principles of right living, however casual this teaching might be, yet the main benefit derives from the fact that children who attend Sunday school come from good homes. It takes parents who have their children's welfare very much on their hearts to get up early on their one day of rest and see their youngsters off to Sunday school.

So the social contacts children make in Sunday school are with those whose parents take seriously their moral responsibility as parents and as citizens. Were the lesson entirely omitted, Sunday school would still be a constructive influence.

Which reminds me—I wonder if the son and his wife are doing the right thing by Scotty, the grandson. However, it's really a little early for concern, seeing he's scarcely 18 months old. But Sunday school is a "must" for his near future.

CHAPLIN RETRIAL SET

LOS ANGELES.—The retrial of Joan Barry's paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin has been set for April 4. Attorneys for both parties agreed to the earlier date although retrial of the civil action originally had been set for May 2.

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SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
By MARIAN LOWRY

REV. MR. GRIFFITH TELLS OF NEW HORIZONS

When the peace comes there will have to be an extension of our horizons of happiness, which means some of us will find we have not built our happiness on very solid foundations, said Rev. L. O. Griffith, pastor of the First Methodist church, in addressing Quota club members and guests Monday evening at the dinner and program observing the twenty-sixth birthday anniversary of Quota International and the fourth anniversary of the local Quota club. "New Horizons of Happiness" was the general subject for the speaker.

The times ahead bring many problems to all of us and we are going to have to give special study in understanding the problems of the service people returning, the speaker continued. Their return is going to open up the new horizons for our thinking and our happiness, he added.

The American people must learn how to depend on values that are not material. This country has all the best in resources, machinery, technical brains, skills, etc., but we are living in a land which has in many ways forgotten the values which made us a great nation, Rev. Mr. Griffith said. Our age is wedded to materialism—the whole world is in a "chromium-plated, streamlined, goose-stepping age," he continued.

The importance of service to a world that has come down to a level of servitude to the material things, and a new realization of the need of spiritualized values of life, and the human values, were stressed by the speaker. He reminded the group there is no such thing as getting back to a normality. We are not going to restore, because we can not restore that which is lost, instead, we are going to create, create something worthy and of value to all, and that is our challenge, the speaker said. In stressing these goals of service and of looking to the spiritualized and human values, Rev. Mr. Griffith brought out the approach we should face in adjusting to meet the post-war problems and especially in our understanding of the problems facing the service people returning.

Many At Dinner

About ninety attended the party, including members, their husbands, and other guests. Special music was given by a quartet from Eugene high school, Dick Mack, Joe Kelsey, Bill Moore, and Darrel Parks. Glenn Griffith, director of music at the school, accompanied the group.

Mrs. Gertrude Graham, club president, presided and extended the welcome to guests and members.

The guests included: Mrs. Edna Stokes, Mrs. Maylon E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Gillilan, Mrs. Leone Lefebvre, and Mrs. Paul Campbell, Sam Mikkelsen, H. W. Aldrich, president of the chamber of commerce, and Mrs. Aldrich; Mrs. Harney G. Barclay, president of the Portland Quota club; Mrs. DeWalt Payne, president of the Officers Wives club; Loy W. Rowling, president of Kiwanis, and Mrs. Rowling; Mr. and Mrs. Weir McDonald, Mrs. McDonald the president of the Welfare League; J. F. White, Dr. and Mrs. Milton V. Walker, Miss Maude Garnett, Miss Lillian Norton of the Portland Quota club, formerly a Quotarian here; Mrs. Esther Bond, Mrs. Clarence Crocker, Mrs. Mary Sharp, Earl Blackburn, Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Beardsley, Mrs. Ada Blank, Clarence A. Elkins, Perry H. Walbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shepard, Miss Marjorie Christensen, president of the Young Business Women's club; Mrs. Thelma Endersby of the Portland Quota club; Miss Gwen Rutherford; Mayor and Mrs. Earl L. McNary, Mrs. T. M. Lundy, Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Griffith, Mrs. Vera Sabin of the Portland Quota club, Miss Bethen Hopen, Mrs. Charles Bonnett, Mrs. Greta Buckingham, Clarence E. Lombard, vice president of the Rotary club; Dr. Fred N. Miller, Mrs. Julia Query of the Portland Quota club; J. C. Lamb, H. D. Feibly, Mrs. Druella O'Day, president of the Credit Women's breakfast club; Mrs. Robert M. Fischer, Mrs. Laura Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Yarrowood, Miss Cecelia Gassman of San Francisco Quota club and former Quotarian here.

INVITATIONS OUT FOR MATRIX TABLE

Invitations were issued this week to the formal Matrix Table banquet of chapter Theta of Theta Sigma Phi, to be held Friday, March 2, at six-thirty o'clock at the Osburn hotel. This is an annual gathering to honor women in journalism, literature and the arts. The guest speaker of the occasion will be Mrs. Vere Kneeland.

CLASS OBSERVERS FOUNDER'S DAY

Business Women's class of First Christian church, of which Mrs. Victor P. Morris has been teacher for the past eleven years, celebrated its February birthday Tuesday evening, at the home of Miss Elizabeth Brown on Blair Boulevard. Theme of the meeting, which was attended by thirty-eight members, was: "The Candles Burn."

Humorous skits and amusing contests, such as a photo-quiz featuring baby pictures of members, were featured on the program. Refreshments included individual candle-bearing cakes.

SOCIAL MEETING

American Legion auxiliary will hold a social gathering Friday evening at eight o'clock at the Knights of Pythias hall, the committee in charge consisting of Mrs. Sam Bronaugh, Mrs. R. E. Buck and Mrs. George Newton. Auxiliary members are meeting on Wednesday and Friday of each week at the Red Cross rooms, from ten until four o'clock, for sewing.

CLEAN-UP EVENT

Annual spring clean-up at the Masonic temple will be started Thursday of this week, and women of the auxiliary groups are requested to take part. Both men and women will assist in the task, and a potluck luncheon will be served at noon, coffee to be furnished by the Masonic bodies. Chairmen of the work are Mrs. Mrs. C. A. Huntington and Mrs. R. B. Mosier.

BOOK GROUP MEETS

Mrs. P. Brickley reviewed the book, "And They Shall Walk," (Kinney), at the meeting of the book section of City club, Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. J. Secoy, 947 Nineteenth Avenue east. More than a score of members were present, and Mrs. Virgil Gowdy was enrolled as a new member.

Next meeting of the group will be March 5 at the home of Mrs. Harry Nebergall, with Miss Jeanette Whitty presenting the review.

MISSION GROUP

Participating in the program, which had for theme: "The Study of Indians," at the meeting of Ino Ruyle Missionary circle of First Baptist church Tuesday evening, were Mrs. Frank Rhodes, Mrs. Roy Hedgecock and Mrs. Edwin Meyers. Mrs. Elizabeth White led devotions. Piano solos were presented by Mrs. Pauline Napier. Hostesses were Mrs. Jerry Adams, Mrs. Clyde Lauffer and Mrs. Fred Eitlich.

REGENTS PLAN

Graduate Regents of the Women of the Moose, meeting at the home of Mrs. J. L. Copenhaver the first of the week, made plans for coming sessions and worked for the order. Mrs. John H. Parsons and Mrs. Kitty Elpas were guests.

MOTHERS CLUB TEA AT CHAPTER HOUSE

The annual tea for girls of the active chapter of Pi Beta Phi was held recently by the Pi Beta Phi Mothers club at the chapter house, with a short program featured. Mrs. E. E. Wyatt was the soloist, singing a group of songs. Miss Harrison Devereaux poured.

Those attending, of the mothers, were Mrs. S. H. Tyler, Mrs. Del Thorsland, Mrs. L. C. Scharpf, Mrs. George V. Schaefer, Mrs. C. L. Sampson, Mrs. I. R. Fox, Mrs. Frank Harr, Mrs. W. P. Fell, Mrs. Lloyd Denslow, Mrs. John Cordell, Mrs. K. L. Carlisle, and Mrs. L. E. Simmons.

Plans were made for a rummage sale to be held March 17.

P-TA PLANS SALE

A rummage sale will be held all day Saturday at the Hampton building, Sixth and Willamette streets, by members of the Eugene high school Parent-Teacher association. Mrs. John Robertson is chairman of the sale. Those who cannot bring their rummage material to the building Friday evening or Saturday morning are asked either to send it to the high school or to leave it at the Johnson Furniture company, 649 Willamette; or they may call Mrs. Robertson, 4176-M; Mrs. Edward Neuenfeldt, 4402-W, or Mrs. David Peterson, 2553-R, for collection of material.

NATIONAL OFFICER COMES

Mrs. Frances Wiebke of Washington, D. C., grand regent of the college of regents of the Women of the Moose, is to be a visitor in Eugene Friday, and will attend the chapter meeting that evening. Preceding the lodge session, there will be a dinner session at six-thirty o'clock at the Del Rey cafe, for all co-workers of the lodge. Mrs. Wiebke will be the guest of honor.

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL STATEMENT December 31, 1944 ASSETS Bonds, Mortgages and Other Assets \$911,134,625 Interest, due and accrued 8,298,302 Premiums, due and accrued 12,151,886 Total Admitted Assets \$931,584,813 LIABILITIES Policyholders' Reserve \$687,729,243 Policyholders' Funds 182,381,423 Policy Claims in process of settlement 6,642,573 Dividends to Policyholders 6,642,573 Taxes 2,571,706 Miscellaneous Liabilities 1,152,118 Special Reserves 5,600,000 Total Liabilities \$931,584,813 SURPLUS and Special Reserves \$893,679,416 Total Liabilities \$7,905,397 Total Liabilities and Contingency Funds \$931,584,813

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