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New Year Auguries

The new year and the 1940's decade were ushered in, in this locality at least, by a radiantly beautiful sunrise, one of those in which

The whole east was flicked
With flashing streaks and shafts of amethyst,
While a light crimson mist
Went up before the mounting luminary
And all the stripes of clouds began to vary
Their hues, and all the zenith seemed to ope
As if to show a cope beyond the cope.

The planet of love may have been on high, "beginning to fade in the light that she loves, in a bed of daffodil sky," but not bright enough to penetrate the cloud bank which also obscured "the sun she loves." Whether the sunrise glory is symbolic of the coming year or otherwise remains to be seen. The old adage goes, "red in the morning, sailors take warning," and may be a portent of storm.

Certainly business is reviving in this country, but whether it is temporary and due to bloodshed abroad or a slight relaxation of new deal repression regimental experimentation, is for business prophets to say. They all echo optimism in their predictions, the fly in the ointment being that they have all sung the same tune for the past ten years and prosperity never turned the predicted corner. So soothsayers are generally discredited.

There is certainly little in the dolorous heritage of war and unrest around most of the world to encourage optimism, except the heroic resistance to aggression against overwhelming odds of little Finland and the persistent defense of a China in ruins. But there are signs that the totalitarian regimes have overreached themselves and are beginning to crack.

Hitler is stalemated for the time being, war-shouting Mussolini neutralized, Stalin shown up as a bloody bluff and the Japanese military on the defensive. Peace efforts are underway, both by President Roosevelt and Pope Pius XII, which may not prove altogether futile. Blackouts prevail in the warring countries, but hope prevails it is not a portent of new dark ages.

Meantime, we have our own problems and to solve them must banish the defeatist complex and tackle them in the traditional courageous American way, realizing that the future lies in our own hands.

A Glimpse of Nazi Psychology

The peans of praise bestowed by the nazi press on the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee and the suicide of her commander again emphasizes the wide gulf separating nazi mentality from that of the western world. Landsdorf's acts are glorified as those of a hero in such phrases as "Glorious and heroic end," "Going down with flags flying," "Unbeaten by the enemy," "Cheating the British of victory," "Freedom in death," "He followed his ship," "True to traditions as a warrior and hero," etc.

The Hitlerites have made a cult of this brand of heroism—of scuttling and suicide—a sort of ersatz religion. Commenting on it, Otto D. Tolischus, Berlin correspondent of the New York Times, says that under Hitler, moral values have been shifted, until in the German saga, the Nibelungenlied, which goes back to the traditions of ancient German tribes, it is not the radiant Siegfried who is presented as the real hero to German youth, but the grim Hagen. He says:

Hagen has just the qualities that National Socialism treasures most and that it particularly impresses on its elite. Hagen, the grim, who is so imbedded in tribal ideology that he is suspicious of everything alien from the start and who is so fanatically loyal to his king that he states Siegfried in the back to eliminate a possible rival, but who also, out of all his loyalty and fanaticism and because his own menacing outlook on life is spurned, burns everything behind his tribe and precipitates the final disaster that destroys all Nibelungen, including himself.

Hagen is really the personification of one side of the German character which nazis cultivate—that side that spurns compromise, that thinks only in terms of totality, that prides itself in its fanaticism and one-sidedness, that is both tribal and communal, nationalistic and socialistic, and that in its jealous regard for its own glory can think only of extreme but supposedly heroic alternatives—do or die, master or slave, world power or downfall.

This scuttling and suicide spirit gives weight to the threat now heard in Germany that rather than submit to defeat by the allies, the nazi regime will throw itself into the arms of bolshevism, even if it perishes thereby—for "freedom in death."

Pseudo-Democracy

Characteristic of their general attitude of intolerance toward all who disagree with them, Oregon's new dealers now seek to monopolize the field in this state's democratic preferential primary election for their own presidential choice, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In a letter transmitting nominating petitions to commonwealth league members and their co-workers for circulation, Monroe Sweetland, secretary of the league, writes:

It would be a disgrace if the Oregon delegation to the national convention were not instructed for President Roosevelt.

Just what obligation Oregon democrats who have remained faithful to the fundamental principles of their party owe to President Roosevelt, whose followers would shelve the time-proven precedent of limiting the presidential tenure to two terms and perpetuate his quasi-dictatorship indefinitely, is not made clear. But their indicated choice of a true Jeffersonian democrat, John Nance Garner, is berated as "the Benedict Arnold of the new deal."

The attack upon Garner raises the pertinent question of whether the new deal has superseded the democratic party in this state, as it apparently has elsewhere; whether Oregon democrats are to endorse a democrat or a new dealer as their presidential preference.

Ordinarily a candidate for party nomination under the primary system subscribes to the principles of the party whose favor he seeks. But the new deal has established a new order and the party becomes subservient to those who are chosen to serve it. Treason is no longer measured by sincerity of allegiance to fundamental truths, but in unquestioning acquiescence to the dictates of demagogues.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

We'd planned an innovation for this column today and had been stockpiling the matter over pretty thoroughly through the week-end, only to sit down to the good old typewriter this morning to find we'd forgotten what it was all about. We carry a distinct impression that it was something pretty good, something that would involve all of our customers and be mighty pleasing to some but beyond that point memory fails us.

It's pretty disappointing, especially when a bright idea bobs up so freely, to have it slip through the fingers of the mind, as it were, and get completely away and slither off into nothingness leaving the customary blank.

To have an idea bob up that way just before the beginning of a new

Novelties In the News

(By Associated Press)

Tears Not Theirs

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Burglars who broke into the Grabill Grain and Milling Co. office last week tear gas intended to protect the property, but it didn't make them cry. They opened windows and stood by while the room cleared. Then they blew the safe and left with \$400 to \$500.

Unpalatable

Waynesboro, Va.—Eugene Critzer, 15, clamped his teeth on the business end of a jammed air rifle and twisted. The gun went off.

Critzer, surprised, spit out the pellet. It had entered to tip of his tongue and bounced off his palate.

Fire!

Wellington, Kan.—This fire sounded its own alarm.

The blaze, starting in a shoe store, short circuited wires and flashed lights in the telephone office. But the shoe store and adjoining drug store were damaged \$8,000 before firemen could quench the flames.

Wasted Effort

Ogden, Utah—Clarence Byrne found a sick duck and nursed it back to health—a two month's job. Then he set it free, with a tag bearing his uncle's name attached to its leg.

A few days later the uncle, Walter Byrne of Piedmont, Wyo., received a letter from a Denver sportsman: "Finest duck I ever tasted..."

Idaho Slat Rider Wins Slalom Race

Baker, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP)—Kaare Englin of McCall, Idaho, captured first place in the Anthony Lakes ski tournament slalom race today in 2 minutes, 12 and 4/5 seconds.

Al Dutton of the Cascade club of Portland was second in 2 minutes 17 1/2 seconds. Bob Behrke, Yakima, was third in 2:25.

The women's race was won by Ida Daar, Multnomah Ski club, Portland, in 1 minute 32 seconds.

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Kelly Says:

Nation Waits While Presses Rumble

Budget and Message Bring Speculation

Wife Causes Davies To Resign Post

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Jan. 1—In the big ugly red brick building, the government printing office, where thousands are employed on three shifts, the presses are turning out the administration's most carefully guarded secret—the budget. While President Roosevelt, with members of the inner circle, is working on what will be his last formal message to congress unless he is elected for a third term, the printing office is working day and night to have the budget ready for release and distribution Thursday, at the latest, but it mechanically possible, for Wednesday, when congress convenes.

Until released, only the director of the budget, the president and the printers and proof readers will know what each and every government activity will receive (provided congress makes the appropriation). Some time late Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning, the people of the Pacific Northwest will be able to learn whether the president favors expanding personnel and payroll of Bonneville, what he favors for Grand Coulee, for the various reclamation projects in the area.

Budget Monstrous

As printed, the budget is larger and thicker than a mail-order catalog, twice as thick as the monthly telephone book in either Oregon or Washington. It has more pages than Sandburg's four volume biography of Abraham Lincoln. No one ever thumb the hundreds and hundreds of pages, filled with tables of figures showing how many automobiles the forest service needs, or how much the post office needs for Crater Lake, the reversed O. & C. lands, for extermination of bugs in Ponderosa pine, for weather forecasts for travel expense.

Every federal agency, without exception, is sitting on pins and needles wondering what the president has done to their individual budget.

Chiefs of bureaus made up their estimates, argued for the full amount with the director of the budget. Then the director and the president went into a huddle and it is known that Mr. Roosevelt ran amok with a pruning knife, slashing right and left. The president's purpose is to reduce as much as possible and give these savings to national defense.

Message Carefully Written

The president's message on the state of the nation is being prepared with exceeding care, for it is presumably the last Mr. Roosevelt will ever deliver in person. The next time a presidential message is sent to congress will be in January, 1941, after the present term of Mr. Roosevelt has expired. A survey of the administration's foreign policy will be stressed. The president is expected to say a few kind words for the trade treaties, as this policy is under fire from both democrats and republicans alike. Vital necessity for strengthening national defense will be a theme song.

It is a symposium of many minds, the annual message, with a few insiders coming phrases and Mr. Roosevelt revising, altering, re-arranging.

Plain Politics

Behind the announcement of the state department that copper would not be involved in the trade treaty with Chile is plain every day politics. All the senators from the copper producing states are democrats, new dealers.

One of these senators talked turkey to Secretary Hall, declared if democrats will vote against continuing



MAMA'S BIG BOY—Kenneth Johnson, 21-months-old baby weighing almost 80 pounds, enjoys a joke with his mother at their cabin near Morgantown, Ky. The boy cannot support himself. Physicians attribute size to glandular activity.

Anderson Upsets Expert Skiers

Mr. Hood, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP)—Gordon Anderson, little known racer of the Cascade Ski club, won an unexpected victory in the men's expert division race of the Arnold Lunn-Portland day tournament yesterday.

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