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A Field for Idle Capital

The war, with its destruction of the source of normal supply for America's \$100 million consumption of flax and linen products, has opened up a new field for investment as well as an enlarged field for agricultural production in the Willamette valley, which has demonstrated its suitability for growing flax equal in quality to the best that was formerly imported from Europe.

Long years of costly experimentation have proven the suitability of the valley's soil and climatic conditions for the production of long fibre or premium flax. The obstacle to development of a large acreage here has always been the lack of a market in competition with cheaply produced foreign fibre and manufactured linen fabrics, thread and twine. The war has eliminated that competition and opened the markets to Oregon flax and flax products, but has caught the local industry unprepared to fill the demand due to the lack of processing plants. As a consequence farmers are being forced to pass up a profitable crop.

In 1940 there were 6000 acres planted to flax in the valley. This acreage bounced up to 11,000, producing 23,000 tons this year. Next year it is due to shrink again, because retting and scutching facilities of the state prison and five smaller cooperatives are limited to 15,000 tons. The carry-over of unprocessed flax will further discourage planting.

With prospects bright for continuation of a price of around \$60 a ton for first grade flax and normal production running two tons or better per acre, farmers are bending every effort to finance new cooperative plants of their own but are meeting with meagre success because of the scattered location of plantings, except in areas already served and the limited resources of small growers. There exists in the situation an opportunity for the cities and towns of the valley to render a real service to the rural areas by helping to supply the needed capital.

Nazi Propaganda

The current Saturday Evening Post contains an article by Demaree Best, "Put Up or Shut Up," which like all his articles, and the periodical itself, runs true to the isolationist-appeasers' party line set forth by the budding Quisling, Colonel Lindbergh. It is an assault on Britain and its leaders tending to discredit British war efforts and arguing the invincibility of Hitler. Its purpose is to convey the impression that the British are playing the United States as a sucker to pull their own chestnuts out of the fire, and that Germany is unbeatable, therefore we should make peace on Nazi terms.

Mr. Best, it will be remembered, was the only American correspondent who was shown special favor by Hitler and escorted through the occupied countries to see what the Nazis wanted him to see because his writings were eminently satisfactory to Germany. Anyone who could visit Poland and the other enslaved nations without seeing anything of Nazi brutality and soft pedal the massacres of the innocent, deserves a similar Hitler decoration to that bestowed on Lindbergh.

Mr. Best sneers at American aid sent abroad, emphasizes British weakness and German strength and in every way seeks to inculcate the futility of attempting to stop Hitler in his career of destruction. In none of this appeasement propaganda is a trace of moral indignation against the savagery of the conquerors.

The Nachrichten Suspends

The Nachrichten, German language newspaper in Portland has suspended publication, title to it passing to the National Weeklies of Winona, Minn., whose publication will be furnished subscribers. K. E. Kern, who for many years has been its publisher, states that the Nachrichten was unable to withstand the campaign of hate against every German started a few years ago.

There is no campaign of hate against every German in this country though there is against Hitler and his Nazi fifth columnists. The Nachrichten has for some years been the open defender and spokesman for the Nazis and was so listed by the Berlin government and its official representation in the United States. Naturally it aroused resentment.

The foreign language newspaper has a legitimate field in this country in conveying the news and an understanding of the ideals and theories of government of their adopted land to people unable to read an English language newspaper, to help make them good American citizens, rather than to perpetuate the ideologies of the old world. Many of them have admirably fulfilled this mission. There is no unfavorable public reaction against them. It is against foreign newspapers who deliberately seek to sabotage American institutions in favor of foreign tyranny which subsidizes them.

Dictators, Here and Abroad

Herr Hitler as a dictator has little on some of the czars of organized labor when it comes to dominating the lives and destinies of their subjects. Not content with dictating who shall work, when, for what and how in free America, the labor dictators are now telling the workers that they shall vote and how.

From Seattle comes press dispatches reporting the declaration of a Washington state official of the teamsters' union that all members of that union are to be hereafter required to be registered voters. If they cannot show a registration card when they pay their union dues, out they go. And under the regime of Dictator Dave Beck in Washington, being ousted from the teamsters' union means being ousted from a job or any chance of getting another.

The same official is authority for the statement that union members are to be instructed to go down the line at the polls against any and all candidates the union deems to be unfriendly.

Next in line from these Little Hitlers will be an ultimatum that all union members must submit certified copies of their marked ballots to retain their union standing and their jobs.

When her parents were killed in an auto accident, 15-year-old Phyllis members of the family to keep the an heirloom of Parkdale, Australia. Welfare department is helping her offered to "mother" the five younger to do so.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



THIS AINT PAINT, STUD. IT'S VARNISH. THE STUFF HE PUT ON THE PORCH. HE SAID, 'TILL SHED WATER AN SPOT HASN'T GOT ANY RAINCOAT.

GEE, DID THE MAN GIVE YUH THAT CAN OF PAINT, HUH?

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Ben Pade, the well known grocer, sports fan, fisherman, et cetera, is a guy of enthusiasm if he's anything.

He's enthusiastic about baseball, football, basketball, fishing, with a lot of other enthusiasms in between, to say nothing of softball, but when he waxes real enthusiastic, it is about groceries. As, for instance, one of his best and fairest lady customers came into the store to look around the day before Thanksgiving and Ben took over. The subject of cranberries came up and Ben went into ecstasies. "These are the finest cranberries we've ever had," said Ben. "I doubt if you've ever seen such cranberries anywhere. They are cranberries fit for a king and I want to tell you if you have some cranberry sauce on your table from these cranberries the whole family is going to tell you the same thing, Mrs. Cranberry." With last remark a customer standing by burst out

laughing, the lady herself couldn't repress a smile and Ben went into his shell for a minute. "But, just the same they're fine cranberries," he remarked as he completed the sale.

Doggone, Ben, you're right, the cranberries are super this year as our appetite will testify.

Mrs. Joe Randall, wife of the well known restaurateur, gave testimony yesterday that the Everett high school football lads were the best mannered and most polite of any football lads she's seen eating at a restaurant in her 18 years of restaurant business. However, we imagine that as to good manners and politeness some of the Salem high school football boys would testify that some extended only to table manners and not to gridiron etiquette. We have an inside grapevine that the high degree of table manners in the visitors has been inculcated by a coach who warns that any monkey business when away from home and the perpetrator of same plays no more football that season. Said coach, if same is true, has Emily Post backed off the boards as an etiquette inculcator.

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

Scientific Toy

Denver—The telephone company installed an automatic sound device to eliminate the operators who tell the customers they have made a mistake in dialing.

It did that—and more. It fascinated the company's public so much that hundreds of lines are tied up by individuals wanting to know what the fire engine said to the taxicab or the bride said when she burned the biscuits.

"Oh, well, maybe they'll get tired of it pretty soon," sighed the optimistic phone executives.

Live Ammunition

Seattle—The University of Washington ROTC isn't ready to drill under fire yet, so they've changed the hours of the golf classes.

No. 2 hole is adjacent to the drill field and the hooked shots were wearing the embryo officers down.

Might Try Chimes

Parsons, Kas.—The enginemen piloting trains through Parsons are stumped.

A state law requires trains to whistle at crossings. A city ordinance prohibits blowing of train whistles.

That Homey Atmosphere

Coffeyville, Kas.—Real estate ad in the Coffeyville Journal:

"A real sorry, run down, old fashioned, 5-room dwelling; needs new roof, new floors, new paint and about seven other things; it is especially well located. Price \$1,200."

Officers Elected

By Rebekah Lodge

Woodburn — Miss Zoe Lowthian was elected noble grand at Home Rebekah lodge, No. 58, at the regular meeting held Tuesday night in the IOOF hall. Other officers elected were Freda Burt, vice grand; Addie Doud, secretary; Mabel Jackson, financial secretary; Myrtle Hall, treasurer. Miss Lowthian will announce her appointive officers at the next meeting and installation will be held the first meeting in January.

Plans were made for the annual Christmas party for Rebekahs and Odd Fellows and their families, the date to be decided upon later. Committees appointed were: To secure the tree, Frank Wright and Fred Hall; to decorate the tree, Freda Burt and Joyce Engle; program, Myrtle Hall and Laura Livey; candy, Jeanette Zimmerle and Mabel Wright; gifts, Edith Frenz and Nellie Yates.

Kelly Says:

Guarding of Alaska Will Cost \$300,000,000

Northern Salmon Run Nets Heavy Money

Diamond Lake Eyed By Secretary Ickes

—By John W. Kelly—

Washington, Nov. 21.—To protect the Pacific northwest the war and navy departments are on the road to spend \$300,000,000 in Alaska. Thousands of troops, scores of bomber planes, weather stations, teletypes to relay information and radio stations are being assembled. Every steamer leaving Puget Sound for the north has a deckload of the common or garden variety of trailer to be used for housing the army of skilled and common laborers. Cheapest meal for a civilian is in excess of \$1. Wages are higher than they were in the gold rush days of the Klondike, reports a federal officer just back from the territory where, says he, there are only two hotels worthy of the name.

Navy has established a listening post on Kiska Island, longitude 180, on Bering sea is a wireless station which reports on storms sweeping down from the Arctic. It is the most westerly post of the navy. From this post are sent weather reports to the navy and army flying fields on other islands (Dutch Harbor, Kodiak) and to the mainland. Millions of dollars are being poured into these Alaskan defenses in canyons, flying fields and the hundred other items involved.

Guard Against Japan

Originally intended as protection from the Soviet, they are being continued as a guard against Japan. Most important arm is the air service, but owing to fog conditions flying is impossible much of the time; but the fogs which ground American airplanes would also prevent enemy planes from attacking. Army officers are dissatisfied with their assignment and take a bomber for the bright lights whenever possible; the bright lights of Juneau. Prediction is made that when the emergency is over the great cantonments and air fields will be abandoned, leaving only a maintenance crew.

Desire of the United States to aid Britain has extended into Alaska. The men who catch the salmon had the best season in years, many making three times as much as ever before, and they have been spending their hard earned wages riotously. Government wants the canned salmon for the British. This is one year there has been no competition from the Japanese, infringing with their floating canneries.

Seals Assemble There

Since October 24 there has been no treaty with Japan over the Pribilof Islands, the famous mating place for the seals. Japan abrogated the treaty as one of its retaliatory measures toward the United States and, incidentally, cut off its nose to spite its face. For Japan's share of the profits from seal skin has been considerable. Canada, however, stands by the treaty (Canada's cut in the skins is 15 per cent), and Russia, party to the treaty, remains in the pact although Russia receives no percentage. The seal herd is now estimated at 2,000,000 and 95,000 skins were taken last September. With the abrogation by Japan in October that country this year will receive its last share of the profits. Estimated value of the skins this year is \$4,000,000 and Japan's share will be about \$600,000. Uncle Sam will clean up \$2,000,000.

These Pribilof seals, which caused trouble between the United States and Japan prior to the treaty, will not be disturbed during the unpleasantness, for the Japanese foreign office has sent a communique to Secretary of State Cordell Hull saying it will keep its nationals away from the islands. However, in "getting even" Japan is giving up about 1,200,000 yen a year, and yens are scarce in Japan.

Magnesium Scarcity Noted

By July 1, next, Administrator Raver advised the appropriations committee of the house, he expects to be disposing of 35,000 kilowatts to a magnesium industry at Spokane. Magnesium is now so scarce that OPM has issued orders for an immediate collection of scrap. In November, 1942, Dr. Raver said he will be delivering 15,000 kilowatts to

the Bellingham iron works (contract pending), and in December, 1942, a service of 2,000 kilowatts to Olympic Mines, Tacoma (contract also pending). Next January he hopes to be selling 2,500 kilowatts to Yakima.

There is a contract pending for 10,000 kilowatts for the army cantonment at Corvallis, where plans have been prepared and all is set to go when congress provides about \$15,000,000. The administrator plans disposing of 30,000 kilowatts to "an Oregon fabricating plant" in September, 1942, which would indicate that Oregon has won this industry away from Washington competitors.

Secretary Ickes is feeling around to see if he can take Diamond Lake from the forest service and include it in Crater lake national park. Opposition has started already, for it is suspected he wants to do as he did on the Olympic peninsula and withdraw acres of timber and gradually reduce the national forests and expand the area of national parks.

Baruch Warns of Inflation Dangers

Washington, Nov. 21 (U.P.)—Bernard M. Baruch, chairman of the World War Industries board, today warned congress that "unless we are careful" the time may come when it will be necessary "to goose-step

the people with everybody having the same food, the same clothing and the same housing."

Renewing his plea for drastic controls to check the rising tide of inflation, the 71-year-old industrialist told the house rules committee that the need for price control legislation is "imperative" to meet an "acutely dangerous" situation.

He said that the United States is today "a nation in arms," and declared that "we must fit ourselves to defend the country in all fronts instead merely of attempting to put a fighting force on the sea and in the field."

Speaker Sam Rayburn, meantime, said that the house will take up the price control bill Monday and start work on labor legislation "before long."

"There is no surer way of destroying civilian morale than to make a living too difficult," Baruch testified. "Price control protection must be even handed; it cannot advance the interests of any one group at the expense of another."

Baruch, in a recent letter to Rep. Albert Gore, D., Tenn., sponsor of a substitute price control bill embodying Baruch's demands for overall ceilings on rents, wages, prices and profits, suggested that production of the "bare necessities" of life be standardized during the emergency to wipe out the added cost of varied styles and designs.

Speaking of this suggestion today, he declared:

"My intent when I expressed that thought recently, was not to stereotype or regiment the nation; not to goose-step the people with everybody having the same food, the same clothing and the same housing, although that time may come, unless we are careful. My thought was to employ our mass production to turn out in cheapest form those essentials that today are high in cost because of their variety and frills."



GAY NOTE—This merry gentleman enjoying a joke at the annual dinner of political science academy in N.Y. is Thomas W. Lamont, industrialist. Dinner speaker was Vice President Henry A. Wallace.

Stalin Not Fooled By Pact with Hitler

By Wallace Carroll

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Manila, (Uncensored) Nov. 21 (U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin had no illusions about friendship with Germany when he signed the Soviet-Nazi pact, but he hoped to get a breathing spell to strengthen Russia's position.

Unknown to the outside world—because of Russian censors—the communist party inside Russia continued to carry on anti-fascist and anti-Nazi propaganda after the world-shaking Soviet-Nazi pact in August, 1939.

I spoke in Moscow to Soviet citizens and foreigners who had attended anti-Nazi meetings in the months that followed the formal friendship pact. They told me that the tone of these talks differed little from the sentiments expressed by Maxim Litvinoff in the years when he vainly tried to organize a

world front against Adolf Hitler. Did the Stalin government make full use of the 21 months thus gained or did it throw the breathing space away by a half-hearted rearmament policy like the Chamberlain government after Munich?

The evidence of this war shows that the Soviets made full use of the respite and, given another year, might well have made themselves invincible.

The greatest weakness of the Soviet Union as a military power has been its shortage of skilled workers and engineers when it tried to expand arms production.

The Soviets took over a country which in many respects was four centuries behind the United States and Britain. They had to teach 70 per cent of the people to read and write before they could initiate them in the mysteries of modern chemistry, mathematics and the slide rule.

Successful five year plans essentially were an attempt to concentrate the limited skill available on the creation of heavy industry, which is indispensable to a modern military power.

After the 1936-37 purges, however, the Soviet government partially relaxed this concentrated effort and transferred some of its limited technical resources to the production of consumer goods, which the people had done without since Lenin's new economic policy was abandoned.

The challenge did not last long, however. With the outbreak of the European war in September, 1939, the output of goods considered luxuries was curtailed. Further curtailment followed the Finnish war, and as the time approached when Hitler would strike, the Russians were concentrating all available skill and energy in war preparations.

Red Cross Roll Call Underway

In the annual Red Cross roll call drive the Pringle community is the first to report to the local headquarters that it has a partial completion of its quota. Its largest subscriber was the Pringle-Pleasant Point club, which took a \$10 membership. Other localities have reported that they expect soon to complete their quotas to make the 15 per cent attainment.

St. Paul is the first community to reach its entire quota of 130 members and has sent word that it expects to exceed this number considerably. Other communities sending reports that their annual amounts will be reached soon are Liberty, Mill City, Central Howell and Mt. Angel.

Anyone who failed to join the Red Cross with the Community chest is asked to leave his donation at the headquarters, 345 State street. As the national emergency grows, so does the need for the Red Cross.

Live Wire Sewing Club Entertained

Dallas—The Live Wire sewing club of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. James Herra Tuesday with Mrs. Herman Peterson and Mrs. Ella Peterson as assisting hostesses.

During the evening a short business meeting was held with Mrs. Walker Erickson, club president, in charge. Members present were Mrs. William Domashofsky, Mrs. W. C. Heffner, Mrs. Dorel Bird, Mrs. Rudy Fryberg, Mrs. Helge Lindahl, Mrs. Clyde Gibbs, Mrs. George Sumpter, Mrs. Paul Johnson and Mrs. Del Springsteen.

Memorial Service Held by Council

Mt. Angel—The local council Knights of Columbus held memorial services to honor their departed brothers on Tuesday evening. Rev. Father John, O.S.B., gave the eulogy and W. Douglas Harris "Our Order and Its Dead." Attending was the largest number of members ever present at the exercises.

The regular business session was held in the meeting room, conducted by E. B. Stolle, followed by refreshments and a social hour. In charge of lunch were Frank Aman, J. J. Keber, James Fournier, Andrew Wachter, Jr., and Joseph Bickler.

A number of local members attended the Knights of Columbus initiation at Ontario last Sunday. One car from each, Salem, Woodburn and Mt. Angel, left Mt. Angel Saturday and returned Monday. A Bend another car with members joined the caravan led by T. A. Windishar, state deputy.

Farmers of Chile will have four years to pay for modern agricultural machinery supplied by the government.

GUARD YOUR OWN AND NEIGHBORS CHILD FROM

SCARLET FEVER



This ancient disease, while not conquered by any means, is less a menace now that Doctors and health authorities understand how to fight it. Scarlet fever is primarily a "contact" disease, contracted from direct contact, or contacting secretions from nose, throat or ears of the patient. Contrary to common belief, the first days are the most contagious in scarlet fever.

One to ten years are the most susceptible, but adults are not entirely immune. First symptoms are fever, severe sore throat, often a chill followed by more definite symptoms.

Remember:

1. Child with enlarged or infected tonsils and adenoids is more apt to contract Scarlet Fever.
2. Keep your child out of school or any home where there is Scarlet Fever.
3. Protect your child, if there are cases in school.
4. Keep your child at home and consult physician, if he has sore throat and fever.
5. By all means sterilize everything the patient has contacted after a case of Scarlet Fever.

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