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DOES F. D. R. SEEK WAR AS THIRD TERM BOOST?

In Gen. Hugh Johnson's column in the daily press this week, on Tuesday, is the most outspoken "straight from the shoulder" arraignment of President Roosevelt which has yet appeared in print, and the article was not inspired by politics. Difficult as it is to believe that a man holding the highest position in the United States would deliberately drag this nation into war to satisfy his ambition to continue to be the head of this government, it is the only conclusion possible, if Gen. Johnson's statements are true, and he would hardly dare permit them to be printed if they were not correct, as coming from him. Below are reprinted seven paragraphs from his Tuesday column:

There is no longer any question that Mr. Roosevelt is exercising no effort whatever to keep us out of war. It may not be so fair to say that it is his purpose to exert every effort within his supposedly limited powers to get us into war. But at least this statement is incontestable—every act of his in the past three years is consistent with such a purpose and no act is inconsistent therewith.

As predicted by this column two years ago, Mr. Roosevelt has, at last, "reluctantly decided" to attempt to hurdle the third-term barrier. He will be nominated by acclamation. He has asked Mr. Farley to manage his campaign, and the dope is that Mr. Farley has refused.

Mr. Roosevelt knows and has long known that this unprecedented feat of political legerdemain would be impossible without war hysteria. Therefore we have war hysteria, and I would like to have somebody show me an incident in his recent conduct that did not tend to create it.

It is shooting craps with the country's destiny and the lives and fortunes of our people for the pride of a single man. This pressing of our country to the edge of the abyss is the craziest diplomacy in the history of nations.

Apart from emotion, there are three compelling reasons why we should now stay out of war: (1) We not only have nothing to put in, but due to criminal neglect we are defenseless on our own shores. (2) Our great need is time to prepare our defense and, on all the facts and the opinion of all competent experts, we could have from 18 months to three years if we do not invite every danger we fear and rush headlong into a situation we are now totally unable to defend. (3) If we stay out of this thing and become strong, we shall have a voice in the outcome. If we go in, by our present weakness foredoomed to defeat, we shall be just another Hitler trophy—"vae victis"—woe to the vanquished.

In the post world war "cordon sanitaire," France incited the little countries to threaten Germany on her promise of help—and then neglected to remain able to help. On the same formula, Britain encouraged Poland to resist on England's "guaranty" of assistance and was wholly unable to help. Similarly, for domestic politics, we are holding out false hopes to England and France and have incited them to war.

All those small nations are gone—nine of them. France and England are responsible. France also is gone. England is going. We are repeating the same ghastly international immorality and suicide. For God's sake let's keep out—at least long enough to get ready to get in.

2½ PER CENT VOTE AT SCHOOL ELECTION MONDAY

Perhaps this country should have a dictator, in name as well as in fact! It's a sad commentary on our boasted democratic form of government when less than 2½ per cent of those entitled to vote turn out for an election and the election was on a matter whose existence is one of the foundations of American freedom—the schools.

There are 1570 registered voters within the Coquille city limits and possibly another 180 outside who vote in district No. 8. And of that 1750 registered vote, exactly 42 persons cast a vote at the high school Monday, between 2:00 and 7:00 p. m.

Of course, there is another way

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken From The Sentinel of Friday, June 25, 1926)

The American Legion plan a celebration a week from next Monday of the 144th anniversary of American Independence. The trick aeroplane which has been secured at an expense of several hundred dollars will no doubt prove one of the most popular features of the occasion. The other features including the parade, the sports on land and water, the addresses by well known speakers, the band concerts, the street carnival in the evening, the street races, the dancing and other amusements, are bound to make a full day for all our visitors.

The eighth grade graduates at the Coquille city schools this spring are: Faye Church, Olive Baird, Harry Varney, Lucille Hoover, Eleanor Campbell, Olga Miller, Jewell Pearl, Gladys Pearl, Bricea Flitcroft, Estelle Hart, Theodore Sandon, Warren Brandon, Travis Tyrrell.

The school meeting in the Coquille district last Monday evening was certainly in great contrast to the one a year ago when over 400 voters were in attendance and it was found necessary to adjourn to the yard in front of the building to find room for the throng. The meeting was called to order by W. L. Kistner, the outgoing director, and the district clerk, O. C. Sandord, read the annual report which was accepted and placed on file. L. H. Hazard, C. W. Endicott and John W. Leneve were appointed as tellers, and Mr. Kistner was nominated for re-election and elected without opposition, and the same fate befell Mr. Sanford as clerk.

Miss Jeunesse Bartholemew, from northern Washington, came down with her aunt, Mrs. Hal Pierce, from Portland last week, and will spend the summer here with Mrs. Pierce and her grandmother, Mrs. L. P. Maury.

to look at it. Possibly everyone was so well satisfied with the way the Coquille school affairs are being handled that they did not think it necessary to take the trouble to go to the polls, but the more probable reason for the light vote was that 90 per cent or more simply forgot it.

There was a great deal more interest shown in school affairs when the district was still one of the second class and school election was a mass meeting affair in the evening.

Proposed For Defense Higher Taxes

An increase of nearly 38 per cent in federal automotive taxes has been proposed as a part of the tax measure to finance the national defense program during the next five years, Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association, said Tuesday. The estimated annual collection in Oregon will reach \$4,149,168 compared with the 1938 collections of \$2,966,216.

Biggest share of the \$113,000,000 annual increase expected by the nation as a whole will come from the increase of one-half cent a gallon on gasoline—this will produce nearly

\$100,000,000 additional revenue.

Increases proposed by the new bill include: Gasoline, from 1c to 1½c a gallon, automobiles, from 3 per cent, to 3½ per cent, trucks, from 2 per cent to 2½ per cent, tires, from 2½ cents to 2½ cents, tubes, from 5 cents to 4½ cents, parts and accessories, from 2 per cent to 2½ per cent and lubricating oil, from 4 cents to 4½ cents.

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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

"I play not here marches for victors only—I play great marches for conquered and slain persons. Have you heard that it was good to gain the day?"

I also say it is good to fall—battles are lost in the same spirit which they are won.

I beat triumphal drums for the dead. Vivas to those who have failed!"

—Walt Whitman

Sometimes in thinking of the added horrors the airplane has given to war, we wish that it had never been invented. Probably men have felt that way about every new invention which has made war more deadly and destructive. Without doubt the French considered the use of gunpowder in the battle of Crecy in 1346 as unfair and craven. History tells us that in this battle which occurred about twelve miles from Abbeville, a few pieces of cannon were used by the English for the first time in any great European conflict.

The surprise of this new weapon threw the front ranks of the French army in confusion and the Black Prince was able to ride directly into their disordered lines. Even nature was on the side of the victors in this battle for the afternoon sun shone brightly, after a thunder storm, into the eyes of the French archers, while the English had the sun at their backs. Also the English had kept their bows dry during the storm while their antagonists' arrows fell short of their mark due to wet bow strings.

The battle of Crecy was won by the English at the start of the Hundred Years' War and Calais also fell to their hands then but after a century of conflict England lost all her French possessions.

Another interesting bit connected with the battle of Crecy is that King John of Bohemia, a blind soldier of fortune, died on the battlefield and Edward, the Black Prince, adopted the old king's motto, "Ich dien," or "I serve," which has been borne by every Prince of Wales since then.

Colonel Lindbergh's radio address last week did not express the opinion of the majority of his countrymen in our opinion. While we did not agree with many of his statements neither did we with some of Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada, who did not help his reply to the colonel's speech by crying politics and insinuating Lindbergh was influenced by fifth columnists. Everyone who does not see eye to eye with the administration is not a traitor. When the new dealers clean house and put the needs of this country ahead of political expediency for their own coterie, then can they be qualified in criticizing others—so far they have not done that.

When these fifty thousand airplanes and pilots are in the air, they will need some useful work and probably the mails will be turned over to them to carry. When that time comes, we hope the men will be more thoroughly trained and the planes better equipped for blind flying so that there will be no repetition of the tragic attempt to

carry the mails by army fliers of a few years ago.

In Washington, D. C., the congress is considering grubstaking more gold miners; if Germany wins the war the gold we already have buried at Fort Knox is going to be one big headache for the government.

A crowd of small boys were banging away on toy pistols. It looked like a premature July fourth celebration. One observer who thought he knew the ways of the juvenile mind asked the boys if they were shooting robbers. "No, Hitler!" came the quick response. A few years ago John Dillinger had made cops and robbers the popular game and many years before that the foe had been "the Germans," but the small boy is always abreast of the times and Hitler is now the arch fiend of all of us, from the babies up.

Must Have Release From F. S. A. Before Chattels Are Sold

Persons selling, trading or receiving chattels mortgaged to the Farm Security Administration as security for rehabilitation loans are liable to court action by the government, if legal releases have not been secured, according to a notice received from the regional attorney, reports Norman Fletcher, county FSA supervisor, Coquille, Oregon.

Restrictions are placed on sale or transfer of chattels mortgaged to the Farm Security Administration not only to provide partial security for rehabilitation loans but to insure maintenance of sufficient operating goods to keep the farm on a productive basis and carry out farm plans, says the notice.

Where sale or trade of mortgaged chattels is necessary because of changes in farm operation, authori-

Cut Worm Poison Bait

Cutworms which are doing damage to garden and field crops in several communities in Coos county at this time can be controlled by the use of a bran mash, but if allowed to go unchecked may ruin entire fields, according to information just released by George Jenkins, county agent.

The bran mash recommended for the control of cutworms and which is also effective for earwigs and grasshoppers, is prepared by mixing three ounces of white arsenic or Paris Green with five pounds of coarse wheat bran, and dampening this mixture with from two to three quarts of water to which one pint of molasses or syrup has been added. It is important that only enough water be used to make a crumbly mixture which will fall apart readily when broadcast over the infested area at the rate of twelve to fifteen pounds per acre, as soon as the first cutworm damage is noticed. Two or three applications may be necessary in order to obtain complete control.

While there is little danger of this bait doing damage to poultry or livestock if properly mixed and scattered, it is advisable that they be kept off of the treated area for a few days, it was stated.

zation for transfer of such property should be secured through the county supervisor's office, Fletcher pointed out.

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