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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

In the first world war American soldiers went to France "to make the world safe for democracy." Today we see France under the heel of her conqueror and she is presenting a craven picture to the world. Having once surrendered to the victorious Nazi armies, it is strange that we expected her to keep a free voice or a free spirit. We should have been prepared to hear the propaganda of Germany issue through the defeated government of France. Petain is only the mouthpiece of Hitler now; whether willingly or unwillingly, we have no means of knowing.

We do recognize the fact, though, that the world is more unstable now than it has been for generations. So many human institutions we had considered fundamental and impregnable are perishing. We formerly thought nations of Europe were civilized but the use of the headman's axe, the Jewish pogroms, the physical cruelties and indecencies of concentration camps, the enslavement of conquered people, all exhibit a barbarism more brutal than that of savages.

With the rise of nations which enthroned force as their god, the world has seen the democratic form of government destroyed in all the continental European countries. This brings to mind a passage from Thomas Carlyle's "French Revolution." That Scotch philosopher about a hundred years ago published a graphic history of the fall of the decadent French monarchy and the uprising of the people in revolution. If Carlyle had been able to look forward into the twentieth century as he looked back into the eighteenth, we wonder if he would have written just as he did? The paragraph voiced a prophecy which has failed in fulfillment:

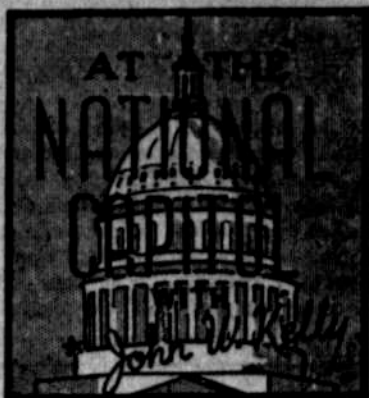
"Borne over the Atlantic, to the losing ear of Louis, king by the grace of God, what sounds are these, muffled, ominous, new in our centuries? Boston harbor is black with unexpected tea. Behold a Pennsylvanian congress gather; and ere long, on Bunker Hill, democracy announcing, in rifle volleys death-winged, under her star banner, to the tune of Yankee-doodle-doo, that she is born, and, whirlwind-like, will envelop the whole world!"

From the school girl to the grandmother, from the day laborer to the capitalist (if there is such a critter left), from the southern democrat to the republican of the Northwest, we, the people of United States, are as one on the need for defense and the desire to arm quickly and completely. A poll of opinion would doubtless show us one hundred cent for the best and most modern armament our taxes can pay.

We are an unanimous people on that subject so when we read that the new-dealers are endeavoring to persuade the president to use part of the money voted in a blank check for defense purposes on some pet new-deal project, outside of defense and armament, we felt that they were talking like traitors and, if the president accedes to their wishes, he should be impeached. There should be a complete account rendered for every penny spent in these huge appropriations, with no trick bookkeeping.

We can remember, after that 1932 election on an economy platform, that a storm of protest arose over the installation of a swimming pool at the White House financed with federal funds. A pretense was made that the government yielded to the public condemnation of this spending but instead the pool was built and its cost buried in some obscure appropriation or financial record.

Roosevelt must run for a third term if there is a pattern in his behavior for the last year. Every other candidate who aspired to the democratic nomination has had his ears knocked back. Coolidge issued his "I do not choose to run" a full year before the republican convention of 1928, making it possible for the G. O. P. to organize in advance. No such ground-work has been permitted by the president in support of any rival democrat in 1940.



Washington, D. C., July 10—Chief political question in the national capital is whether Franklin Delano Roosevelt will accept the nomination for president at the Chicago convention next week, and who is his preference for vice-president. While it is generally assumed that Mr. Roosevelt will not refuse the nomination, still there is a considerable body of politicians in and out of the administration who would not be surprised if he declines.

Principal argument against his nomination is that it would be for a third term, and this is recognized as a handicap. However, no one but Mr. Roosevelt will make the decision, and it is believed that if he refuses the reason he will give is that the two-term tradition should be respected.

Democratic delegates from Washington and Oregon are prepared to do whatever Mr. Roosevelt desires. These delegates are pledged to his nomination and should he refuse to be a candidate and indicate another for the honor, the northwest group will be delivered according to his wish. This is also true with regard for a choice for vice-president.

No other president ever had such complete control of a party convention. All will not be sweetness and light, however, for there will be a small minority ready to voice criticism of the party chief. Spearhead of this group is Montana's Burton K. Wheeler, who has no chance at all, yet will have his name submitted. He is expected later to bolt the convention and head a third party composed of those who fear the republican and democratic parties may lead the country to war.

Assuming Mr. Roosevelt accepts the nomination (insiders say that while he may have planned not to run, the nomination of Willkie by the republicans constitutes a challenge he must not ignore) his choice for a running mate is important. As Senator Charles L. McNary, republican nominee for vice-president, is from the far west and a leading farm champion, Mr. Roosevelt wants someone to offset the Oregon senator. Tentative choice is William Douglas, who received part of his education in the Walla Walla country. Recently the president appointed Douglas to the supreme court. As Judge Douglas isn't particularly happy on the bench (there is not enough action for his restless spirit), it may not require much argument from Mr. Roosevelt to induce Douglas to resign from the court and be a candidate. Charles Evans Hughes was a member of the supreme court when he was nominated in 1916.

There is also a possibility that Senator Jimmy Byrnes, of South Carolina, may receive the nod for vice-president. Byrnes has been handling the president's legislation in the senate for several years and is very capable.

Such a shortage of linen is developing that E. R. Stettinius, Jr., of the national defense advisory commission will encourage expansion of the flax acreage in the Willamette valley for next year. Current area in flax is 6,000 acres, estimated to produce 14,000 pounds. Acreage is expected to be increased to 9,000 acres at least.

It is this necessity of providing commodities usually imported that is causing northwestern senators and representatives to urge that mineral resources be developed. This applies especially to chromite, manganese and magnesium, all of which are available in Oregon and Washington. Secretary of Interior Ickes is now studying a proposal for a nitrate fixation plant somewhere in the Columbia river area, using electricity from Bonneville. This would be part of the program for the manufacture of propellants, and the power plant could be located almost anywhere.

Seattle shipyards are already on the job looking for contracts and have a couple of men in the national capital. They are ready to bid on anything from a coast guard craft to a merchant vessel. These are the vanguard of northwestern concerns looking for a chance to get in on some of the national defense orders which will soon be placed. Another group, from Oregon, interested in roads is enroute to learn what the prospects are for a few million dollars to develop military roads.

The proposal for compulsory military training has run against a snag and it may be held up until later.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 16, 1920)

The Coquille Valley Creamery here changed hands yesterday, having been purchased by the Oregon Dairymen By-products Corporation, which is the holding company for the Oregon Dairymen's League. The price paid Mr. McCloskey for the property was \$15,000.

Miss Cecil C. Schreyer, our county health nurse, came over here Tuesday, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Campbell who will succeed her, temporarily at least.

Work is progressing on the roof of the new high school building and the structure is already looming up so that it is visible from this part of town.

Grandma Leneve, Coquille's nonagenarian, is reported seriously ill today and not expected to survive.

Remember the meeting at the city hall next Wednesday evening to hear the report of the committee appointed to secure prices on tracts suitable for

race track, aviation field, and camping ground and to make a start toward securing these much needed attractions.

Mrs. A. O. Walker went out to Roseburg last Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends in that vicinity and at Sutherlin.

Who it was did the "planting" we don't know, but at the Ladies Aid dinner to their husbands at the Methodist church yesterday there was a good deal of surprise manifested when bunches of cigarettes were discovered in pockets where they would be least expected.

Mrs. T. M. Dimmick has been quite seriously ill this week. She fell while out in the yard last Sunday and was discovered unconscious on the walk.

Having sold the ranch he purchased this spring above Myrtle Point, Perley Crowley is now moving back to Brewster Valley where he has purchased the Hailey Laird place.

Ralph E. Nosler and family started

Sunday in their car for a three weeks' trip. They first went down the coast to Crescent City and from there were going over to Grants Pass, Crater Lake, and thence north, to Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Fred Kronenburg and son drove up from San Francisco in their King 8, arriving here last Monday evening. After a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Emma Lyons, and her sister, Mrs. C. J. Fuhrman, they will start in their car for Philadelphia, where they will make their home.

Miss Geneva Robison, accompanied by her little cousin, Sarah Margaret Nye, started Monday night for Ilwaco, Wash., to visit her mother, Mrs. W. N. Beckett, and her sister, Mrs. Wm. Gadsby.

F. W. Jones started Monday afternoon for Sacramento in response to word that his mother was very seriously ill.

Three boys, Fred Harlocker, Irving Lamb and Prescott Branstetter, started last Saturday afternoon for Brewster valley in a canoe, expecting to make it there the next evening, but having got no further than Myrtle Point by Sunday evening, they

gave up the canoe and by means of a few rides and a good deal of walking reached the R. A. Easton place Monday evening, where they remained for a week's camping.

Attention Former Nebraskans!

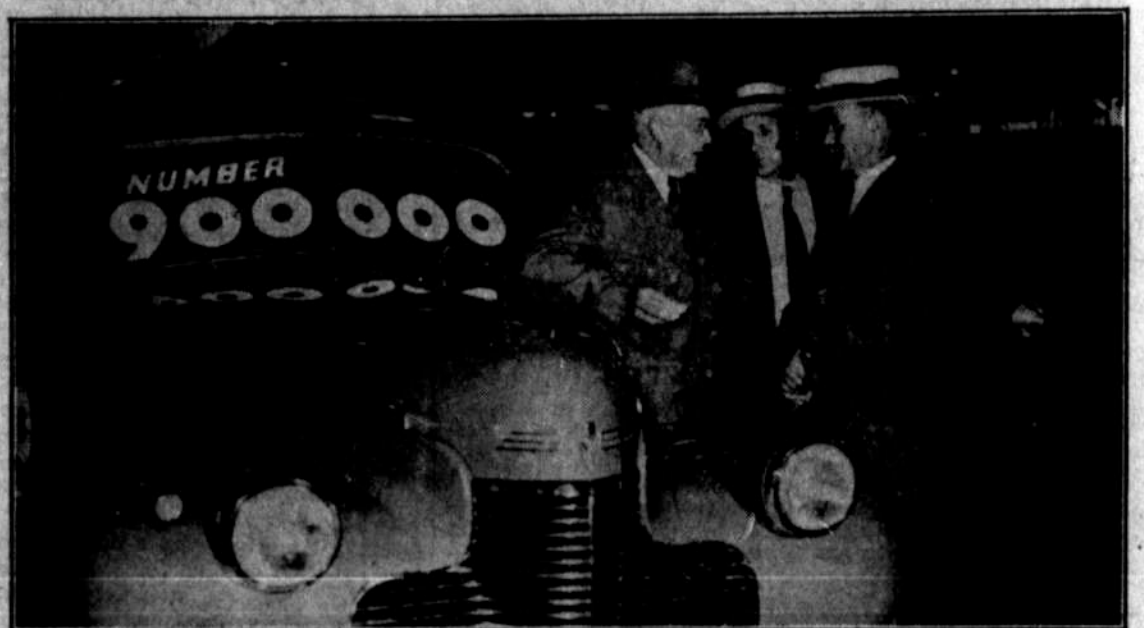
The Oregon-Washington Nebraska Society will hold its eighth annual picnic at the Oaks Park, Portland, Oregon, on Sunday, July 14. Free coffee and cream provided. A program of sports includes a ball game at 10 o'clock a. m.; music furnished by an orchestra and drum corps. Come and visit your old neighbors from the Cornhusker state. William Binderup, president; Irene Campbell, secretary.

Do you know a birthday, Mister? Wife or mother, daughter, sister? Just the proper flower or myrtlewood gift at Bergen's.

TAKE PRECAUTIONS

When you have been out late at night eating and drinking, take a spoonful of Bisma-Rex in a glass of water before going to bed. Bisma-Rex acts four ways to combat acid-indigestion. Try it and see how wonderful it is. Buy Bisma-Rex, only 50c, at the Rexall Drug Store—Fuhrman's Pharmacy.

Chevrolet Builds Its 900,000th 1940 Car



Here is the 900,000th car of Chevrolet's 1940 model production, as it left the assembly line at Flint, Mich., June 12, less than one month after No. 900,000 was completed. Beside the car are Mr. E. C. Coyle, general manager of the Chevrolet Motor Division (left), C. E. Wetherald, general manufacturing manager (right), and Arnold Lenz, assistant manufacturing manager, who were present in the plant when the car was produced.

"Chevrolet has built 300,000 cars in less than three months," Mr. Coyle pointed out. "The 900,000th of these models was built on March 21, the 700,000th on April 16, the 600,000th on May 13, and the 500,000th on June 12. This production rate closely parallels the consistently heavy sales volume since the introduction of the 1940 models last October, sales during March, April and May alone totalling 307,345."

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