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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

It begins to look as if all the generals on this side of the water would have to forego golf because one of them resented the yoo-hooing of his soldiers. Some how the story of the general on the golf course reminds us of the English officer on the island of Crete, taking his daily swim and sun bath, who refused to believe parachutists were dropping on the island. Now the nazi legions have Crete, they are building underground hangars and fortifications in a few weeks which the English had not succeeded in doing in months. Until the forces opposing Germany take the war as seriously as do the nazi armies it looks as if the blitzkrieg would continue blitzing.

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Is nazism on the way out in Germany? With Hess out of the country and now in Canada, as it is rumored with Goering in disgrace and imprisoned; with Hitler having epileptic fits at Berchtesgaden; the German army high command appears to be in complete control. It was this military caste which urged Emperor William into the first world war and if it is again in the saddle, history may repeat itself. When Americans become actual combatants in this new war, the foe will be the same, the cause will be the same and the theories of war may again be in France. Our slogan will not be "to save the world for democracy," but it will be to prevent the spread of German domination of the world to our shores and that was the fundamental reason for "saving democracy" twenty-five years ago. We were not as altruistic as we thought in the first world war; it was not to save England and France for Englishmen and Frenchmen then, instead we fought to save them so that Germany could not menace us as would have happened if they fell.

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We are hoping the "invasion beans" which have been mercilessly bombed in France and Belgium by the English to prevent them using the springboard for Hitler to invade the British Isles, may become the invasion bates for the expeditionary forces which surely are feverishly preparing to invade the continent soon from England. We do not expect such plans to be broadcast by the Churchill government but if such an attempt is not made before Russia falls, England will have missed the bus.

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Last week it was Ecuador and Peru which were exchanging rifle shots with ammunition bought with German money. This week Bolivia nips a nazi plot to seize the government of that South American country. Having had to learn again the geography of Europe, Africa, eastern Asia and the location of the islands of the far Pacific and near Atlantic, it is just too much for the war to spread to South America. In spite of our Good Neighbor policy, we had hoped to leave that continent a vague jumble of recollections of fourth grade geography.

We did know Bolivia had no sea coast, not from school book lore, but because of a human interest story about Queen Victoria we read some time ago. Having been insulted by the minister of Bolivia, the queen could not send the royal navy to redress the wrong, Bolivia having no ports, so she contented herself with causing the country of Bolivia cut from all her maps and for her it ceased to exist. How happy King George would be if he could ignore Germany by taking his scissors to his geography.

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Bolivia equals in territory Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. It is a mining country and [illegible] by having an export [illegible] ports from South America. The early Spanish conquerors are said to have taken two billion dollars' worth of gold from Bolivia. Today its mines produce tin, silver, copper, lead, zinc and other minerals important in this greatest day war of metals.

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We think we are seeing the wars of the centuries and probably we are but a brief reading of history shows that confusion and bloodshed existed for other peoples at other times. We have recently seen Free French forces fighting French armies and former allies signing an armistice when British and French ended the Syrian controversy.

A similar mixup occurred in South America something over a hundred years ago. After Napoleon humbled Spain, the patriots in South America arose in 1810 in rebellion against the Europeans. However, the Spaniards at home considered the insurrectionists as traitors and the uprisings spread in Colombia, Peru, and other countries, resulting in their liberation from the Spanish yoke of oppression and cruelty and in the formation of several new political divisions, as Argentine and Bolivia, the latter named in honor of Simon Bolivar. General Bolivar hoped to unite all the Spanish American republics in one confederation, with himself as dictator, but he was opposed in this and further civil war was averted by his death.

The history of South America in the twenty years from 1810 to 1830 is as checkered as that of Europe during the past two years.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 25, 1921)

The Coquille Port Commission held a meeting last evening at which it was decided to start a campaign for the Corn Show building. If the sentiment for a publicly owned pavilion is sufficiently strong the commission will begin to make plans for having the building constructed and ready for use this fall.

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E. G. Wood, of this city, died at his home on Collier street this morning at two o'clock.

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When the council met in regular session Monday evening, Mayor Hamilton named Geo. N. Battey as councilman to fill the unexpired term of the late Allan McLeod.

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Dr. V. L. Hamilton, who has formed a partnership with Dr. A. L. Housworth, at the Bay, intends to go over there next month to begin practice.

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Aviator Briggs, of Coos Bay, was forced to land in Kistner's field yesterday afternoon about one o'clock when the water pipe and connecting rod on his aeroplane broke.

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"Grandpa" Lawrence, now if you please. Last week a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kennett P. Lawrence at Oakland, Calif.

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The list of licensed real estate brokers in Coquille are: Hattie I. Bledsoe, Frank Burkholder, Leo J. Cary, Robert H. Cruzen, Ned C. Kelley, Geo. T. Moulton, Wm. Oddy, T. A. Walker and J. C. Watson.

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Irvin Custer returned to Coquille Wednesday after an absence of two years spent in Springfield, Mass.

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Lyle Nosler, of Bridge, left last Friday for Salem. Sunday he and Miss Thelma Daugherty were united in marriage.

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There was a large crowd at the ball game Sunday to witness Coquille's attempt to get North Bend's goat. They didn't get it. "Speck" Keene pitched a mighty fine game of ball and would have won hands down with good support.

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The total attendance in the public schools of Coos county is 5,857 of whom 2936 are boys and 2919 are girls.

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The following are quotations from Will Irwin's latest book, "The Next War:" The killing of men in the last war was merely a tryout, a practice game compared to the wholesale destruction of life in the next one when all remaining rules of warfare will be off, when no nation will hesitate to wipe out a million civilians in a night regardless of age and sex. It will not be necessary to leave home to be killed. The next war will do as much material damage as the last one and will be shorter, but its cost in human lives will be staggering. It will mean the end of white supremacy, the death of the Caucasian civilization."

(proposed "to foster the development of the region as a whole." These and other expressions disclose the sweet paternalism.)

Beef Cattle On Logged-Off Land

Murl Pettit made a suggestion to the Sentinel man the other day that seems to have unlimited possibilities for using the cut-over land in Coos county.

He quoted Ivan Laird as saying that after some of the hills up Brewster Valley way had been logged off by the L. B. & L. Logging Co., they had the land seeded and after it was ready, three or four or five years ago, they had spent a thousand dollars for beef cattle and turned them out on the grass. A bull was included in the herd in the spring, and without any care on the part of the owners, the herd was recently invoiced as having increased to about a $5,000 valuation.

Sheep have been raised on logged-off land in southwestern Oregon for years, but the L. B. & L. company experience proves that beef cattle can be made just as profitable, it not more so, a venture on the hills after they have been deunded of timber.

PROVISIONS OF ICKES POWER IS UN-AMERICAN, OBNOXIOUS

(Oregon Voter)

The Columbia River power bill now in Congress is un-American. In several respects it is obnoxious. It is peculiarly and purposely deceptive.

It is un-American in its purpose to force public power upon communities which have rejected public power. To accomplish that it contemplates liquidation of all of our electric power companies despite the fact that no less than 50 per cent of our people prefer private control of these utilities to political control.

The bill is particularly obnoxious to liberty-loving westerners in its hidden intent to give our region a super-government, manipulated from Washington, D. C. If HR 5129 should be passed about as introduced, the destinies of the great Pacific Northwest would be controlled from the national capital to a degree very few persons on the sidelines have envisaged.

Tennessee Valley Authority is the great white father for the people of the Tennessee Basin. To an equal or greater extent, the Secretary of the Interior would manage our economic life for us here in the Columbia Basin should this bill become law. Just as the people of Tennessee and Alabama are not supposed to know what is good for them nor how to obtain what is good for them, we far westerners patently cannot know what we need and though we might in small degree know, we can't get it for ourselves. We need to fall back on Uncle Sam and a couple of his supermen, backed by the U. S. Treasury.

The people of Tennessee [illegible] fortunate in that the authority dominating their economic life is a home-rule body, motivated by home-rule concepts. The control being cooked up for our Pacific Northwest is the reverse of home rule—a dangerous [illegible] man residing 3,000 miles away. (The policy written into this bill is "to promote the further development of the resources of the region and the general welfare of the people" in an

Council Session Monday Evening

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that they could be cut off if a short- and threatened.

Notwithstanding this drier than usual spring and early summer, Water Superintendent Epperson reports that the surface of the huge lake east of the city is only now about thee feet below the spillway and that there can be no shortage this year unless the fall rains are relayed until winter.

Mr. Epperson was also instructed to secure a bulldozer, as quickly as possible and make a fire trail from the highway on the south along the ridge of the hills east of town and to the northeast. One was made by hand there at the time of the Bandon fire and a little later the forest service made a wider one all around the town through the timber which might constitute a fire hazard. A bulldozer will re-open that trail more quickly and most efficiently than hand labor could.

The report of City Engineer Gearhart on the parking trouble at the Folsom Grocery corner, caused the council to order the painting of yellow, no-parking strips there, which will stop autoists from parking where their cars will interfere with highway traffic or pedestrain passage.

Mayor Milne appointed Everett Seeley as the city's official representative on the new Community Building committee of which Geo. A. Ulett is general chairman.

A room in the present building, until it is removed for the new, was offered as an office for the state employment office which that agency wishes to open in Coquille.

A right-of-way for the ten-inch pipe line which the city wishes to lay from the pipe line crossing near the Smith plant to Front street was reported as received from the state highway commission.

On the recommendation of Chief of Police English, the following were appointed as special police officers who will be subject to call as such during the National Defense emergency—Jack P. Reddy, Iris A. Elrod, Stanley H. Curtis, E. Cince Finley, Lee Hand and Ray Reilley. The latter was also named as extra for the police force when an additional man is needed. Sherm Morris is now on regular duty, at a monthly salary, his duties being on the police force, with water or the street departments as needed. The three regular officers on duty now are Chief English, Frank McCreary and Harold Kolkhorst.

Their six months license fee of $50 each having been paid, the council voted card room licenses for S. H. Donsted, Ora F. Allen and T. Verle Johnson.

The fire insurance policy, which has been costing the city $54.80 a year on the Community Building was ordered cancelled.

An ordinance providing for the grading and gravelling improvement of Fifth street, east from Henry, and for a portion of Division street south from Fifth, was adopted. The city's declaration of intention to make the improvement appears elsewhere in this issue.

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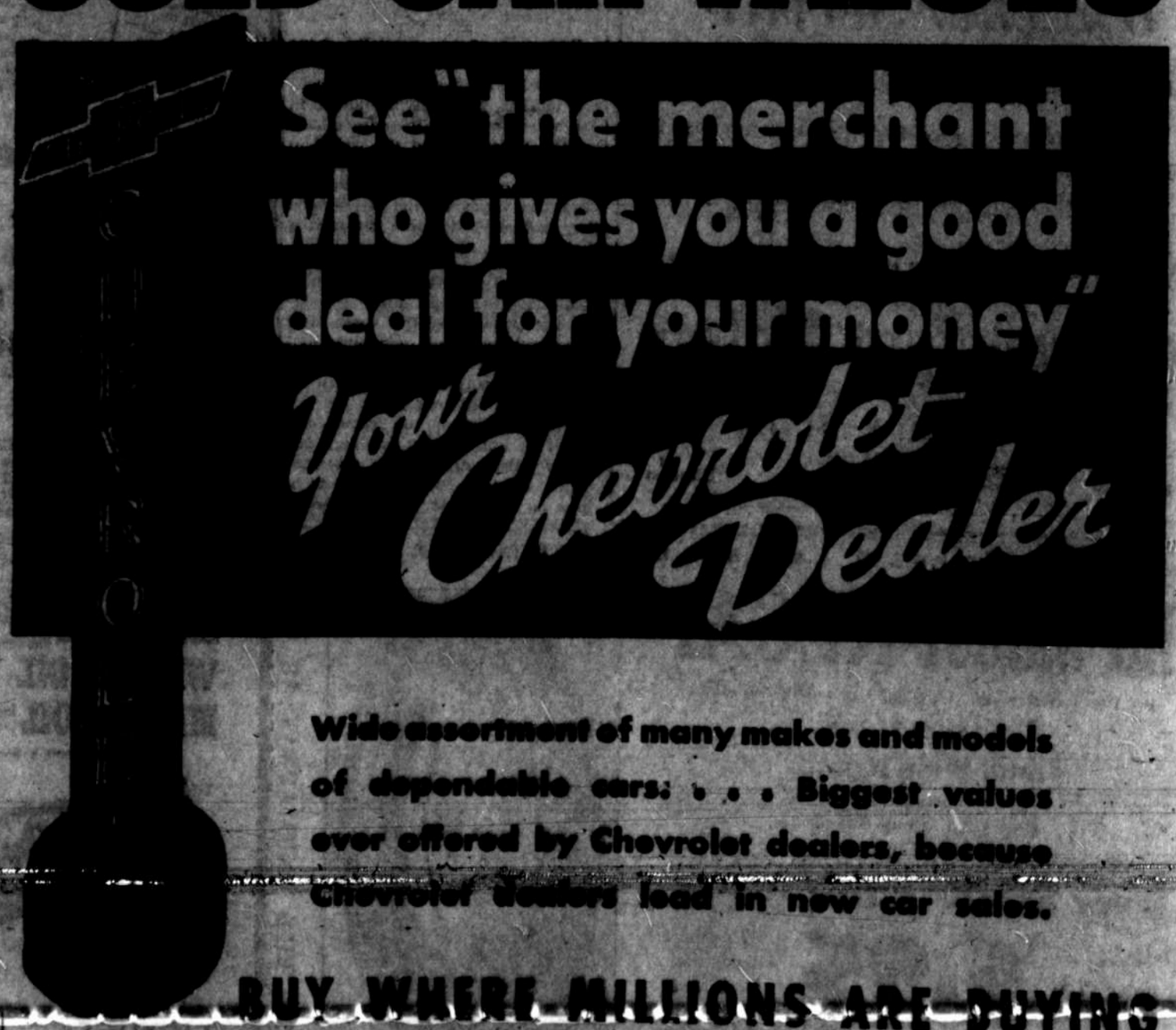

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