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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

It has been a common sight the last few years to see youngsters with pop guns playing they were F.B.I. agents, while the adult population took pride in the Bureau of Investigation and were grateful to its representatives for breaking the crime wave and putting behind bars many of the kidnapers and hold-up men.

However, the past week has seen a sudden reversal of the high opinion in which this bureau has been held. Francis Biddle as Attorney General of the United States Government is head of the Department of Justice of which the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a part. When political expediency motivates those to whom justice is entrusted a shadow of tyrannical oppression is thrown across the land and the least of us can no longer glory in the feats of the F.B.I. Instead there is a little cold core of fear in our hearts.

How simple would be the peace problems about which now there is nothing but gloom if there were mutual trust among the Big Four of the Allies—together with a basis for this respect. The lesser allies and professed neutrals are watching developments with suspicion and distrust. A close co-operation with Great Britain on the part of United States as proposed by those in favor of "Union Now," might bring the smaller countries to terms because none of them would be strong enough to stand up against the combined power of the two English-speaking nations or to play one against the other. The difficulties which would perplex such a union are manifold and evident. Indeed, here in these United States the east is jealous of and would hinder the coming industrialization of the west; the north and the south are still hostile to one another even unto the third generation since the civil war, and much of the legislative wrangling in Washington, D. C., is due to sectional differences.

It does not appear that a union now with Great Britain is either possible or desirable, although a military alliance and close economic understandings may be necessary for the peace of the world.

There is one solution to the world travail, however, that would usher in the millennium. If the countries which are called Christian nations would practice the tenets which they profess to believe, no others would have need to doubt their good intentions and friendly help. A righteous justice could be reserved for those who tried to take advantage of kind treatment.

This utopia is impossible of realization until mankind is less selfish and more altruistic and until those who administer the government are men of integrity, upright in all their dealings, who love not power but are humble in their service of country.

Four years ago next Wednesday, May 10, 1940, Germany invaded Belgium and the Netherlands. What better date than next Wednesday could there be for the Allies to return the invasion!

Although Admiral Nimitz has promised us he will not stop his westward drive until he reaches the shores of China, it was a revelation, nevertheless, recently to learn that our fleet is now equipped so that it could sail twice around the globe without stopping. This means the need of possession of great naval bases abroad is a thing of the past.

The question of air bases in foreign lands, however, is a very vital one at present and treaties which come with peace must be drawn to provide freedom of the air for our future aerial freight and travel.

Saturday of this week marks the second anniversary of the fall of Corregidor and its surrender by Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright. After the war is over we will celebrate our victories but until that happy day, Pearl Harbor, Bataan and Corregidor are the honored words by which we dedicate ourselves to the defeat of our enemy and the annihilation of his military forces.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, May 2, 1924)

The Coquille fire department was in constant demand last Friday afternoon. About three o'clock the truck and firemen were called out to the Aker place, just north of the ball park, where a garage was practically demolished before their arrival. . . . About the time the lines were laid for that fire, men on Taylor street saw smoke issuing from the roof of the small lean-to adjoining the Rose building on Front street. The siren again sounded and a crowd of volunteers rushed the old handcar and hose down there, but before its arrival, the men from the Johnson mill had a stream of water on the roof and had the fire pretty well stopped.

Fire Chief John E. Perrott warns auto drivers that the fire truck has right of way when going to a fire and that cars should be kept to one side where they will not impede the truck's passage. He also says that drivers must refrain from driving over the fire hose.

Capt. Bill Fortier, of the Coquille Colts, has arranged a practice game with Marshfield to be played here Sunday, May 4. The following are in the line-up: Brown, Davis, Abbott, Fortier, LaMarr, Dement, Robinson, Burr, Gilbert, Ray Long and Poland.

The annual clean-up campaign was

introduced at the session of the Commercial Club Wednesday evening and it was decided to try and procure the assistance of all civic organizations for a thorough cleaning of the city, for the week, May 12-17 inclusive.

Frank Willard, well-known Coquille valley rancher, who has lived in the Roy district across the river from Coquille all his life, died at his home at 11:20 this morning.

A. N. Gould was the only Coquille man lucky enough to win one of the Fords given away at the Shrine circus last week and this. He was the winner Saturday night.

When we read of 100 people killed, 500 injured and property damage of \$10,000,000 by storms in the southeastern states this week, we are again thankful that our lot has been cast in such pleasant places as the Pacific coast of Oregon furnished.

The weather was still unusually cold this morning, many roofs showing indications of frost, when the sun arose about 5:30 a. m.

Cards are just being received by their friends here from Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Mace, of Pasadena, California, announcing the arrival on April 27th at 3 p. m. of Roberta Mary and Calver Oram. Mrs. Mace was formerly Harriet Sweet.

Weekly Letter From Washington, D. C.

BY CONGRESSMAN HARRIS ELLSWORTH

Washington, D. C., April 29, 1944—In an otherwise quiet week the Roosevelt seizure of Montgomery Ward in Chicago, and the removal of the head of the firm (unarmed) by fighting troops of the United States Army created a mighty stir in Capitol Hill. Both the U. S. Senate and the House of Representatives moved immediately toward official investigations. It is interesting to note that Congressional wrath over the President's action has been displayed by both Democrats and Republicans. Only two ultra-faithful new dealers on the House Rules Committee refused to vote to report out an investigation resolution to the Floor of the House.

Principal reason for vigorous objection to the seizure of Wards is that the store is in no sense a war plant. It is a store engaged in the distribution of merchandise to civilians. There have been several speeches on the Floor which laid emphasis upon the disconcerting effect this government action has upon our own morale on the eve of our greatest military venture—and how much comfort and encouragement it must be giving the enemy as he waits for our troops to invade the continent.

There have been two outstanding blunders this week of more or less world-wide importance: (1) The Army seizure of Wards; and (2) General Patton's foolish statement about who is to rule the world.

Floor sessions this week in both Senate and House have not been important, hence only sparsely attended. Meanwhile this lull in activity has given the various legislative committees time in which to complete hearings—on numerous important bills.

People who visit Washington and

observe the proceedings of Congress from the galleries are generally disappointed in what they see and hear. They do not realize that most of the actual legislative work is done by the several committees. By the time a bill finally reaches the Floor of either House, it has been most carefully considered, discussed, rewritten and the facts about it have been investigated. On all important bills, public hearings are held. Such hearings often take weeks—sometimes even months. Unless a bill involves something that is controversial, its handling to final passage on the Floor is purely routine—often done merely by unanimous consent with no vote on it actually taken. I can assure any visitor, from intimate personal experiences, that getting a bill through the various screening processes of the House and finally passed is a long and difficult job—not the nonchalant rapid fire operation as seen only from the visitors' gallery of the House. (Some 10,000 bills are introduced during each term of Congress.)

The Military Affairs Committee of the Senate Friday reported out S. 1718—the War Contract Termination Bill. The bill has long been under consideration by that committee and is legislation of great importance. Although the printed bill contains many pages, I think its salient features, as reported by the committee, can be summed up as follows: (1) creation of an Office of Contract Settlement, which would be independent of other agencies; (2) creation of a Contract Settlement Advisory Board; (3) settlement of contract termination claims with provision for direct payment by the Government to subcontractors; (4) interim financing of war contractors within 30 days after they filed applications pending final contract settlement; (5) re-

moval by the Government of its property from contractors' plants within 60 days, or to authorize contractors thereafter to remove the material themselves; (6) making the Court of Claims the final arbiter of contract settlement disputes, and (7) limiting the GAO's jurisdiction over contract settlements to determination of fraud and whether final payments were in accordance with the settlement agreed upon by the Government and contractors.

Monday of this week the Ways and

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of the Committee Report are available. I shall be glad to send either or both to anyone who so requests.

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be at the Coquille city hall again next Tuesday, May 9, between nine and four o'clock.

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isn't the answer. It's not that simple. We had nearly 14 years proof of that, didn't we?

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