

Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

Why the present ammunition shortage in the United States? We are informed on good authority, that any amount of shot-gun shells and rifle ammunition may be purchased in Canada.

The laughable part of the whole business is the fact that the bag limit on ducks has been increased and the season extended and the sportsman is to be issued four boxes of shells each; that is, if he is fortunate enough to be on hand when they are handed out. They must be signed for, at that.

Two boxes of rifle shells may be purchased, but the sportsman has no choice in his selection of either shot-gun shells or rifle cartridges. He takes what is handed to him, regardless of size of shot, make of ammunition, or weight of bullet. We don't get it? Many munition plants are closed down in the east, there should be a lot of ammunition available. And this has been going on and on ever since the war started. At the most critical time of the war, at the time when there was a good chance of the Pacific coast being invaded, the citizens were deprived of ammunition. Half the hunters on this coast didn't have enough ammunition on hand to kill a half-a-dozen Japs, had there been an invasion. Supplied with ammunition, had an invasion started, the old deer hunters of this coast country would have made the underground soldiers of France look like a bunch of pikers and yet we were deprived of ammunition and even asked to sell our guns.

It makes one wonder if a stealthy movement isn't really under way to disarm America—not by taking the citizens' guns but their ammunition away from them—for without ammunition the guns are useless.

Why should Canada have an unlimited supply of ammunition and we be curbed? As we stated recently in this column, the attorney general of California made a public statement to the effect which showed that there had been a movement afoot for the past fifty years to disarm the citizens of America.

The New Deal has pulled some good ones on us and has enforced some silly unnecessary laws. We wouldn't be surprised in the least to see that same outfit seek to disarm

the American citizen. They are noted for doing screwy things.

An old fellow, with long hair and flowing beard, leading a small dog by a chain, trudged past the Bear Creek store last week. We hailed him down, bought him a drink, as he looked tired and thirsty. He informed us that he was a prospector, had spent the past winter in Death Valley and was now in search of work in order to secure a grub stake to carry on another winter, prospecting. The allure of gold! How many men it holds a fascination for! The strike that is to be made—the strike just around the corner. Few ever realize their ambition and make the big strike that is dreamed of. A few small nuggets here, a few there, a little gold dust sifted, is the usual reward of a lifetime spent in following along the rugged trail that has a golden ending but the end of the trail is seldom reached. But let that urge once purge the blood and it is seldom that it is ever overcome, though the odds are a hundred to one that the expected strike will never materialize. But perhaps the prospector is not cheated at that. He has roamed strange places in his search for the golden metal and has lived throughout life in a spirit of anticipation, looking forward day by day to the big strike that never came. Yet his life has been a carefree one, his greatest worry being of just where and how he would secure his next grubstake. He has had an opportunity to commune with Nature, to acquaint himself with the wild things of the forests and the deserts. We wouldn't trade places with the old prospector, with his old pack-sack and his friendly little dog, while at the same time, we will wager that neither would he swap places with us.

R. A. Easton's New Slogan,

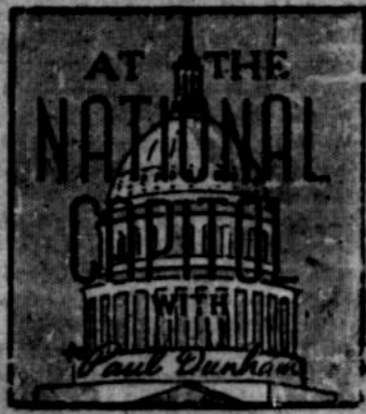
'Remember Montgomery-Ward'

While we remember Pearl Harbor, we also must remember the raid on Montgomery-Ward by a detachment of the United States Army per order of the "Commander-in-Chief." Mr. Hitler could have gone a step further and ordered the manager shot.

Mr. Roosevelt, as I see it, your zeal for the will to power, ruthlessness and pride is eating you up.

—R. A. Easton

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Washington, D. C., Sept. 21—Members of congress from as widely separated points as Wisconsin and California are greatly concerned over future use of air bases built by the United States as wartime facilities. Altogether, approximately half a billion dollars has been expended in construction and improvement with no more permanent title than leases which will expire six months after war's end. Sentiment in both house and senate seems to be that an agreement more advantageous to the United States should be made now while our allies—meaning, in the main, Great Britain—are in a more complacent mood than they are likely to be after victory is won. Discussion is predicated on the statement in a senate subcommittee report to the effect that more than \$500,000,000 has been spent on air-fields and equipment all over the world. In most places we have no right except to get out when the war is over. We have constructed these fields and placed these installations on land which belong to other countries.

Also, there is concern over what shall be done with islands in the Pacific recently taken from Japan, none of which were part of the original Japanese empire. They were turned over to Japan under mandate by the league of nations after the first world war and at least some of them had formerly belonged to Germany. It is the contention of house members that the mandates automatically expired when the Japs were driven out by American forces and that while they may not necessarily become territorial possessions of the United States, their future use becomes a responsibility of congress inasmuch as the constitution provides that no property of the United States can be disposed of without act of congress.

It has been estimated that in the post-war period 80 per cent of the air traffic will originate in the United States, in which event landing fields and other facilities will be required in the most remote parts of the world. This country will have a very large fleet of planes which may easily be converted to commercial use at the end of the war, but they will be unable to transport passengers and cargo unless they have access to air fields, and in the post-war competition this may be denied them if agreements have not previously been made for their accommodation. So far no definite legislative plans have been formulated but it is the sense of congress that action should be taken with the least possible delay.

Collapse of Germany will not ease the oil and gasoline situation immediately, according to the military high command, for the reason that it will not be possible to curtail supply to the larger number of planes and ships used against the Japs. When the full force of the United States is turned against Japan the Pacific coast will become the center of activity and this may temporarily reduce the amount available for civilian consumption even after the shortage in the east has disappeared.

Wages which have been frozen by the war labor board to tie in with the little steel formula will soon be thawed. Sometime between now and the latter part of October (the earlier the better) there will be an order or directive that the little steel formula has gone out the window. AFL and CIO have been hacking away at that formula for months and have presented statistics that the cost of living has risen from 25 to 45 per cent over the cost in the spring of 1941. If wage increases are granted union members because of this increased cost of living they cannot be withheld from white collar workers. Government statistics are assertedly incorrect and below the actual increase in cost of living, according to the labor unions which have their own statistical departments.

Seven pamphlets published by the government and a four-color picture of President Roosevelt, issued by OWI, have been sent overseas. The charge is made that this is political propaganda. One consignment weighed 6,000 tons and was landed at a large concentration point with instructions to distribute it among American troops in that area. Probably Mr. Roosevelt never saw nor heard of these pamphlets, but con-

Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will hold its regular work meeting on Friday, Sept. 22, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. in Guild Hall. Yarn will be distributed for the knitting of servicemen's regular sox, stump sox, etc. Cut-out, ready-to-sew regulation kit bags, bedside bags and baby "nighties" will be ready for the machine sewers and those wishing to take work home to complete.

The Unit expresses appreciation to the following for cash contributions, yarn, wool pieces and thread: Mesdames Geo. A. Ulett, Henry McCue, A. C. Schroeder, Mattson and also the Smith sisters, of Langlois. Thanks are extended to the two sewing groups of Church of Christ for the fine lot of kit bags turned in by Mrs. Myrtle Benham and Mrs. Ralph Hadsall.

Mrs. L. P. Fugelson substituted as cutter Friday in the absence of Mrs. L. A. Lundquist. Last week visitors included Mesdames W. H. Schroeder, Jas. Richmond, E. L. Lorenz, Edna Rakestraw and John Burns.

A good attendance is urged for Friday and visitors and new workers are welcomed at all times.

A Letter From Lois Fenn DeWald

Mrs. J. B. DeWald, the former Lois Fenn who for so many years managed Cooper's Gardens in Coquille, writes the Sentinel an interesting letter from her home in Canyonville:

I do enjoy the Sentinel each week. It truly is like a letter from the old home town.

Am thoroughly enjoying being back in my native valley. Find it warmer than Coos county but there are advantages to that—roasting ears early in July for instance.

Just returned recently from a trip to the head of the South Umpqua river. Packed into Fish Lake and stayed nearly a week. This lake is located high up in the mountains close to the Rogue-Umpqua divide. Climbed High Rock while we were there and had a lovely clear day so that we saw Mt. Shasta, Mt. Hood, Mt. Thielsen and the Rabbit Ears. Imagine the rock must have an elevation of over six thousand feet. Fish Lake, with three other lakes close by, seems to have been formed by volcanic action and they are surrounded by a broken line of hills with cliffs on nearly all of them facing toward the lakes. Truly a fascinating country.

Would have liked to have stayed a month but corn, peaches and pears were waiting to be canned and the men folks had a big barn roof to put on before the rains came.

Often think of Coquille and all the friends there and the Sentinel does bring me so many little items about people that I would miss otherwise.

gressmen did, and they are charging that it is part of the campaign to win the soldier vote.

ODT has not yet asked Dewey, "Is the trip necessary?" Candidate Dewey is traveling in an 11-car special train. The Republicans, however, are prepared to answer the question by saying that the Dewey train is costing less than the Hawaiian-Aleutian cruise of President Roosevelt.

Pimples Disappeared Over Night

Yes, it is true, there is a safe harmless medicated liquid called Kiezerx that dries up pimples over night. Those who followed simple directions and applied Kiezerx upon retiring were amazingly surprised when they found their pimples had disappeared. These users enthusiastically praise Kiezerx and claim they are no longer embarrassed and are now happy with their clear complexion. Don't take our word for it, use Kiezerx tonight. Only 50c. If one application does not satisfy, you get your money back. There is no risk so do not hesitate. Sold and recommended by

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Birthday Party For Nine-Year Old Joan Gauer

A birthday party was given Joan Gauer in honor of her ninth birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gauer, last week-end. Those present were Robin and Sandra Lynn Griffith, Elsie, Leda and Louise Johnson, Joan Gauer, Gerald

and Richard Gauer, Glenn Griffith, Jimmy and Skippy Mullen. The honored guest was Joan's grandmother, Mrs. Minnie D. Tibbet, from Eureka, Calif., who came up for the occasion. Mrs. Gauer's uncle was also present.

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Mom and Sis sit down to write their daily letter to Ben Jr., they're closer together than ever... bound by a strong and common purpose—to keep their family, their America, intact.

From where I sit, the strength of America lies in that family spirit—in the tolerance and mutual respect and understanding that have made the American family a strong and vital force for Good!

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