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HOW LONG?

How long will it take the United States to wake up and demand that something be done about helping others in order to help ourselves? What is going on is merely a repetition of 1914-17. We still have those "peace at any price" followers, telling us that the president wants to be a dictator and he is shoving us right into the war.

As far as the war is concerned, WE ARE IN IT, and we have been in it for a long time. We have staked all to help England, but the "pussyfooters" are doing their best to stall the help.

When we say "pussyfooters," we allude to such men as Senator Holman, who has just released the news that he cannot support the Lend-Lease bill. He can't serve two masters, he said. But at the end of his article he forgot he was a Republican and said he voted for Roosevelt in 1932. He can't serve two masters, but he is a Republican and votes for a Democrat. Perhaps now the Republicans of the county can partially understand why we worked for Willis Mahoney in preference to Holman.

Congress chided the president because he did not take them into his confidence when he gave 50 destroyers to England in exchange for air bases on English territory. If what they are doing now is a sample of what would have happened if he had asked them about it, England would still be waiting for the destroyers.

The mad man of Europe is gradually taking all the small nations under his sweeping wing and if he is not stopped he will eventually be the dictator of all Europe. If we let him finish the job over there, he will soon be telling us what we can and can't do, and if we don't like it we can fight all alone with half of the world against us. How would the "pussyfooters" like that? That is exactly what can and probably will happen if the United States does not help England stop him. If England doesn't, we certainly will have to.

The states where the "pussyfooters" come from must all feel the chagrin that most of the people in Oregon feel about our junior senator in his latest oratorical outburst.

However, we offset the bad taste in our mouths with the junior senator with one of the most wonderful statesmen in Congress, Senator Charles L. McNary, whom the entire nation is proud of. Senator McNary also released a statement saying he was in favor of the Lend-Lease bill with the present amendments, stating that he does not believe President Roosevelt will misuse the power given him.

Patience has a wonderful reward, but how long will the people of the nation have patience with the pacifist "pussyfooters?" How long, Oh Lord, how long?

IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

We congratulate the County Court on their new system of handling the county's business. It has



The Foreign Invasion That Must Be Stopped



great promise of much more efficiency, and efficiency makes for economy.

The News had hoped that the Court would establish the purchasing agent system, for this plan is used by all well managed institutions. Commissioner McElligott is well posted with the hospital and county property. Commissioner Fredrickson is well qualified to handle the road department and knows values and will make a good purchasing agent. Judge Johnson takes up the loose ends and is a past master handling the public in regard to public relations.

Well done, gentlemen. Now we know whom to commend for services well performed and where to put our finger on actions we disagree with. If you have the necessary intestinal fortitude to stand by your guns, you will have accomplished much good for the county.

OFF IN A CORNER WITH PHIL SNORT

Dear Ed:

I shall try to finish the wildcat story in this letter. I don't wish to have it understood that I am claiming that they do not and will not kill fawns and birds, for I believe they will if they can get them. From their stomachs and from their excretions that I have examined I know that they get birds once in a while. The evidence is conclusive that they do; but the evidence is just as strong that their principle food is of the rodentia wildlife: diggers, gophers, squirrels, chipmunks, woodrats and mice. I have examined a large number of wildcat stomachs that contained mice and chipmunks in almost unrecognizable state; diggers and rats torn in chunks and swallowed.

I have read, heard and once believed that wildcat would back-track an old doe to where her fawns were hidden, kill and devour them. This is all rot. There is not an animal on earth that will back-track their quarry. A trained dog or hound will back-track a cold track only for a short

distance, but will never back-track a warm track. Moreover, the canine family are the only animals on earth that catches its prey by running it down. None of the feline family do. They stalk their victims using only their ears, eyes and nose.

I could go on with the subject of wildcats ad infinitum but what is the use. I believe that I have shown that the wildcat is one of the best friends to the agrarian, especially the farmer or gardener who are pestered by rodents; I believe that I have shown that a dozen wildcats foot-free in our woods and fields are worth more than all the house-cats in the Illinois valley; I believe that I have shown that these cats should be protected by law and all rewards for his pelt eliminated. If one gets too bold, hangs around chicken houses or barnyards, then liquidate him; but only a very few ever bother domesticated animals or fowls. Why should they? Are not the woods overrun with their natural diet? Devil take the professional hunter and trapper! If we had more rodent eating animals there would be no need of putting out malignant poisons.

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Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 o'clock p. m.

We are glad to have the CCC boys back with us again. Charles Willis one of the boys will lead the Young Peoples service, a gospel message will follow.

We expect to start special services about March 19th and these will be conducted by Rev. E. E. Taylor. You are cordially invited to attend.

Memorandum for All Cattle Permittees

There will be a general meeting of the cattle permittees running cattle on the Page Creek district Saturday night, March 8, at 8:00 p. m. in the Redwood Ranger Station office.

Those operating on community ranges and new applications will be particularly interested. Supervisor E. P. Cliff of the Siskiyou National Forest plans to attend. Bring your range problems for discussion.

Ivan Haberman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haberman, of Selma has been accepted for enlistment in the US Navy. He will leave tonight for Portland for final examination and if accepted will be sent to San Diego for eight weeks recruit training. A navy recruiting officer is now visiting Grants Pass on Monday and Tuesday of each week with offices in the Post Office building. Young men who apply at this office are receiving full examinations without the necessary trip to Medford.

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