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NOT SO FAST

It looks as if we Americans are getting fooled by our own propaganda. The president goes overseas and word comes back of great things done, big plans made for immediate extermination of all enemies by an offensive that shall be irresistible and ruinous to the hopes of the dangerous dictators.

Citizens anxious to hear such good news, forget the history of such remarks, and begin to believe them. Then the leaders of government and military forces at home have to come out with statements saying that a long hard war is ahead and that the enemy is still dangerous and not completely subdued and that all must go to work each day until victory is a reality.

It sometimes looks as if the best propaganda for the enemy comes from our own leaders who get so thrilled with their own exploits that they think the job is nearly done.

No one has been able to tell us how near to collapse Germany is, but the best evidence is that she is doing alright yet. Hamburg and Berlin have been bombed as have many other cities, her armies have been crowded back from their farthest gains, her submarines chased back to their bases, but Germany fights on. We gave untimely praise to the English (and they deserve it) for remaining obdurate under bombing. Now we claim to have sent many times the amount of bombs Germany took to England. Who shall say in the history books that the Germans are not entitled to similar praise?

If bombs have not shaken them, if Russian defeats have not made their people discontent with their ruler, if the loss of Italy has not caused them to quit, certainly a conference of their enemies is not going to do so. Did we quake with fear when Mussolini and Hitler met in the Brenner pass, or did we prepare to fight harder?

It seems apparent that Germany is not going to be defeated until our armies march into Europe and wreste the soil of Germany from her defenders. We are doing ourselves no good when we believe—regardless of who engenders the thought—that there is an easy way to win or that victory is to be obtained by some sly stroke of diplomatic hocus-pocus.

No doubt the recent conferences were important; no doubt plans were made, no doubt some of them will be found feasible. What we must not forget is that planning is not going to win the war, (We've gone a little crazy about plans anyway). Proper plans, amended as need arises, properly executed, will win.

The burden is going to fall on the men in the ranks who execute the plans. It is going to take them a long time, it appears. Perhaps the more time they are given the more of them will come home. It is certainly an unpopular thought, but the evidence leading to ideas of an easy or quick victory is not conclusive. In fact, most of it is not evidence, it is wishful thinking. He who perpetrates it does our side no good.

WE PLANNED IT THAT WAY

A short time ago farmers were asked to raise more livestock, were given goals by government agents that required more meat animals on the farms. Farmers were willing to oblige

even though they did not care to get into the stock business. They bought cows to raise beef and sows to raise hogs. That all took some time for they were not readily available, or there would have been no shortage in the first place.

This year that stock production very well. The government has established quotas of slaughtering, has rationed meat to customers, has put ceilings on prices for meat animals and now has raised the price of feed wheat so much as to practically remove the subsidy for feeding.

Government agriculturalists often talk of the beauty of planning for farmers. Planning, they say, can remove the peaks and valleys of farm prices and production and give a steady market. The example of what has been done with livestock is an example in reverse. The government has ruined the price of what was one of the most stable farm crops.

Northwest feeders and livestock men have tried for years to improve the market for fed stuff. If that could be done a market would be made for tons of feed grains that would help the general agricultural picture. Now that good work has been set back for years. No one is going to feed stock. There will be no grain fed, steers. There will be fewer hogs. There will be more farmers distrustful of the intelligence and integrity of government agents.

The death of Jim Coleman leaves one fewer of that group of Americans who were guided by conscience alone. Spiritually, often actually descendants of the Puritans who came across the ocean to worship as they pleased (and then made others conform) they have been pioneers in many states. Hope of personal gain, promise of physical ease or the pleasures of the flesh had no effect on their decisions where conscience was concerned. Many came to this section from Iowa, relayed from New England. They had built those square fronted houses, invariably white, stern looking that give austerity to Iowa landscapes. They fostered a society that was hard and virtuous, shrewd and careful, honest and upright. Later day thinking has led us into morals these ancestors deplore. Easier living has made easier morals. Perhaps another generation will find us following their teachings to reach spiritual salvation not gained in a softer life.

From this elevation it looks as if Governor Snell is absolutely correct in his decision against a special session of the legislature to reconsider post-war plans. Probably the same men are asking it as did most of the howling last winter for a reduction in the income tax. They got the reduction over protests that money would be needed for rehabilitation of soldiers and other postwar work. That decision was generally praised. Furthermore, we are doing ourselves little good to give our main interest to post-war plans now. We need all our thought on winning the war.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Dec. 19, 1924 More than one hundred attended the father and son banquet at Hotel Moro last Monday evening, given by the Moro community club. Dr. Thompson, of Portland, was the speaker of the evening, taking as his topic the subject "What profit a father if he gains the whole world and loses his son?"

Quite a flurry in wheat was in evidence in Moro last Saturday when the offered price reached \$1.50 and more here. Several are reported to have sold their holdings at the price and higher figures during the day. E. T. Strong is credited with receiving the best price paid, he having sold 400 sacks bulk grain for \$1.53 at Moro.

The C. L. Powell farm residence, occupied by V. S. Barr and family, was completely destroyed by fire last Monday morning, together with almost all the contents of the building.

From the Observer, Dec. 16, 1904 A string of 80 young mules were taken through Moro Sunday to pasture in the vicinity of Grass Valley.

"A White Mountain Boy" is being rehearsed by the local dramatic troupe, to be presented next month. Chief actors are: Mr and Mrs L. Barnum, Misses

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not all the statistics presented by the president hold water, because they have been handed to him by bureaucrats who are anxious to put their best foot forward and their figures are not carefully checked.

After all, the occupant of the White House has been so absorbed in international affairs that he has neglected the domestic scene and has to rely for his information on the bureaus. Formerly the president would dig in to a problem to satisfy himself, but came the war and that has claimed his major attention.

Why Harry Hopkins and his wife left the White House and rented an old house in Georgetown has caused endless gossip in social and political circles. One theory is that Mrs. Hopkins insisted on leaving the presidential mansion because she wanted a home of her own and was weary of being a guest of the Roosevelts. Harry, however, was quite content to be "the man who came to dinner" and wished to remain under the same roof with his pal, the president; but his bride's insistence prevailed. Latest yarn in the national capital is that Hopkins and Wendell Willkie understand each other and that it was Harry who talked the president into assigning a plane and crew for Willkie to circumnavigate the globe last year when planes and pilots were sadly needed in the European theater.

Number one development on the Columbia river as a post-war project will be construction of Umatilla dam. It is estimated by the army engineers that the cost will be \$47,000,000 and that it will have power as well as navigation. This was intended as the first step in the development of the Columbia, but later a site was found at Bonneville. The project is assigned to Washington and Oregon, as both states will be benefited although from a navigation point of view it will better for the Columbia basin when the reclamation project is completed as it will furnish water transportation.

The recent order of the U. S. maritime commission suspending Sunday work in several of the large northwest shipyards is the forerunner of abolishing one complete shift in many of the expected maritime commission yards. Before next spring it is

Edna Strahl, Belle Fritzmair, Lulu Bolton and Ella Anderson, Messrs Ben Peetz, Jack Hickson, and L. D. Idleman.

Robert Kaseberg is in a St. Louis, Mo., hospital being treated for varicose blood veins.

Mayor Ladru Barnum was around yesterday trying to trade a linen coat for a dry load of wood.

From the Observer, Dec. 18, 1914 Christmas vacation in the Moro schools will begin the Wednesday evening before Christmas and terminates Monday morning after New Years.

The passenger train was wrecked Tuesday morning four miles this side of Biggs. It must have been quite a spill, with only property damage as the train did not arrive at Biggs until late that night and passed Moro south bound at 12:30 o'clock.

A special term of circuit court was held by Judge Parker at Moro Thursday in the injunction suit of J. J. Wiley to set aside the local option election at Grass Valley.

Sherman Chapter O.E.S. No. 132 met last Tuesday evening at the Masonic hall. The following officers were elected: Velma Bibb, worthy matron; A. A. Dunlap, associate matron; Dean Reynolds, associate matron; Alta May, secretary; Wallace May, treasurer; Dorothy Dunlap, chaplain; Vivian Ball, marshal; Romona Todd, organist; Paye Eakin, Adah; Vesta Eakin, Ruth; Ethel Clodfelter, Esther; Cecile Eakin, Martha; Florey von Borstel, Electa; Donald Clodfelter, warden; and Ted Ball, sentinel.

After the stated meeting the offices were installed in their respective offices. Vivian Ball was installing officer and Ellen Reynolds was marshal.

Mrs. Art Bibby and son, Stephen, and Mrs. George Smith went to The Dalles Wednesday on business. Mrs. Edison Sutherland of Pullman, Wn., accompanied them home to spend several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Art Bibby and family.

Mr and Mrs Edgar Alley, Dell Olds, Gus Engstrom, Mrs. Helen Bayer and daughter and Mr and Mrs V. B. Eakin were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Gus Hartmann of Wasco and their son, Charles, who was home on furlough from the Naval Training station at Fargut, Idaho, spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer.

Mr and Mrs Louis Sather of Kent and Don Cox attended a grange meeting at Rufus Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs C. R. Anderson went to The Dalles Saturday evening to attend a party given for the employees of the Standard Oil company at the Country Club.

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Mr and Mrs Roy Schilling and son, Gary, were dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs W. F. Schilling Sunday.

Mrs. Shelton Fritts went to The Dalles Friday where she entered The Dalles hospital for an operation Saturday.

Mr and Mrs George Wilcox and son, George Jr., were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. Ted Trimble was a business visitor in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mrs. W. F. Schilling spent the week end at the home of Mr and Mrs Art Schilling.

The Ladies Social Service club met at the home Mrs. O. N. Ruggles Thursday afternoon with 20 members present. A Christmas program was given by members of the club, Mrs. Arzell Lemley gave several readings, Rev. F. L. Caneff gave a reading, and the group sang Christmas songs. After an exchange of gifts refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Don Cox and his grand mother Mrs. W. J. Davis, took his mother, Mrs. Fred Cox, to Corvallis where she spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Al Roberts and

family. Fred Cox went to Oregon City Wednesday to deliver a horse going on to Corvallis to spend several days with his daughter and family. He and Mrs. Cox returned home Sunday stopping at Vancouver, Wash., to visit his mother, Mrs. Emma Cox.

Miss Betty Payne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben Payne of Grass Valley and Frank J. Emerson, son of Mr and Mrs O. F. Emerson of The Dalles, were married Monday December 6th at a ceremony held at Goldendale, Washington. Miss Payne has been employed at the J. C. Penny Co. store and Mr Emerson is a member of the Dalles Fire department. They will be at home at the Hall Apartments at Eleventh and Lincoln streets.

Bazaar and food sale

PLACE: Grass Valley Library TIME: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

SPONSOR: Social Service Society DATE: Saturday, December 18. Refreshments will be served.

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