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BEATING JAPAN

For some reason the propaganda seems to be that while we may (some say will) lick Germany this year without fail, the job of cleaning up on the Japs will be a long one.

Far be it from one so far removed from places where the truth is known to dispute the word of generals, government publicity men, admirals, or civil officials in federal service, but this statement must be made for its effect on the populace.

Germany is a nation that has taken unto itself the productive capacity of all of Europe, has millions of capable men to produce for her, has an inventive people with resources of mind and material. True we have lots of help to smash Germany and have been at it a couple of years longer than we have been fighting Japan. But if we can lick Germany at all the Japs should give us little worry.

Germany is able to produce nearly as many tons of steel as we are; has manufacturing capacity for heavy industry; is consolidated. Japan has no heavy industry, no trained workmen of ability to improvise, is scattered over thousands of miles with a small merchant marine that cannot be depended upon for bringing raw material to her factories.

The Japs are doing very well as long as they can hide in a jungle and pick off attackers. Their navy is apparently afraid to come out and fight and without it the Japs cannot hope to win. Total production of steel in Japan is about a tenth of ours.

The German army is one of the best in the world, is well equipped, has heavy artillery, planes, is well fed. The Japs have yet to prove themselves capable of winning from any army. Even the poorly equipped Chinese army has held them off. Their planes are few and second rate, they live on rice and fish. The only trouble about licking them is to get them out of the brush.

When we have disposed of Germany the war against Japan should be in its last stage.

GIRDLES FIRST

Reflection should mitigate again at the surprise that comes from first reading of the War Production board story that women would rather have new girdles than new refrigerators. First on the list of musts for women is the best personal appearance possible.

Curdled milk, soggy lettuce warm beer are to be endured before miltady will be willing to let the world know that her figure has attained an unVenuslike roundness. She has more pride in her cosmetry than in her cookery.

Pride is in the possession and proper use of mechanical devices to make the bulging body seem as a willow withe. And lost, perhaps is the kind of pride that causes the gentle, but strong willed sex to really be willowy without aids.

This is an age of mechanics. By their aid we fly, speed along the earth, hear all over the world, see pictures from across the oceans in a few hours, keep food cool and ourselves hot, kill our enemies. It need not surprise us that women place so much store by the simple device that holds body and soul together and gives the former the rigidity of the more durable statures. This is a mechanical age and who can blame them if they want to look like it by trading expression for form.

WHEAT INCOME

In a speech made November 29 in the United States senate Senator Ellender of Louisiana quoted some figures from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics which are of particular interest in this county.

Supporting the subsidy payments the senator was showing the rise in farm income in different sections of the country. In the winter wheat area, according to his figures, the average farm net cash income was \$1990 in 1935-39 and in 1942 was \$5300 for an increase of \$3700.

That is the top increase now. Others are consistently less until the fire cured tobacco grower is shown with an increase in cash income of \$232.

For 1943 only partial figures were given and these showed an increase of \$4800 for wheat farmers over the 1935-39 average. Senator Ellender also quoted Bureau of Labor statistics to show that the average rise in cost of living was 50.3 percent in the other war and was but 24.1 now. (These figures do not agree with those of OPA Bowles)

Also quoted was a compilation showing that the prices received for farmers for all commodities was 91 in the last war and 119 this time, although wheat is one item with a smaller price now.

Inasmuch as cotton is one crop that gives, according to the chart a much lower increase than wheat, hogs or dairy, the Louisiana senator could not be expected to agree to a subsidy that would increase these prices further.

Wheat farmers may feel pleased that their product has achieved the greatest cash increase of any other crop. They may also feel a trifle nervous if they consider what may happen to the price under such circumstances, especially now that the price is a matter of government control.

One comforting thing about it all, however, is that no two departments of the government use the same figures or obtain the same answer.

Just because the winter so far has been a sort of a late fall is no reason to compare it with the early days of the war when it looked as if the European armies were going to sit it out. The old gentleman who handles the weather may have some thing right stimulating in store for us.

In Other Day

From the Observer, Jan. 9, 1925

F D Flatt returned late Tuesday from Eugene, where he had taken an auto truck load of furniture for Don Wheat.

The side frame broke on the cylinder press in the Observer office last week as we were finishing printing the paper for the week. As a result the office has been out of commission until late this week when repairs were completed.

Last reports were that the Al derdale ferry, operating about twelve miles above Arlington, was ice bound in the center of the Columbia just above that city.

The radio set put up at raffle by E R Barzee was won by Bruce Gochour who, in turn, sold it to Judge Wm. Henrichs.

From the Observer, Jan. 6, 1905 Elwood Thompson lost his mustache before New Years day, and the folks at home wouldn't have known him, but for the straight shoot he made for that coat anti-hat rack.

J F Foss is nursing a badly cut finger, which was injured by coming in contact with a chisel he was using on an emery wheel.

Grandpa Vinton was taken very sick while up on a visit to his children, but was able to return to Portland a few days ago.

From the Observer, Jan. 8, 1915 C L Montgomery had a finger split open last week, when an icy bar split as he was doing railroad section work.

Born to Mr and Mrs J R Cochran, at the L J Pape farm Wednesday morning, a ten pound girl. Dr. Poley attending.

One of the most jolly family parties of holiday week was the one at the farm home of E A Cushman for Christmas dinner.

The Observer has disposed of its old stand-by, the steam engine, and in its place we have an untamed 2-horse gasoline engine which required the efforts of about all the experts in Moro to subdue and nearly put our cylinder press on the blink in the mael.

WAKE UP, AMERICA! Would a World Federation With Power Be a Step Toward Peace?

As debated by Max Eastman, Internationally known author of "Heroes I Have Known," Poet, Editor and Lecturer

MR. EASTMAN OPENS: Men have an irrepressible tendency to form groups with which they identify themselves, and from which "outsiders" are excluded. Since men are naturally pugnacious, this of necessity gives rise to group or gang wars.

MR. FLYNN OPENS: If I believed a world federation with power would assure peace, I would take it despite other defects. But I think such a federation would assure for us not peace but war. The one great cause of war is the assertion by a few powerful nations of the right of aggression.

MR. EASTMAN CHALLENGES: Mr. Eastman is right. Men once lived in gangs and gang wars resulted. They were stopped when the non-gang people combined to suppress them. But this world federation will be formed by nations which are gangsters—meditating new aggressions or enjoying old ones.

MR. FLYNN REPLIES: If the aggressors will not end their aggressions, hope of peace is impossible. Our course then is to protect this hemisphere from Europe's wars. But we may hope for progress even among the aggressors.

Kelly's Column

(Continued from Page One) mers to buy army jeeps after the war, but at present there is no channel through which such purchases can be made.

The purpose of the Patman bill is to assemble, classify and arrange for the sale of all such surplus goods without disruption of markets and to the best advantage for the government. It is realized that as soon as the war ends there will be a vast amount of goods for which the army and navy will have no further use and speculators are in the field attempting to shape affairs so they can grab as much as they want and re-sell to the public at handsome profit.

Additional nurses are needed for the armed forces and every available channel is being hony combed to obtain more Angels of Mercy. Dr. Thomas Parron, surgeon general, is starting a campaign to enlist approximately 7,500 young women for the spring classes to enroll in the army schools of nursing.

Make it a thrifty CHRISTMAS—give WAR BONDS. Keep on EACKING THE ATTACK.

Glen McLachlan Seriously Ill In Hospital

Glen McLachlan is seriously ill in The Dalles hospital having suffered a recurrence of stomach ulcers. He has had several blood transfusions and his condition is still critical.

Randall Martin has been ill with influenza at his home for nearly a week but is reported to be better.

Mrs Carl Ewing of Portland is here visiting her sisters, Leolla Walsh and Mrs Lawrence Kenny, for a few days.

Mrs L L Peetz went to Portland last Friday with her daughter in law, Mrs Dorothy Peetz, and expects to remain a couple of weeks for medical treatment.

The Missionary Society will meet Tuesday January 11th at the home of Mrs John Foss. Topic will be China and the Chinese people in the United States.

The Red Cross will meet every Wednesday afternoon until further notice at the Dewey Thompson home. Every one please come and help.

Mrs M A Bull, librarian of the Moro Public Library, wishes to announce that arrangements are being made to secure another group of books from the State Library and when received the library will be opened again for patronage.

Mr and Mrs Carles Powell are here from Portland on business. Mrs James Jones is working in May's store, taking the place of T S Reese left Wednesday for Livermore, California to spend the winter. Livermore is his old home and he will spend the next few months visiting relatives and old friends.

Word has been received from Lt. Eugene Spencer USNR that he has been transferred to Fort Chicago, California. He had previously been stationed in Hollywood, Fla., where he had been head of the ordnance and aviation departments of the officers indoctrination school. On his way west he stopped and visited his brother Pvt. Clarence Spencer, who is in the hospital at The Dalles and around camp.

A. H. Barnum shipped two cars of grain fed cattle to Portland for the Monday's market and sold them at near the top gure of \$16. Cleo-Barnum and two of his neighbor boys from Bend attended the New Year's dance at Kent and were guests of Mr and Mrs Lester Barnum until Saturday afternoon, when they returned to their respective homes.

Mr and Mrs A B Christiansen received word recently from their son, Robert, that he has been confined to a hospital for several weeks and in the mean time missed going with his crew to Alaska, so will now be assigned to another crew.

Mrs J C Huntley came up Monday from Portland to join her husband and help look after the Collis Moore ranch in their absence.

Mrs Tom Fraser returned the latter part of last week from a ten day visit with Mrs Paul Fraser and children at Halfway.

Moro Community Presbyterian Church

James D. Moberg, pastor. Bible School 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship 11:00 A. M. Christmas Program by Sunday school. Offering for missions. Sermon, "Renewing My Life" 2 Cor. 5: 17

Christian Endeavor 7:30 P. M. Wed. 7:30 P. M. Junior Choir Wed. 8 p.m. Prayer meeting.

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship at 11:00 A. M. Subject "When the war is over" Preaching service at the Grass Valley Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock p.m. Epworth League at 7:00 p.m. F. L. Cannell, pastor.

Christian Science Society Sunday morning services at 11:00 A. M. Subject "Sacrament" Wednesday night service at 8 o'clock testimonial of healing. The reading room in the rear of the building is open. All authorized Christian Science literature can be bought or borrowed.

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