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## J'VILLIANS PREDICT JAP WAR

### The EDITOR SPEAKING

Well, if it weren't for popular counteracting remedies suggested in magazine ads, we fear many girlish figures would be weigh off.

It would be fitting to measure encroachments of the present depression in terms of extra hitches taken in belts girdling men's stomachs.

We, your humble yet honest (hungry) scribe, have been wondering just why someone doesn't plant a bunch of catnip under W. A. Bishop's house.

Our opinion of a snappy comeback and unintentional admission would be for an illiterate, recoiling after a heated argument, to announce, "well, all I know is what I read in the papers."

It was demonstrated forcibly the past week that no matter how you try, the best way to remove any telephone pole having pride enough to stand up for itself is to go after ye obstruction with an axe, not a bumper.

Seems funny that our government, great and powerful enough to call upon each and every one of its men to lay down their lives, and expect said sacrifice to be given with a feeling of honor and patriotism, can't rustle a plate of beans and some honest work for the half-starved individual who, before many months pass, might be called to his maker while fighting to keep the world "safe for democracy."

And in this connection we'd like to add, although we were too young to enlist at the time, we had eyes to see just what became of many of the doughboys' jobs, sweethearts and wives. Stop and think what it means—thousands of happy, ambitious lives snatched away to protect somebody's dollar. And now when money is at a premium and could alleviate half the world's suffering, 86 per cent of it is held by the four per cent of our people who clamor for reduced wages. But don't get the impression we're bolsheviks—merely observative.

### B. CODY, PIONEER, HAS BALLARD RIFLE

An old Ballard rifle, used in the Chief Joseph Indian war in 1877, has been dusted off and trotted out for exhibition to friends along with an Oregonian, published in 1864, by Barney Cody, Jacksonville sexton. He was handed down the old relics and, having personally mingled with Indians and early wars, has kept the objects to remind of days when, as he states, it was not so unusual to see squaws carrying as many as eight scalps, all with different colored hair, advertising prowess of husband or friend.

The rifle, once in possession of United States forces fighting in eastern Oregon and Idaho, bears mute evidence of having encountered active opposition from the redmen. Two bullets are lodged in its stock, wedged deep in the wood. The Oregonian of many years ago carries glowing accounts of the then raging Civil war with full lineups of the days activities.

### DEER STARVING IN HILLS

Roy Parr, according to report, states deer are starving in great numbers in higher mountains in the Crater Lake forest region. Many have been killed by coyotes and panther due to inability of the deer to defend themselves in deep snow which covers upper reaches this winter.

### 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED WITH QUILT TYING PARTY

It was a happy birthday anniversary which Mrs. Louisa Ray of Ruch celebrated Friday, January 29, when she was 85. The day not only saw the completion of another useful year, but it marked the finishing of her winter's work—three quilts, to which she had given her best. Fourteen relatives gathered for the occasion and spent the day tying the quilts which Mrs. Ray had patiently pieced. The birthday dinner at noon was an enjoyable event of the day.

Mrs. Ray is one of Oregon's pioneers. Born in Illinois, she crossed the plains with her parents in 1853, and the family settled in the Willamette valley. Nineteen years later Mrs. Ray came to the Applegate, having been married in Jacksonville in 1872. She has lived on the Applegate ever since.

The quilt tying is an annual event, since Mrs. Ray devotes her time to this type of sewing every winter.

### EXPLAIN TAX LOSS TO CITY

At a sparsely attended meeting of the city council, presided over by Mayor Wesley Hartman, Jacksonville's shortage of funds and financial arrears were explained by L. J. Knox, Medford, auditor for this city. Knox submitted his audit reports, which were accepted by the group, and went into detailed description of the various tables and sets of figures the lengthy compilation contained.

Definite check-up on present standing of the treasury and various funds was given and it was brought out that city treasurer, C. C. Chitwood, had erred but 19 cents in the year's accounts. Councilman Dunnington suggested that recorder compile balances of various budget funds and as each expenditure was made that sum be subtracted from the proper account. This, he pointed out, would prevent overdrafts of budgeted amounts and would show, at each meeting, what balance if any the council might use without laying itself liable to action. Auditor Knox added that the idea was a good one and that, when budget was absorbed, such fund ceased to exist.

The auditor explained lack of money in the various funds as due to failure of tax and water collections to total amounts estimated and appropriated. Water collections alone, due to shortage last season, were \$700 less than anticipated. However taxes due in early spring will, in a great measure, replenish shortages now present. Copies of the complete report for 1931 were presented the mayor, recorder, treasurer and councilmen.

Few other matters of importance came up, mention being made of default by purchasers of city lots. Council authorized Knox to audit city's books for the present year after E. S. Severance stated that, although the community probably would have little cash, it would be well to learn where money should have come from and who chief creditors would be.

An excerpt from the audited report is reproduced on page four giving last year's expenditures from various funds, money received and balances, plus or minus, as of December 31, 1931.

### FINDING GOLD

Bill Canady has been finding gold averaging from 10 to 15 cents a pan on the old McIntosh place the past few days from an 18-inch seam above bedrock. At one time McIntosh, former owner, took out \$57 in gold from one pan of gravel on this property.

### New Encounter Discussed in This City Wherever Hot Stoves and Men May Come Together

War with Japan at an early date is predicted by the bulk of Jacksonville people, although many of them are reluctant to admit the probability and are far from favorable to the idea. As one prominent stove warmer declares, the Asiatics may as well take their licking now as later—he believes they have been inviting trouble for many years and are about to catch up with plenty of it.

Feeling along the coast particularly runs toward teaching Japan a lesson in major encounters and sending them back to their islands with less ambitious ideas concerning other territories. And this city, in line with popular sentiment, is waxing quite oratorical over the problem. Lengthy verbal essays may be heard at any hour and tobacco merchants declare the issue has increased sales tremendously. It has even reached the point where wives are beginning to worry over husbands worrying over China's worries.

Trend of thought and feeling would indicate Japanese are too aggressive a race to incite friendship from other nations and that sympathy of the entire world is with China. It must be admitted here, too, that the gold miners of this region have grown to possess great respect for the Chinese. And further, now that moratoriums are popular, what would be nicer than another big war so that this country could play Santa and extend

more debts? Nothing like a good moratorium to brace up a fellow, you know, with a few cancelled reparations for a chaser.

And it has been brought out in local circles that as soon as Japan has been given a thorough defeat the allies could fight among themselves for a few years longer deciding which should be awarded the spoils of war so as to continue prosperity the strife might bring and put another feather in some party's cap. Profiteering has become so difficult of late, besides. We might even simmer the thing down to the adept slogan: "They kept us out of unemployment, God bless 'em." Of course gassed, dead and maimed soldiers wouldn't count and, just as they were in the last fight, will promptly be forgotten by all but broken hearted mothers and wives. And what a golden opportunity such a further slaughter would offer congress to scoff at suggestions that a bonus be paid.

It was hinted by close observers that it may not be such a fine thing for the hapless fellows who should get in the way of Japanese slugs, bombs, poison gas and rice but let the mind dwell only on the benefits to be harvested by the people of this country who already have more money than they know what to do with. They could manufacture weapons, ammunition, clothing and devitalized food products

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### FOOD DEMONSTRATION AT APPLAGATE TUESDAY

How to cook strong flavored vegetables to eliminate an odor about the house was the subject of a demonstration at an all day meeting of the Home Extension unit at Applegate school house Tuesday.

The forenoon was spent with this demonstration given by Mrs. John Byrne and Mrs. Fred Straube, local leaders, who were appointed to attend a like demonstration at Medford last week which was conducted by Miss Lucy Case, nutrition specialist from O. S. A. C. and Mrs. Mabel Mack. At the close of the demonstration Tuesday the cooked vegetables, with sandwiches and fruit, were served for luncheon.

### MANKINS AND BELL MINE TAKING OUT QUARTZ ORE

Activities continue at the Mankins and Bell mine on Sterling with six men at work taking out quartz ore. The mine is yielding average ore, although the mill will not be put into operation until spring.

Three of the men are working in a section of the mine which is leased to Dalton brothers of Medford on the royalty basis.

### FALLS ON SIDEWALK

Miss Melva Anderson fell on the ice-covered sidewalk in this city Wednesday and struck her head on the cement. Injuries were so serious it was necessary to call Dr. Gillis, local physician, to attend the victim.

### SHOOT OPP STAMP MILL

The old stamp mill on the Opp property was blasted Tuesday preparatory to erection of new equipment. Price brothers, operating the venture, claim they have uncovered a good seam of tellurium quartz.

Son Christened—Richard Le Roy has been chosen as the name for the new son which arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Offenhauer January 27. The boy weighed eight pounds.

### COMMERCE CLUB DANCES TO HAVE NEW MANAGER

Saturday night dances in the old U. S. hotel in this city will have a new floor manager, H. H. Farley, beginning this week. Farley has been manager until recently and is well acquainted with operation of such entertainments. He hopes to swell the crowds which have been attending from 9 till 2 o'clock each week with renewed advertising force and improvements in arrangements and orchestra.

Although Saturday night's affair will be one of the popular regular dances, many novel and unusual events are planned for the spring season. Spot, commercial and masque dances are scheduled and promise to add interest and pleasure to the weekly gatherings. And a feature that is sure to please southern Oregon dancers is the new price schedule, reduced in harmony with general conditions. Seventy-five cents will be charged until 12 o'clock, when the admission will drop to 50 cents per couple.

### BUMPER FIDDLE CROP REVEALED

Viols, mill run and homespun, are prolific in this city. Since printing an account of Frank Zell's syrup can fiddle that produces such sweet, sticky notes, attention has been called to several other of the local creations. Prominent among these is one, perfect in appearance and pleasant of tone, fashioned from cottonwood and manzanita by Tom Lawhead, carpenter.

Lawhead, having been at one time fiddler for old-time dances, naturally had a yen for a violin which he could truly call his own. Tools were sharpened about a year ago and an elegant cottonwood tree attacked. As some had scoffed at the idea of this being adaptable for any such use, Tom proceeded to carve and whittle the soft material. The bottom and sides, following conventional shapes of standard makes, were fashioned from one whole piece, the top, with vents for sound, being carved from a second. The neckpiece, intricate and decorated, was purchased en masse from a music dealer, fingerboard of crimson manzanita being added from the back yard growths.

To the uninitiated, after close examination, it would appear the product of some great manufacturing company, but to Lawhead it represents much patience, skill and care. The entire instrument received a high polish and was sent through an ageing process just recently developed to artificially improve tone and quality formerly gained by many years use. This new discovery, according to the violinist, consists of long hours of boiling of wood used in making the sound box to remove sugar and starch, the resultant remains hardening and shrinking to form a mellow, tough amplifier for sound. In this case the cottonwood material was boiled in the family kitchen for 15 hours.

Besides adding to the unique collections of the instruments Jacksonville may boast Lawhead's masterpiece would add greatly to any orchestra, and it is anticipated that some day this city will present an ideal gathering point for a national own-your-own fiddlemakers convention. It may be, also, the industry will reach such proportions that oversupply of yowling neighborhood cats will be absorbed.

reach Edward and tell him of her confidence in him and her consent to let him shoulder his own responsibilities if he so desired.

What Edward has experienced since on the highway of life would make a story of its own.

### 'EDDIE' HOWBROOK REPORTED IN FRISCO

By MAUDE POOL

Alone in the noisy heart of San Francisco, Edward Howbrook, 15, must have been thinking of home and his friends, for he wrote a note to John Lovel of Little Applegate, a school mate and close friend, saying that he is working in a San Francisco grocery and is "safe" after having left his home the second of last November to meet what fate had in store for him. The note stated that Edward is staying at the Crown hotel, and is making fair wages at his work.

For eight years prior to last November "Eddie" had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kleinhammer. Only a little lad of 7 then, he was without parents or home until the late W. E. Hartzell, county judge, who had him in his charge placed him in his new home. He was attending the Jacksonville high school as a freshman, apparently happy driving his Ford to and from school when he started into the hills alone one morning before school. Sheriff Jennings was notified, and a thorough search was made for the boy in the mountainous country between Talent and Little Applegate. Later it was found that he had passed through Hilt, and only once since had he been heard of, which was when a 12-year-old friend recognized him at Redding, Calif.

Mute evidence of Edward's lonely tramp through the hills was found when members of the search party discovered his comb at the place where he had eaten a lunch of canned food which evidently he had obtained at Freeze-out cabin.

Edward had been a good boy, quick to make friends, and since his disappearance Mr. and Mrs. Kleinhammer have kept faith in him, believing in his ability to achieve and to choose the right road in life. Through a letter published in the papers after Edward's departure, which would inspire any wandering boy who might read it, Mrs. Kleinhammer endeavored to