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## Which Way America?

A SIMPLE little item from John Kelly, our Washington correspondent, tells us this week that war materials are being shipped from the Pacific coast to soviet Russia, ultimate destination unknown.

We believe Mr. Kelly to have good information for his report hence we cannot help but ponder a statement heard from an educated speaker this week that we should uphold the hand of the president in whatever course he chooses to follow.

The issue before the national congress today, namely the "lease-lend" bill, is so vital to the future of America that every person in the country should attempt to inform himself of its full ramifications. The president has asked for it; but we in America should not follow any man blindly, even though he be our president and credited with acting in the best of faith, when so much is at stake.

The man we heard speak this week is an educator, who should, of all people, try to encourage people to think, and think for themselves.

We do not know the answer to the riddle now confronting the nation. But we do know that the "termites" tending to undermine American principles and traditions were not fully listed by the speaker. They are not all foreign fomentation nor unwitting Americans who give credence to innocuous propaganda. There has been a general tendency toward national socialism under the new deal administration, undeniably disregarding all precedence in American government, which has had a greater effect upon the public mind than any innocuous statement of indirection hidden in school textbooks or expounded by agents of foreignisms.

Through the "lease-lend" bill, America today is on the threshold of placing all its future in the hands of one man. Liberties for which blood of our forbears was shed at Valley Forge and Gettysburg may be relinquished at one fell swoop. History teaches that human liberties once given up are not easily regained. May we recall that great patriot, Patrick Henry, who said, "Give me liberty or give me death."

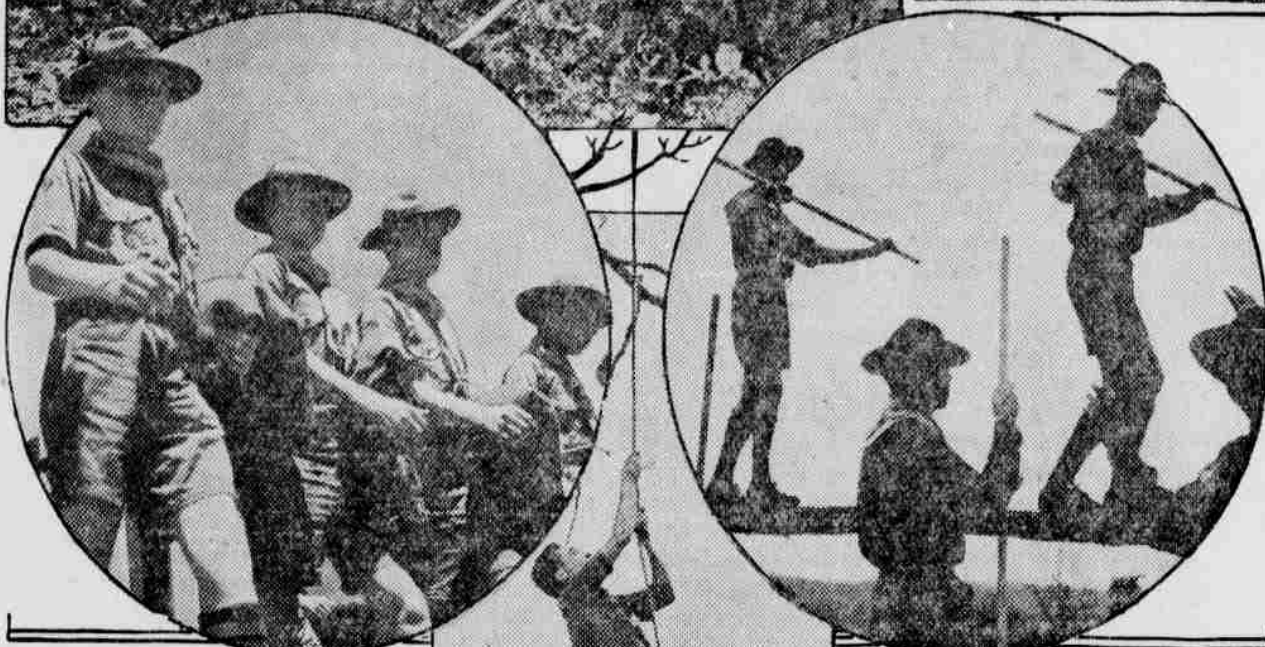
America's experience in the last World war, as the aforementioned speaker—himself a veteran—should recall, must give pause. Through several years of drastic depression the American people sweat to pay the unpaid war debts of those they sought to succor. What now of the "international bankers," the "munitions makers" whose cause has often been said to have then been defended?

Does the president have knowledge of the war materials now going to Russia, an ally of the hated Hitler? If so, is he acting in entire good faith? We in America have a right to know.

We want America strong, impregnable from invasion by a foreign enemy. But we have no brief to hold for the shedding of a single drop of American blood on a foreign battlefield. May the national congress, in any event, retain its prerogative to declare war, and make certain when delegating any extraordinary powers unto the chief executive that these powers will end when any true emergency that is determined to exist, ends.

News reports this morning say that the foreign affairs committee of the house has written a time limitation clause into the lease-lend bill.

## Scouts Prepared for Emergency Service



Boy Scouts here and throughout the country are now training in Scoutcraft and outdoor lore with new vigor to be better prepared for any sort of emergency and disaster service. Scout troops are forming units of Emergency Service Corps (see emblem, upper right above) and being trained in firefighting, first aid, rescue work and other service connected with emergencies caused by storms, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and any type of catastrophe.



At camp and on hikes, through games and other attractive activities of the regular Scout program, they are learning what to do in case of crisis and how to fulfill their promise to help other people at all times. Through demonstrations, displays and exhibits, in cooperation with established disaster relief agencies, they are doing their part to teach the American people to be prepared.

Mrs. Macomber with other members of the family from this county were present at the time, having responded to word of Mr. Mefford's serious illness, and remained for the funeral services.

Mr. Mefford was the father of George Mefford, former Boardman resident, now of Burns, and children surviving besides he and Mrs. Macomber include Mrs. L. V. Root and Mrs. E. J. Barlow of Boardman, Mrs. Evelyn Ide, Tacoma, Wn.; Mrs. Max Dewese, Corvallis; Albert and Russell Mefford of Salem; Alvin Mefford of Wapato, Wn., and Art Mefford of Lebanon.

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## NEWS VIEWS

By DR. WM. C. STRAM, O. D.

With football wrapped up in mothballs, baseball is showing signs of waking up. Players and managers are beginning to play hide-and-seek with contracts—the ball chasers asking twice as much as they are worth so they may finally get more than they expect. Managers are living in hopes their healthy young athletes won't attract too much attention from the draft boards. Picking high flies off an infield fence still misses as an "essential industry." A gleam has been noticed in the eyes of rookies, soda pop vendors and the Brooklyn Dodgers—so batting averages will soon be as familiar as the report of another tax increase.

A bunch of the lads in Coalinga high school in California have died their hair golden. Apparently that California sunshine goes to your head.

And talking about sunshine, Morrow county has been having considerable lately, with some of the liquid variety and some fog thrown in. But the weather has been great for welcoming the new-born lambs.

Your children have several months of this school term left—and it is wise to have their eyesight checked. Their eyes deserve only the best of care and you'll naturally want only the most modern methods used to determine what type of glasses they need. I use only latest and most modern equipment in my office and guarantee satisfaction. Eye examination without charge. Stram Optical Co., 225 S. Main St. Phone 403.

## Change in Bang's Law Advocated by Oregon Dairymen

A change in Oregon's Bang's disease control law to permit the use of calfhoo vaccination as well as the present test-and-slaughter method, will be advocated before the present Oregon legislature by the Oregon Dairymen's association as the result of action taken at the recent annual convention held in Grants Pass. The disease-control committee, headed by E. L. Peterson, Coquille, considered all angles of the Bang's disease problem, including the newest findings on calfhoo vaccination, and then submitted a report agreed to unanimously by all concerned.

The proposed law changes would permit the use of the calfhoo vaccination method under definite restrictions as outlined recently by Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the federal bureau of animal industry. It was pointed out that calfhoo vaccination will apparently be a valuable supplement to present highly successful control methods, but that it involves close attention to exacting requirements if it is to be successful, and under no circumstances may it be used safely by an untrained person.

Oregon has consistently led the nation in the fight against Bang's disease, partly as a result of the pioneer work done by the veterinary department at Oregon State college.

The dairymen's association also will sponsor a bill to raise money by a small assessment against butterfat sales, the resulting fund to be used in sales promotion work either in Oregon or in cooperation with national campaigns. The assessment of 1/2 cent per pound would be made only in one month each year, and would be a direct assessment against the producers, hence would have no effect on prices paid by consumers.

## CHIMNEY FIRE ALARMS

A chimney fire at the Glenn Jones farm home on Heppner flat about 9 o'clock last Thursday evening caused an alarm to be sounded in the city, resulting in response by the fire truck and many automobiles. Mrs. Jones was at home alone with the son, Billy, in bed upstairs at the time. When her attention was attracted and she looked outside the whole roof appeared to be on fire, and her first thought was to get her son to safety. A passing automobile stopped and the alarm was turned in. All danger was past when the help from the city arrived, and little damage is reported.

## ELIZA JANE MITCHELL

Mrs. Eliza Jane Mitchell, 79, former resident of Heppner and Ione, died at the St. Joseph hospital in Lewiston, Idaho, on Wednesday last week, according to word received this week. She was a victim of pneumonia. Interment was held Saturday at Lewiston. She is survived by the husband, Oscar Mitchell, and two daughters, Mrs. Iva Weatherford of Grass Range, Mont., and Mrs. Myrtle Oliver of Echo.

## CARD OF APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to members of the Heppner fire department and the many others who so promptly responded to the fire alarm last Friday evening to assist us.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Just in time for the President's Ball, lovely afternoon and street dresses at the Curran's Ready-to-Wear. 48.

Lost—4-mo.-old white female pup. Answers to name "Tike." Mrs. J. O. Hager.



## W. H. Mefford Dies At Lebanon Home

Mistakenly reported from Boardman last week was the death of George Mefford. It was W. H. Mefford, former Boardman resident and father of Mrs. Al Macomber of this city who passed away at his home in Lebanon on Tuesday of last week.

# Lambing?

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