

EDITORIAL



What Is It All About?

In a span of 52 years this country has been involved in four wars of major scope. The Spanish-American war, while looked upon by many as more or less as an incident compared with World Wars I and II, was the actual launching of the United States as a world power.

We drove Spain out of Cuba and the Philippines and sponsored organization of independent governments in those island countries. Well and good. But when we entered the first world war on a slogan of "A war to end all wars", and again got into the fray to help stop Hitler and "make the world safe for democracy", did we know what we were doing? Subsequent events bear no evidence of any such knowledge.

Pageant Of a Century

Readers of the Morning Oregonian are enjoying a privilege not accorded subscribers of many other western newspapers, if any, at this time. It is the opportunity to review 100 years of Oregon and Northwest history through picture and story as a special feature of the Oregonian's observance of its one hundredth anniversary.

A Successful Opening

Bigger places may have outscored Heppner on attendance at annual Christmas season openings but it is doubtful if more enthusiasm was displayed by the younger set that were bent upon seeing the mythical giver of gifts in person than the few hundred "kids" who greeted Santa Claus here Saturday evening.

To those responsible for the opening it must have been a matter of satisfaction the way the entire program went over and regardless of the planning and work of carrying it out they would

not find it a distasteful task to assume another time.

Freedom To Fish or Work

From "Vanguard", newsletter of the Transportation Association of America, comes material providing food for thought not only for those who believe much the same as the Vanguard editor but for those who have blindly followed the trend exemplified in the conduct of our national affairs the past eighteen years.

"There are some sharp fellows in our land who want to change things. They don't like facts like those on the back of this letter (showing that in free U. S. A. there is one automobile for every four people; in socialist England, one for every 22 people, and Communist Russia, one for every 252 people. This is one of three comparisons which, it is quite obvious, are not odious, except to the Russians).

"These sharp guys would do a lot of things like printing coupons to lick inflation (they like Big Government). . . but all we'd get would be hordes of sharp-pencilled bureaucrats and fresh headaches.

"No, we like this 'peculiarly successful free-choice system'—where we can choose between fishing and working.

"We like the system that has doubled production per man hour in 40 years . . . because it's pushed income up to match."

Some other pointed paragraphs from the Newsletter include such as this:

"Isn't it odd that we have to fight to keep what we have? Allan Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said it when he said: 'Freedom has to be re-earned in this generation—or lost.' We win for all of us, including our special task in transportation, if we are alert to every nibbling maneuver . . . if we insist on public officials who will fight for the free-choice system—freedom to succeed in the great American adventure."

What About Super Bombs?

A few issues back this page carried the opening paragraphs of a booklet on "Survival Under Atomic Attack." This week the reader will be given some insight relative to the super bombs.

Don't be misled by loose talk of imaginary weapons a hundred or a thousand times as powerful. All cause destruction by exactly the same means, yet one 20,000-ton bomb would not create nearly as much damage as 1,000 two-ton bombs dropped a little distance apart. This is because the larger bombs "waste" too much power near the center of the explosion.

To be more specific, a modern atomic bomb can do heavy damage to houses and buildings roughly two miles away. But doubling its power will extend the range of damage to only about two and one-half times as powerful, it would reach out only a little more than four and one-half, not 100 times as far.

And remember: all these calculations of your chances of survival assume that you have absolutely no advance warning of the attack.

Just like fire bombs and ordinary high explosives, atomic weapons cause most of their death and damage by blast and heat.

The American Way

LESSON IN HORTICULTURE

By GEORGE PECK

On a recent trip to Canada I had the pleasure of meeting an English-born Canadian citizen, who had immigrated to Canada shortly after having served in the British army during World War I.

Starting from scratch, he has built himself a fine little business; is the proprietor of a greenhouse and lives in a beautiful home which he owns. He is thankful that the economic climate of Canada permitted him by virtue of initiative and toil to raise his own blooms.

His accomplishment is similar to that of millions of other Canadians and Americans who under a Capitalist Economy have been able to achieve security for themselves and their families, without any assistance from a paternalistic government.

My excuse, therefore, for writing this piece is not simply to recount one more success story, but to pass on something he said to me during the course of our conversation. It has to do with the reason why he left England to take up residence in Canada, in which latter country he subsequently became a citizen and a successful businessman.

As a young man he had exercised the prudence and wisdom of voluntarily joining and paying dues into a society which protected him against financial distress in the event of illness or accident, and also provided death benefits.

Then, the British Government, sowing the seeds which eventually blossomed into the socialistic regime which now paralyzes that nation, launched its compulsory health program, which required all British citizens to pay into the fund.

No exceptions were made of the many who, like my Canadian friend, already thrifflily had made provision for medical care of their own free will. They were forced to "kick in" for something they neither desired nor needed.

This was the straw that broke the camel's back. Our erstwhile Englishman, now Canadian nurseryman, had become dissatisfied with other things that were taking place in England in the early 20's, but this shoving compulsory medicine down his throat was what finally decided him to tear up roots and go to Canada.

The things he foresaw and feared have come to pass. We now witness a formerly proud and self-reliant English people, bit by bit giving up the freedom which once permitted them proudly and truthfully to boast that "every Englishman's home is his castle."

But, thank the Lord, the spirit of enterprise is not completely dead in Britain. A recent survey by the British Institute of Public Opinion indicated that 48 percent of British adults under the age of 30 would like to leave England and settle in another country; this after only five years of socialistic government.

This would seem to indicate that the young men and women of England are "fed up" with the loss of liberty an individual initiative; that already they have discovered that the blossoms of regimentation are ugly weeds and not the beautiful flowers the socialist leaders led them to believe.

Compulsory government medicine was the entering wedge for socialism in England. There lies the lesson for us here in the United States of America where our "do-good" "starry-eyed" bureaucrats are trying to force compulsory health insurance upon us. Let's keep our doctors free of government regimentation and control so that they may continue to devise new and better methods for the prevention of disease and the alleviation of physical distress.

And let us remember that liberty and opportunity wither on the vine and die when government steps in to do for the individual the things the individual should do for himself.



WORLD AIR CONTRIBUTIONS Democratic leaders in Oregon have accused the republican state central committee of violating the corrupt practices act in not reporting the source of campaign funds of \$83,000 raised for the last election.

Spark plug of the movement (very much in the background) is State Senator Richard Neuberger who, with William L. Josselin, democratic state chairman, and James W. Goodsell are carrying the ball. It is reported that suit will be started against republican political party officers.

David B. Simpson, GOP finance chairman, says the act has not been violated, that party committees are not required to report names of donors.

Both republican and democrat leaders are forthright in stating that to carry out the intent of the law all sources should be reported in detail, instead of the too common practice of hiding names of contributors in committee reports.

David O'Hara, chief of the state elections bureau, is of the opinion there are some points of conflict in Oregon's corrupt practice act and the case will throw light on the weak spots in the law—another law revision job for the coming legislature.

DAM ON DESCHUTES With the objective of controlling the flow of the Deschutes river and furnishing irrigation for the valley, a tentative site for a federal dam was announced at the capitol this week by Lee McAllister, area planning engineer for the U. S. bureau of reclamation.

Dr. Charles P. Berkey, noted consultant geologist, headed a federal board that investigated the possibilities of the development of the last block of "dependable water supply" on the upper Deschutes river and decided on Brenham Falls as the dam and reservoir site.

GOVERNOR'S SHORT VACATION Palm Springs was the destination of Governor and Mrs. Douglas McKay when leaving Salem last Wednesday. They intend to spend a week at the California resort before going to San Francisco where the governor will attend; John Kelly, vice president; L. A. Hunt, secretary and Ed Nellis, treasurer.

tend a meeting of the Pacific coast board of intergovernmental relations, opening on December 15.

ASK HIGHER RATES In a suit now before the state Public Utilities Commissioner, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is seeking a second increase this year in phone rates. Company officials testified that a 7-12 per cent net return is necessary to attract needed new capital. Their earnings were \$8.55 a share for the year ending last August and return on investment amounted to nearly 6 per cent.

PORTLAND-SALEM 4-LANE The hourly volume of traffic on Fairgrounds road, Salem, is among the highest observed hourly volumes on two-lane road in the nation, according to the Highway Capacity Manual of the national bureau of public roads.

The reason for a four-lane highway between Salem and New Era, that would complete a four-line way from Salem to Portland, is that the west side highway 99 in the Dundee district is four-line, with only about one-third the traffic that moves between Salem and New Era.

UNEMPLOYMENT PAY UP Benefit payments to unemployed workers increased in November approximately 64 per cent over October. Unusually heavy payments were made during the last week of November.

Claims have been increasing recently because of seasonal letdowns, however, last week's total of claims of 12,657 was below the 26,638 of last year and the 15,397 two years ago.

SALVAGE OLD TIRES The state of Oregon is salvaging old tires—now. Governor McKay learned at the last meeting of the board of control that some state departments were interested in getting only new tires when those they were using showed wear. The governor, who has one of the largest garage businesses in the state, said, "Its about time the state get every old tire back when a new one is issued. Some can be retreated and even those that are worn so badly that it would not be profitable to retreat them can be salvaged."

Secretary of State Earl Newby said he had instructed heads of his department to turn in old tires. He said the state police and highway departments have been salvaging old tires for a long time.

Hereafter all old tires will be turned in when new ones are furnished.

A NOTE OF THANKS On behalf of the Morrow County Shrine Club, I want to thank

all the good people of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties for their generous donations to the public sale of the Shrine Club on last Saturday. The sale resulted in a tidy sum which will be used for the benefit of the crippled children in destitute circumstances, who may be treated without charge at the Shrine Hospital in Portland.

Again, I thank all the donors of the saleable materials and all those who helped make the sale a success.

J. O. Turner, Shrine Club president.

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30 Years Ago HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES December 9, 1920 Eleanor, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McDuffy, died at the family home Wednesday afternoon, following a long illness. Horace Wells died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wells early this morning. The young man had been ill for two weeks, apparently suffering from meningitis. Born--in this city Tuesday, December 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Furlong, a daughter. Born--in this city to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pearson of Lena, a daughter. Cecil Lluellen suffered a broken leg Wednesday when a horse he was riding slipped in the mud and fell on him. Born--to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Way of Lexington on Sunday, December 5, a daughter. A. B. Strait, Wells Springs farmer, will hold a public auction sale at his ranch next Monday. Officers were elected for the ensuing year at the Morrow County Woolgrowers meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday afternoon: John Kilkenny, president;