

THOROUGH America celebrates Independence Day. One hundred and thirty-three years ago America declared its independence from Great Britain. This independence has been steadily maintained, until today the United States is not only independent of every other country, it is stronger than any other country. In fact, it is now the richest and most powerful country the world has ever seen.

That we should celebrate such an event, and take pride in such a situation, is only natural and proper. But while we do the eagle scream it might be well to realize that with such a nation, as with an individual, independence is something that can be overdone.

When independence becomes selfishness, and a consciousness of power is allowed to develop a spirit of arrogance, the time has arrived to question and take stock of things, for there are breakers ahead.

THE truth is that, as the world is constituted, absolute independence either for the individual or a nation is impossible. No matter how capable an individual may be, unless he considers the rights of others, he is riding to a certain fall. It is the same with a nation. For in spite of the materialist, stronger than anything money can buy, more powerful than anything the human mind can devise, is good will—the good will of others.

These super-patriots, who oppose any consideration for others, who make a virtue of selfish isolation, invariably fall back upon George Washington's farewell address for justification, the warning against entangling alliances.

But in that same address the Father of His Country warned even more strongly against that perversion of independence which would make a virtue of isolation, and justify a country in adopting its own course with complete disregard of others.

IMMEDIATELY after the Revolution, a bitter dispute arose with Great Britain over the northeastern boundary, and there was an insistent demand that America again fight for her rights. President Washington refused, and in spite of bitter criticism, insisted upon and secured arbitration.

It was in justification for this that he said: "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all. Religion and morality enjoin this conduct and can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and at no distant period a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by a scaled justice and benevolence."

As far as we know that extract from the farewell address has never been used as the text for a July 4th oration, but the time has arrived when it should be.

The greater nation George Washington envisaged 153 years ago has been created—greater than anything he or anyone living at that time could have dreamed.

But the policy he then urged, for a weak and struggling nation, is as desirable and necessary today as it was at the close of the nineteenth century.

For only through maintenance of such a policy, can the position this country has attained be made secure, and serious trouble, if not ultimate disaster, be avoided.

IS THE FOURTH TOO SAFE AND SANE?

THERE is a general impression abroad that the Fourth of July has become so "safe and sane" that it has also become a bore.

Remarkable strides have been made toward reducing the slaughter on Independence Day, but looking over the files we find that, in the matter of casualties, Young America is still doing pretty well.

A year ago tomorrow 239 men, women and children in this country were killed, directly due to the celebration.

Eighty-six of those fatalities were due to fireworks. Automobiles killed 76. One hundred and sixteen people, celebrating the day, were drowned. Over a dozen were killed by stray bullets, 50 died from tetanus poisoning, and there were four fatal airplane accidents.

The grand total of the violent death list reached 340, but the National Safety Council only charged 239 directly to the Fourth.

Under the circumstances, we are persuaded to complain about the Fourth of July becoming too safe and sane. There would still seem to be room for further accomplishment in this direction, and justification for the advice that there are better ways to celebrate the Fourth than by fireworks.

How do you recognize success? Well, you have arrived if your enemies call you an upstart and friends call you a "lucky stiff."

Mr. Raskob would enable the poor man to buy stocks and thus make him rich. The banks, you remember, enabled the poor man to buy land a few years ago.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Special notice pertaining to personal health and hygiene, set in disease diagnosis or treatment, will be accepted by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written to him. Every case he made a matter of working up to his satisfaction. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

FIRST AID FOR FIREWORKS INJURIES.



Thanks to medical and health education of the public the annual toll of casualties from Independence Day celebrations is now reduced almost to nothing. True, a good many children are hurt, but when these hurts receive proper treatment very few of the victims die, as compared with the frightful toll of this holiday a generation ago.

There are certain essential facts which every one should know about wounds from fireworks, and which, if not known, may be a likely source of blood poisoning (tetanus), and a possible source of lockjaw (trismus). This is particularly true of slight injuries which may not seem, at the time, to require medical attention.

In any case where border gains bits of wadding or paper or street dirt of any kind appear to be embedded or may possibly be embedded in a wound, immediate surgical care and the immunization of the patient against tetanus should be sought, for it is in such wounds that this deadly lockjaw infection is most likely to develop. The tetanus bacilli are likely to be present in the wadding or other material used in fireworks, and likely to be present in street dirt at this time of year. The surgical treatment required in such cases includes thorough cleaning of the wound by the doctor and a proper dressing. Then a dose of the prophylactic antitetanus serum. A dose of this serum administered at this time pretty dependably prevents lockjaw in any case. After lockjaw develops the serum is too feeble to cope with the tetanic poison. If the serum is not given immediately, then it should be given at the earliest opportunity, within a day or two following the injury.

It is safest, wisest and most economical to give all such wounds the benefit of immediate medical care. But if such care is not available then probably the best first aid is a simple application of tincture of iodine or mercuric boric and a simple dressing of sterile gauze or freshly ironed lint. Soothe the burn with a bandage or adhesive strapping to hold the dressing in place. If there is raw surface, a coating of sterile (freshly boiled) petroleum will prevent sticking. These injuries heal better without the use of so-called "healing" salves. If they can be kept protected from contamination. Soothe the burn with a bandage or adhesive strapping to hold the dressing in place. If there is raw surface, a coating of sterile (freshly boiled) petroleum will prevent sticking. These injuries heal better without the use of so-called "healing" salves. If they can be kept protected from contamination.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Soap Is Sanitary. Please tell me whether plain bar soap, purchased in bulk and without wrapper, is safe to use? Would such soap carry dirt or infection in its erosions or crevices from one user to the next user? Would immersing the bar in soap in a bottle of mercuric solution? H. T. McCL.

Answer—The soap itself is quite sanitary, a good antiseptic and perfectly safe for any number to use. Applying a mercuric or antiseptic to soap or mixing such an agent with soap, is like painting the lily.

I Versus Everybody. You say soda is not good for the stomach, yet everybody tells me to use it for heartburn. Mrs. P. A. H.

I take 2 teaspoonfuls of soda a day. Do you think it injurious to take so much and do you think it's all right for the heart? Mrs. R. E. D.

Answer—I do say soda is not good for the stomach, but usually that it is harmless to take occasionally or over a short period. I should not advise any-

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for words like 'STAPLE CLAIMS', 'REARER LISTEN', 'ON CARLOCK RO', 'RAT POISE AGO', 'ECRU REE STEP', 'DEATHS DRIFTS', 'ITO ALL', 'SINERS UGLIER', 'USER CUR SERA', 'GAD BANAL RAP', 'AI MARINER SI', 'RAMOSE UNITED', 'SHAPES SABERS'.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-42 indicating starting positions for words.

longing to John Hay Whitney, went into a talk-in.

In justice to aviation, it should be said that the fault, apparently was not with the plane, but with the reckless daring of the pilot.

Flying perilously low, and up only 20 minutes, he had performed dangerous "stunts" close to the ground.

Kemal Pasha, dictator of Turkey, may visit us. He will be welcome and interesting, for dictator or no dictator, he is a real man, inheriting the power of the ancient Turks.

Anybody able in a few days to get rid of the caliph, take the veil from the faces of women and prove Mohammed himself out of date, must have power.

When one told Napoleon of some good piece of work the emperor would say: "Very good; what did they do the NEXT day?"

Bobby Jones could answer that question satisfactorily.

On Saturday he tied Espinosa for the open golf championship of America. The next day he beat Espinosa, doing the two rounds of 18 holes in 72 and 69.

"Anybody could lead my band—for a little while," said Sousa. "Anybody can play good golf—for a little while."

After all, the most effective way to get rid of fat is to divorce it.

Roosevelt's "lunatic fringe" does not harm good causes any more than bad ones.

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Communications

A Warning is Issued. To the Editor: Notice to the kind, thoughtful, peace loving neighbor, in the vicinity of 216 Haven street, Medford, Ore.

As I do not know you and have no desire to make your acquaintance, I therefore take this means to thank you very kindly for turning me in to the police department as being a participant in a wild and noisy party, which seems to have taken place last Saturday morning on your beloved street. I can truly say that I do not appreciate having members of the police department calling upon me under such narrow minded circumstances. I beg to impress upon your mind before the public of this vicinity that I am not a member of that party and hope in the future when you have occasion to complain to the police, that you will at least make sure who the complaint should be made against, otherwise you will no doubt be called upon, through the proper authorities, for proof of your complaint.

F. J. "JOE" HARDESTY, Club Cafe.

July 3, 1929.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.)

Hundreds of thousands cheered King George returning to his palace in London.

Other thousands, in Madrid, carrying British flags, cheered the British embassy because a British boat saved their fliers. They also cheered their queen, an English princess.

Good times for British royalty.

Wednesday at noon Lord Sankey, in the house of lords, read "the king's speech"—the king is not well enough to read it.

Lord Sankey, lord chancellor of England, is part of the party, and the speech that he read for the king, was a speech written by Ramsay MacDonald, socialist head of the British labor party and British prime minister.

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Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From the files of Mail Tribune) July 3, 1919. Toledo—Joe Willard 10-8 favorite over Jack Dempsey fight in morning. Chicago—Meds. Journal many farmers here swamped by orders as result of prohibition. "Hello" girls on strike in Medford for \$18.10 per week declare they will win. Miss Markdall receives wire from Edna Hofer that Willard will win unless Dempsey knocks him out. Freddie Anderson outlasts Jess Ingram of Central Point at Page theatre smother. Mayor Gabel to be guest of honor at Ashland rodeo tomorrow.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY (From the files of Mail Tribune) July 3, 1909. Medford Lumber company, J. H. Cooley proprietor, opens for business. Due to rapid planting of orchards the wheat production of Rogue River Valley has dropped from 400,000 to 1500 bushels, according to Fred Burrows of the Virgin Mills at Harrows.

E. T. Staples and Louis Dodge to establish a burro line from Ashland to top of Mt. Ashland. The Bungalow is Medford's newest dance hall and skating rink. Central Point's new commercial club is opened.

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Acidity

The common cause of digestive difficulties is excess acid. Soda cannot alter this condition, and it burns the stomach. Something that will neutralize the acidity is the sensible thing to take. That is why physicians tell the public to use Phillips Milk of Magnesia.

One spoonful of this delightful preparation can neutralize many times its volume in acid. It acts instantly; relief is quick, and very apparent. All gas is expelled; all sourness is soon gone; the whole system is sweetened. Do try this perfect anti-acid, and remember it is just as good for children, too, and pleasant to take. Get the genuine—

There's just so much money. And when Wall Street makes a new millionaire, 3711 suckers lose their shirts.

The poor have one consolation. They aren't doomed to be lonely because nobody can follow their pace.

The ass that spoke in Bible times didn't get off a long spiel about the marvelous sandals made by the company providing the program.

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