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It is now reported the state plans to "make the liquor laws tighter," in an effort to lessen the same condition in the imbibers.

Last week a 14-year old Missouri girl was married for the second time. In Shasta county, Calif., the juvenile authorities are investigating a plot concocted by a 12-year old boy to blow up a schoolhouse and poison his teachers.

A CHRISTMAS STORY (Yreka (Calif.) Journal): "Dear Mother: I received your letter and was glad to hear from you."

Secy. Ickes now threatens the nation with a Third Party movement, there not being enough plagues upon the land. No other statesman would cloud the Christmas season with such a proposition but he.

"LAWYERS WILL TALK"—(Hdline Red Bluff, Calif., News). There's always a first time.

The esteemed Oregonian editorially notes, it made a mistake, in attributing to Lord Byron, poetical lines authored by Robert Lovelace. The lines were:

"Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor iron bars a cage—" They do too, citizens interned within a claim.

"Now he is a changed creature. Sometimes I fear he hates me. He curses like a sailor and his disposition is ruined. I must attribute the change to this association with the college mate and his sister. But what on earth can parents do to save their child when he doesn't want to be saved from bad company? We have thought of cutting his allowance and warning him that if he marries the girl we will wash our hands."—Love Agony Col.—It's a desperate remedy, but go ahead and take a chance!

Barnum, Sucker, Too: Litchfield, Conn. (U.P.)—P. T. Barnum, who coined the phrase "there's a sucker born every minute" proved himself no exception. A town history showed the famous circusman sank \$10,000 in a phony copper mining enterprise.

Opens Nursery: Pittsburg, Kas. (U.P.)—The Rev. A. B. Miller has opened a nursery at the First Presbyterian church for mothers who said they could not come to church because their children would not be quiet.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

What Do Men Die For?

WE HAVE been wondering,—Perhaps this ship-scuttling by Germany, and "RETIRING" quality of the Soviet army add up to something pretty important.

For the sea and land forces of the two totalitarian powers appear to have this quality in common,—they are willing to FIGHT for their respective fatherlands, but not so willing to DIE for them.

And we wonder if any form of government, in this highly competitive world, can endure for long, if its people,—the rank and file,—are not only willing but eager to DIE for their country, if NEED BE, at any place or any time?

DON'T misunderstand us. We are not trying to indict either nation,—as Mr. MacCaulay said that can't, with justice, be done. We have no doubt the German and Russian races are inherently as courageous as any other races, and under similar conditions will fight as bravely and as well.

But that's just the point,—are the conditions, SIMILAR?

TAKE the Russian soldier for example. Unlike the Finnish soldier, he isn't fighting for his home! He is fighting to get someone else home. He isn't fighting in defense of his country. He is fighting to destroy the life of some other country.

Granted the average Russian soldier is pretty dumb, is there ANY soldier of ANY race, so dumb, that he could fail to sense, when he is fighting, for his own fireside, and when he ISN'T? When he is engaged in an imperialistic adventure and when he isn't?

We doubt it.

AT ANY rate, while these daily reports of smashing Finnish victories are no doubt exaggerated,—(while negotiating for a foreign loan the Finns wouldn't care to broadcast serious reverses and defeats),—expert military opinion seems pretty well agreed, that in spite of Russian superiority in the air, in mechanized equipment and in numbers, the Finns have, to date, made monkeys out of their opponents.

Yet at the close of the World War these same Red Troops, inferior to the "Whites" in everything but fighting spirit, inflicted crushing defeat after crushing defeat upon their counter-revolutionary opponents.

To a man up a tree it certainly looks, therefore, very much as though the effectiveness of any army depends largely upon its morale,—what it's fighting for,—whether it's fighting for its very life and its ideals, or ISN'T.

SO WITH the German navy. In this direction one should not forget the revolution that finally overthrew the Kaiser and ended German resistance, started in the Imperial fleet. The fleet, even at that time preferred scuttling, to fighting it out to the death. In other words the morale of the German navy, apparently, has never been particularly high.

Now with the "King and country" motif absent, replaced by the ex-papier-hanging sergeant and his Reich, with its pogroms and concentration camps, it would not be surprising, would it, to find the officers and men of the Nazi navy, not imbued with any EXCESSIVE spirit either of devotion or self sacrifice?

FOR after all, what men fight and die for on sea or land, is not only their country in a material sense, but SPIRITUAL as well. In other words, what their country really means to them down deep,—the more it means, in entirely an IDEALISTIC sense, the harder they will fight, the more they will sacrifice to preserve it.

And while we don't doubt that as a general proposition the German navy and the Russian army are today entirely loyal to their respective governments, can there be, in this day and age, that same ardor and supreme devotion, to a despotism, where there is no individual liberty or freedom of action, but constant fear and apprehension,—as there can be to a free, independent, democratic government, such has existed in Finland for example, throughout its existence?

We doubt that too.

AT ANY rate with the Russian giant taking a terrific beating by land, and the German navy in spite of its hard-hitting pocket battleships, making such a sad showing by sea, isn't there some justification for suspecting the military or naval efficacy, of these two totalitarian governments?

And as a corollary isn't it equally reasonable to believe, that the absence of any genuine fighting IDEALISM,—the sort of idealism that would not only be willing but eager to die, at any place or any time that one's country might live,—has something to do with it?

One can't, thus early in the game, be dogmatic about such things. But at least it strikes us as an interesting, and somewhat heartening, suggestion.

"Freedom & Justice"

AS A postscript to the above the following may be interesting:

"All that can be said with certainty is that the pace will grow and the problems to be faced will accumulate, until there will be no way out save by a radical change in course. No revolution can last forever. Those institutions alone can be permanent that serve spiritual and not biological principles, that serve JUSTICE AND EQUITY and voluntarily accept limits to their authority. Not a maximum of power and dominion but of FREEDOM AND JUSTICE, is the proper air of any reordering of Europe.—This much is certain that the present course (Hitler's) will end in German ruin!"

This is not an English, French, American, or

Polish, opinion, but the opinion of a German, a former loyal supporter of Herr Hitler's, and statesman high in his councils,—Hermann Rauschnig, former President of the Danzig Senate, as quoted from his recent book "The revolution of Nihilism".

If a man of Rauschnig's affiliations and background believes this, what must some of the non-political citizens of the Third Reich believe? And how can any navy,—or army for that matter,—be an effective force, when there is such dissension at home, a dissension that must to a greater or less extent, be reflected within the ranks?

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

OUR NATIONAL NAMBY-PAMBY DIET

Trying to tell how the human machinery works in the rigidly limited space available here daily is like explaining to your second wife via long-distance why you will be several days late returning home.



Due to modern refinements our national diet, according to good nutrition authorities, commonly provides insufficient calcium and vitamin D. Insufficient vitamin B-complex and iron, and perhaps in many instances there are shortages of other mineral elements and of other essential vitamins, but these mentioned are the important ones.

The vitamins are functionally related with the hormones or internal secretions in the body—such as thyroid, adrenin, estrogen and testosterone. Constant moderate deficiencies in intake of the essential vitamins probably (this is merely the notion of Ol' Doc Brady, remember) account for functional weakness or irregularity of the ductless glands in many cases.

At first thought it may seem a far cry from white bread and "purified" or partly digested cereal pap to infantile anorexia nervosa, intestinal indigestion, celiac disease, malnutrition, or juvenile anemia or hypochromic anemia in adults, chronic fatigue and spinal curvature—it may seem so to you. It doesn't seem so to me. But then, I am a bit hypped about vitamins, am I not?

It seems futile to talk about restoration of life to ghost, whether by requiring the use of a reasonable proportion of entire wheat for the making of bread or by requiring the addition of a reasonable part of the vitamin B-complex which has been removed in the refining of flour, altho nutrition authorities are considering both of these prophylactic measures.

It is not unreasonable and not impracticable to procure and keep on hand a supply of plain wheat and use it in the daily dietary, if you control the food supply in your own home. I have a monograph "Wheat to Eat" which gives instructions for the use of wheat—send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for it.

If you cannot control the food supply or preparation of food, then you can at any rate keep on hand a few pounds of wheat germ, and eat several tablespoonfuls of it daily, to increase your intake of vitamin B-complex which is sadly deficient in the usual namby-pamby diet.

If you will not or cannot effect either of the adjustments mentioned, then at least you can lay in a supply of vitamin B-complex tablets and furtively chew or swallow three to six of them every day—each tablet contains 150 international units of B1 (thiamin) so three to six probably give enough B to keep a normal person in fair functional health. One who gets enough vitamin B-complex daily will rarely have any iron shortage, for B-complex controls the assimilation of iron.

The other important deficiency of our namby-pamby diet is calcium and phosphorus, the assimilation, utilization and retention of which are controlled by vitamin D. Egg yolk, milk, cream, butter, oysters, fresh or canned salmon, sardines are virtually the only foods containing significant amounts of vitamin D. Milk, cheese, greens, peas, beans, nuts are the best food sources of calcium.

Various meats and fish are good food sources of phosphorus. Wheat is a good source of phosphorus, but most of the phosphorus is removed in refining wheat into white flour.

In infants, children and youths 10 to 18 years of age, it is generally advisable to supplement the everyday diet with additional vitamin D in one form or another, and in some cases the child or youth should also receive calcium and phosphorus along with the daily ration of vitamin D.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ambulant Treatment: Some of your readers misunderstand what ambulant treatment means. They expect to have the treatment of hernia completed in one visit to the office, and they even expect it to be done by some kind of hokus-pokus without instruments or injections. (— M. D.)

Answer—Ambulant treatment of hernia (rupture, breach) usually means eight to a dozen visits to the doctor's office at intervals of a week or so, for an injection at each visit. Two main advantages of this treatment over radical operation are that it does not require hospitalization and loss of pay, and it involves less risk than general anesthesia or even local anesthesia and a major operation. Aside from the fact that the patient carries on with his regular job and so loses no pay, the average cost of ambulant treatment is usually about the same as the cost of the radical operation (less hospital charges).

Tea and Coffee: Is it true that caffeine and tannin found in tea and coffee are harmful to the body? (V. M.)

Answer—As a general rule tea and coffee are rather healthful beverages for adults.

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first period of his service" he held his tongue while he formed his conclusions. The first conclusion he reached was that, while the national labor relations act was perfectly sound, the board's administration of the act was as bad as it could be. Partisanship, sloppiness, inexperience and arbitrariness were, so he thought, written all over the board's work. The secretary's office, presided over by Nathan Witt, formed a sort of bottle-neck through which the great majority of cases had to go. He believed that most of the trouble was concentrated in this bottle-neck.

The moment when Dr. Leiserson opened his attack on Witt was when Witt attempted to persuade the board to alter an already approved finding. His first effort was to have Witt's office abolished in favor of a committee of appeal, staffed by labor relations experts and charged with Witt's former function of reviewing field examiners' reports before presentation to the board.

Chairman Madden and the third board member, Edwin S. Smith, tried to give Leiserson the brush-off by arguing that competent labor relations experts were unobtainable. Leiserson countered by offering a list of 100 obtained from the civil service commission. Madden and Smith then openly refused to remove Witt or reduce his authority.

There followed the numerous conflicts over Witt which are now on the public record. By last July, it was already clear that the board's work would be investigated, and Leiserson, who is a persistent fellow, began to plead with Smith and Madden to clean house in advance. They were still determined not to alter the board's personnel or practices in any material way. Finally, wishing to keep his own record clear, Leiserson prepared the memorandum which were published by the house investigating committee.

Leiserson went to considerable trouble to persuade the house committee, which wanted only documentary evidence, to let him give his testimony on the value of the labor act as distinguished from its administration. Nevertheless, the drive to amend the act rather than reform the labor board has been vastly strengthened. No doubt the other members of the board will now be forced to listen more attentively to Leiserson's recommendations. But, because decisive steps were not taken when the need for them became apparent, the White House finds itself facing a nasty, and totally unnecessary, fight in congress.

At the National Capitol With John W. Kelly

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tional capitol. The Hoquiam people want a cooperative plan with federal government, Washington state, counties and private operators working out a practical program to be put into immediate effect.

Government officers are contemplating increasing the area of Olympic national park and extending a corridor down Queets river. The industry opposes extending the park south and west, and assert the "corridor" will prevent development of Queets river and its use as a means of floating wood to pulp mills and use of the stream for water power for operations.

FOREST service says that under proper conditions of sustained yield and forest management, a supply of timber is available that will ultimately permit operation of ten 200-ton pulp mills in operations in the district. Of 17 billion feet left in the district (cutting at the present rate will last 20 years), most is in government ownership—Olympic National park, Olympic national forest, increasing area of the Olympic park would reduce available timber.

Pulp and paper annual consumption is 225 pounds per capita. More than 50 percent of the country's paper requirements are now imported from Canada and northwestern Europe and domestic operators and their employees are asking some protection from this foreign competition.

OREGON and California are the mainstay of the United States in the production of mercury. Of 1,500 tons produced in October, 1,200 tons came from operations in the two Pacific coast states. Bureau of mines notes, however, that California's production has dropped 23 percent from the 1938 monthly average, while Oregon's production has increased 3 per cent. Nevada contributes some and Idaho is now entering the picture.

Was it affecting the mercury market for the U. S. pool, is being exported. In October 134 tons went to Canada, 59 to Japan, 53 to Australia. Mercury is one of the ten "strategic minerals" listed by the war resources board.

BING long-sighted neutral, Ambassador to France Bill Bullitt is president of the American ambulance service which is organizing to send a unit to the Mangin line. Lord Lothian, British ambassador, has received a ticket for parking, he incorporated a British relief association to make a drive for contributions. No British official can be identified with the movement, so it is staffed by Americans.

To enable the Finland fighters to be properly armed, American sympathizers will be invited to buy bonds to be floated in this country, providing SEC does not object. (Irish Free State floated such an issue and repaid.) Lender Jesse Jones has given Finland a credit of ten million. President Roosevelt ducked a press conference question whether this loan would be used for war materials.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

CONSIDER this dispatch: "Russian warplanes raided the capitol of Finland today (Thursday) as the soviet union, finishing the fourth week of her Finnish invasion, observed Joseph Stalin's 50th birthday with celebrations throughout the nation. FIFTEEN BOMBS FELL ON A FIVE-BLOCK HOSPITAL AREA in Helsinki. Seven hospital structures were hit."

AT THIS point, a question is in order: How would YOU like to have YOUR BIRTHDAY celebrated in that manner?

LAUDATORY articles blanket the soviet (heel-dog) press today in observance of the anniversary of the birth of Stalin, hailing him as the man who has led the nation to socialism and will now lead it to communism.

Authentic report: More than 25,000 ARMY OFFICERS ALONE have been purged (murdered) because Stalin feared or just didn't like them. (Not to mention the other thousands "purged.")

The Stalin road to socialism and thence on to communism is a bloody one.

ANOTHER question: In his secret soul, what does Stalin think of communism? Except Stalin, of course, (who WON'T) no one can answer that question. The probably correct answer is that he regards it as a convenient road to PERSONAL POWER.

(Our own politicians who preach the doctrine of something-for-nothing and take-it-away-from-the-other-fellow-without-working-for-it have the same idea.)

IF WISE, you will SUSPECT those who promise you something for nothing (or something taken by force from the other fellow) and will RESPECT those who advise you that the way to get somewhere in the world and leave a good name behind is to work hard and intelligently, deal honestly and be considerate of the rights of others.

IF ATTILA the Hun, known as the Scourge of God (of whom it was said that the grass never grew again where his horses trod) had had a government-controlled press, it would have extolled him as fulsomely as the soviet press now extols Stalin.

FULSOME PRAISE FOR THE BOSS is the primary purpose of a government-controlled press.

THE only newspaper worthy of confidence is one that is controlled by AN HONEST AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED EDITOR.

Seek No. 1 Plate

Lorain O. (U.P.)—Bicycles, like automobiles, now require license tags here, and sons, like their fathers, prefer the low numbers. There were plenty of applications for the low ones—especially No. 1.

3RD TRY—Perseverance won for Annamary Dickey Decatur, Ill., soprano who has just made her Metropolitan opera debut in New York. It was her third try for the "Met"; she was the Happy Spirit of Gluck's "Orfeo ed Euridice."

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Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 22, 1929. (It was Saturday)

Dance hall matron and presence at dance stir civic row, and notice is served on both managers and dancers, city ordinance will be enforced.

Stores of city to keep open Monday evening for benefit of late shoppers, but will be closed Christmas eve.

Today's Mail-Tribune, totaling 26 pages is the largest of the year.

Public hearing on county budget to be held tomorrow at armory.

Russia and Japan talk over non-aggression pact.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 22, 1919. (It was Monday)

Federal judge orders Miners Union leader placed in jail for contempt of court.

Supreme court to hand down decision January 5, on the validity of the Volstead Act.

Elks lodge to stage New Year's eve celebration.

The sun shines bright, and it is a balmy day, without a cloud in the sky.

Stores of city to stay open nights, for three days before Christmas to aid late shoppers.

Prink Callison is named to play center for Oregon in the Rose Bowl game against Harvard. Eugene reports the Oregon slogan is "Beat Harvard, Out fight them!"

Bandits Miss \$17,000

Cleveland, O.—(U.P.)—Three gunmen, one with a market basket slung over his arm, "went shopping" at the Parkview Savings and Loan association just after an armored truck had left \$17,000 in currency and \$200 in nickels. The bills already had been locked in a safe. The gunmen took the nickels.

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The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

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Washington, Dec. 22.—The exposure of the National Labor Relations Board before the house investigating committee

is another proof of the curious administrative inertia which sometimes afflicts the new deal. Some months ago, the president and his henchmen well knew what was wrong at the NLRB. A "purge," which would presumably have included Secretary Nathan Witt and other board officials now under attack, was idly discussed. But only two steps were taken.

The first, and most important, was the president's appointment of Dr. William M. Leiserson to the board place vacated by Donald Wakefield Smith. The president had to offer the place three times before Leiserson

would accept. To get him to change his mind on the third try, the president had to call him to the White House and make a personal plea. Leiserson went into the NLRB with the president's full authority.

Second, the president forced the board to change its ruling on employers' right of appeal. By a wholly arbitrary decision, permission to call in the board had been denied to employers. From a practical standpoint, the decision meant little, for few employers are anxious to have the board around. Yet the ruling had become a symbol of the board's ineffectiveness, and, according to the best legal minds in the administration, was wholly unnecessary under the law. The board resisted numerous hints as to the wisdom of reconsideration. The ruling was changed only when Thomas G. Corcoran put the heat on for the president.

At the heart of the difficulty was Board Chairman J. Warren Madden's insistence that the NLRB was an independent agency, not to be ordered about at will. This insistence on the separateness of independent agencies is a cardinal point of conservative doctrine, though heretical under the new deal. Madden, who is no conservative, borrowed the right-wing argument to reinforce his position and to strengthen the board's resistance to White House measures.

Thus, it required radical measures