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## Time to Act

WELL, WELL!

In Boston, before the assembled U. S. governors, Secretary of the Navy Knox declares war on Germany.

"Now is the time to strike," he cries, and sweep the German menace from the seven seas. IS it?

ONLY the night before former President Hoover, in a very temperate and carefully reasoned speech, maintained that for this country to formally enter the conflict now would weaken our aid to Britain and thus impair the allied war effort.

Who is right?

This paper doesn't know. Only our military and naval experts DO know.

Why then doesn't President Roosevelt call in his experts now and once and for all decide this supremely vital question?

IF Britain can be aided most effectively by now declaring war, then WAR SHOULD BE DECLARED.

If Britain can be aided most effectively by not declaring war, then war should NOT be declared.

But above all, and before all, this country should no longer drift along, half in the war, and half out of it, which is neither a dignified position, nor an effective one.

IT isn't a matter for the Secretary of the Navy to decide. It isn't a matter for an ex-President to decide.

It IS a matter for the President of the United States, with the advice of the best experts he can secure, to decide.

And as we see it, the time to decide it is NOW.

TRUE, the President can't constitutionally declare war, though he can in an emergency wage it.

But he can ask the CONGRESS to declare it, and if he believes, with his Secretary of War, that now is the time to jump in, then we should jump, and there is no doubt a majority of the congress would so vote.

BUT having cabinet members declaring war on one side, and members of the congress declaring against it on the other, while the President of the country, and commander-in-chief of the armed forces maintains an impenetrable and mysterious silence, puts this country in an indecisive and equivocal position, which it seems to us, no self-respecting world power should longer occupy at such a critical time as this.

SO let's get off the fence,—let's get definitely IN this war or definitely OUT of it.

NOW, says our Secretary of the Navy, with Germany and Russia at death grips, is the time for Uncle Sam to strike and smash the Nazi menace. Frankly, it looks that way to this department.

If the President agrees, then let's stop this nonsense. If he doesn't then let him say so, and call off his over-zealous and belligerent cabinet member. But let's NOT continue this half-in-half-out hocus pocus longer.

It's a type of pusillanimous play that, after nearly two years of war, is definitely played out!

## Yes, Keep Oregon Green!

WE who live in southern Oregon have good reason to support the "Keep Oregon Green" campaign, which is fast gaining headway throughout this state.

We have here one of the last great stands of virgin timber in the nation—an immediate source of payrolls and an important factor in our economy in years to come.

We have also a land of incomparable scenic beauty, endowed with wildlife and everything that appeals to tourist and pleasure seeker. Here again is an industry of economic importance dependent upon the forests.

BY keeping Oregon green we safeguard this great resource, also the source of 12 cents of every dollar paid in taxes to the counties and the state.

More than that we assure security to 60 per cent of all persons gainfully employed in Oregon manufacturing; we guard the asset that provides the major portion of railroad tonnage originating in Oregon, as well as 64 per cent of the value of goods exported from this state.

Taking these and other factors into consideration, the "Keep Oregon Green" program assumes REAL importance. And one good thing about this campaign—ALL citizens can take part in it.

BECAUSE fire is the greatest menace to this valuable raw material crop—timber—the U. S. Forest Service is right in step with this movement recently created by Governor Sprague. The usual full and effective assistance of this federal agency has been extended. This cooperation will simplify the sizable task of the "Keep Oregon Green" association.

THIRTY million acres of America's fast-vanishing timber lands are burned each year through carelessness and ignorance. Industries are thereby crippled, tax burdens increased, vital water sheds destroyed and wild life sacrificed.

"Keep Oregon Green Week," which officially started yesterday, accords the opportunity again to urge caution and vigilance in the woods. It is the individual responsibility of every citizen to guard faithfully these scenic and economic assets—Oregon's forests!—H.G.

## 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 here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

## PEDALS PREFERABLE TO HANDLES

You speak as though door knobs were the only important agencies in the spread of germs.

How about bus handles, stair rails, straps for standees on street cars, subway trains, etc.? Why not make every one who is afraid of germs wear gloves, and keep the glove manufacturers happy? (N. H.)

I do not recall having spoken of door knobs as though they were so important. Touching an ordinary door knob scarcely gives me a faint shudder of anxiety. But I do hate to encounter a doorknob or a handle of any kind in a lavatory. There is no reason why it should be necessary to touch anything touched by so many others in such circumstances. The door may be a swing door which works without touching with hand. The faucets of the washbasin may be as readily controlled by a pedal as by a handle. If the common towel is no longer permitted in lavatories, the common tap handle and door knob should be ruled out too. In many such lavatories it is evident that the cost of installing these sanitary improvements could be met in a little while by simply discontinuing the senseless expenditure for smelly disinfectants or for trick apparatus for dispensing disinfectants. If reasonable cleanliness is maintained and plain soap is available for washing, there is no useful purpose served by the noxious disinfectant, germicide or antiseptic.

If our friend N. H. implies that Dr. Brady is a nut about germs that's all right with me, but my honest opinion is that infection rarely occurs from handling bus handles, stair rails, straps, ordinary door knobs, papers, books, paper or metal money, stamps, etc. As indicated, I have qualms only about touching things which may conceivably be freshly contaminated with disease germs. I do not believe anything needs to be done about doorknobs, stair rails, etc., but I do believe there should be a rigid ordinance compelling everyone who sells food or drink to be consumed on the premises to provide adequate means for washing the hands. Too many food and drink

dispensing places lack such facilities or provide hand-washing means that spell GRAFT in large letters.

Of course a stair rail or a strap on subway car may have been contaminated with disease germs by the person who just touched it. But even so, ordinary soap and water washing would protect you against any infection in that way. Not so if your hand becomes contaminated on your way from washroom to the table where you are to eat or drink.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dope

Some time ago you gave a talk about benedictine sulfate. Please tell me where I can get the tablets. I am 40 years old, have had two major operations, cannot afford to consult a private physician. (Mrs. E. D.)

Answer—If my conscience would permit I'd be happy to tell you where to get such dope and just how to use it. But that would be a wicked disservice. If I know the medical profession, either of the doctors or the doctor who operated on you will advise you now, whether you can pay a fee or not.

## Fried Food

Are foods fried in butter or vegetable oils hard to digest or harmful to health? (F. O. W.)

Answer—Such food is as wholesome and digestible as food cooked in any other way. People who live by their wits or as parasites may find fried food a little more nourishing than their sluggish metabolism and digestive organs can handle, but that is no reason why honest working people or those who get enough exercise should not eat fried foods.

## Iodine

Article in... magazine said iodine is caused by a shortage of iodine, but that it is dangerous to take iodine except under a physician's directions. (Mrs. M. M.)

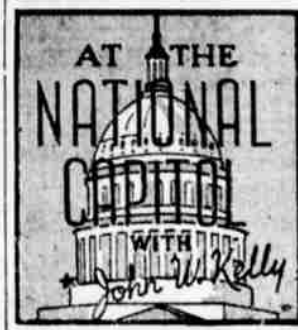
Answer—There is no evidence to warrant either statement. Millions of people take iodine in one form or another without a physician's directions and enjoy better health for it. Much of the common table salt now on the market contains a little iodine added in the form of sodium iodide. Regardless of that, I advise everybody everywhere to take a regular ration of iodine. For instructions for taking an Iodin Ration, send stamped envelope bearing your address.

## Stuttering

I have a bad case of stuttering. Have tried everything to overcome it. (E. G.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for monograph on "Stuttering." (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.



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government goes to Oregon and to Cascade Locks in particular, the credit will be due Secretary of the Interior Ickes. The secretary realizes that his popularity is at low ebb in Oregon since his clash with Gov. Charles A. Sprague over Ickes' refusal to permit Alcoa to have more kilowatts from Bonneville, and by using his influence to have a plant at Cascade Locks (where the Reynolds Metals Co. originally intended going) or somewhere on the Oregon shore near the dam, he wishes to demonstrate that he has nothing against Oregon and that Oregon is entitled to a break in the aluminum business.

Spokane is favored by Administrator Paul J. Raver, who wants to scatter industries around in the Pacific northwest and not build up only one section. Power from Grand Coulee will soon be available in large quantities and ever increasing additional generators (108,000 kilowatts each) are installed. The one to be treated would reach the Spokane site by railroad, a bit of potential business the railroads are not overlooking.

The third location for a government plant is the Tacoma area, which has rapidly been building up with ship construction and other industries under the war program. Tidewater railroads, room for site, and power from Grand Coulee coming from the Covington substation have been the determining factors.

WHAT Oregon champions of industry have been contending for a year is now being admitted by OPM. If aluminum ingots are made on Columbia river or

Puget sound it is foolish to ship them to a rolling mill in the east and then ship the fabricated aluminum back to the Boeing airplane plant at Seattle or the Lockheed or other plane factories in California. So there will be a rolling mill or fabricating factory to take care of the ingots from the three government plants and the Reynolds Metals Co.—assuming that Alcoa will continue shipping its ingots to its own rolling mills in the east. The Reynolds company, which has talked of installing a fabricating plant, will place it wherever Jesse Jones of RFC wants it to go.

Oregon is not being considered as a place for the fabricating plant. The insiders favor either Longview or Vancouver, with a leaning toward the old Hudson Bay company post. The real payroll of the aluminum business is in the fabrication.

Somewhere in the picture is the use of alunite near Enumclaw, Wash., and in Utah. These two deposits are sufficient to last 10 years at heavy production annually. Government men say, however, that the alunite process is tricky and not as simple or as well known as the reduction of bauxite from Dutch Guinea, source of raw material of Alcoa and Reynolds company.

With all this planning for more aluminum plants and a rolling mill and magnesium industry, the powers that be are not overlooking steel. Unpublished negotiations are now being carried on to establish a steel industry in Portland. This will be specialized steel for ball bearings, etc. Negotiations have not reached the point of contract for power from Bonneville yet, but are gradually growing nearer.

## Cupid Near Record

Portland, July 1.—(P)—The boys of 1920, who took out 443 marriage licenses in June of that year, outdid the boys of 1941, but it was close. Mrs. Margaret Klee, chief license clerk, said today that 401 licenses were issued in the past month, second highest month on record.

Fort Stevens, July 1.—(P)—An army target range wall collapsed here yesterday, killing Harry Tallman and Marion Winn, civilian employees who were repairing cracks in the concrete.

## In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

To date (about noon Monday) this is the fruit of the world-shaking battle of the typewriters:

The Germans claim: Surrounding of two Russian armies, totaling about 400,000 men, and their imminent destruction.

Capture or destruction of 2,233 Russian tanks, including 46 52-tonners.

Capture or destruction of 1,297 Russian armored cars. Forty thousand Russian prisoners and 600 big guns taken. Destruction of 4,107 Soviet planes. (The Germans candidly admit they lost 150 planes themselves.)

THE red army (calling the German claims "boastful humbug") gives its own figures as follows:

2,500 German tanks destroyed, with losses of only 900 Russian tanks.

1,500 German planes destroyed, with a loss of only 850 Russian planes.

30,000 German prisoners taken, with a loss of only 15,000 Russian prisoners.

THERE they are. Take your choice.

On the face of statistics so far available, one is forced to the conclusion that both sides are winning.

UP to the hour this is written, however, the Japs haven't jumped onto the Russians. Before going off the deep end, they seem to want more than statistics to go by.

AMID the clatter of the typewriters (in this preliminary phase of the fighting) keep these highly probable Hitler objectives in mind:

1. Defeat and destruction of Russian military power, so that there will be no threat in his rear when he gets ready to tackle England for blood.

2. Taking over of European Russia's resources for use in the long and world-wide war he foresees if he can't make peace after (or if) he smashes Russia.

A THOUGHT, however, at this point:

Review in your mind the progress of the war so far. You will be impressed by the fact that in his previous campaigns Hitler has done his fighting FIRST and his talking afterward.

In Poland, in France and in the Balkans, German claims in the early days of the fighting were restrained almost to the point of modesty. Optimistic stories came generally from the other side.

The Germans seemed invariably willing to let final results speak for themselves.

Now, suddenly, they are BOASTING AT THE START.

WHY?

This writer doesn't know—and doubts if anybody outside the German high command knows.

This sudden change of technique strikes one as a trifle odd.

THE point is that this sudden Russian onslaught, which is wholly contrary to the assurances that have been given to them, must strike the German people also as a trifle odd.

That may explain the loud beating of the propaganda drums.

## Cashier For P. I.

## Suicides In Auto

Seattle, July 1.—(P)—Coroner Otto Mittelstadt said today Philip S. Parker, 28, cashier for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, shot himself to death yesterday in his parked automobile south of the city.

A .22 calibre pistol, with one shot fired, was found beside the body, which had fallen out a car door.

## ILLINOIS VALLEY PORT

## DEDICATION SCHEDULED

Cave Junction, Ore., July 1.—(P)—The Illinois valley airport will be dedicated here August 2 and 3. Committeemen are planning a celebration program.

## ASHLAND HOSPITAL

## EXPANSION TALKED

Ashland, Ore., July 1.—(P)—Physicians here propose that the city construct a 30-bed wing to the municipally-owned hospital in anticipation of a shortage of facilities which might result from location of an army cantonment in southern Oregon.

## Weather.

Northern California: Fair to night and Wednesday but overcast Wednesday morning near the coast; little change in temperature; moderate northwest to north wind off the coast.

## 35 IN PICNIC PARTY LOST WITH BOAT IN MAINE WATERS, FEAR

Harpwell, Me., July 1. (P)—

The discovery of six bodies—one of them badly burned—led searchers to believe today that all of the 35 members of a gay picnic party which set out Sunday on the 44-foot cabin cruiser Don might have perished after fire swept the boat.

The tragedy, worst in the memory of residents of this rocky coast, apparently occurred in the fog-enveloped waters of Lower Casco bay while the party of Rumford, Me., residents was returning from Monhegan island, 40 miles from here in the open Atlantic.

Coast Guard Lieutenant Thomas Sampson, in charge of the search, said he believed the cruiser had exploded, probably while homeward bound.

The first five bodies found were those of women. They were identified as those of Miss Elizabeth Howard, Miss Ruth Hemmingsway, Rumford housekeeper, Miss Bessie Stroppe, Rumford bank clerk, Miss Anne Stasulis, also a bank employee and Miss Arlene Skolfield, Rumford office worker.

A sixth body, found on Orr's Island, was identified as that of Earl Decker, of Rumford.

## ALASKA SOLDIERS

## START GOLD RUSH

Anchorage, Alaska, July 1.—(P)—A small scale gold rush, reminiscent of Alaska's most turbulent historic chapter, is under way among a troop contingent stationed northeast of here.

Thirty-three soldiers who had set up a tent city on the Little Susitna river last week-end found silver, mercury and cinnamon indications on claims where gold showings previously had been discovered. It started a miniature stampede. The soldiers installed a 30-foot sluice box, started rehabilitating an old barn for living quarters and began sinking a shaft toward bedrock in search of a free gold vein.

The soldiers planned to spend their entire Fourth of July week-end in their quest. Maj. M. R. Marsten of the air corps is the group's leader.

## 3 MORE ITALIAN

## GENERALS GIVE UP

Cairo, Egypt, July 1.—(P)—Three Italian generals and more than 3,000 other officers and men surrendered to the British when Ghimbi, in southwestern Ethiopia, capitulated June 27, the British middle east command announced today.

The daily communique said that in addition to General Bertello, former commander of Italian forces in British Somaliland, whose capture was reported yesterday, Brigadier Generals Nam and Tosti surrendered at Ghimbi, one of the last surviving centers of resistance in Italy's former east African empire.

The other captives listed were 245 Italian officers, 1,941 Italian soldiers of other ranks and 841 Askaris (native east African soldiers). Six field guns also were taken.

## Nazi Airman Killed

## In Escape Attempt

Ottawa, July 1.—(P)—Ober-Lieutenant Martin Mueller, German airman, was shot and killed in resisting capture after escaping from a Canadian prison camp, internment officials announced early today.

The shooting occurred not far from the prison camp east of Schreiber, Ont., from which he escaped Sunday.

## Super Supervision

Anchorage, Alaska, July 1.—(P)—The National Youth Administration's supervised playground opened with a supervisor and ten assistants. Twenty-five children snored up.

## Flight O' Time

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

## TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 1, 1931.

(It was Wednesday)

Aged auto license plates still good in this city, and there are plenty of them.

France agrees to Hoover war debt moratorium.

Mail Tribune to broadcast Stribling Schmeling fight returns July 4.

Stores to keep open Friday evening, on account of Saturday being the Fourth of July.

World Girdlers Post and Gaty given huge ovation upon arrival at New York City.

Paul R. Kelly is named editor of the Oregonian.

California canneries announce they will pay \$25 per ton for Bartlett's.

Fair weather, high