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The "American Way"

Mr. Carveth Wells, noted author and lecturer, condemns the "soft headed sentimentality" which delayed the execution of six Nazi saboteurs and reduced the sentences of two to life and 30 years imprisonment.

"In Germany," he declared "American saboteurs would upon capture have been put up against the nearest wall and shot, without any ifs or ands about it. This is war, not a tea party, but it seems to be hard for the powers-that-be in Washington to recognize the fact."

Mebbe so, mebbe so!

BUT this department is glad the Nazi technique in this particular instance was NOT followed, the accused men WERE given a fair trial, and the promise of leniency to those of them who gave valuable information, WAS KEPT!

No one likes a squealer. Yet under the American form of jurisprudence, guilt often can't be established without it, and the American government still insists the establishment of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt IS important.

We prefer that to the Nazi or the Jap method.

MOREOVER, merely from the standpoint of cold-blooded self-interest, we have a pious idea, the method adopted by President Roosevelt, resulted in far more benefit to this country in its future war against German sabotage and espionage, than would have the immediate shooting down of the culprits, with no chance of securing from their own lips the background of facts.

And that too is important,—VERY!

Too Much Talky - Talk

We are getting a trifle fed-up with repeated discussions concerning World War No. 2 peace terms. Some consideration of allied peace aims is sensible and desirable, of course. But yesterday, for example, Lord Bennett in England, Dewitt Mackenzie, the A.P. war analyst and our favorite commentator Elmer Davis in this country, as well as a noted lecturer from Australia all devoted several thousand words to what the allies should do when the fighting ends.

And ALL the speculations were based upon the complacent assumption the peace terms will be dictated by the ALLIES.

WELL, as far as that goes, we believe they will be. But the time when they will look more remote today than at any time since the Germans marched into Poland.

So why waste time and breath on something that lies so far in the future and as the Hitler hordes crash nearer and nearer Caucasus oil, is so entirely academic.

Why not call a moratorium on talky-talk concerning what will be done after the Axis has been beaten, and concentrate upon FIRST beating the Axis!

We Don't Need Sugar

Speaking of over confidence in the allied camp, we agree with Palmer Hoyt of the Oregonian, that our silly government news censorship has had much to do with it, as far as opinion in the country is concerned.

Said Editor Hoyt before the "Town Meeting of the Air" in Seattle Friday night:

"I wouldn't hire the government as a news service because its stories are too often unreliable and incomplete. Just as we have experienced many defeats in the arenas of armed warfare, so have we suffered many losses in the sector of news and information."

In war-time the most important asset any government can have is public confidence, but the government does not have the confidence to the extent essential to all-out victory.

"It does not have it because the people do not feel that government has been realistic about the facts of this war—the people's war for survival. There is no basis in fact for the idea that Americans cannot take bad news, and there should be no attempt to sweeten the dose by holding it until there can be good news to coat it."

A Football Parable

This strange disposition to substitute words for deeds, reminds us of an ancient incident in the sporting world.

It was when the Southern California Trojans were top-dogs in the football world, and early in the season.

The Rose Bowl prize had been won the year before, and a majority of gridiron stars had returned, being at the time in a certain hotel in Portland, before a "breather" with O.S.C. at the Multnomah stadium.

SOMEONE remarked upon the huge contribution to the USC athletic fund as a result of the Rose Bowl game the year before and then a lively discussion ensued regarding what should be done with the Rose Bowl profits for THAT year!

The late Howard Jones was the coach and for some time he listened to that interesting discussion in silence. Then he arose in his seat and tapped on his water glass with a spoon for silence.

We won't attempt to repeat his words, in fact can't recall them. BUT in a very quiet but withering fashion Coach Jones proceeded to take the hide-off those blabbing and cocky youngsters for complacently assuming they couldn't be beaten, and the Rose Bowl title was in the bag before they had even completed 20 per cent of their schedule.

That kind of over-confidence, Jones declared, might not only lose any Rose Bowl chance the team

had for that year, but they might be beaten by Oregon State that VERY afternoon!

AS a matter of fact the team was tied, and those sweet visions of an easy "grand slam" went glimmering only a few hours later.

Needless to say there is a vast difference between war and football.

Yet it is this department's considered opinion, that the sort of overconfidence that persuades so many observers in the allied camp to blandly assume the Axis will have nothing to say about the nature of the peace terms, may have as unfortunate consequences, as was true of the Trojans' overconfidence on the gridiron.

Whether the conflict is for fame, money or blood, overconfidence is a serious obstacle, and the "under-dog" attitude a real advantage, in attaining ANY final victory!

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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THE BATTLE OF TRUTH AND FICTION

In a gentle rebuke a professor of English Literature who noticed a remark I made about fiction—protests that any normal, intelligent person should be able to read novels and to separate the chaff from the wheat.



Dr. Brady

The professors point out strengthens my belief that reading novels tends to give the reader false ideas of life—except mystery stories which do not purport to carry a message or show how any class or kind of people live. If one runs out of mystery stories good enough to entertain, there are always biographies or other interesting books available, books which convey knowledge of life, the world, history, science and not just the imaginations of a romantic mind.

Trying to analyze my dislike for fiction I come at once on one reason—the familiar trick of the trade, using a brandy or whiskey flask to restore the injured, the dying to life so the character can finish the chapter. This is just one trick of the trade. Another is not quite so common nowadays as it was a generation ago, but it is as silly as the brandy flask trick—keeping the hero or heroine hanging fire for several chapters while languishing in the throes of "brain fever" (so-called or not) while the morose reader must believe resulted from shocks or strain or other great emotion.

I could count scores of similar devices practiced by fiction writers, and too often they get away with it. The use of such trickery makes it impossible to read such tripe, at least for me. Some extracts of a recent novel called "Rain" or some such name, printed in a digest magazine, held my interest for several pages. Finally the author, carried away with himself, counted in with the effects of a rain storm in California a number of illnesses and some deaths from pneumonia which the glib novelist ascribed to dampness, wet feet, snow, cold or something of the sort.

Perhaps the professor and I look at the question from widely different viewpoints. The professor probably sees in such stories a kind of art or skill which I can't appreciate because it is beyond my comprehension. And I stumble upon these irritating tricks of the trade and

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JULY CONTRACTS, SALES IN STATE OVER 10 MILLION

Portland, Aug. 8.—(P)—Oregon manufacturers received prime and sub-contracts totaling \$10,137,848 in July, John G. Barnett, state divisional chief of the War Production Board's production division, reported today.

Breakdowns of the contracts, exceeding \$10,000,000 for the second successive month: army prime \$8,894,397 and sub \$246,763; navy prime \$428,600 and sub \$34,088; other prime \$24,100 and sub \$9,800.

The division also aided the sale of lumber valued at \$23,000,000 and flour at \$1,000,000 from Oregon plants during July for war purposes.

LEGION OFFERING

Portland, Aug. 8.—(P)—American Legion posts in Oregon prepared today to contribute their World War I trophies for conversion into new weapons but only after all other scrap has been given to the war effort.

Communications

LET'S NOT FORGET

To the Editor: We shouldn't forget it was the colored troops that went to the front at San Diego De Cuba in 1898 and saved the day, when the white troops from New York couldn't take it and had to step aside and let the colored boys go to the front.

They are good soldiers and what more do we need today than good soldiers.

So just give them a hand, wishing them good luck upon their trip to war and forget their misfortune.

BARNEY CODY, Jacksonville, Ore.

NEW BUNCO VICTIM

Portland, Aug. 8.—(P)—Donald L. Ringel, baker, was added to Portland's growing list of bunco artist victims today.

Police reported that Ringel was taken in tow by coin sharps upon his arrival at a bus depot this morning. When the matching game was over Ringel had dropped \$14.

THEY NEVER LEARN! Portland, Aug. 8.—(P)—A Portland visitor, Martin C. Nicolson, today that he had been buncoed out of \$250 by two men who posed as detectives.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Farm Output Due For Slump in '43

Reserves Tapped To Feed Allies

Highway Assn. Father of Bill

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—

Unless draft board discontinues invasion of farm labor, and unless war production board permits the manufacture of farm machinery, the production of food stuff in 1943 will slump under the present year's output.

The farmer of the Pacific northwest, assigned by the secretary of agriculture to vital work in this war, is being squeezed and handicapped to the point where increased cultivation cannot be undertaken. Scattered through Oregon and Washington are farms that are now out of production. The boys on the farm have either been drafted or have gone to the shipyards. The head of the family, unable to hire labor, has thrown up the sponge and, if the boys are in war industry, they are sending money home and the family is, in some instances, better off than if they were cultivating the fields. But this is not growing food.

It is conceded that the farmer cannot compete with war industry in paying labor. The wages in industry have attracted thousands of farm boys; the draft has taken others. Without help, the farmer cannot and will not cultivate to capacity. The labor situation may be eased through the manpower commission (which includes womenpower too) in some fashion, but the farmer is still confronted with another obstacle—his farm implements. In the plan to devote as much steel as possible to the war effort WPB many months ago issued orders to farm machinery companies to discontinue implement production and make a small percentage of parts for repairs and replacement. The factories were converted to war work. It now develops that WPB missed its mark, for obtaining new parts is now almost impossible. The farmer is shoved aside for tanks and trucks.

Another factor which will reduce production next season is the rubber shortage. Hundreds of farms in the northwest are wholly dependent on motor driven machinery, on automobiles and trucks to transport the harvest to market center. The crops may be hauled anywhere from one mile to 30 miles. Transportation is as important to the farmer as it is to the war department which has to move troops to Britain. If there is no method of transporting the crop the farmer will not exert himself to raise something that he cannot dispose of.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Just Quit

I am thirty-six, and since I was eighteen I have been taking pills, salts and other strong laxatives every night, sometimes two or three times the regular dose. A year ago I sent for your booklet on constipation habit. I read it twice, became convinced you knew what you were talking about. I just quit, and after the fourth day, precisely as you said, everything became regular and everything has remained regular since—I have never taken another dose of physic and don't believe I ever shall. (M. A. N.)

Answer—That's the secret—you have to get the right psychology about physiology. Victims of constipation habit send ten cents and stamped addressed envelope for booklet "The Constipation Habit and Colon Hygiene."

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