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A Wonderful Film

One of the best movies of the year—of any year—is now being shown at the Craterian the title being "Double Indemnity."

The picture has the added distinction of being the first modern movie to place Medford, Oregon, on the movie map. One of the minor characters—but like all the others admirably portrayed—hails from Medford, Oregon, and is the sole occupant of the observation platform of an S. P. train, en route to the Rogue River Valley when the hero—pardon, the villain!—Fred McMurray (who incidentally does the best characterization of his career) reaches the platform impersonating the man he had just murdered.

WE SHALL not impair the pleasure of those who have not yet seen this marvellous picture, and intend to do so by outlining the plot—not only an interesting and ingenious one but completely convincing. The denouement however hinges upon a fact that is so well known in this part of Oregon that it deserves a word. That vital fact is this:

No man falling from the rear platform of an S. P. train going to Medford COULD be killed. S. P. trains don't go fast enough when they go to Medford. This well known fact finally reveals the guilt of the intriguing couple. In the movie the Medford train was only moving at the rate of 15 miles an hour but as everyone knows the average rate of the Medford train—there is only ONE—only slightly exceeds that. A small item of course but only an added example of the exceptional integrity and validity of this picture—everything, even the S. P. so absolutely true to life!

THE only fly in the amber of a PERFECT evening's entertainment indeed was the very patent fact throughout the large audience that the local movie management puts out a very tasty brand of popcorn but they have yet to develop a noiseless method of eating it!

Back to Isolationism?

To the editor: All the time I hear people saying there is danger of winning the war and losing the peace, when the Axis surrender is unconditional. This sounds to me like a lot of foolishness. Win the war first I say, and the peace will take care of itself, unless we have no sense at all.

But will it? The peace did not take care of itself in 1918 how do we know it will this time?

And by winning the peace most people mean a peace that will not sew the seeds of another war, but will put the world NEARER a lasting peace. And, as we see it, there is no easy way to do this. It will take the best intelligence and diplomacy and understanding the genus homo, and particularly the American branch, can muster.

MOREOVER it is not too early to start now especially in the direction of educating the American people to the dangers of a reaction after this war similar to the reaction after the last war—a sharp turn to an isolationism as strong or stronger than that which gripped this country only four or five years ago. Only four or five years ago? This country could not have been isolationist such a short time back, many will say.

Well, it was, and there were few greater isolationists than President Roosevelt himself. If there is any doubt look over the following statements made by President Roosevelt and AFTER World War No. 2 began.

September 3, 1939: "Tonight my single duty is to speak to the whole of America. Until 4:30 this morning I had hoped against hope that some miracle would prevent devastating war in Europe. . . . Let no man or woman thoughtlessly or falsely talk of America sending its armies to European fields. At this moment there is being prepared a proclamation of American neutrality. This would have been done even if there had been no neutrality statute on the books, for this proclamation is in accordance with international law and in accordance with American policy."

Presidential radio address October 26, 1939: "In and out of congress we have heard orators and commentators and others beating their breasts and proclaiming against sending the boys of American mothers to fight on the battlefields of Europe. I do not hesitate to label this as one of the worst fakes in current history. It is the deliberate setting-up of an imaginary bogey man. The simple truth is that no person in a responsible place in the national administration at Washington, or in any state government or any city government, has ever suggested in any shape, manner or form the remotest possibility of sending the boys of American mothers to fight on the battle fields of Europe. That is why I label the argument a shameless and dishonest fake!"

Annual presidential message to congress January 3, 1940:

"I can understand the feeling of those who warn the nation that they will never again consent to the sending of American youth to fight on the soil of Europe. But as I remember no one has asked them to consent—for nobody expects such an undertaking."

And finally, in Boston on October 30, 1940—less than five years ago:

"And while I am talking to you mothers and fathers I give you one more assurance. I have said this before and I shall say it again and again and again: Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars!"

THE next year they WERE sent into foreign wars, and because this country was attacked by Japan and war upon us was declared by Germany and Italy. Over night not only President Roosevelt's foreign policy but American public opinion changed COMPLETELY: Which was natural and inevitable of course.

But the point is this. Where outside actions and conditions could so completely transform the United States from an isolationist to a non-isolationist country, a similar radical change in the same conditions could quite conceivably entirely reverse the process. And when Germany and Japan are defeated and the peace of the world and the United States are no longer threatened that "radical change" will have been brought about!

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 12—The Republican champions of a workers' draft act think Mr. Roosevelt was spoofing them when he advocated it in his annual message to congress.

New York Representative James W. Wadsworth publicly was quoted as saying the president would have to lend the measure more than lip service, or he would not even introduce it again.

The other co-author, Vermont's Senator Austin, has been growing off the record for months that he was hoodwinked when the president endorsed the measure a year ago and then left the fight for it to Gen. Marshall and Adm. King, who could not swing congress then and cannot now.

THE common story thus has sprung up that Mr. Roosevelt is merely going through the motions of leadership on the measure because it would be embarrassing for him to resist such an important demand from his army and navy leaders, yet does not wish to push the matter to a successful conclusion because the labor unions have been bitter against it. He is just shoving a politically unpopular issue raised by the armed services upon a congress he knows will reject it—they suspect.

There may have been something in this interpretation up to now, but certain quite unmistakable changes on the inside have become apparent and some surprises may be developing. An outspoken senatorial opponent of the workers' draft, for instance, declined public comment on Mr. Roosevelt's message, but privately said he had been so shocked by recent developments on the western front (shortages), he believed critical war conditions had grown sufficiently bad to justify the legislation.

FURTHERMORE, the unions have gathered so much power in the last year that a question has arisen as to whether Mr. Roosevelt might not like to get a rein on them himself. The legislation would give him a hold on the unions.

People now laugh at the politically-minded unionist in the White House having such a thought but talk about a possible national coal strike in the spring is being heard. Would not the president like to use a draft act on John L. Lewis? More ardent from the White House for the legislation is possible this year, I think.

INNER workings on compulsory military training are somewhat different. Until a few weeks ago there was no detectable opposition to taking all youths 18 to 21 into army camps for a year as the war department was proposing. Then churchmen began to dissent, and now Republican House Leader Martin suggests it would be a good idea to wait until peace. There are enough Democrats of similar mind to make a majority.

At the moment, it appears quite possible congress will drag out its committee discussions of this question as well as the workers' draft. It is delayed until peace, most people think it will be killed entirely. War enthusiasm then will have cooled, in case the peace is anything like Mr. Roosevelt's promises of how good it will be.

THIS possibility of killing all plans for military education of the youth seems to me to be as dangerous as the army plan to draft a year of each youth's life. Military subjects can be made compulsory in the schools and colleges without building a federal youth camp system, depriving boys of a year of their business lives, and the national guard can be expanded to the efficiency of a real guard of the nation without accepting a totalitarian youth system.

Yet these or any other real democratic methods of future national defense preparations for youths are today unchampioned by any authority in the administration or in congress. The army eventually may show sense enough to present a detailed program along these democratic lines.

THIS brings me to another, deeper phase of the inner workings behind these compulsory programs. The army and navy have now practically taken control of domestic economies and business. The businessmen who have left the war production board formerly fought for civilian supplies against army



A BEAVER, BUT NOT EAGER—Pfc. Thomas W. Kilgore, "resting" during a lull in the fighting near Hurlgen, haggard and unshaven, shows traces of the horror he has seen and privations he went through, along with other GIs. He's not eager but is game for more.

and navy demands. Now the civilian interest remains practically unrepresented directly, except by an inconsequential bureau, and the requirements of the armed services are guiding economic policies and decisions. This trend of army and navy power in government will continue to expand.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

As Others See Us

In the paper Buenos Aires, Clarinada, appears a cartoon of Uncle Sam showing what some South Americans think of him. Typical top hat, ears of an ass, bugle eyes, elephantine curled up nose, cornucopio pipe between his teeth, puffing smoke, swallow tailed coat, etc., while mightily pushing a big wheelbarrow loaded with two great rolls of paper as five caricatured South Americans look on.

Underneath the picture is printed the following: TIO SAM: Aqui tienen papel para que sigan defendiendo las cuatro libertades garantizadas por la Carta del Atlantico, a saber: libertad de morir, libertad de votar, libertad de pensar y libertad de criticar. . . . y el primero que me critique se quedara sin papel!—Maia Jacobos. "Uncle Sam, the paper Shylock, tells Buenos Aires democratic papers, 'Here is paper that you may continue defending the Four Freedoms. . . . freedom to die, freedom to vote, freedom to think and freedom to criticize—and the first one that criticizes me gets no paper!' Signed: Maia Jacobos (Cartoonist). 'O wud some pow'r the giftie ge us to see ourself as others see us.' Burns. W. W. Truax

THE GRANGE

Griffin Creek Grange Visitors from the Roxy Anne Grange will be present at the meeting of Griffin Creek Grange next Tuesday evening at the Grange hall. A special program is being arranged. The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 p. m.

Army ordnance 155-mm. howitzers were flown from India and Burma to help destroy the Japanese base of Myitkyina.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight. Saturday cloudy with rain. Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight, slightly cooler tonight. Saturday cloudy with rain over west portions.

Table with 3 columns: Location, High, Low, Prec. Includes cities like Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, etc.

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Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. His tory from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY January 12, 1935 (It was Saturday) Amelia Earhart is first woman to fly from California to Hawaii. Snow plows keep southern Oregon highways open in hills. Legislature to open immediately after inauguration of Gov. Martin at Salem tomorrow.

Automobile sales lead revival of business throughout land. Medford high defeats Roseburg 17 to 15 in fast game. Ettinger and Kunzman high point makers for locals. Vern Brophy is elected president Credit Production association.

Unsettled with rain or snow. High 33, low 31 degrees. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 12, 1925 (It was Monday) Submarine S-19 aground on east coast with 35 aboard. Bill to reduce auto tax 40 per cent and gas tax five per cent introduced in legislature. Rain. High 47, low 38 degrees. Local ministers favor child labor act before congress. County prohibition enforcement agent no longer functions. Legion approves of changes in auto dimming law. Medford high to play Eugene tonight here Friday in first big game of season. THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY January 12, 1911 (It was Thursday) Snow storm hits valley and wrecks phone system. Mercury drops to 14 above. Local Methodists plan \$25,000 church. Tennis lots on South Oakdale sold to North Dakota man. Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

DAIRY INDUSTRY FAVORS MODIFIED PASTEURIZATION

More Rigid State Control—New Milk Standards Is Aim Under New Plan.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 12—(U.P.)—Dairy industry leaders told members of the Senate Agriculture and the House Food and Dairy Products committees that they will seek a modified state milk pasteurization program, rather than the compulsory, all-inclusive program which pre-session advices indicated would be sought. More rigid state control, under the Department of Agriculture, and the creation of new milk standards will be sought under the new plan, Oscar Hagg, chairman of the legislative committee of the Oregon Dairymen's Association, told the legislators. There would be a consolidation of responsibility for testing cattle, he said.

Both Hagg and Lyle Hamack, Portland Dairy Manufacturers' Association representative, said that dairy laws should continue under the administration of the agriculture department, rather than that of the State Health Board. Members of the Health Board maintain that it should be their province to police the milk laws, as they say they have the consumer good in mind, rather than that of the producer.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 11—(U.P.)—The 1945 Oregon legislative session slowly started grinding out new laws today, as the first two bills passed the house, and a number of new bills were introduced to both houses. County judges, clerks and other elections officers would be paid \$8 daily, instead of the current \$3, if a bill introduced by Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland, passes. Wallace also brought be-

fore the senate a bill to change the election law, providing 90 days instead of 45 in which candidates may file prior to a state election, and liberalizing the time in county elections. A similar bill, prepared by the state department elections division, has been introduced in the house.

Stickers now in use on automobiles in lieu of new license plates would be validated by a bill which passed the house Thursday. It awaits senate action.

A proposed amendment to the income tax laws, exempting insurance policies, was before the senate.

In the house, six bills relating to motor vehicle laws were introduced, several of them dealing with technicalities. Included were measures limiting financial responsibility to three years instead of perpetual responsibility, and permitting self insurance for owners in certain cases; permitting a flat \$5 registration fee for trucks and trailers used exclusively for residential purposes; granting refunds on registration fees for trucks destroyed by accident before 50 per cent of registration time has elapsed, and extending current drivers' licenses to June 30, 1947.

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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

One of the Older Girls marvels at letters to teen-agers defending themselves from kindly critics. As Exhibit "A," she has a clipping signed "Marina, 17." It has the logic of a lawyer and the nimble vocabulary of a senior in English at an institution of higher education. She does not doubt "Marina" wrote the letter, but wishes her own teen-ager was as smart.

Grass has started growing in sunny spots, but under no feet as yet.

An upstate recruit to military service complains to an editor about the cussing that goes on in his barracks. This is a minor victory for journalism. A few years back it was the style to file all such protests with Mrs. Roosevelt.

PIONEER FLATTERY (The Dallas Chronicle) "Mrs. Nellie Hines advertises to 'invite the ladies of The Dailies to come and learn how to be beautiful.' If Mrs. Hines can add anything to the beauty of our girls, then the painting of the lily and the perfuming of the violet will be the next thing in order."—(50 Yrs. Ago col.)

In the course of a shivaree, in the metropolitan area, notice was served on the groom with dynamite tossed around like confetti, to come across with the smokes and the liquor and kindred refreshments. Neither the newlyweds or any of their "friends" were maimed for life or blown into the next precinct in the course of the social lynching. They used to be prevalent in these parts but have become obsolete. The use of high powered explosives to extort a drink or ham sandwich from a couple setting sail on the sea of matrimony seems a bit rough and slightly reckless, even among friends. The practice should be suppressed before it becomes widespread. Otherwise the post-war grooms will arm themselves with bazooka guns and flame throwers in self-protection and go on their honeymoon in a General Sherman tank.

Everybody now has \$33.47 more than last year, the Treasury department gaily announces. The majority of the people, in the light of more concrete evidence, will take the Treasury department's word for it.

The Silverton, Ore., police are confronted with the mystery of a bicycle on top of the high school flag pole. It is not believed the rider carelessly rode up the pole, and then fell off.

THAT WAS THAT (San Antonio Express) "What has been the vigorous New Deal's reaction? When it was suggested that those slacking workers be reclassified by Selective Service, the New Deal piously observed that service in the armed forces is an "honor" and should not be made "punitive."

Ginger (Redhead) Linnet flew up from the south for a short visit as she has finished her basic vocal training. She is a niece of Mrs. J. Cochran Robin, who reports Ginger has taken the eye of a returned Pacific theater veteran.

"SHERIFF REVEALS CRIME INCREASE AT ROTARY MEET."—(Hdline Niles (Cal.) Register).—Of all places!

The fair sex are now wearing "crocheted scarfs," known to pioneers like C. Wig Ashpole and the Brown boys of E. Pt. as "fascinators."

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