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"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Delivered November 19, 1863

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure.

We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a large sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our power to add to or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Taft's Confessions

The citizens of the United States of America should stuff cotton in their ears when such remarks as these are made in regard to Korea: "We might as well have a declared war," Senator Taft.

United States Senator Wayne Morse in a major policy speech to Congress on Jan. 15, 1951, answering Taft's outburst, "Surely the Senator from Ohio cannot have forgotten that our action in Korea is part of the United Nations action against aggression, and is nothing more than that; and surely the Senator cannot have realized the extreme gravity of his suggestion."

The strange attitude of Senator Taft towards the world situation is shown by his words: "I believe they (Soviets) are still thinking in terms of a slow but steady advance by the methods which they have used up to this time."

Comments Senator Morse, "I fear that this minimizing of the Russian threat has disheartened the free nations and given aid and comfort to those who would destroy us. The Senator has seemed to endorse the pious Soviet claims of their abhorrence of war and their devotion to peace. He has seemed to support the Russian allegations of warmongering on our part. The Daily Worker, the mouthpiece in the United States of the Kremlin, in a front-page editorial, under date of January 8, entitled 'Senator Taft's Valuable Confessions,' used the Senator's remarks as proof of the truth of Russian propaganda, as branding President Truman as the enemy of peace, and as exposing our policy of peace as the Big Lie. Pravda has been having a field day with the Senator's thesis that Russia is not likely to start a war. The entire Communist propaganda machine is capitalizing on this statement to lull the world into a false sense of security and to divide the free nations.

"Our goal is peace. In all our defense effort, let it never be forgotten by the people of this and other countries that we want peace and will only depart from it if our liberty and lives are threatened.

"We must be aware of our national purpose. What we are really trying to do is to defend our liberties and to assure that they shall not be replaced by the tyranny and terror of a Communist regime.

"In order to preserve our liberties, every American citizen must do his duty. Our circumstance is not unlike the colonial days when the early settlers took their stations in the blockhouse when danger threatened from without. All of us today must be alert against those who would commit treason against our purpose.

"There are thousands of Communists in our midst today who are ready to stick a dagger in our back at a word from Moscow. As I have said many times, and now repeat, we need to remember that Soviet Russia never moves from the outside in against a nation until she is ready to move from the inside of that nation out to meet her forces coming from without.

"Every institution of enlightenment in North America, including the church, lodge, press, radio—every group where free men gather—should join forces in the struggle for peace. We cannot win the peace by wishing for it, nor by blaming the politicians because we do not have it, nor by adopting the fatalistic attitude that war is inevitable, nor by placing all the blame on our enemies in the war now gripping the world.

"But while we must not abandon the struggle for peace nor go to the other extreme of adopting a fatalistic attitude that all-out war is inevitable, the freedom-loving nations must nevertheless build up their strength to the end that the dictators in the Kremlin may be persuaded to the view, before all-out war engulfs us, that Communist aggression must stop."

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Canyon Aid Fund Results Shown

Detroit—The first annual public meeting of the Canyon Aid Fund membership was held Friday, Feb. 9, 1951, at the Detroit high school building, to hear a report of the past year's activities and to elect five new members of the board of directors for the coming year.

The Canyon Aid Fund was established to help needy families in the Detroit and Idanha area and was organized in January, 1950, by civic groups in the communities.

A representative of each of the various organizations, including the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Legion, the Eagles lodge, the Eagles Auxiliary, Detroit Women's Civic club, the Canyon Commercial club and the Idanha Willing Workers club formed a board of directors to administer the fund.

During the first year of operation, a total of \$575.74 was received in contributions from the canyon residents. During the first winter 1949-50 emergency assistance to needy families amounted to \$134.36, in the form of foodstuffs, medical care, fuel and shelter.

In addition to this, much clothing was donated and distributed to needy families.

Ten families have been given certain amounts of clothing this winter, and three families were given foodstuffs. Two families still receive this help, Margaret Hintz, secretary of the Canyon Aid fund, reports.

The Willing Workers club of Idanha, have re-made many garments which were not usable and have

MEHAMA

By JEAN ROBERTS

Dean Branch, 15-year-old of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Branch who has suffered recurring headaches for several years and extremely painful attacks this past year, thinks that the misery was all caused by a tooth with elongated roots.

After taking treatments for the past year with little effect, a sound upper tooth was x-rayed, and found to have roots extending through the jaw bone and upwards towards the eye, inflaming a nerve.

This tooth was extracted Christmas day and to date the headaches have not recurred. This is the longest period of time in several years that Dean has been free of headaches.

Women's club meeting the past week was enlivened by an interesting talk by Mrs. Stacey of Salem who attended the United Nations meeting. Speeches by representatives of other nations are translated and broadcast for all to hear, and anyone is welcome to attend a session, she stated. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Ken Golliet, Mrs. Chris McDonald and Mrs. Ray Roberts.

Several members of Mehama Ladies Aid attended the World Day of Prayer at the Presbyterian church

turned out fine work.

The people of Detroit and Idanha are generous in their support of the aid program, and are working together to continue this service to their communities.

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BROADWAY AND MAIN STREET

The Impossible Never Happens The Wise Boys Said, but It Did

By BILLY ROSE

Last night at Lindy's a bunch of us were discussing what, for want of a better term, I'll call the inevitability of the impossible.

"The most improbable yarn I ever heard," said Deems Taylor, "is the one about a missionary named Renault who was captured in 1948 by a tribe of cannibals in French Equatorial Africa.

"According to a report in the files out at the U.N., just as they were about to roast him over a fire, shish-kebob style, the missionary fell to his knees and asked the Lord to have mercy on his servant, Renault. And when the cannibal chief heard the name, he untied him and told him to go about his business.



Billy Rose

"No, it wasn't the prayer that did the trick—it seems that six months before, they had cooked and eaten another gent named Renault and he had turned out to be tough and tasteless."

"I KNOW AN equally implausible story," I piped up. "The one about the clerk in Tacoma, Washington, who was handed five thousand dollars to buy insurance for a bridge that was under construction. The fellow had never stolen a nickel in his life, but this was one temptation he couldn't stand off—what in the name of the five Ringling Brothers could happen to a bridge?"

"Sitting misdeed to thought, the clerk went to Reno and blew in the whole five grand on a couple of gals, and then, the night before he was due to start back, the Mayor of Tacoma phoned and wanted to know about the insurance. It seemed that the bridge—the famous Galloping Gertie of the northwest—had come apart at the seams and fallen into the gorge."

"THE BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT that tops them all is the one about Charles Coghlan," said Eugene Burr who writes the theatre pieces for Playbill.

"Charles who?" I asked. "Coghlan," said Burr, "the actor who used to play opposite Lily Langtry back in the last century. When he was 50, he bought himself a farm on Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and quit the stage for what he thought was good. A few years later, however, Forbes-Robertson made him a very attractive offer to play Mercutio in a touring production of 'Romeo and Juliet,' and while Coghlan hated to leave the island, he couldn't afford to turn the offer down. In one season he'd earn enough to be able to live comfortably the rest of his life.

"When his neighbors came down to the boat to see him off, the actor assured them that, come heaven or high water, he'd return when his tour was ended. And he did—but it took both heaven and high water, and in that order, to arrange it.

"Heaven got into the act shortly after the tour started—in Galveston he suffered a heart attack and died, and was buried in a cemetery not far from the sea. The high water came a year later, September 8, 1900, when a tidal wave hit Galveston, drowned six thousand people and washed away a good part of the waterfront, including most of the coffins in the cemetery.

"Some months after the disaster, a fisherman on Prince Edward Island went down to the beach one morning to inspect his nets, and found a coffin which had washed up on the sands.

"On it was a brass plate with the name 'Charles Coghlan'—the actor, with an assist from the Gulf Stream, had made good his promise to return."

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in Mill City Friday. Those going from here were Mrs. Nellie Kirsch, Mrs. Ann Blum, Mrs. Meral Teeters, and Mrs. Jennie Moe.

With spring-like weather being enjoyed by all, Keith Phillips reports seeing the first gray digger of the year on February 5.

Jack Alloway and Ivan Darby are planning to build a new home for Pete Parsons on land donated by Donald Teeters. Mr. Parson's present home is threatened by highway construction.

A defense meeting was held Thursday night at the Women's club in Mehama to start organizing the community for national preparedness.

It was there pointed out that people in rural communities should be united to give aid to persons forced to evacuate homes or cities in the event of bombings.

More plans and information will follow at meetings to be announced later to the public.

Mill City Lodge No. 144, I.O.O.F. meets every Friday night. Visiting brothers welcome.

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