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OUR DEFENSELESSNESS EXPOSED

OREGONIANS should be particularly interested in the story of our national unpreparedness against hostile attack, as it is told in the current issue of McClure's by Herbert B. Mayer.

For of all defenseless portions of a defenseless country, Oregon ranks in first place. Not only is her 500 miles of coast line unprotected from attack from the Pacific, but a large portion of the state is so locked within mountain walls, that if one line of railway communication were destroyed, an easy task for an enemy, she would lie a helpless victim, without means of communication with the rest of the nation, to be ravished at leisure.

Mayer asserts that the \$350,000,000 annually required to maintain the national military establishment in a high state of efficiency is only one-third of what we annually spend on candy, soda water and chewing gum. In other words the maintenance of a proper military force would entail a yearly per capita cost of \$3.50, and Mayer goes on to say:

If we consider the army as a protective agency—which, indeed, it is—its efficient existence and that of its affiliated citizen organizations constitute the cheapest form of protection against disaster that we maintain. The average fire department, for example, costs \$3 per capita; the average police force \$7. Is \$3.50 a year too great an annual individual premium to pay for national insurance against great military catastrophes?

Oregon, in her position, is vitally interested in the maintenance of an adequate national army, but she is interested in more than that.

She is interested in a system of communication with the rest of the United States, that would make the troops and equipment available in case of need.

In other words it is to the immediate interest of Oregon, and of the United States, that the Modoc Northern railway be built, linking Oregon to the American union with a line of rail transportation that cannot be put out of commission by the destruction of a tunnel or trestle that it would take weeks or months to replace.

It is nothing less than criminal negligence that permits this situation to exist. Men may disagree and say that there is no hostile power in the whole world that dares attack the United States—that we are at peace, without a war cloud on the horizon, and that to rouse such a discussion as this article is basis for, is reprehensible jingoism, calculated to stir bad feeling and bring about the very situation that it would avoid.

Yet, as far as the average citizen is concerned, the world war came from as clear a sky. Military observers were prepared months in advance by the rumblings from the Balkans, perhaps, but to the work-a-day world the carnage broke with hardly twenty-four hours' warning.

Should a war cloud rise from the Pacific, what protection have we? If Mayer is to be believed, we have next to none. He says:

If a military emergency should develop suddenly under present conditions we would have difficulty in mobilizing within a month even 30,000 men out of the army of 125,000 authorized by congress.

Over one-third of the mobile combat regiments now on the rolls of the regular army consist of but one officer and two men each!

In all that army today there is but one infantry regiment fit to engage in combat under conditions of modern warfare. That is the Twenty-ninth Infantry, now on demonstration duty at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Cavalry and field artillery are as badly off. They are under-equipped, under-trained, under-manned and under-housed.

In the opinion of well informed military leaders, it would take six months, at least, to mobilize 1,000,000 men. From a military standpoint we are, to all intents and purposes, actually defenseless today against any sudden attack in which our ability to mobilize quickly would mean victory.

Other powers have not let their armies deteriorate since the world war, despite a world-wide longing for peace. For instance the total military strength available to Japan, as shown by secret and confidential reports, is 2,385,000 men capable of mobilization and duty without loss of time.

Every Oregon representative in the national congress, and every Oregon citizen should consider the insecurity in which we rest, the uncertainty of prop-



erty tenure and the uncertainty of life itself, and it would seem that the most ordinary prudence would dictate a course of action that would allow no rest until provision is made for our protection—not only in supporting the national movement for adequate preparedness, but in so remedying our inadequate transportation that the protective forces of the United States would be available and certain at twenty-four hours' notice should need for them arise.

VOLSTEAD LAW MICHIGAN ISSUE

Only Decision of Couzens To Withdraw From Race Can Halt Contest

DETROIT, Aug. 7.—Only the decision of Senator James Couzens not to seek re-election next year can halt the gaining momentum of the Volstead law as an issue in Michigan's 1924 campaign, according to opinion among political leaders and wet and dry advocates. Divisions of the latter already are in the field.

Senator Couzens declared for enforcement of the Volstead law, but also for modification of its interpretation of intoxicating liquor. He holds that beer of less than five per cent alcoholic content is not necessarily intoxicating.

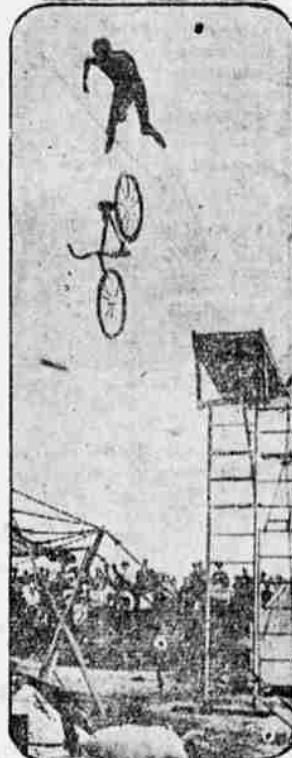
The declaration resulted in a controversy between the senator and national officials of the Anti-Saloon league, and the state Anti-Saloon league announced its intention of going out to "beat Couzens." The organization hopes to do it either by supporting one of the avowed candidates who is considered dry, or by putting its own candidate into the race. It is indicated in present activities.

Dry leaders assert that prohibition sentiment is stronger in Michigan now than it was in 1916, when an amendment to the state constitution placing Michigan in the dry column was adopted 353-378 to 284,754. Wet proponents counter with the assertion that the rapid growth of industrial communities has stored up an immense volume of votes favoring repeal of the dry laws. The dries claim that the farmer communities and the larger counties, previously dry, will stay dry. The wets reply that a few precincts in Detroit or the other industrial centers will poll more votes than entire out-state counties, and that if Senator Couzens decides to run he will sweep Detroit and other manufacturing communities.

Loren D. Dickinson, former lieutenant governor and an active dry worker, issued a warning to his forces that the issue must be made in the primary.

ELKS ATTENTION
Regular meeting of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247, Thursday evening, August 9, initiation and important business. Full attendance requested.
7-9 H. E. MOMYER, Sec'y.

He Proves It



Eating cucumbers is as safe as smoking after drinking gasoline.

MICKIE SAYS—

A TOWN WITHOUT A NEWSPAPER WOULD BE A DEAD PLACE, YET LOTS OF FOLKS TAKE THE PAPER FOR GRANTED AND DON'T SUPPORT IT A DARN BIT! NEWSPAPER EDITORS WILL GET THE BEST OF THEM REWARD IN THE SWEET BY AND BY!



The Office Cat

The greatest mystery in life for the man that does not own a cat is how the man next door can afford one.

A hick town is one in which there is no "Main Street" no "Star Bakery," no "Parlor Market," no Central Presbyterian church.

Shifts of the Grand Passion
A. 17 every boy intends to marry his childhood sweetheart. This follows his 10-year-old-determination to marry his school teacher. But as adolescence recedes the ambition changes, something as follows:

- At 20 a young man wants a chorus girl.
- At 25 he wants a vision of H. C. Christy type.
- At 30 he wants a good woman—mother type.
- At 35 he wants an economical, thrifty woman.
- At 40 he wants a woman with some money—widow, maybe.
- At 45 he wants a woman.
- At 50 he wants a young woman.
- At 55 he wants a girl.
- At 60 he wants a chicken.

Wonder if the first movie was the Virginia reel.

America now has more than half the world's gold and nearly all of its I. O. U.'s.

Genevieve is so stupid that she thinks a wise cracker is a product of the National Biscuit company.

After a man reaches 40, he should forget how old he is and up to that time he should forget how young he is.

Game laws are getting so stringent that it is getting to be safe to shoot only husbands, crap and bull.

Care for Baldness—Break Both Legs
William Hall, of Lewiston, Pa. who is over 80, has been bald for some years. A short time ago his legs were fractured in an auto accident. While recovering he grew a full head of hair.—Pittsburgh Gazette to Times.

Little Luella says that the last quarrel her parents had was when mamma gave papa 35 cents to buy her a magazine and he came home with the Police Gazette and six cheroots.

Cheerfulness is half of health; sadness hastens old age.

Now and then a woman saves a bit of money by hiding her pocketbook



AT THE PINE TREE

A rich bouquet of vaudeville attractions will be seen at the Pine Tree theatre tonight and Wednesday.

This clever bill will be headed by Rathburn and Rathburn, a high class novelty musical act. Ward and De Voe are novelty entertainers whose musical numbers are bright and snappy. These dance with old and ever winners. Willard, "The Man Who Grows," whose act is a phenomenon of attraction. Tackman and Ruth, a duo of torpsehoran artists, whose mannerisms and ability show cringing, experience and class.

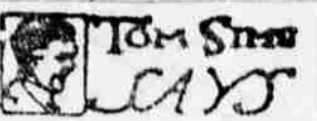
"In the spring," says a poet "a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love." The trouble seems to be that every spring the young men's fancy turns to thoughts of love all right, but each time it is a different girl. Such a condition is the basis of that glorious farce "Love Is An Awful Thing," a Selenick picture which will be shown at Pine Tree theatre Tuesday and Wednesday.

AT THE LIBERTY

It is indeed a great pleasure to present a picture dealing with life in the ideal American home—not a distorted far-fetched conception—but the home that you and I know. "Silver Wings" tells of the love of a wife for her husband and of a mother for her children—a love that will not deny even if it calls for the sacrifice of all else she holds dear.

I have watched the unfolding of the picture with deep feeling and believe that in it I have realized my great ambition—to provide clean, uplifting entertainment for every American family. I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of Mary Carr as the mother, which in my opinion is the supreme portrayal in "Silver Wings."

"Silver Wings" has a message for everyone. It has laughs, thrills and many heart-breaking scenes that refresh the soul. If it is as inspiring to you as it is to me, it will do the world much good.
H. W. P.



People who have seen him show may be glad to learn a New York actor is in jail for 60 days.

While not a movie star yet, a St. Louis woman is suing both of her husbands for divorce.

Ardmore (Okla.) right fielder got nine hits in one day, but still speaks to his friends.

When Dismal Swamp, near Norfolk, Va., caught fire they thought it a presidential boom at first.

It's so hot, even a road roller ran away in Chicopee, Mass.

Mrs. Yorke, of London, says a nice girl is a girl who can blush, but doesn't say what about.

Greek general planned a coup d'etat. We don't know what coup d'etats are. Furthermore, it's too hot to look them up.

A June husband tells us two may live as cheaply as one, but not as quietly.

Among the evils of returning from a vacation is finding you left something in the ice box.

Oh, what is so ray as sunburn in August?

Overcoats are cheaper now. Keep away from Munich. Price of beer has gone up in Munich.

Boston doctor has crossed the ocean 86 times. Isn't it about time he was making up his mind?

Golf balls may have killed two birds on a London course; anyway, the men swear they did.

Paris is trying motorcycle side car axia. Wouldn't do here. Two can't hug in a side car.

AT THE LIBERTY

Orchestra Every Evening—Mr. Harry Bavel, Director

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY

A play that will win your heart

"SILVER WINGS"

Starring MARY CARR—you will remember her as the mother in "Over the Hill"—plays an equally good part in this one. Every son and daughter and father and mother should see "Silver Wings"—it has a lesson for us all.

where she can't find it.

How We Have Spent Our Life

We are now thirty two years of age, and this is how we have spent our time:

- One year waiting in barber shops.
- Two years sleeping.
- Six years looking at punk comedies.
- Three years looking at movies.
- One year buttoning our collar.
- Two years playing golf.
- Two years tying our necktie.
- Two years chewing tough beefsteak.
- One and a half years waiting for

trains and interurbans.
Eight years dodging bill collectors.
One year waiting for wife to get dressed.
Two years looking for jobs.
Six months working.
Birthday anniversary next Sunday; celebration abtively private.
Friends, neighbors and otherwise will please omit necks, neckties, gloves, bowties, muffers, stick pins, etc. etc. etc. etc.

Will knock you cold—Watch for our surprise ad. Sugarman's Boys.
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