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WASHINGTON

News Behind the News
 The Inside Story From The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, May 29 — World statesmen are getting hot headlines again by digging the disarmament question out of its grave for a brief official airing at Geneva.
 The exhaustion ceremony this year is recognized by old hands here in the state department as the annual spring European crisis.
 As crises go in Europe, this one has a slightly more sensational background than usual. Our people are privately worried, but not excited.
 The inner problem is not disarmament, but keeping up the illusion that there is any hope for disarmament. All the nations are building more ships and guns and do not intend to stop. All know there is no more chance for a disarmament agreement than there is for Hitler and the French to shake hands and make up.

None of the nations at heart really wants disarmament, except the United States and Russia, and you cannot be sure about Russia while war with Japan is a possibility.
 PROSPECTS
 If the cooler heads have their way, the Geneva conference will not be permitted to end in a fight. There will be a few pious expressions to cover over current international ill feeling. After a few days of brotherly love, the disarmament issue will be re-interred in the same quiet graveyard where the London economic conference lies. Then everyone can go home and build more ships and guns.
 That is the most our people really hope for. That is what they think will happen.
 It sounds silly, but it is the only sensible thing to do. A pious expression of a hopeless hope is better than a brawl.

PREPARATIONS
 The statesmen get themselves in the proper spiritual attitude for such an armed love-feast when they agreed that the Russo-Japanese situation would not be brought up at the conference.
 It would be just as easy to eliminate oxygen from the air in Geneva. It is similarly difficult for the Franco-German situation not to be considered in actions, if not in words.
 France and Germany are bristling so much with war talk that a few days ago, when the French moved two army corps to the Alsatian border, numerous residents of a town abandoned their homes and slept the night in the woods. They thought the shooting might start any minute.
 Somewhat the same underlying temper of the people was manifest when the Hitlerites raided an anti-Hitler society headquarters in the Saar and confiscated the sheets of society members, apparently for use in determining who should vote in the Saar plebiscite next year. Feelings like those cannot be suppressed by agreement.

ENCOURAGEMENT
 The U. S. diplomats will never say so publicly, but they are pleased to see France and Russia moving toward a defensive alliance. Such an alliance would do more to prolong European peace than a dozen disarmament conferences in the existing situation.
 The alliance is a gentle hint to Hitler that he cannot fight France until he is strong enough to whip Russia at the same time. It will be a long time before Hitler becomes that strong.
 For that reason, England and Italy may not interfere, although the alliance leaves Mussolini out on a limb by himself, and does not help John Bull.

U. S. BRITAIN
 The Japanese situation is driving us closer and closer to Great Britain in the backstage alignments.
 Nothing has been put on paper yet, and probably nothing will be, but there is good ground for believing that we have already reached the incipient basis of a personal gentleman's agreement with Britain about Japanese possibilities.
 If Japan should seize a Pacific stronghold of either party, for instance, it is highly improbable that our fleet would run into the British fleet, even if there was a fog.
 COLD WATER
 What keeps those things from being as exciting as they sound is the fact that no one seems to be ready to throw the first brick.
 All the nations are strengthening their defenses, making alliances and talking about what they will do, but the inside situation is such that anyone who starts the fight is almost certain to get the worst of it.
 Japan and Germany are supposed to be the two bad boys who might start trouble. Japan has been out-jockeyed by Russian diplomacy during the last six months. Germany really has no intention of fighting until she recovers strength enough to make fighting worth while.
 Therefore, at least half the trouble seems to be diplomatic rather than pugilistic.

NOTES
 Two of the president's best advisers did not agree with his original intentions regarding the arms embargo resolution. They thought it unwise for us to move without the Johnson amendment requiring the embargo to be applied to all warring nations.
 Our officials are amused at Britain's action in suddenly taking the lead for an international embargo on arms to the chaco. Britain has been permitting the sale of its own airplanes to Germany. Although ostensibly commercial ships, these could be converted into fighting planes in a few hours.
 The suspicion is abroad in

SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark



He's a darn good horse. That's the trouble, he's too good for his job.

AMUSEMENTS

Pelican—Now playing, "We're Not Dressing," with Bing Crosby, Carole Lombard, Burns and Allen, Ethel Merman and Leon Errol.
 Pine Tree — Now playing, "Coming Out Party," with Frances Dee and Gene Raymond.
 Rainbow—Now playing, "The Important Witness," with Noel Francis.
 Vox—Now playing "Palooka," with Jimmie Durante, Lupe Velez, Stuart Erwin, Marjorie Rambeau and Robert Armstrong.



"WE'RE NOT DRESSING"
 South Sea island adventure, jungle love, and chortling comedy feature the scenes of Paramount's "We're Not Dressing," the climax of Bing Crosby's long list of entertainment achievements, which opens today at the Pelican theatre.
 Carole Lombard, George Burns and Grace Allen, Ethel Merman, Leon Errol, and a strong supporting cast, joined hands and voices with Crosby to make his Paramount vehicle 60 minutes of unequalled action and melody.

AT THE PINE TREE
 Capitalizing on the genteel headlines of today's society pages, and playing a searching light on the debutante racket, "Coming Out Party," will offer the lowdown on high life when it makes its appearance on the screen of the Pine Tree theatre today.
 Frances Dee and Gene Raymond have the romantic leads, and head a cast that includes such stellar names as Alison Skipworth, Nigel Bruce, Harry Green.

AT THE RAINBOW
 "Several popular stars of the talking screen are included in the cast of "The Important Witness," the new production, which will be the feature attraction at the Rainbow theatre starting today. Noel Francis is featured in the title role of this picture. Among her other successes are "I Am A Fugitive From A Chain Gang," "Smart Women" and "Smart Money."

AT THE VOX
 They can't call Jimmie Durante a philatelist and get away with it.
 One of the "Schnozzola" secret vices, stamp-collecting, was divulged during the filming of the Hellanca comedy, "Palooka," now at the Vox theatre.
 It was "Stu" Erwin, who shares starring honors with Jimmie and Lupe Velez in this presentation, who sprang the philatelist crack on Jimmie in an unguarded moment between scenes, and the star with the world's biggest
 the best quarters that some other nation, perhaps France or Czechoslovakia, has captured the lion's share of the chaco munitions trade.
 One thing about this administration is that all advisers, from State Secretary Full on down to the office boys, agree that quiet and polite nationalism is the best policy. No one wants to go out and save the world. They know very well it can't be done.

Society

The Ladies Aid society of the First Methodist church met on Thursday afternoon in the church parlors.
 After a short business meeting the following program was presented:
 Volin solo, "Valse Triets"
 Jessie Eileen Heider, accompanied by Ruth Rea.
 Reading, "The Shrine at Mother's Knee."
 Mrs. May Evans
 Songs—
 "Across the Bridge of Dreams,"
 "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling,"
 "Just a-Wearyin' for You."
 Accompanied by Mrs. Fred Coter.
 Following the program tea was served to members and friends present.
 Mrs. Naomi French was a recent hostess at her home on Modoc street, complimenting Mrs. Ann Colson with a miscellaneous shower.
 Guests of the afternoon were: Gene McDaniell, Lucille Baron, Emma Manning, Blanche Ralph, Mrs. A. Colson, Mrs. C. Yockland, Mrs. F. E. Pellett, Vivion Dalmer, Mrs. M. Kohen, Mrs. Miller and Jessie Keese.
 The Eastern Star social club will meet Friday afternoon, June 1 at 2:15 o'clock, at Masonic hall.
 All members of the Order of the Eastern Star are cordially invited.
 Mr. and Mrs. George W. McIntyre and two children, have returned from a vacation visit with Mrs. McIntyre's father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Charles T. McPherson in Portland, and Mr. McIntyre's parents in Amboy, Wash.
 During the McIntyres' visit in Portland Mrs. McIntyre's parents were honored with a surprise open house. Music was enjoyed during the afternoon.

CARNIVAL TO AID LEGION AUXILIARY
 Receipts from the "Little Reno" carnival at the Music Box this week will go toward sending the American Legion auxiliary drum corps to the state convention at Astoria this summer.
 The carnival, complete in entertainment, opened Monday night and will continue through Saturday night. Concessions of all types have been set up.
 Free dancing will continue each night from 9:00 p. m. until 1:00 a. m. A Dutch lunch will be served. The first 15 women arriving at the hall Tuesday night were to receive a free lunch.
 Music is furnished by Eddie Fargo and his Rhythm Vendors.
 Planters in Ceylon employ snakes to catch rats.

King's Sweetheart

HORIZONTAL
 1, 6 Royal mistresses, shown in picture.
 13 To beat.
 15 Deliverers.
 17 Gaelic.
 19 Growing out.
 20 Fence bars.
 22 Flurry.
 23 Ice rain.
 25 Frozen dessert.
 27 Russian ruler.
 29 Form of "a."
 30 And.
 32 Apertures for coins.
 34 She is a ———.
 39 Tolerated.
 41 Eucharist wine vessel.
 42 Lassos.
 44 Shoe bottoms.
 46 Revolutionary socialists.
 48 Rends asunder.
 50 Size of type.
 51 Shabby.
 53 Low couch.
 55 To excavate.
 56 Looked askance.
 57 Threads forced under the skin.
 59 To accomplish.
 60 Weight allowance for waste.
 61 Traitor.
 62 Exclamation.
 3 To depart.
 4 First note in scale.
 5 To affirm.
 7 Answering.
 8 Father.
 9 First woman.
 10 Iniquities.
 11 Animal allied to raccoon.
 12 Genus of nettles.
 13 A loaf.
 14 Ages.
 16 Calm.
 18 Mud in running water.
 21 Closes with was.
 24 Jong.
 26 Singing voice.
 28 To bend.
 31 Lukewarm.
 33 Compact.
 34 King of Rumania.
 35 Egg dish.
 36 Crazier.
 37 Either.
 38 To correct and amend.
 40 To determine.
 43 Three plus four.
 45 A starch.
 47 Withered.
 48 To surfeit.
 52 To soak flux.
 54 Wooden peg.
 58 North America.

Answer to Previous Puzzle
 LEON TROTSKY
 VERTICAL
 1 Myself.
 2 Exclamation.
 12 Genus of nettles.

Looking Ahead At Budgets

BUDGET-making time is still far off, yet it is none too soon to give thought to the opportunity that period affords. Too often, those opportunities have slipped by unused in the rush of necessity for immediate action in the late fall.
 Defeat of the sales tax has turned attention to the heavy taxation burden on property. The most promising relief in sight is reduction of that burden by out-and-out economy in public expenditures, such as has been resorted to by well-managed private business in the past three years. And the best way to attain that economy and do the least damage is to make careful plans.
 Laying the groundwork for the tax-levying boards and their budget committees could and should therefore be done ahead of budget-making time. The responsible and intelligent people of the community and county could well give the matter their attention, even this early in the game.
 It is an idea of County Assessor W. T. Lee's that much could be accomplished by a cooperative budget-making program in which all the levying boards of the county participate. Fortunately, in this county, budget-making authority is fairly well concentrated. We have the county, the city, the county school unit, Klamath Union high school district and the city elementary school district—five where in many other counties there are dozens of tax-levying districts.
 The idea would be to end competitive budget-making between the various boards. All together, they would work out a plan providing each division with its budgetary needs but keeping in mind the welfare of the ultimate taxpayer as affected by ALL of the various taxes to be levied against his property.
 The suggestion has its possibilities. It would be well to give it some sound thought.

Point of View

THE Italian newspaper Il Popolo d'Italia, which is owned by Mussolini himself, foresees the decline and fall of the United States. Why? Because the birth rate is falling.
 This, says the paper, shows a "paralysis of energy" and will result before long in national decadence.
 "Within several generations," it adds, "the births and deaths will be equal, and then the crumbling of America's skyscrapers will begin."
 Before getting too gloomy about this, it is well to remember that Mussolini is constantly telling the Italians about the beauties of a high birth rate; and when one recalls that Ita'y is already overpopulated, and that further population pressure can only add to the disastrous tensions of European politics, one suspects that America's falling birth rate will prove less dangerous than Italy's rising one.
 It is refreshing to hear a 100 per center like Claude Ingalls. The Corvallis editor, who addressed the annual chamber of commerce dinner, adheres strictly to one doctrine. If he is ever assailed by doubt, he keeps the fact well-hidden. Between the views of Mr. Ingalls and of those way over on the left, whom he despises, is a great middle ground of opinion whereon the majority trods. That is probably a good thing, but it is interesting and instructive to hear one with such fixed and unshakable ideas that classify so unquestionably on one side of the dividing line of political thought.

Wednesday is Memorial Day. The various patriotic and veterans organizations of Klamath Falls, as well as other Klamath county communities, are sponsoring traditional ceremonies in honor of the war dead. In this observance they deserve the consideration and attention of the whole people.

Telling the Editor

FROM MR. ASHURST
 KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I wish to express my sincere appreciation through the columns of this paper for the confidence and esteem manifested in me by the voters of Klamath county in the primary election just held.
 It will be my ambition and desire to continue to merit the confidence and esteem, not only of those who cast their votes for me in the primaries, but of all of the citizens of this county and community.
 I wish to thank the editor of this paper for the fair and impartial treatment accorded myself and other candidates in this campaign.
 EDWARD B. ASHURST.

Flag Traditions Described For Decoration Day

Flag-flying traditions for Memorial Day were cited Tuesday by representatives of local patriotic organizations.
 In tribute to war dead, the flag should fly at half-mast from sunrise to noon on Wednesday. From noon to sunset it should fly at full-mast.

Bullet Kills Rancher's Cow

Investigation of the shooting of a cow on the Bill Whitlatch place at Round Lake is being made by the sheriff's office.
 The cow was not found until some time after it was shot by an unknown gunman. This is the second Whitlatch cow shot this year, but the first survived several wounds by a small calibre rifle.
 Whitlatch lost eight or ten cows last year, according to Sheriff Lloyd Low.

Veterans to Meet Wednesday Night

Members of Pelican Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet in the courthouse basement on Wednesday evening, May 20.
 Election of delegates to the state convention, which convenes in Medford June 3 to 7, will be the feature of the business session.
 You can patiently wait for national recovery to restore normal activity in almost every other field, but you dare not permit millions of school children to grow up either mentally or physically starved. Childhood cannot wait.—Joseph Miller, Jr., New York educator.

Save to Buy
 and
Buy to Save

READ this headline forwards or read it backwards—it gives you the same, sound advice.

You have certain fixed living expenses—rent, food, clothing, light, and other necessities. You save money every week so that these bills can be paid at the first of every month. Whatever else you buy must come from surplus savings, over and above those set apart to cover living costs. To make those savings buy the utmost value for the money is the essence of true economy.

Save to buy—then buy to save. Know what you need to buy before going to the store. Know what you can afford to pay before you start out to make a purchase. That is the one sure way to get the most for your money.

Make it a habit to read the advertisements in your newspaper every day. By doing so you will learn where to buy the things you need and where your dollar will buy the greatest value. The advertisements will show you where to purchase better food, better clothes, and yet save you money. They will help you live better and enjoy the good things of life. They help you to buy in order to save.