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Fire Can Strike Here, Too

TWO shocking fires which recently took scores of lives of merry-makers in the east can easily be repeated, on a smaller scale, in communities like ours this Christmas season, unless the utmost caution is practiced wherever groups gather in the midst of holiday decorations.

It is these flimsy, inflammable embellishments which so often cause disastrous holiday blazes, and Midland Empire people would do well to heed the warning just issued by Fire Chief Keith Ambrose against carelessness with fire in the Yule season.

It is noteworthy that the two eastern fires occurred in places where large groups were making merry. Under these circumstances, there is usually a great deal of smoking, and not a little drinking that breeds carelessness. These conditions, combined with the presence of inflammable holiday decorations, constitute a hazard of the first magnitude.

But it is not always in places of frivolous pleasure that fire breaks out at Christmas time. Fires have struck at church gatherings and community Christmas programs. One of the worst fires in the history of Oregon occurred at Silver Lake on the occasion of a Christmas program near the beginning of this century.

Fires in the home are common at Christmas time. Christmas trees, candles and home-rigged electrical fixtures, increase the hazards there.

These are times when the nation needs every bit of manpower it can summon to carry on a bitter struggle. It cannot spare lives which are lost needlessly in fires. Placing the matter on the cold basis of the nation's welfare, destructive fire must be prevented.

During the Christmas and New Year's weekends, scores of soldiers will be in Klamath Falls. They will mingle with the crowds at large gatherings. A spark set off carelessly in such a gathering can start a fire that could take the lives of many of these fighting men as well as valuable civilian workers.

Damaging tragedy can best be averted by foregoing the use of inflammable decorations and by exercising every other reasonable precaution. It is the flimsy decorations that make the hazard greatest at Christmas time.

The Democrats May Help

CONSULTING the records, some Washington political seers have found reason to anticipate a republican presidential victory in 1944. They base their prospectus on the recent biennial election which showed a strong republican upsurge, such as, history shows, usually precedes a change in the party in administrative power.

In 1884, Cleveland was elected by the democrats, his victory being presaged by a weakening in GOP control of congress in 1882. In 1910 there was a progressive-democratic surge, and in 1912 came Woodrow Wilson to replace the republican Taft in the White House. In 1920, the republicans named Harding, after 1918 elections tossed the democrats out of control of the house. In 1930, the democrats took house control away from the republicans, and in 1932 came Franklin D. Roosevelt.

These records indicate, it is true, that when the odds make a big off-year gain in the legislative halls, they are on their way to administrative victory two years hence. Whether history will be repeated probably depends, to a large degree, upon the republicans and the way they handle themselves in the next two years. But it is just possible they will get some help from the democrats themselves. Senator George recently said that the New Deal agencies who seem to be working overtime devising methods of annoying citizens and taxpayers seem to be "trying to think up ways to make the country go republican in 1944."

Sulfa Drug Aids Bubonic Plague Case in Yreka

YREKA, Calif., Dec. 15 (AP)—The reappearance of bubonic plague in this area was reported today by the state department of public health and medical authorities at the same time announced they had treated the single case with some success with sulfadiazine.

Dr. Albert E. Newton, Siskiyou county physician, reported that the patient, Donna Mae DeRose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel F. DeRose of Hawkinsville, improved considerably after receiving large doses of the sulfa drug, but still was not out of danger.

Bubonic plague appeared in this area in the summer of 1941, when two children contracted the disease and died.

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OBITUARY

EARL EUGENE WARE

Earl Eugene Ware, for the last 14 years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away in this city Monday, December 14, 1942, at 4:30 p. m. following a brief illness. He was a native of Trempealeau, Wisc., and at the time of his death was aged 57 years, 9 months and 26 days. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth M. Ware of this city; one son, Eugene H. Ware, USN; two step-sons, Lloyd Parke of Honolulu, T. H., and Sergeant Charles Parke of Camp Robinson, Ark.; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Scheie of Warren, Minn., and Mrs. Myrtle Clauson of Spokane, Wash.; one brother, Bert Ware of Portland, Ore. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call after 4 p. m. Wednesday. Notice of funeral to be announced in the next issue of this paper.

Washington Column

By PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—A drift toward the creation of a much stronger war cabinet is discernible in the reorganization of government war agencies announced by the White House in recent executive orders.

Heretofore, whenever there has been a new war job to do the tendency has been to set up a new agency to do it. Practically all of these new war agencies have been set up outside the old line executive departments such as State, Commerce, Agriculture and so on. The result has been a confusing complexity of co-ordinators and such.

But in four recent reorganization orders new jobs have been given to the established executive departments of the government.

1. The Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations, OFRRO, under Governor Herbert Lehman of New York, is set up in the Department of State.

2. The Office of the Petroleum Administrator for War, PAW, is set up under Secretary Harold Ickes in the Department of the Interior.

3. Control over food production and distribution, instead of being set up as a separate food administration, is given to Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard.

4. Problems of non-military administration of foreign lands occupied by U. S. troops are given to a new Office of Foreign Territories, OFT, likewise set up within the Department of State, under Paul Appleby, former under-secretary of agriculture.

ALL THIS, AND MONEY, TOO

A fifth indication of this trend toward stronger cabinet control might be listed in the current senate move to place funds earmarked by the Board of Economic Warfare under more strict control of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones.

The exception is, of course, the new order on manpower, transferring control over Selective Service to the War Manpower Commission under Paul V. McNutt. WMC is left within the organizational framework of the Office of Emergency Management, the big over-all war agency holding company. But the original plan was to put manpower control in the Department of Labor.

All this shuffling around of government agencies may look like nothing more than a lot of reframing of old familiar faces. But if it has any significance at all, it is that a lot of these war jobs which were originally considered temporary are now being sized up as jobs that will have to be carried over into the post-war period, and therefore they are being assigned to the established executive agencies of the government.

SMILED AND FROWNED ON

This idea of centering more war powers in the cabinet is being talked of in Washington now as a successor or as a development of the theory that there should be one supreme boss of all the war program, and that all the war agencies should be transferred to the director. In congress, this idea has jelled in the form of the proposed War Mobilization bill, sponsored originally by Congressman John Tolan of California and taken up by Senators Truman, Pepper, Kilgore and others. Hearings on this legislation are now being held before Senator Claude Pepper's sub-committee on Education and Labor.

The idea of having a supreme director of war mobilization stems from the old Barney Baruch proposals based on experience in the last war. Thus far, the reaction to the Congressional Office of War Mobilization plan has been all favorable. But it is known that the idea is frowned on by top men in the present War Production Board,

SIDE GLANCES



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"I've been asking you for an air rifle for two years—now I suppose you're going to tell me you don't make them any more because of the war!"

BLUNDER CHARGED IN TRANSPORT LOSS

STOCKTON, Calif., Dec. 15 (AP)—J. Hugh Jackson, one of the directors of the American Presidents Line, told a meeting of the Kiwanis club here that the liner President Coolidge was lost through a United States navy blunder.

The navy announced Saturday the ship, serving as a transport, had sunk after hitting a mine in the South Pacific. It carried more than 4000 persons. Only four lost their lives.

Secretary of Navy Knox said in Washington today the navy was making "a very thorough investigation." He said "I have no information that it hit one of our mines."

Jackson, member of the Stanford university school of business, and governor of the California-Nevada Kiwanis, told the meeting here "The President Coolidge was lost because of error."

"When she reached the entrance to a harbor, two U. S. destroyers were outside the harbor. Her captain stopped and asked if the harbor was all right. He was told there was nothing to worry about. His ship plowed into that harbor and struck two mines."

Perry Emigh Passes Monday

NORTH BEND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Perry Emigh, forestry expert and long active in the Pacific northwest's timbering industry, died at his home here yesterday.

Survivors include his widow, the former Valdeen Weatherwax of Aberdeen, Wash., and a son, Peter, now in a flying school in South Carolina.

who feel that any general reshuffling of war agencies might be too much of mid-stream horse swapping at this time. The War Department is also known to oppose the Tolan War Mobilization plan, and has had in preparation for some days a formal statement giving its arguments against the legislation.

The idea of building up a stronger war cabinet is therefore being looked on as something of a substitute for the Tolan plan.

Los Angeles once had a law forbidding street car conductors to shoot rabbits and other game from the car platforms.

El Morro national monument in New Mexico was visited by 1593 persons during 1940.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

REFLECTION

By S. L.

Morning—
Over the world Peace—in our heart good will—no fear—no pain—fortunate people—we Klamathians—

I saw her slip into the grey of the day—Dawn with streaming, golden hair, and watched her draw the mauve curtains of morning, aside, to a waiting world, fresh and trembling but not afraid—limbs flexed for action, lips parted with words of challenge—mystic Dawn—And Shasta held her torch, lighted at the flame of dawn dripping on the sky—and sent its beams into the cavernous darkness of the valleys below. Cocks crow—cows moved restlessly about—somewhere in the distance a thin film of smoke announced the day to sons of pioneers.

Rugged sons and daughters—rugged mountains from whence cometh their help? Their help sent thru the air veins from sturdy riders of the plains—from wagon caravans—from friendly Indian beginnings—from toil and sweat and sharing—from shovel and ax and hoe and plow—and long nights and early mornings—with Shasta to light up their path—their help indeed?—It all will come again to children of pioneers—poet and plowman and saint and sinner—so long as the land—the soil—is dearer than tyranny—the soil and the people stay free—so long as toil and sweat wake the day—so long as Americans believe—these are worth fighting for—so long as when they come back—to seek the land—in spirit or in truth—and find it waiting with Dawn streaming across our Klamath Valley—THEIRS—and their children's children forever—these are worth fighting for—

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Onions are hardy, says a health specialist. We think they're downright strong.

SEARS MANAGER GETS PROMOTION

T. R. Thompson, manager of the local Sears store since its opening here in February, 1938, has been promoted to manager of the big Sacramento Sears store, and will leave for his new post Wednesday evening. He has just returned from a meeting of Sears store managers in Chicago and was definitely informed of the appointment this week.

Thompson has been with the company 24 years, and has established an enviable record in the store here. The latest achievement was during Sears' "Leadership Sale," when the local store led Sears stores for the entire nation in increase in percentage of quota. He is a member of the chamber of commerce, the Retail Merchants Bureau, and has been especially active in 4-H work in the county.

A. T. Cushman, district manager for the company, will be here Wednesday and will accompany Thompson to his new post. The latter, who says, "I have been very happy in Klamath Falls, and hate to leave," will return here to spend Christmas with his friends and family, who will then accompany him to Sacramento.

John Hawkins of Seattle, superintendent of the big "A" store there, will succeed Thompson as local manager. He has also been manager of the Aberdeen store, and the Roosevelt store in Seattle. Truman V. Berg will remain as assistant manager.

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP)—Coming from behind in the second half, the Whitman college basketball team slipped in a basket in the last 10 seconds of play to give them a 51-50 victory over the Pendleton Air Base team here last night, after the lead had changed hands on nearly every basket in the closing minutes. Pendleton led 30-26 at the half.

Promoted



—Kennell-Ellis
T. R. Thompson, manager of the Sears store here since 1938, leaves Wednesday evening for his new post, manager of the big Sacramento Sears store.

Jackson County Legislator Sends In Resignation

ASHLAND, Dec. 15 (AP)—Attorney Frank J. Van Dyke of Ashland, elected in November to the state legislature from Jackson county, telegraphed his resignation today. He is in an army training camp in California and was unable to obtain a furlough to attend the forthcoming session.

I. R. Staples, Medford broker and son of the late Oregon Legislator R. Staples of Portland, and R. F. Kyle of Medford, have been mentioned for appointment. Ashland leaders seek a successor from this part of the county. Fred Homes, farmer and chairman of several war work committees, has been mentioned. Mrs. Van Dyke's name has been suggested but friends say she rejected the proposal.

Van Dyke entered the army a few days after election but had hoped to procure a furlough for the legislative session.

BOARD 2 MEN LEAVE HERE DECEMBER 21

Names of men called to the service by Klamath county board No. 2, to leave December 21, were announced Tuesday.

The list follows:
Barley, William Eden, 1008 Bank street.
Barkley, Melvin Leon, Chiloquin.
Bench, Trafton Devoy, Medford.
Bell, William Eugene, Westwood.
Benson, Leslie Wells, Portland.
Berggren, John Edwin, Portland.
Berkley, Wilfred Keith, Sprague River.
Crawley, Ben Clinton, Redmond.
Campbell, Oliver Perry, Anchor hotel.
Cattson, Neil Harry, Stowich.
Davies, Earl Lewis, Chiloquin.
Dennis, Stephen Albert, Merrill.
Dahl, Ole, Modoc Point.
Edwards, Clarence Gordon, Provo, Utah.
Eggar, James Thompson, Glenview.
Fredericks, Carl Frederick, Ashburn, Calif.
Frame, Floyd Mauley, Vancouver, Wash.
Gladwell, Homer, Toledo, Ore.
Gibbels, Robert James, Yuma, Ariz.
Gillette, Jack Leonard, Route 2.
Gibbert, Henry William, Westwood, Calif.
Hawkins, Gerald Oliver, 1336 Logan street.
Spiller, Harry Wendell, Bay View, Ida.
Hill, Willard T., Chiloquin.
Holbrook, Cecil Paul, Malin.
Hove, Michael Joseph, Quincy, Calif.
Ince, Edward Gilbert, Ukiah.
Lips, Alfred Leon, Vallejo.
Lloyd, Curtis Warren, Klamath Falls.
Lott, Lloyd L., San Francisco.
Mason, James Shelby, 1422 Esplanade.
Morris, Wilbur Vincent, Halcyon.
Morgan, Milton Emil, Shewano, Wisc.
Peterson, Neil Webb, Woodland, Calif.
Reid, Art James, Weaverville, Calif.
Richard, Albert George, Reilly.
Revis, Arthur, Sprague River.
Shaw, William Leroy, 724 Owens street.
Spicer, Harry Wendell, Bay View, Ida.
Spiegel, William Malin.
Schultz, Charles Terry, Sprague River.
Sanderford, George Cassin, Bend.
Seay, Elmer Alden, Br.
Stickney, Curtis Leslie, Spokane.
Stahler, Fred Hiram, 2007 Modoc street.
Sundberg, Ernest Joseph, Br.
Schreiner, Donald Edmund, Route 1.
Schmidt, Theodore Marcus, Deepwater, Mo.
Scott, Chester, Merrill.
Storch, Irwin, Reno.
Seymour, Elmer Alden, Br.
Trotter, Carlos William, Portland.
Tolpelt, Guy Jr., Glenview.
Wagner, James City, Sprague River.
Wicks, James Arthur, Portland.
Walker, Max, 2900 Great street.
Wain, Leonard Clyde, Modoc Point.
Warner, Fred Allen, Redmond.
Young, Murphy, Kirby, Ore.
Youngblood, Fred, Doris.

It is now estimated that swans live only about 25 years, not 100 years as formerly believed.

The skull of a Virginia Indian, unearthed in Stafford county, is the largest known in the world.

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