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Memorial Day

AND so comes another Memorial day. On this day we pause in remembrance, and think tenderly upon other years and upon those who were here then and are here no more.

The day began as an occasion for decorating the graves and paying homage to the soldiers killed in the Civil war. Since then the Spanish-American war and the World war have added to the long lists of America's dead heroes. And now every incident in the onrushing cycle of events in which we are engulfed points to the tragic probability of the spilling of more American blood in battle, and to more names of men and women whose lives were cut short by the Monster with the Great Axe.

It is not pleasant to contemplate Memorial days of the future, and what will then be remembered of 1941 and perhaps the series of years to follow. Only the most optimistic can project his thoughts forward from this vantage point and not see ahead the loss of American lives in declared or undeclared war (a bullet is as deadly in one as the other).

But Americans have never been wont to spend any great portion of their lives in trembling and fear. The citizen-soldiers of the past wars have accounted for themselves well, and if there must again be a demand upon more citizen-soldiers, they will do likewise. They and all of us must honor the heroes of the past with the way we conduct our lives now and in the future.

Swell Town

The following letter speaks for itself:

Boise, Ida., May 27—(To The News and Herald) In this morning's mail I received a letter from my son, Robert, who is with the 183rd artillery, 41st division, en route to California for army maneuvers. I should like to quote one little passage from this letter just to show you how much the boys and we, their parents and families, appreciate the courtesy shown these "strangers in a strange land." This is what he wrote: "We stayed in Klamath Falls last night (May 22) and the people sure were swell. We were camped about five miles from town and the people would come out to camp and take us into town. Don and I went together and when we got into town different people would come along and take us for a ride. We had four different rides all told and we really saw the town. They had a street dance in the evening and I've never seen such a crowd."

Well, I thought you might like to know that your efforts at entertaining the boys were appreciated and that they will always remember Klamath Falls as a "swell town," as they put it.

Thanking all very much, I am one of the mothers, MRS. MARY F. WILCOX
Overland road, Boise.

That goes without question into the "best letters of the year" file. To all who are helping make Klamath Falls a swell town, congratulations.

Not a Matter for Legislation

NO one can question the privilege of master barbers and journeyman barbers of this community in agreeing upon opening and closing hours for their establishments, and any other business practices which they decide to adopt. That is their business, and a matter to be decided among themselves.

It is, however, not the duty of the city of Klamath Falls to attempt to enforce these agreements by law. The action of the city council this week in amending a barber shop hours ordinance to conform to a union agreement was typical of the sort of legislation that invades fields where legislation has no business to be. Following the precedent set on Monday night, the city fathers could spend meeting after meeting doing nothing but adopting ordinances providing for all of the business practices of all the business of the city of Klamath Falls, all the provisions of agreements between employers and employees, and so on.

Nothing is said in the city charter about the authority of the council to adopt such legislation. It may be legal, as the city attorney has indicated, but not everything that might come within the bounds of legality is therefore to be construed as just and proper. It might be legal to sock a heavy city sales tax on all the people who patronize Klamath business establishments, driving them all outside the city and utterly ruining the community, but it wouldn't be good sense and it wouldn't be the thing to do.

It is true that the barber shop ordinance is an old measure, adopted even before legislative tampering with business became the vogue, but that doesn't make it proper. It is also true that the desire for the council's adoption of the amendment was virtually unanimous among the barbers of the community. But that, if it means anything, would make the ordinance unnecessary in bringing about the desired closing hours.

The barbers' desire for the legislation is understandable, but the council would have acted with better judgment and courage if it had followed its first impulse and eliminated this ordinance when the matter of amendment came before it. Barber shop closing hours are a minor matter; it is the principle of the thing that should have gotten the council's consideration.

FISHING EXCUSE

KANSAS CITY, (P)—Chester W. Seiglar's frank admission that his thoughts were on fishing won him exemption from jury service.

"I just couldn't sit here and hear the evidence impartially and think about those fish in

Minnesota," he told the court. Circuit Judge John F. Cook agreed the excuse was "a frank one," but quickly added that his decision was not to be taken as a precedent.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page.

That's One Crisis Out of the Way, Anyway

BACK TO
ye Olde-fashioned
Thanksgiving
IN 1942



NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, May 30—Mr. Roosevelt ruffled the war cards he is holding so fast that he gave congress and everyone else only a fast peek at the corner of them. The top counter may have been missed entirely.

You will recall he said he was entering upon a strategic reassignment of the armed forces in defense of the western hemisphere. He mentioned the Azores and Cape Verde islands four times as vital to this defense (Greenland twice, Dakar once).

The very same newspaper editions publishing the speech, carried an unobtrusive story that one of the few divisions of the American army ready to fight, fully trained and equipped, (the first division of 15,000 men from Fort Devens, Massachusetts) was going to Puerto Rico, which is the nearest American soil to the Cape Verde and its background stretch of the African coast.

To take those islands Mr. Roosevelt will have to get there before Hitler. Most military authorities here assume the Nazi occupation of Spain and Portugal will follow immediately the conquest of the eastern Mediterranean, probably in the late summer. Some expect the Puerto Rican stop of the first division will be brief.

STILL IN DARK

Mr. Roosevelt's clarifying speech left congressmen as much in the dark as before about what he really intends to do. Legislators and downtown executives have been able to express only their personal guesses, and these vary widely. It is impossible, therefore, to present an authoritative prospectus or even a consensus. My own personal opinion is that the program will develop along the following lines:

The president is working on the same basis he used in fighting the depression in 1933. He has laid out an overall policy in round generalized terms, as in his first inaugural. It is all in

there, but no one can see it yet. The specifications will become evident as he puts them into effect in the course of coming months or years.

He has taken over all the powers that have been publicly listed and some that have not. He does not intend to use all these powers (railroad aid, radio control, press censorship, etc.) but will find legal authority in them for whatever he wants to do as situations develop.

Primary step is a new technical naval policy in the Atlantic which will be a substitute for convoying, but will go much further than that discredited mode, by the use of seagoing scouting planes and marine bombers on a large scale.

Second step is to prevent Nazi occupation of island bases on the other side of the Atlantic under any circumstances, including the fall of Britain. The northern bases, now Greenland, next Iceland if necessary, and the Azores, would be taken to protect us; the African Islands (including possibly the Canaries, Madeira and Dakar) to protect South America and our prestige there. Thirdly, he intends to end la-

bor strikes by the mere threat of power to secure cooperation (no new legislation or boards). He will wave the big stick, not wield it.

Fourthly, OPM will be reorganized, shaken up. Strong price fixing will have to be started. Other waving, not wielding, will become necessary to secure the fullest cooperation from capital,

management, the securities and commodities markets, for the national effort.

The national emergency declaration was, therefore, designed to prepare the country psychologically for whatever steps become advisable to effect these and the other well-known defense and British aid purposes.

ON THE SEAS

These steps seem to make shooting on the high seas possible in a short time, but no land action, no war in the full meaning of that old term for a while yet. The navy is well prepared with superior planes, ships and men to meet whatever it will encounter in either ocean. It is ready. Army is not and cannot be ready this year.

Don't let the Nazi and Japanese press make you believe their high pressure publicity tactics caused Mr. Roosevelt to moderate his address. Those congressmen who saw the first draft know it was milder than the one finally delivered. The sinking of the Hood off Greenland enabled FDR to speak more strongly.

Cooperation Saves Day in Far North

MAYO, Y. T., May 30 (AP)—Cooperative endeavor solved a hair-raising crisis in this Yukon territory outpost today.

The crisis arose after the only barber within 35 miles left his scissors to work in the mines. Long boards and bushy hair became the winter and spring fashion.

But the advent of summerish weather brought not only an itch for a shave and a haircut—but many an itch. The males set to on a trim-for-trim pact. They weren't so neat but were comfortable.

In the Chinese language, there are 145 different meanings to the letter "I."

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Companion Hit

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ROMANCE!
SHERIFF
OF
TOMBSTONE
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"on the screen!"
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Martha O'DRISCOLL
Edgar KENNEDY
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ALL SEATS
INC. TAX 25c

TOMORROW

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with BOB LIVINGSTON • BOB STEELE • RUFÉ DAVIS
A Republic Picture
COMPANION FEATURE
DARING! UNBELIEVABLE!
RACKETS EXPOSED!
"CITY OF MISSING GIRLS"
All Seats 25c
VOX
CONTINUOUS SUNDAY

In spite of outward appearance I have the impression that labor and industry can be led and can be loyal to the same leadership. — Allan M. Pope, president, First Boston Corp.

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"Million Dollar Baby"
Ronald Regan Jeffery Lynn
Doors Open 11:30 P. M. Show at 12

PELICAN

TOMORROW

CONTINUOUS FROM 12:30 SUNDAY
A Honey
WITH LOTS 'A Money!

She looked like
a million...and
she had it, too
...that's what
made him sad
and blue!

PRISCILLA
LANE
JEFFREY
LYNN
RONALD
REAGAN

"Million Dollar Baby"
with
MAY
ROBSON
LEE
PATRICK
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Brothers
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★ AND ★

Roy Rogers in

"Sheriff of Tombstone"

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ON THE STAGE

2nd Big Imitation

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