

# Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted By WILLIAM BRUCKART  
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Washington.—The hysteria of war is in the air. It has been increasing in tempo and it may throw us out of equilibrium as a nation unless we watch our step. It is, indeed, a time for all people to keep their sense of direction and to avoid unnecessary and dangerous acts of an inflammatory character.

The sinking of the American gunboat, Panny, by the Japanese in the Yangtze river of China apparently has set fire to tinder because there have been outbursts of all sorts since that inexcusable incident of early December. There can be excuse or apology by the Japanese on end, but neither excuse nor apology will satisfy most Americans. They feel properly that Japan is trying to rub our collective noses into the ground and nearly every person wants to do something about a thing of that kind. On the other hand, I am convinced that the answer lies in another direction; it is to be found, I believe, in exacting a promise from the Japanese that they will cut out those tactics. If their promises mean anything, it will be better to accept them and hope that we may not be confronted with another such incident.

In any event, there is plenty of evidence that the majority of the American people desire to avoid war. They will continue to cherish peace unless elements in our nation lead us in another direction by use of war propaganda. I include in those elements the government itself. I do so because the government, by use of propaganda, can come pretty close to leading the nation by the nose if it so desires. It can build up sentiment against the Japanese until there is a white heat and a demand for vengeance. I believe President Roosevelt is trying to avoid war at this juncture. There is a basis for this belief in the fact that the Department of State has withheld some of the facts about the Panny sinking. These facts, as rumored, are of a character that easily could fan flames of added hatred. On this basis, it appears at least that Mr. Roosevelt is seeking to avoid ill-considered conclusions by the nation.

But as was said by an earlier President: the time to prepare for war is while the nation is at peace. That is to say, the nation must have its defenses solid, substantial; it must take nothing for granted in a world that is fraught with unrest and uncertainty, racked by suspicion, permeated to the very core with chicanery and scheming of alleged statesmen. The smallest boy will not "jump on" another who will hit him on the chin if the attack is unjustified. That is human nature, and human nature is about the same over the whole world.

A year ago I wrote something in these columns in support of the President's program for building up the army, navy and air corps. It seemed then to be wise. It is certainly shown now to have been the proper course. Our nation is at least partially ready to strike back and the progress thus has been accomplished without the waste that characterized our movements in 1917.

Noting that I said "partially ready," I want to call attention here to one way in which we are not ready, a condition in which we are quite vulnerable. We have a great army structure on paper. From it, the army can be expanded rapidly and successfully. The air corps can be developed quickly. The navy is being built up. The whole program is one of defense.

In taking stock of the situation, however, one must give consideration to "replacements." You can have all of the men and all of the ships needed, but if the guns they use can not be replaced when they are worn out, what good are they? I do not mean that we have no reserve. We have a reserve, but war takes its toll of guns as well as men. Guns are made of steel. Steel is made of manganese, as well as iron. Manganese puts the starch in steel, hardens it so that it is usable for such things as guns along with the million and one other items of tools and equipment that we have to have in our everyday life. No substitute ever has been found for it. The Germans learned this to their sorrow back in 1918. They attempted to use a substitute. Their guns soon buckled. Their heavy artillery was useless.

supply of a material necessity for defense. This tragic condition exists even when we have vast untapped stores within our own borders and more in Cuba, 90 miles away from our shores. It is true, the bureau of mines tells me, that our ore is a lower grade than that imported from Russia, or from the gold coast of Africa, or from Brazil. It is true moreover that American ore must be treated by a special process before it can be used. It seems to me nevertheless that our nation ought to be made self-sufficient where that can be done and present policies distinctly do not do that. Political and economic views prevent it.

Let us examine this situation in more detail. The great source of manganese at the moment is Soviet Russia. Fifty per cent of all we use is imported from Russia. It is a fact that this is the finest manganese to be found, and it is a further fact that American steel companies sell vast quantities of steel to Russia because they buy manganese there. On the other hand, I believe it is inevitable that Japan and Russia will have to fight it out sooner or later. If they go to war, there is not a chance that we can buy any manganese from that quarter. It will be the long haul from Africa or Brazil thereafter—and a long haul in wartime means grave dangers. With Brazil under a dictatorship, none can foretell what would confront us in that direction.

Now, I included Cuba as a source of supply. It is only because American capital has persevered in making available the Cuban manganese deposit. The Cuban-American Manganese corporation has expended large sums for establishing the beneficiation process on a permanent basis. The bureau of mines tells me that corporation has succeeded, but due to Secretary Hull's reciprocal trade policies, even that company can hardly get into the American market. You see, Secretary Hull made a trade treaty with Brazil that reduced the tariff duty by 50 per cent. When that was done, the reduction in duty immediately became available to all nations since we must treat all of them alike. The treaty by Secretary Hull which was approved by President Roosevelt, therefore, spelled death for the chances of development of the manganese mines within our own borders.

To show further how these reciprocal trade policies have ruined our own chances, let me call attention to the fact that the government itself has developed an electrolytic process at the great Boulder dam that will make high grade manganese from the ore in this country. So here we have a government-owned project and a great reserve from Cuba available and nothing can be done about it simply because they can not compete with the cheaper ore from abroad—cheaper because of cheap or forced labor and Secretary Hull's unexplainable cut in tariff duties. Our national policy always insisted on an American standard of living for Americans. That means higher wages. It is a correct policy. But why, I ask, does Secretary Hull destroy a home industry on the one hand and provide for profits of foreigners on the other when we cling to a policy of the kind mentioned?

Of immediate urgency, however, is a supply on hand. Congress passed legislation to provide for a stock-pile, a reserve on hand under ownership of the government itself. That law provided for investment of \$40,000,000 which would acquire approximately 1,000,000 tons of manganese. The War department called for bids. Americans, of course, could not compete with foreigners. Even the Cuban company could not make an offer within reach. Something has held up the contract award, however, and there has been delay. I am fearful that some of our steel companies have urged War department specifications that would not permit Americans to participate in the contract because of the low grade ore in this country, but in any event the Hull tariff reduction would hold our mines outside.

I am all for that stock-pile idea. It would be one foundation stone in the wall of defense which I believe the nation ought to have. But that alone would not solve our general problem. We can not continue forever with the present policies. Some time in the future, there will be a war in which this nation will have a part. There can be no doubt of that. So while all of the various planning by the New Deal goes on, why not give thought to development of a defense as well as the more abundant life or protection of the underprivileged.

## BIG BEND NEWS

By MRS. E. H. BRUMBACH

Misses Betty Weir and Helen Hatch went to Ironside Thursday to attend the Christmas program of Ironside school where Miss Mary Weir is teaching, returned home Friday. Miss Mary Weir will spend her vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell and children and Mr. Case Munbjerf were shopping in Caldwell, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller, Miss Virginia and Jim were Boise visitors Tuesday.

The annual meeting of stock holders of Big Bend Park will be held at Park Hall, Monday, January 3, at 2 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester French celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary December 24 with a dinner party at which Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hopkins and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Allen and son of Roswell were guests. Later in the evening they attended the program at Wade school house.

A very large crowd attended the Christmas program at Wade school house Thursday evening. The teachers, Mrs. Bob Welsh and Miss Wilma Colwell drilled the children and the treats were provided by Wade P. T. A.

Mrs. Welsh will spend her vacation at her home in Caldwell and Miss Colwell at the home of her parents in Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holly entertained a large group of friends and relatives at their home Christmas eve. Among those from the Bend who attended were the P. A. Millers, the Wm. Gibson family and Mr. and Mrs. Lora Pillsbury and their house guest, Mrs. Ruddock of Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson entertained at a family party Christmas day. Among their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Burgher and Miss Grace Ohmston of Boise.

Mr. H. G. Sloan of Ontario was a Bend business visitor Friday. He sold his ranch which Mr. Raney rented last year to Mr. Case Munbjerf and Gerritt.

Mrs. Irene Nightingale returned home Friday evening to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester French and Jackie and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Otis and Emily of Adrian spent Christmas day at the C. E. Peck home in Boise.

Mr. Lora Pillsbury is the owner of a new Ford coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bennett spent their Christmas with their daughter Mrs. Charles Powell and family at Ranier.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Parker were Christmas guests in the La Rue home in Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. Case Munbjerf and Joe Brumbach of Emmett were dinner guests in the Brumbach home Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haworth and Mrs. M. E. Rogers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Alva Watt of Parma, Mr. and Mrs. Will Van De Water of Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet, and Genevieve, Lyle and Bennie Rogers of Caldwell at Christmas dinner. The Rogers children remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parker entertained their son Kenneth, his wife and baby of Tule Lake, Christmas.

## OREGON TRAIL

MRS. FRANK BYERS

The Christmas operetta presented by the Oregon Trail school was well attended Thursday evening. The operetta was sponsored by Miss Miller and Mrs. Hopkins with Mrs. Joe Stam as pianist. At the close of the program Santa arrived with a treat for the children.

The Merry Matrons club met last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Smith with Mrs. Gladys Davis as co-hostess. Seventeen members and two guests were present. Contests and stunts furnished entertainment during the afternoon. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Whitman Mrs. Davis Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Ola Chard. Santa Claus arrived with gifts and candy for the children. Pollyanna gifts were exchanged and Pollyanna friends were announced.

New officers were chosen as follows: president, Mrs. Jesse Chard; vice president, Mrs. June Smith, secretary, Mrs. Anna Whitman, treasurer, Mrs. Vivian Ashby. An attractive lunch was served by the hostesses at the close of the afternoon. The next meeting will be January 5th at the home of Mrs. June Smith with Mrs. Jessie Chard assisting.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm WeGroff and sons left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles to spend Christmas with Mr. DeGroff's mother and other relatives.

Mrs. J. B. Smith who has been seriously ill is recovering as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holmes were hosts on Christmas at the annual family dinner. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holmes of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Goodson and Estelle of Parma, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Byers and family and Thurman Hill.

Klass Stam is on the sick list this week. Betty Englesby visited with Vesta and Joan Maltsberger last week. Helen Shoap has pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hart were callers at the F. G. Holmes home Christmas afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mitchell and Loretta, Earl and Leo Chard attended a family dinner, Christmas at the Ernie Smith home at Mitchell Butte.

Guy Bailey was visiting at the Geo. McKee, F. G. Holmes and P. S. Byers homes Thursday afternoon.

## SUNSET VALLEY

MRS. L. E. NEWGEN

A sociable party was enjoyed at the Buffington home last Tuesday evening when the neighboring families gathered there in honor of the new family and a farewell to Mr. Bob Cox, who has just recently sold the place to Mr. Buffington.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kolten and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nell Dimmick and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickland and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Strickland and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orres and family and the three Mitchell families.

Mrs. Nothice left Thursday for Portland, where she will visit during the holidays.

Mr. Henry Meier and son Albert of Apple Valley and Melvin of Johnstown, Colo. called Thursday at the Newgen home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Landreth spent Christmas with the Grover Cooper family. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wilson entertained with a Sunday Christmas dinner. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. Skinner of Ontario, parents of Mrs. Wilson, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. McGowan and son Warren of Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rookstool and family spent Christmas day at the Freeman Rookstool home in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bennett and children were guests in the Clarence Knefel home in Parma Christmas day.

Harold A'lender of Boise spent Christmas with his father, Mr. Sam Allender.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gillen of Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. White of Buhl and Mr. and Mrs. Burt and son of Boise were Sunday guests of the Brumbachs and Phelans.

Mr. M. D. Riner of Caldwell was a business visitor in the Bend Monmies outside.

## ADRIAN NEWS

ELEEN MCCONNELL

Mr. and Mrs. Henry and Mr. Mrs. James McGinnis were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hatch in the Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Perry are taking care of the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Greening of Kingman Colony during the Christmas vacation. The Greenings have gone to Yakima, Washington to visit their son and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Farnsworth are the proud parents of an eleven pound baby boy, born last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker had their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parker in the Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McConnell and daughter Ellen spent Christmas day and Sunday in Boise visiting friends and relatives.

The Dan Holly some was the scene of a family reunion Friday night when all the relatives met and opened their gifts. Those that were there were: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gerlach of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. John Holly and William, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Pillsbury of Big Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gibson and boys, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller, Virginia and Jim; also Raymond Holly of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drown and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ashcraft and Joyce and Donna had Christmas dinner with the Dale Ashcraft family of Kingman Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Oeffer are staying at the Peterson home, while the Petersons are visiting relatives and friends at Stamford, Nebraska.

Mr. Walter McPortland returned to his home at Halfway, Oregon to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gerlach of Eugene, Oregon, were here visiting in the John Holly home during the Christmas vacation. Mrs. Gerlach was formerly Dorothy Holly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Otis motored to Boise with Mr. and Mrs. French and spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Rohland visited relatives in La Grande for the Christmas vacation. Mr. Rohland drove to Dayton, Washington from there. They returned Monday.

## Legal Advertising

List of Legal Advertisements in this issue, as required by Law.

**Summons**  
B. M. Randall, et ux  
vs  
H. L. Mayberry, et al

**SUMMONS**

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MALHEUR  
B. M. RANDALL AND RUTH R. RANDALL, husband and wife, Plaintiffs  
vs.  
H. L. MAYBERRY AND MRS. H. L. MAYBERRY, his wife; and the heirs and devisees of J. BOYDELL, deceased, being ARTHUR H. BOYDELL, his wife, ETHELWYN T. SARAZIN AND J. J. SARAZIN, her husband; ELIZABETH A. NEDRY and ELBRITT NEDRY, her husband; J. BLAYNEY BOYDELL, a single man, and G. EVA BOYDELL, a single woman; and MALHEUR COUNTY, a political sub-division of Oregon, Defendants.

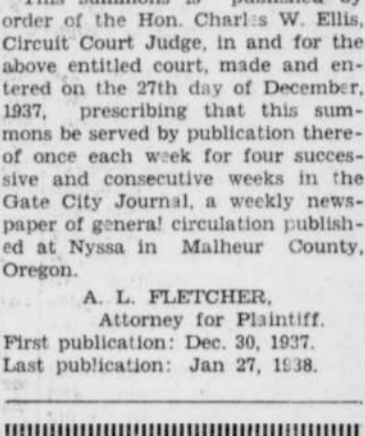
TO: H. L. Mayberry and Mrs. H. L. Mayberry, his wife; and the heirs and devisees of J. Boydell, deceased, being Arthur H. Boydell and Mrs. Arthur H. Boydell, his wife; Ethelwyn T. Sarazin and J. J. Sarazin, her husband; Elizabeth A. Nedry and Elbritt Nedry, her husband; J. Blayney Boydell, a single man, and G. Eva Boydell, a single woman; and Malheur County, a political sub-division of the State of Oregon, Defendants.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE

OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within ten days from the date of the service of this Summons upon you, or if served within any other County of this State, then within twenty days from the date of the service of this Summons upon you; or if served outside the State of Oregon, but within the United States, then within four weeks from the date of the service of this Summons upon you; and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for a decree that all claims of the defendants and each of them be adjudged null and void, and that they and each of them be decreed to have no estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 15, Teutsch's Addition to the City of Nyssa, Malheur County Oregon; that the Title of the plaintiffs thereto be quieted as to all such claims and that the defendants and each of them be forever debarred and enjoined from further asserting the same and for such other and further relief as may be equitable.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. Charles W. Ellis, Circuit Court Judge, in and for the above entitled court, made and entered on the 27th day of December, 1937, prescribing that this summons be served by publication three times each week for four successive and consecutive weeks in the Gate City Journal, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published at Nyssa in Malheur County, Oregon.

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