What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Growing Cannon Fodder.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—To produce this crop takes time and planning.

Irvin S. Cobb

First your veterans must grow past fighting age because those who survive the horrors of one war never willingly enlist for another. Meanwhile be sure the women have been bearing children, since children are the seed corn of your future sowing.

As the newer generation grows up dose it on the old reliable P. P. P. formula — parades, pomp, propaganda. Bands and guns and flag-wavings, murderous preachments and manufactured patriotism; they all help to fertilize against the ultimate harvesting.

Befuddle the first-born on dreams of drunken glory. Teach him the neighbor over the way is an enemy who must some day be crushed without mercy. Make him believe his country's destiny demands revenge for old hurts, reprisals for old losses, widened boundaries writ in blood.

And then, in about 20 years, you have a nation ripened for ruin, a race of mothers ready to offer their sons to the slaughter. It's a slow crop, but a sure one, and highly gratifying to professional sword-rattlers and power-mad dictators, to profiteers and financial hijackers.

Let's see, come 1938, it'll be just about 20 years since the last time the world cut its own throat.

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Two-Faced Politicians.

SOMEBODY says the type of politician who swaps worthless promises before election for the public's confidence—and its votes—reminds him of Janus. Janus was a god with two faces, and the ancients finally got so they couldn't trust either one of them. But it took them a long time to catch on.

Might I be pardoned for thinking of a homelier simile? I'm thinking of the pack-rat of this western country. The thrifty pack-rat slips with stealthy tread into your camp whilst you slumber and carries off something of value. But he doesn't steal it—nothing like that. He merely exchanges with you, you being asleep at the time. He leaves a dry twig behind and totes off a side of meat. He confiscates one of your boots, but, in return, confers on you a couple of dead cactus stalks. His intentions may be honest, but there is no record showing where a pack-rat ever got the worst of a trade. I figure he's part Scotch.

And the profits resulting from his professional dealings certainly may be likened to the career of many a chronic officeholder now flourishing in our midst.

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This Man Dewey.

WHEN the Republicans get out the hound-dawgs to run down their 1940 nominee, they might search in the tall timbers of Manhattan island.

There's a young fellow there, the name being Dewey, and he being kin to the great admiral whose deeds crackled at Manila one May day morning like the lightnings on Mount Sinai. He comes of old Yankee stock. He hails from a debatable state, Michigan; lives in a pivotal state, New York. Still in his mid-thirties, he smashed the foulest, securest nests of labor racketeers and vice racketeers in America.

He married a sweet Texas girl, as southern as they make 'em. Her grand-uncle was Jeff Davis. My daddy was Jeff Davis' relative, too.

And this young Dewey trained for grand opera. Speaking of this charm thing, think of a President who'd wind up his fireside radio chats singing "Home on the Range."

Yes, sir, the G. O. P. might go farther and fare worse.

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Nordic Supremacy.

RECENT events bring to mind a little story of some years back when night-riding patriots in an Arkansas county felt called on, as a sacred duty imposed upon all true Caucasians, to put the Black brother in his place; said place, in at least one instance, being a colored cemetery.

Also, there had been a flood of notices to vacate sent through the mail to members of the African race, followed by unpleasant surprise parties did the recipients fail to heed the gentle warning.

So the community was getting more Nordic by the hour and the sound of the Anglo-saxophone was heard oft in the stilly night. That's the scene and the plot. Now for the sketch:

Pelagria Perkins meets Hookworm Hostetter on Main street:

"Hooky," says Pelagria, "effen you wuz to git a letter frum dese here w'ite shirts, whut would you do?"

"Me!" says Hookworm. "Boy, I'd finish readin' it on the train."

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Invented Stop Watch

The first stop watch was invented about 1800, but this early watch was not entirely practical. Edward Massey of London, 1772-1852, was one of the principal makers. These watches were also made in Switzerland during this period.

Carlyle's Method

Thomas Carlyle, the great English writer, when writing about some one, made it a rule to set that person's portrait in front of him to look at.

News Review of Current Events

BOOSTS FOR BUSINESS

Morgenthau's Encouraging Speech . . . President Has Building Plan . . . Japs Take Shanghai

France has bought $10,250,000 of our store of gold, and part of the big shipment sent from New York on the Normandie is here seen being unloaded from a truck at a North river pier.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Balance Budget: Morgenthau

BUSINESS men of America received a cheering message, presumably direct from the administration, delivered by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. Addressing the Academy of Political Sciences in New York, Mr. Morgenthau declared the time had come for balancing the budget, but said this should be accomplished without additional taxation.

Secretary Morgenthau

Encouragement for industry and business was stated thus:

"The laws should be so written and administered that the taxpayer can continue to make a reasonable profit with a minimum of interference from his federal government."

Moreover, the treasury head went on record as opposed to a continuance of the era of unlimited government spending. Said he: "The basic need today is to foster the full application of the driving force of private capital. We want to see capital go into the productive channels of private industry. We want to see private business expand."

The plan advanced by Mr. Morgenthau for balancing the budget was to bring next year's expenditures, under the 1939 budget which takes effect next July 1, within this year's revenues. To achieve a balance, exclusive of debt retirement payments, the present scale of expenditures would have to be sliced $700,000,000, he added.

While he urged against tax increases, Mr. Morgenthau suggested that a broader base for income taxes, increasing the number of taxpayers above the present 3,000,000, would be a more equitable substitute for the present federal taxes on consumers—the so-called nuisance taxes.

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President's Building Plan

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a conference with several business leaders, told of his new plan for checking the threatening depression by stimulating private home building by private capital. He revealed no details, but Chairman Eccles of the reserve board said the President was confident such a program would reach full scope next year. Eccles was unprepared to say whether the undertaking would be directed through a new government agency, but thought legislation of some sort probably would be necessary.

One suggestion is that the social security reserve be used for loans for home construction. At present it is being used to pay current government expenses.

The recent decline in residential building is generally held responsible to a large extent for the slump in steel mill activity from 90 per cent of capacity to 40 per cent.

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Shanghai Falls to Japs

STUBBORN defense of Shanghai by the Chinese came to an end when the Japanese troops made their way across Soochow creek and occupied the entire city. The defenders retired westward and prepared to block the way of the invaders toward Nanking.

The victorious Japanese spread death and destruction through Shanghai, and mercilessly shot down the Chinese groups which were trapped in various quarters. They turned machine guns on a platform inside the international concession from which a number of foreigners were watching the fighting, and Pembroke Stephens, correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, was killed.

In Brussels the Far East peace conference was considering a plan for giving direct aid to China if Japan should reject mediation. Coercive action against Japan was not thought advisable, but the idea was that China should be permitted to obtain munitions and arms to keep up her fight. The chief difficulty would lie in American neutrality legislation.

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Corn Crop Estimates

PRODUCTION of corn in the United States this year will total 2,651,393,000 bushels, the Department of Agriculture estimated on the basis of November 1 conditions. The estimate was 89,457,000 bushels larger than the forecast of 2,561,936,000 bushels a month ago. In 1936 1,529,327,000 bushels were harvested.

Private estimates of the current crop ranged between 2,613,000,000 and 2,710,000,000 bushels, with the average about 2,636,000,000 bushels.

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France Buys Our Gold

TWO big shipments of gold abroad were made by the government within the week. The first was $10,250,000 sent to France on the Normandie. Then $5,000,000 was started to England on the Aquitania. It was believed other shipments would follow before long.

The gold shipments were handled by the stabilization fund and were regarded as an operation under the tri-partite agreement, which binds Great Britain, France and the United States in a "gentleman's pact" to maintain currency stability.

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Ramsay MacDonald's Death

RAMSAY MAC DONALD, who rose from poverty and obscurity to become three times the prime minister of the great British empire, died suddenly of heart disease on a steamship bound for South America where he was to take a long vacation with his daughter. He was seventy-one years old and had been practically out of politics since 1935, when Stanley Baldwin succeeded him as prime minister. MacDonald at that time was offered a peerage but declined the honor. Even his political foes admit that he was one of the outstanding statesmen of the time.

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Italy Joins Anti-Reds

MUSSOLINI has given the democratic governments of Europe something else to worry about, for Italy has joined Germany and Japan in their agreement to combat communism, and no one knows how far this alliance will go or just what are its intentions. The three "charter members" of the pact—that status was given Italy—hope that all other fascist minded nations, including Poland, Portugal, Hungary and some of the South American republics, will adhere to the agreement.

Joachim VonRibbentrop

Political observers saw the prospect of a world divided into three camps — fascist, communist and democratic.

Emerging as one of the probable chief leaders of this united front is Joachim von Ribbentrop, German ambassador to Great Britain. Hitler sent him to Rome to sign the new pact, and it is expected that the headquarters of the alliance will be in Berlin.

Officials in Rome stated the pact was not directed against any country and said Russia might have all the communism it wants so long as she keeps it at home. But they intimated the military forces of the signatories were ready to back up the agreement.

Brazil Has a Dictator

GETULIO VARGAS, president of Brazil, is now dictator of that country. In a coup that was unopposed he dissolved all legislative bodies and put into effect a new constitution with corporative features. He issued a manifesto declaring the suspension of payment on all government debts abroad.

The foreign relations ministry in Rio de Janeiro said Vargas' coup was not connected with European political ideologies and denied reports Brazil planned to join the German - Japanese - Italian pact against communism.

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Reasons for Thanks

AMERICA can be thankful for the blessing of peace, President Roosevelt asserted in a proclamation designating November 25 as Thanksgiving day.

"A period unhappily marked in many parts of the world by strife and threats of war finds our people enjoying the blessing of peace," he said. "We have no selfish designs against other nations."

At the outset of the proclamation the President said, "the harvests of our fields have been abundant and many men and women have been given the blessing of stable employment."

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Bloch to Head Navy

ABOUT the first of next February the American navy will have a new commander-in-chief in the person of Admiral Claude Charles Bloch, nominated by Secretary Swanson to succeed Admiral Hepburn. The son of a Czechoslovakian immigrant and a native of Woodbury, Ky., he is now fifty-nine years old.

After his graduation from the naval academy Bloch served under "Fighting Bob" Evans on the U. S. S. Iowa in the Spanish-American war and was cited for "meritorious" service in rescuing Spaniards from burning ships of Cervera's squadron. During the World war, as commander of the transport Plattsburg, Bloch won the navy cross for "distinguished service."

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Judge Graham Passes

WILLIAM J. GRAHAM, presiding judge of the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and for nine years a Republican congressman from Illinois, died of heart disease at his home in Washington. He was sixty-five years old.

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Our Navy Grows Rapidly

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY CLAUDE A. SWANSON reported to the President that the navy is stronger than at any time since war days and is moving steadily up to the full strength permitted by the treaties abrogated by Japan. It will not go beyond the limitations in those pacts unless other nations do so.

Sec. Swanson

Under its big replacement program the department has under construction two new battleships and has appropriations for 85 other warships. These include three aircraft carriers, one heavy cruiser, nine light cruisers, fifty-five destroyers and seventeen submarines.

Five years ago the total number of under age vessels was 101 of 728,050 tons, with twenty-three vessels of 122,500 tons under construction. Today the navy has 113 vessels of 869,230 tons under age, and eighty-seven vessels of 335,565 tons under construction.

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Farm Measure Ready

VOLUNTARY crop control for wheat, corn, rice and cotton; and compulsory limitation of tobacco production, are provided for in the new farm measure drafted by the house committee on agriculture for action in the extraordinary session of congress.

Secretary Wallace's "ever normal granary" plan is included in the bill. The measure also provides for "tariff equalizing taxes" which would be actually a revival of the processing taxes which the Supreme court declared unconstitutional These taxes would be applied only to wheat, cotton and rice—3 cents a pound on cotton, 20 cents a bushel on wheat and ½ cent a pound on rice.

For the protection of consumers the bill provides that when prices of the respective commodities exceed parity by 10 per cent the secretary of agriculture shall call outstanding commodity loans, thus releasing stored commodities and in this way preventing excessive prices.

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President's Birthday

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has authorized the use of his fifty-fifth birthday, January 30, for the promotion of the nation-wide fight on infantile paralysis. As in previous years, the day will be celebrated in many cities with balls. This time the funds raised thus will not be handed over to local agencies but will all go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which was created recently by Mr. Roosevelt. The President has approved the appointment of a committee headed by Keith Morgan of New York to arrange for the celebrations.

Highway Upkeep Costs 170 Millions Annually

Upkeep of primary highways is costing the forty-eight states more than $170,000,000 annually.

This is one of the facts reported by the National Highway Users conference upon conclusion of an extensive study of highway maintenance expenditures and sources of money used to meet them.

Primary highways, the report explains, include both surface and unsurfaced highways maintained at state expense and are those which carry virtually all the commercial traffic.

More than one-half the total maintenance cost, or approximately $100,000,000, is paid annually in special taxes and fees levied upon trucks whose owners transport property of other persons for compensation. These for-hire trucks, known as "contract" and "common carriers," comprise only one-eighth of all trucks in operation.

World's Smallest Mail Train

There is a mail train near Dalles, Ore., which is, without doubt, the smallest mail train in the world. The train runs from a highway, a quarter of a mile, to a farmer's house. The tiny engine operates from flashlight batteries, and pulls only one car—a mail car, really a regulation rural route letter box mounted on tiny tracks. When the carrier places the mail in the box, the farmer pulls a switch, and the train moves to the house.

Hugh Bradley Says.

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Harvard Has Given Exceptionally Good Account of Itself

DEFINITELY that 34 to 6 score that Harvard rolled up against Princeton when the Crimson defeated the Tigers for the first time since 1923, by the biggest margin the Cambridge boys ever recorded over their New Jersey rivals, gives some indication as to the football trend for the next season or two.

How can the man write such things, you ask, when everybody knows years have elapsed since the nation permitted members of the erstwhile gridiron trinity to set its styles? .Right you are, save that I am not claiming that Harvard and Yale, which have been operating on similar lines all season, have any exclusive formula. .I merely am noting that two institutions, usually five seasons back of the latest developments, happen to be up in the forefront for once.

Football has overlong been doctored with quack nostrums. Wherever alumni suffered from too many defeats some long-haired medicine man was called in to prescribe a touchdown restorative. Naturally these panaceas, for all that they were ornamented with fine soothing words, were as useless as the average run of such things. Since they merely titivated the patient pleasurably for a while without getting at the basic ailment, there invariably was a relapse.

That is where Harvard has benefited by the presence of Doc Harlow, a healer of the old school and a gentleman who previously had made the nation sit up and take notice of patients at Penn State, Colgate, Western Maryland and a few other clinics. Using the same common sense remedies which made John Harvard such a robust football fellow from 1908 to 1916, he has achieved results which might even have satisfied Percy Haughton.

Haughton, it may be recalled, was no fancy don of a football coach even though he may be listed as one of the five all-time greats. Aside from the unbalanced line, with which others were experimenting at the time, it is difficult to associate him with any contribution to the so-called science of the game.

He taught his Hardwicks and Pennocks to block and tackle. Wendells and Bradlees were taught how to slant off the tackles, sweep around the ends or smash through the center. When he had a triple threat such as Mahan so much the better. His teams then could kick opponents back to the goal line, make them struggle to gain on the ground what had been lost in the air.

Tigers Had No Defense for Crimson Attack

Harvard played that way against Princeton. There was no hocus pocus to the gaining of 307 yards and five touchdowns. Struck and MacDonald carried the ball most of the time. Struck took the ball and gave it to MacDonald on a reverse or Struck took the ball and went into the line on a spinner. It was as simple as all that.

Most of the time Crisler and the Princeton boys knew what was coming. That Princeton could do very little about it is partly due to the fact the Tiger linemen stand up too straight and are not mobile. As such they were suckers for Crimson forwards who charged low and hard to lift them out of the way. Once through the line Struck and MacDonald, two sturdy lads who run well enough in their own right, continued to have ample assistance. Chief Boston, the blocking back, did as good a down-the-field job as even Knute Rockne could have demanded. When you have two or three others doing similarly capable jobs you must gain ground unless opponents have some marked physical superiority.

Fritz Crisler

Defensively Harvard also was alert, sticking to the fundamental principle of following the ball. The second touchdown was set up when Green picked up the ball after a punt had been blocked on Princeton's 40 and ran to the one-yard line. The third came when Struck ran 18 yards for the score after grabbing a partially blocked punt. The final one resulted in the last two minutes of play when MacDonald ran 40 yards after intercepting a pass.

This blocking of punts and futile tossing of passes was no accident either. Harvard backs had protection most of the time because tackles Booth and Kervokian were outplaying their opponents across the line. Princeton tackles and secondaries, though, could not seem to get the hang of obstructing the Crimson wings.

Green and Daughters would drift down the line and then cut through sharply. This enabled them to harry the Tiger attack all through the game.

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

THEY met at Baker field while Columbia was practicing. Naturally they talked about football and finally their subject became drop-kicking. Both of them agreed that there wasn't enough of it nowadays. Undoubtedly they knew what they were talking about, too. For although neither of them knew the other's name, one was Ralph Hewitt, probably the greatest kicker ever developed at Columbia. The other was Charley Brickley, who booted five field goals one afternoon while Harvard was beating Yale . . . Hewitt, by the way, says that the greatest back he ever played against was Al Marsters of Dartmouth. The best lineman was an unsung tackle from Virginia. "I never did know his name but the guy was in my hair all afternoon."

There's a lad named Ward—he extended Johnny Goodman in the semifinals of the amateur this year—who may become golf's best amateur since Bobby Jones. Anyhow that's a tip from pros who advise watching him through 1939 . . . If the editors of the Daily Pennsylvania don't mind, a mere reporter would like to congratulate Coach Herman and his Penn players on their sturdy comeback against Navy . . . Chick Wergeles, who now publicizes wrestlers and boxers and doesn't care who knows it, was promoting fights when he was only eighteen years old. At the age of fifteen he was managing Young Fredericks, who fought four times for the flyweight title.

Less money was spent on cancer research in the United States last year than was expended on the yacht with which Harold Vanderbilt so diligently defended the America's cup . . . Nomination for the best football official seen all year . . . Austin Lake, the eminent Boston sports commentator . . . Bobby, ten-year-old son of the celebrated boxing writer, Murray Lewin, is such an ardent stamp collector that he already has more than 125,000 of them . . . Mrs. Jack Curley provided the money with which Jack Curley, Jr., is continuing in his late dad's place as a wrestling promoter . . . And what has become of the boys who used to wear all those raccoon coats?

Because he pitched so well for Newark last summer Marius Russo, former L. I. U. star, has been awarded a bonus by Jake Ruppert. Pitt players say Duquesne's line, the seven regulars, is the best they have performed against all year . . . Although Pitcher Harry Kelley of the A's lost 21 games last summer, he beat the Browns seven times . . . Cornell Coach Carl Snavely says that Columbia's Sid Luckman is the hardest man to tag, while fading back to pass, that he's ever seen. . . . Coach Clair Bee already is pointing Long Island's basketball team for the return game with Stanford when he hopes to revenge last year's defeat. Has adopted a zone defense because he feels it's the only defense fit to stop the unorthodox West Coasters.

Dodger Exile Glad to Be With Detroit

Harry Eisenstat, the former Madison High pitcher who escaped from the Dodgers last summer, is happy to be with Detroit. Friends report him as saying, "Mickey Cochrane's Tigers treat you as though you were a person. Over at Ebbets field you don't know whether you're coming or going. Grimes thinks nothing of slapping a $200 fine on a guy and, confidentially, most of the guys get just about that for a season's salary." . . . Benny Friedman, the authority in such matters, says that Columbia's Sid Luckman is not a first class forward passer because he slings, rather than throws, the ball. Says that a slung ball lands in the receiver's arms with a heavy impact and is difficult to hold . . . George Conway, War Admiral's trainer, walked all around the Laurel track looking for holes before he decided to start the colt.

Mickey Cochrane

University of Maryland friends say that Keller, the Newark outfield ace, was paid a bonus of $10,000 when he left the campus to lead the International league in batting last summer . . . Long before he became the New York Jockey club's racing secretary and handicapper, Jack Campbell was a cotton broker down in Louisiana . . . People who should know insist that Yale's Clint Frank is just as good on the court as he is on the gridiron. Back home in Evanston he was one of the schoolboy basketball stars of the Middle West but, possibly because the football authorities do not wish to take a chance with their meal ticket, he has not mingled with the basketball boys at Yale . . . While Man o' War is responsible for War Admiral, the leading money winner of the year, he is second on the list of those siring the most winners. The Porter heads that list for 1937 . . . Bert Baroni, who raced his stable in the East this season, is already in California waiting for the Christmas day opening of Santa Anita.

Walt Kiesling, 250-pound guard who plays for Pittsburgh, is the oldest veteran in the National Football league. Although he is only thirty-two years old this is his twelfth season . . . The fondest recollection of Clarence Tuffy Thompson, Pirates halfback, is those two kick-offs he ran back for Minnesota touchdowns against Michigan . . . Dave Tobey, the basketball official, is in favor of the new rule eliminating the center jump but suggests that it can be modified to better please the customers. Instead of putting the ball into play immediately after a field goal Tobey recommends a five-second wait so that the fans can have opportunity to applaud a spectacular play or goal.

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Men Who Do

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