The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON & ROBERT ALLEN

CONGRESS UNDER GUARD

WASHINGTON.—It has been done so quietly that only a few officials know it but congress now is being guarded by the most elaborate police system since World war days. The legislators are protected almost as carefully as the President.

The first step was taken last fall when a detail of G-men and detectives was assigned to reinforce the Capitol's regular police force, which is made up chiefly of patronage appointees, students working their way through school. Then in the spring a squadron of metropolitan uniformed police was sent to the Hill—making a total of 250 blue-coats and plainclothes men guarding 531 senators and representatives.

Last week, still another protective measure was taken in the form of a set of drastic regulations under which:

The Capitol is closed to the public daily at 4:30, except when congress is in session, and admittance is only by special cards.

Guards are stationed at the subway entrances of the senate and house wings to scrutinize everyone going in and out and to examine all packages.

The Capitol's power plant is guarded 24 hours a day.

Plainclothes men accompany every group of sightseers.

All persons who summon members off the floor are kept under constant surveillance.

A constant police vigil is kept in the public galleries, in the restaurants, and at night, in all corridors inside, and the grounds outside.

One reason for these elaborate precautions is to prevent a recurrence of the bombing that took place in the Capitol prior to American entry into the last war. Planted in a senate reception room by a pacifistic college professor, the bomb exploded at midnight, July 2, 1915, and left the chamber a shambles.

Earlier that day the Washington Times received a letter from the perpetrator announcing his intention to bomb the capitol "as an exclamation point to my appeal for peace." He was arrested several days later at Mineola, L. I. He committed suicide in his cell.

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WILLKIE'S SPEECH

That acceptance speech Wendell Willkie is writing is one of the toughest jobs he's ever tackled! It can make him or break him.

Willkie has got to crack two of the hardest political nuts ever handed a G. O. P. standard bearer: the power issue and foreign policy.

Even under normal conditions the power issue is pure TNT, particularly in the West, which is strong for public power. For Willkie, with his Wall Street and utility background, the handling of this issue so it doesn't explode in his face is doubly delicate.

Perhaps even more difficult is the question of foreign affairs and its closely related problem of compulsory military service. On the latter, Willkie has never declared himself and the Republican platform also is silent.

Roosevelt has declared for "universal training," although so far he has not expressed a view on the pending bill. But his leaders are for it and it's generally considered an administration measure.

On foreign policy, particularly on aid to the British, the President's record is an open book. And so was Willkie's until he was nominated. Since that moment not one word has come from him on this all-important topic, though he has talked daily on various other matters.

It didn't leak out at the time, but when Willkie visited Washington early last month, the G. O. P. isolationists, led by Senator Vandenberg, tried to corral the new candidate and give him a big isolationist sales talk; warning him to pipe down on aiding the British. But Willkie sidestepped the bloc and they didn't get a chance to put on the pressure.

Note—Regardless of what Willkie says, running-mate Sen. Charles McNary is isolationist and pro-public power. He intends to say so in his acceptance speech late this month.

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THE LaFOLLETTES

In the current pre-campaign jockeying for position, both Republican and Democratic chiefs are warily watching Wisconsin's famous brothers LaFollette—Senator Bob, who is up for re-election this year, and ex-Governor Phil, who since his defeat two years ago has been quietly promoting a "Fuehrer-principle" kind of organization which he launched in the spring of 1938 with a lot of fanfare.

Bob LaFollette faces a tough battle. Three key voting blocs in the state are the large German, Scandinavian and Polish groups. Obviously playing for the favor of the first two, Bob was a very active isolationist last November.

But this stand boomeranged when Hitler invaded the unarmed Scandinavian countries. So with the Poles already down on him, the disaffection of the Scandinavians was a serious blow.

There is no question of LaFollette's personal hostility toward Hitler and Nazism.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Lift Up Your Hearts

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Imagine the odds against the ragged, unarmed, unfed, untrained armies of Washington, whose men enlisted only for a term of weeks, all know how strangely that war ended, with victory for the side against which the odds seemed incredibly heavy.

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

IT IS a great consolation, in these trying times, to realize that according to all historical precedents, two and two do not make four.

For no matter what mathematicians can do with chalk and a blackboard, the events that touch our human lives, and are controlled by our faulty and irrational human actions, almost always seem to come out in an unexpected way. The student of every great crisis in world affairs is completely puzzled by the apparent independence of results from their causes.

Take our beginnings, in 1775. Imagine the odds against the ragged, unarmed, unfed, untrained armies of Washington, whose men enlisted only for a term of weeks, and when that term was up walked quietly off to their farms again! Washington's congress was against him, the personnel of the army was constantly changing, and, with Canada as a base, the great armies of England, supplemented by Prussian mercenaries, French settlers, and thousands of Indians, were prepared for a long attack.

Victorious Against Great Odds.

We all know how strangely that war ended, with victory for the side against which the odds seemed incredibly heavy.

Agincourt, Waterloo, Sedan, the British conquest of India are all similar. In the last mentioned war, less than a hundred years ago, the case was that the Sepoy troops rebelled, in numbers something better than a thousand to one. There were few British troops in India, most of that army was composed of East Indians, officered by British. So the simple job of the rebels was merely to shoot the officers, wipe out the few missionaries and women and children, and possess their own land once more.

We all know how that came out, too. The passionate courage of a Roberts, a Campbell, a Havelock, overcame infinite superiority in numbers, and the rebellion was suppressed.

Lincoln's Predicament.

Then take Lincoln's situation, in 1864, actually within the memory of living men, for a child whose wondering eyes looked on at the Civil war would only be something more than 80 now.

The South was fighting the North, and with gallant success, at the moment. In Mexico, Austria and France had set up an emperor whose plan was to befriend the South, take all Central America under his protection, for Austria, and maintain a strong European hold upon the Americas.

And just at this moment, when our President was cruelly pressed for men and munitions, an unfortunate episode occurred which angered England, and threatened for awhile to involve the North in a war with the British. British troops were even dispatched to Canada before the affair was settled.

How many women, worrying themselves half-insane this hot summer morning over unexpressed and undefined terrors, remember that that was our situation 75 years ago? Suppose that were the case now; suppose hostile foreign troops were actually on American soil bombing our cities—then we MIGHT have something over which to lose sleep!

We Prefer Peace.

As it is, remember that no nation has a grievance against us, and that we are not going out of our way to injure any nation, or to impose unfair terms upon any nation, or to make an enemy of any nation. We are by national temper peaceable, absorbed in our own problems, and incapable of really understanding the nature of matters abroad. We don't maintain blockades against neighboring countries, nor oppress them, nor hold to mandatory powers that cruelly handicap them. All the nations of Europe HAVE been doing these things, snatching the spoils of war, profiting by the sufferings of sister nations, for more than 20 long years; or rather for more than 10 long centuries.

> *HAVE HOPE*
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> *"Don't let the foreign situation worry you," Kathleen Norris advises. She peers through the black clouds of war which hang over the world and finds that things are not as bad as they seem. Wars of conquest have been fought and nations conquered many times in the past. The world has always recovered before, and there is no reason to believe that it won't do so now.*

To live in continual war with your neighbors is possible to any government. To live in continual peace is also possible. The Americas, by some fortunate combination of circumstances, prefer the latter course. It is nonsense to say that you have to fight if other persons fight, for they have some reason for fighting, and it is your job, in peace times, to discover that reason, and to find other ways of curing the situation than the wholesale slaughter of innocent boys. When a nation meets war with war it is tacitly admitting that might is right; a theory that we should have left behind us 2,000 years ago. A theory, in short, that we said we DID leave behind us, when a certain Voice spoke on a certain mountain 2,000 years ago.

War Breeds on War.

Twenty years ago Germany was crushed to the complete satisfaction of all the war makers. She was split in two, her wealth, her colonies were shorn away, she never could rise again or fight again.

But somehow two and two didn't make four. War, instead of breeding peace, bred more war. The victorious nations, supposedly strong in policing and blockading and mandating and defense couldn't somehow watch that one central European state closely enough to see what she was doing, or police her sternly enough to stop her from what she actually did.

That was Germany's hour of darkness. She emerged still Germany and more nationalistic than ever.

This hour is dark for France. But she has been conquered before; despite all that any enemy can do in her heart she will still be untouched, and within another turn of the tide she will be France again.

England Still England.

The Danes, the Saxons, the Romans, the Normans all conquered old England in turn. The Hanovarians and the Dutch came over to rule, with the Georges and William of Orange. But England isn't Danish nor Saxon nor Roman nor Norman nor Dutch; she's herself. England overpowered the Transvaal only 40 years ago, but anyone who visits it visits a strong Boer nation, still itself.

All the blackboards of the world, and all the chalk, and all the statisticians couldn't work out for us today what the world is going to be 20 years from today. Dictators fall, peoples rebel against despotism, the great flood of human reason, the human need of love and home and children and gardens will go on. That need exists in the hearts of gallant bewildered German boys fighting like tigers because they are told to fight; bewildered French lads who knew neither why they fought nor why they stopped; English boys who only ask for home and a job and an occasional movie. They're all exactly alike, and when the war-makers are sated, and the dictators' hands lose their power, things will begin to slip back into their old places.

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AROUND the HOUSE

Items of Interest to the Housewife

This is an attractive way to serve onions. Peel and slice six large onions crosswise. Separate the rings and use only the larger ones, while saving the rest for other use. Cover the selected rings with milk and soak one hour. Then dredge the onion rings with flour seasoned with salt and pepper and fry in deep fat for two minutes. Drain on soft paper to remove any excess grease.

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If you have been painting woodwork, the best way of removing the smell is to leave quarters of a large onion in the room until they have absorbed it. Be careful to throw away the onion immediately it has done its work.

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One tablespoonful of sirup sweetens as much as two of sugar.

Wooden spoons are desirable for candy-making because they do not become uncomfortably hot to handle.

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Grip the screw top of a jar with a piece of emery cloth or sandpaper, and you will soon have it loosened.

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Sauces should not be added to boiled onions, cabbage or celery until time to serve.

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You can bring up the shine on highly enamelled surfaces, if they are dulled after cleaning, by rubbing with a soft chamois leather.

IT IS A JOLLY WORLD

After Taste?

"Do you think you could learn to love me?"

"Possibly; but wouldn't you hate to think you were an acquired taste?"

THE WHEREFROM

"What pretty hair you have, Jean. You get it from your mother, don't you?"

"No, I s'pose I get it from daddy. His is all gone."

Quite the Opposite

"Is that a popular song your daughter is singing?"

"Not in this house."

Nicely Said and Honest

"George, tell me the truth. Am I the first girl you've ever loved?"

"N-no, but I'm a lot harder to please than I used to be."

Light housekeeping is said to be one canned thing after another.

A Bad Start

"Why isn't Bill Jones at work this morning?" asked the foreman one Monday.

"He met with an accident at his wedding on Saturday," said one of his mates.

"Accident?"

"Yes. As he and his missus left the church, some of the lads made an archway of picks for them to pass under. Somebody blew a whistle, and the whole lot downed tools."

Night as Day

"Don't you find that a new baby brightens up a home?"

"I do. We have the lights on all night now."

Just the Reverse

At a reception the woman chatted for some time with the distinguished guest. One of the listeners complimented her.

"Oh, really," she said with a smile, "I've just been concealing my ignorance."

The distinguished guest smiled gallantly.

"Not at all, not at all, my dear lady. Quite the contrary, I assure you."

Why Bother Then?

"Why don't you show your wife who's master in the house?"

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