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ENTHUSIASTIC over a 36 per cent increase in the number of building units erected in 1929 as compared with 1928, representatives of the building industry are confidently predicting that home building in 1940 will exceed that of 1929.

America needs new homes—millions of them. It is encouraging to note that the nation is getting them, even if some housing experts have said they can't be built fast enough to take care of the needs. Nearly 475,000 homes (excluding those on farms) were built in 1929 at an aggregate cost of \$1,900,000,000. In 1928, the total was about 250,000 homes at a cost of \$1,300,000,000.

It is forecast that new building units in 1940 will total 600,000, or nearly 100,000 more than in 1929. While the prediction is encouraging, it may also be deceptive, unless one understands that the year 1929 was by no means a "peak" year in building.

A bit of folklore is springing up around the year 1929. Looking backward, we are likely to regard this year as the golden moment in American history. As a matter of fact, it was a peak year in very few respects. It was rather the year in which the existing bubble of finance suffered its final and explosive pin prick.

As far as the building industry is concerned, the best year in the past two decades was 1925, when 937,000 new urban dwelling units were put up. After that, the industry began to slump. Up to 1928, the decline was more or less gradual; but in 1929 the number of units dropped from about 750,000 in 1928 to a little more than 500,000. This was a greater decline than that recorded in 1930.

Building of non-rural family dwellings in 1929 was at its lowest since 1921. In 1932, it nearly expired altogether with less than 50,000 new units in the entire country. Even if 600,000 new homes are built in 1940, there will still not be enough construction going on to solve the housing problem.

The builders concede that, without the benign influence of the federal housing administration, much of the present construction wouldn't be underway. The FHA has made it possible for financial institutions to extend their credit and has made the home-ownership field accessible to thousands of persons who would otherwise have been eliminated.

But even the FHA hasn't solved the problem entirely. Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold attacked it from another approach. Arnold suspected the presence of termites within the industry, both among unions and contractors. He has begun a ruthless assault upon the corrupt element that is threatening the industry and has already returned indictments in a score of cities.

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Editorials on News (Continued from page 1)
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S message to congress, delivered today (Wednesday), indicates that he is thinking chiefly about foreign affairs.

Well, so are all the rest of us, for that matter. But history proves that those nations (and rulers) that have paid too much attention to foreign affairs have usually gone broke or been licked by their enemies.

WHEN Charles I (who was beheaded) began to get into serious trouble with parliament, he got active in FOREIGN AFFAIRS, hoping thus to distract England's attention from the mess he had made of affairs at home. His scheme didn't work, but it has been tried since by nearly every ruler who has got into trouble at home.

Noted Comedy Trio Billed on KRNR

The new top-flight musical comedy, "The Barbers of Beville," with that famous trio of Tom, Dick and Harry, an typically American as the Rose Bowl games and newspapermen, will become a regular Monday and Friday night treat for KRNR listeners when it has its premier broadcast Monday night, January 8, at 9:15.

"The Barbers of Beville" is a musical comedy show built around a mythical small town barber shop—any small town where the characters live and breathe gossip and are alert daily. The three "clippers," Tom, Dick and Harry, who are known as "The Barbers of Beville," take the singing roles as well as character parts. It is said that this trio is the most versatile of its kind on the air today, being able to handle character parts and vocalize in eight different dialects.

Jobless Insurance Tax Boost Cited

SALEM, Jan. 5.—Nearly a double tax for unemployment insurance is faced by those employing eight or more persons unless payments on 1939 payrolls are made this month, was the warning today of the state administrator, Silas Gaiser.

Those employing from four to seven must pay the state unemployment tax of 2.7 per cent but are not subject to the federal social security act.

Steel Baron Schwab Died "Poor," Journal Reveals

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Steelmaster Charles M. Schwab, a multimillionaire for 10 years, is said by the Post-Gazette to have died "a poor man."

"His wealth had withered away," reported the newspaper. "Former business associates of Mr. Schwab, young members of the family and Andrew Carnegie gathered about him, have denounced for weeks the disappearance of the once vast Schwab fortune."

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Unity Unaware Of England at War

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Home from Germany whose government and further she idolized, Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford rested today under treatment for a mysterious illness or injury still unaware, her father said, that Great Britain is at war.

Baron Redesdale, who met the 25-year-old Unity with an ambulance at Folkestone where she landed Wednesday from a channel trip, said:

"My daughter, poor child, does not even know that England is at war."

KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System 1500 Kilocycles

- REMAINING HOURS TODAY
1:00—Trojan Heroes, MBS.
1:15—L. A. Open Golf, MBS.
1:45—Melody Strings, MBS.
5:00—Jimmy Kennedy's Orch., MBS.
5:30—Story Hour, MBS.
6:00—Tonight's Tune, MBS.
6:05—News, Calif. Pacific Utilities Co.
6:10—News - Review News Flashes.
6:15—Dinner Dance.
6:30—John B. Hughes, MBS.
6:45—Betty Jane Rhoads, MBS.
7:00—Tropical Serenade, MBS.
7:15—Mating Maestro, MBS.
7:30—Imperial Intrigue, MBS.
8:00—Hollywood Whispers, MBS.
8:15—Jack McLean's Orch., MBS.
8:30—Interlude.
8:35—Sterling Young's Orch., MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Bill McCreary's Orch., MBS.
9:30—The Announced, MBS.
10:00—Sign Off.
SUNDAY, JAN. 7
8:00—Brother Al Heller Says, MBS.
8:15—Glad Tidings of the Air, Rev. Ira F. Rankin.
8:30—Voice of Prophecy Choir, MBS.
8:45—Savary Chorus, MBS.
9:00—Piano String Quartette, MBS.
9:15—The Chaplain Speaks, Rev. Perry Smith.
9:30—American Wildlife, MBS.
9:45—Symphony.
10:00—Summer Preamble, Pianist, MBS.
10:15—Romance of the Hi-Ways, Greyhound Lines, MBS.
10:30—Waltz Symphony, MBS.
11:00—Baptist Church Services.
12:00—Meditation and Melody, MBS.
12:30—Haven of Rest, MBS.
1:00—Nobody's Children, MBS.
1:30—Lutheran Hour, MBS.
2:00—Sunday Varieties.
2:30—Melody Mattinee.
3:30—Show of the Week, MBS.
4:00—Book Castata Series, MBS.
4:30—The Angelus Hour, Dr. C. A. Edwards.
5:00—American Forum of the Air, MBS.
6:00—Old Fashioned Revival, MBS.
7:00—Good Will Hour, Ironized Yeast, MBS.
8:00—Gilt Williams' Orch., MBS.
8:15—Rabbi Edway Maguin, MBS.
8:30—Interlude.
8:45—Book Castata Series, MBS.
9:00—News, Serutan, MBS.
9:15—The Quiet Hour.
9:45—Sign Off.
MONDAY, JAN. 8
7:00—Stair and Nonance.
7:30—News-Review of the Air.
7:45—News, Gilmore Corner.
7:45—J. M. Judd Says "Good

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS
Much of our success in the ordinary affairs of life will depend upon our readiness to make use of the chances and occasions and opportunities that come to us along the way. One man wins where another loses out because he does not have the wisdom to see or the alertness to use the opportunity. We too often complain that life has not given us a chance, when the truth is that we foolishly let the chance slip past us, and that applies in the whole realm of fine achievement. How often has a kindly Providence beckoned to us to do or to be this nobler or better thing and we gave little or no heed. Content with our present condition we failed to see God's gracious leadings to higher and better things. We thank God, our Heavenly Father, that we realize Thy spirit calls us to attain the best that life has for us. That spirit knocks at the door of our hearts. Help us to be awake to the call and may we open our hearts to His gracious leading for Jesus sake. Amen.

- Morning.
7:50—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Breakfast Club, MBS.
8:20—Keep PR to Music, MBS.
8:45—Randy Garden Club, MBS.
9:00—Man About Town.
9:15—Sons of the Pioneers, MBS.
9:20—Ma Perkins, Proctor and Gamble, MBS.
9:45—Toronto Trio, MBS.
10:00—Varieties.
10:15—Hitmakers, MBS.
10:30—Knock Light's Orch., MBS.
10:45—Adventures of Uncle Jimmy, Copco.
11:00—Opus's Hawaiians, MBS.
11:15—El Paseo Troubadours, MBS.
11:30—Music and Music, MBS.
11:45—Jimmy Kennedy's Orch., MBS.
12:00—Luncheon Dance.
12:15—Dick O'Hearn, Tenor, MBS.
12:30—Rhythm at Random.
12:35—Pinkston's Information Exchange.
12:45—News, Safeway Stores.
12:55—News-Review of the Air.
1:00—Henninger's Man on the Street.
1:15—Don Lee School of the Air, MBS.
1:30—The Quiet Hour.
2:00—At Your Command.
2:15—Johnson Family, MBS.
2:30—Melody Mattinee.
2:45—L. A. Open Golf, MBS.
3:00—Pioneers of the Prairie.
3:15—Marriage License Romance, MBS.
3:00—Pulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
3:15—Haven of Rest, MBS.
3:45—Tea Time Banquet.
3:50—Anchor-Anchor, MBS.
3:55—Voice of Industry.
4:15—Varieties.
4:30—Tonight's Tune.
6:05—News, Calif. Pacific Utilities Co.
6:10—News-Review News Flashes.
6:15—"The War, MBS.
6:30—John B. Hughes, Avalon Quartettes, MBS.
6:45—Dinner Dance.
7:00—Address by Pres. Roosevelt, MBS.
7:30—Lone Ranger, MBS.
8:00—Dance Orch.
8:30—Interlude.
8:45—Ocean Reveal, MBS.
9:15—Adrian Rollins Trio, MBS.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
9:15—Barbers of Beville, Brown and Williamson, MBS.
9:30—Speech by Senator Burton Wheeler, MBS.
10:00—Sign Off.

Mickey Rooney Barred From Races; Too Young

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 5.—(AP)—Mickey Rooney, the screen's current number 1 box office attraction, is too young to attend the horse races in Florida.

Date of Red Cross Annual Convention Is Advanced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The Red Cross said today that because of heavy burdens arising from war relief activities abroad its annual convention would be held here April 1 instead of in Atlanta May 12-14.

Back From Portland — Mrs. F. C. Gurnea

Mrs. F. C. Gurnea has returned to her home at 227 East Lane street, following a six-day stay in Portland visiting her daughters and sisters.

Labor Body Agents Blamed for Strikes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Mrs. Ellmore Herrick, a regional director who once complained of "OGPU" and "un-American" tactics by labor board agents, testified today long delays in handling Wagner act cases in 1937 tended to promote labor strikes.

Mrs. Herrick, regional director in New York City, made the statement before a house committee investigating both the act and the board.

Lothian Predicts Major Nazi Attack

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Germany probably will launch a "brutal" attack against England and France by land, sea and air this spring, Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, told the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations last night.

Felony Charges Against Estabrook, Rosser Dropped

HILLSBORO, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Washington county felony charges against Jack Estabrook, secretary of the AFL's warehousemen's union, and Al E. Rosser, former teamsters' union official, were dismissed yesterday by Circuit Judge Frank R. Peters.

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ATTACK ON AMERICA! Starting Expose of U. S. Lack of Defense

By WILLIAMS
GENERAL ARED WHITE
WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S HAPPENED
CAPTAIN BENNING, during young United States intelligence officer, sent to Paris to get the Mexican picture, impersonates LEUTENANT BROMLITZ, now held incommunicado abroad, former an American officer in the service of Van Hassek.

GENERAL VAN HASSEK, master of Mexican forces, plans an attack on the United States and questions Benning concerning its strength. CHAPTER IV
Benning found himself assigned to a stuffy little room that was piled high with American newspapers and magazines. Half a dozen other officers were engaged in reading these publications.

Each day this group was required to make a summary of American press opinion as affecting Mexican relations. Outwardly a peaceful enough job, but one that Benning knew to be a vital part of Van Hassek's war machinery. During the next few days Benning kept pretty much to himself, though cautiously making friends with the Austrian, Captain Fincke, who sat at his elbow. A bit at a time he meant to gather information he had come for. If long risks had to be played in order to secure important secret information, that would have to wait until he had the lay of things at headquarters.

Mexico City, Benning observed, his off-duty stroll, was serene and untroubled. Mexican troops themselves had undergone a transition. They had shoes on their feet and discipline in their ranks and were used largely as labor troops. Except for patrols and a daily guard-mounting there was no daily martial display in the city.

Ruiz, holding the military rank of colonel-general, was an imposing figure, erect, lean, dashing. His uniform was always tidy and he was forever attended by flashily uniformed aides and orderlies. Benning thought Ruiz must have been picked for appearance as well as his susceptibility to control. In order to put on a show that would catch and hold the Mexican imagination.

By the end of a week, Benning had gained something of Fincke's confidence together with a knowledge of the workings of Van Hassek's headquarters at the palace. He had adopted the habit of going for a walk each evening with the Austrian, usually to the Alameda. Benning had learned that the Austrian was an artilleryman, on temporary detail at headquarters because of knowledge of the United States.

"But at headquarters, Fincke," Benning pointed out, "he is not too experienced. I am an experienced chief in a matter of an officer he's sunk." The Austrian responded with a grin of contempt. "I'm an artilleryman, not a staff officer," he snapped. "My battery of seventy-sevens is at Jolico for target practice and I'm in Mexico City only until the show opens."

Benning laughed and said, "But with your fluency in English, your chief isn't likely to part company with you when our troops head in to the United States." "I've Colonel Bravot's word for it," Fincke said hotly. "Yes, and I'll remind him of it as soon as he returns from Washington, which ought to be any day now."

Benning prolonged the promenade with Fincke, stopped from time to time at the bar of the Gonzales near the park for Scotch-and-soda. Once the Fincke artistist enthusiasm was aroused, the Austrian needed little urging to talk. At first he boasted of his own guns, then branched off into the subject of Van Hassek's superiority in artillery. For each regiment of artillery there was a full battery of seventy-sevens or the new 105-millimeter cannon. In addition there was the marvelous new ten-inch gun with a maximum effective range of thirty miles.

An adaptation of the Big Bertha of World war days, but this one travels at from thirty to thirty-five miles an hour. So powerful a weapon it had been transported in five sections, drawn on a special tractor. The barrel, forty-five feet long, less than two hours required to assemble it at a given point ready for action. Then there were batteries of 21 centimeter howitzers, motorized in two loads and capable of putting down shells ten miles distant. In addition, Van Hassek's motorized infantry divisions, each of 1,000 men, were provided with the best word in anti-tank, anti-aircraft, and auxiliary weapons, including an immense quota of light and heavy machine guns for each regiment. Each division had seventy-two anti-tank guns of 37-millimeter and the newest 47-millimeter types. As for anti-aircraft, the Van Hassek artillery would be able to treat the stouter air attacks on troop columns, supply establishments and depots. In addition to their standard 40-millimeter for medium range, and their 90-millimeter for long range, was their light 20-millimeter gun. Add to this a 105-millimeter special anti-aircraft cannon. As for tanks there were three regiments in Mexico now, with more reported on the way. Each regiment boasted 700 tanks, mostly eight-ton light tanks, but with a goodly supply of the new sixteen-ton heavy tank. Both types capable of thirty miles per hour. "What a wonderful show, Bromlitz!" Fincke exclaimed when he had elaborated these weapons in detail. "Particularly when we pound their artillery to pieces with

Japanese People Feel War Strain

Hardships, Sacrifices Make Them Wonder if War on Chinese is Worth While.

By REILMAN MORIN
TOKYO.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The Japanese government is confident that it is achieving its aims in China, but many of the Japanese people are wondering whether it is worth while. Japan has conquered more than a third of China's population and area, including her richest provinces and most modern industrial centers, and Japanese leaders are confident of ultimate complete victory in the plan to establish "a new order in East Asia."

The Japanese people, however, worn with war, find their lot a heavy hardship for the present and they look into the future with foreboding. Ordinarily stolid and uncomplaining, the people will tell of the record of their sacrifices for the successes the army has won in China. Many wonder whether the cost is equal to the gain. There is hardly a neighborhood, a factory, an office which has not contributed its dead to the battlefields of China.

There is hardly an individual who has not felt the financial load which has not felt the financial load weighing more and more heavily. Many are near the breaking point. Restrictions Felt
Today in Japan a 15 per cent tax makes a 20-cent cup of coffee cost 23 sen. If the bill in a restaurant reaches three yen, the customer pays more than four yen, including taxes.

Shortages are such that some products cannot be bought for any price. The rationing for a taxi is two gallons a day. Medical supplies, aspirin and insulin, particularly, are below the danger point. Fuel is low. Railway cars are not heated this winter. Office buildings had no heat until after Dec. 1. And then went on a ration that was half their consumption last year.

Gas inspectors recently visited every home in Tokyo, sealing one burner on each kitchen range. They left the warning that gas-using water heaters might be sealed before the end of the winter. Cotton, wool, leather, metals and canned goods almost have disappeared from the market. There is a cigarette famine about every two months. When you buy a carton of cigarettes the clerk removes the individual packages and keeps the carton. "I must send it back to the factory for re-packing," he says.

Official figures show an average increase in food costs of 130 per cent in the past 18 months, with rice up 35 per cent, fish 250 per cent and vegetables 200 per cent. Clothing costs are up an average of 280 per cent. Rents are 80 per cent higher, coal 100 per cent higher and charcoal, chief fuel for the masses, up 140 per cent. Wages have lagged behind the price increases except in munitions and heavy industries fields, where they are high. The munitions boom brought thousands of people, hard pressed for a bare existence on farms, into cities, depressing wages not connected with the war and causing a shortage of agriculture labor.

The migration, plus other factors, caused a rice shortage which nearly caused a panic in the government. U. S. National Bank Notes Heavy Gain in Deposits
According to the comptroller's call as of December 29, the United States National bank showed deposits of \$133,190,344.99. According to the manager of the Roseburg branch, this is the highest point in deposits ever reached by the bank at the time of an official call. At the corresponded period last year, deposits were \$120,858,572.22, a gain of over twelve million dollars. In the same period, resources increased from \$131,755,027.87 to \$144,381,599.72. The increase in both deposits and resources is at the ratio of approximately one million dollars per month.

According to the report, loans for commercial industrial and agricultural purposes also showed a healthy gain. William Powell of Film Fame Weds Diana Lewis
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This was Powell's third marriage. His second wife was Carole Lombard, who now is Mrs. Clark Gable. The bride is 23. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis, are veterans of vaudeville and the theater. Her sister is Maxine Lewis, a singer. She and Powell, 47, motored from Palm Springs last night. The bride is due back at the studio Monday to take a leading role in the Eddie Cantor picture, "Forty Little Mothers." Parole Granted to Gilbert Beesmyer
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