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A Time of War

"To everything," wrote the wise old Preacher in the Book of Ecclesiastes, "there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to mourn and a time to dance... a time to love and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace."

It has befallen all of us to live part of our lives in a time of war. At this moment, with millions of America's manhood registering for service, of whom perhaps two more millions will be called this year in addition to two millions now serving, it is a time of good-bye. It is a hard time for everyone; but it is hardest for those who must part, and who must say goodbye.

If there were no more than that, it would be insupportable. But the same old Preacher in his wisdom knew that the time to kill is followed by the time to heal. That, too, will come. Perhaps all America is saying goodbye to many things. Goodbye to all the old smug feeling that we were in the world, yet not of it. Goodbye to the old tendency to measure every man with a dollar-marked rule. Goodbye to the hectic "easy money" days of the twenties, which so nearly wrought our spiritual ruin. Goodbye to uncontrolled selfishness which made material life so much better than it needs to be for a comparative few, so much less good than it ought to be for so many.

Goodbye to false social standards and canceous envy. Goodbye to arbitrary and artificial class distinctions, existing in America without a shadow of an excuse for being, conjured up sometimes even where they do not exist. Goodbye to despair and impotence in the face of trouble, to cringing submission to economic misery for which there is no longer any reason except the inelastic workings of the mind of man. Goodbye to fear and doubt and lack of faith. Yes, goodbye to all that.

Out of the fiery trial of this war, with all its goodbyes and heartbreaks, all its pain and suffering, all its destruction and hatred, can come the America of which our fathers dreamed a land of freedom for all. To everything there is a season, and the time for these things may also come after the guns are silent. Anyone who does not dedicate himself to this, as well as to winning the war, has failed himself, has failed America, has failed humanity.

Better Late Than Never

THE British have an irritating habit of doing things too late. But they are pretty likely to do the right thing in the long run, which is more than can be hoped for from Germany, Italy and Japan. Ireland is a fair example. It should have been free long ago, one may say. Yet it is free today, and in the face of tremendous pressure from the military and naval situation, Britain has not moved to threaten Irish freedom, though Eire's neutrality is a tremendous disadvantage to her.

So with India. Perhaps India should have been free long ago. It is a complicated question. Perhaps the promise of dominion status, and a seat on the war council could have been offered at a more graceful time than when India is so badly needed to prevent axis victory. But India is slowly progressing toward freedom and will surely attain it

Editorials on News

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day on Bataan. It seems to us that Singapore should not have been lost—at least as quickly as it was. So we criticize the British.

WE admire the fight the Russians have been putting up. Yet we look at the map and see that Vladivostok is only a few miles (comparatively) from Japan. It would be so easy to send Russian bombers across those seemingly few miles of water and smack the Japs in their great cities at home.

Because they don't do it, we are tempted to criticize the Russians.

CRITICISM, if it is to be of value, must be CONSTRUCTIVE. If we are to criticize what we are talking about.

When we criticize the British and the Russians, we DON'T know what we're talking about. Only their leaders know the facts on which their decisions have been based.

WHEN we criticize our army and navy for fighting defensively rather than offensively in the south Pacific, what do we really know about the whole vast subject that is involved? Very little.

Only those at the top with access to the reports of the thousands of agents of various kinds who are working throughout the world to get the facts that are so jealously and rigidly guarded, can know enough to take the tremendous responsibility of deciding to wage an offensive or a defensive campaign.

WHEN we are tempted to criticize any of the peoples with whom we are associated in this war, how well are we fitted for CONSTRUCTIVE criticism? How much do we really know? VERY LITTLE, it must be confessed.

SO, you see, while the right to criticize—when, what and whom we please—is a right so precious that it is worth fighting for and dying for, it is a right that we common, ordinary people can exercise constructively very, very seldom indeed in time of war.

Only the leaders can know enough of the facts to make decisions. In time of war, it is the business of the leaders to lead and it is the business of the people to follow.

That isn't particularly pleasant, but it is historically true.

U. S. Prisoners In Japan Reported to Be Well Treated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A report to the American Red Cross today said that American prisoners of war in Japan were getting the same food as Japanese soldiers.

Civilian internees are being treated in accordance with terms of the Geneva convention, the report received through the international Red Cross at Geneva, said.

A Red Cross delegate to Tokyo cabled on Feb. 17: "According to letter dated Jan. 25 from Capt. McMillan, ex-governor of Guam, 350 war prisoners from Guam are in camp Zentsu, Sikoku since Jan. 16. In addition 134 civilians with 13 Catholic priests and bishop from Guam sent to Kobe Jan. 23. Japanese soldiers' ration provided to prisoners of war and treatment good only request, more tobacco and toilet articles."

Chairman Norman H. Davis of the Red Cross said a message to the Geneva organization from the prisoners of war bureau of the Tokyo government listed for food internees: "Per day, at present, meat (beef, pork, ham or liver) and fish 350 grams (approximately three-quarters of a pound) each; fresh vegetables, fresh fruits and 600 grams of bread; jam, tea with cream and sugar. On Sundays, one egg and coffee added."

OUT OUR WAY



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

Heroic Igorots In Bataan Wipe Out Japanese Regiment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Fierce Igorot tribesmen who fought from the swaying tops of American tanks in a battle of annihilation with the Japanese invaders had contributed a stirring new chapter to the Philippine defense epic.

They completely wiped out an entire enemy regiment, General Douglas MacArthur reported, in avenging the death of a company of their own kinsmen.

"For sheer breath-taking and heart-breaking desperation," the Philippine commander told the war department that the exploit was unmatched in the struggle on the Bataan peninsula.

The action, which took place early this month, was recounted in a communique. The Igorots are a pagan tribe living in the mountains of northern Luzon. Industrious and peace-loving, they are "absolutely fearless" and have made excellent fighting men with the Philippine commonwealth army, the war department said.

Serve As Eye For Tanks. An Igorot company of perhaps 125 men had been wiped out to a man in vain defense of a position on the rugged battle-lines. To restore the position, an attack was ordered by a tank unit supported by Igorot infantry eager to even the score.

Jungle foliage was so thick the American tank drivers could not see, so the Igorot commander mustered his men to the top, where they served as eyes for the drivers. Exposed targets, they went shouting into action, firing automatic pistols.

"Bataan has been many wild mornings, but nothing to equal this," MacArthur said. "No quarter was asked and none was given. Always above the din of the battle rose the fierce shouts of the Igorots as they rode the tanks and fired their pistols.

"No gun, no thickets, only death itself could stop that mad rush. Of all the bloody spots on the peninsula that proved to be the bloodiest.

"When the attack was over, the remnants of the tanks and the Igorots were still there. But the 20th Japanese infantry regiment was completely annihilated."

The regiment numbered 1,200 to 1,500 men, officials estimated.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The war production board yesterday issued a stop-order on refrigerator manufacturing effective April 30, and asked that production meanwhile be restricted to simple models pending conversion of the industry to 100 per cent war production.

The order permits manufacture of 480,000 domestic mechanical refrigerators up to April 30, but their sale is frozen pending rationing for military and essential civilian use. Retail sales already have been curbed. Each dealer has been notified he may sell 100 refrigerators from stock, or 1-12 of his 1941 sales, counting from 10 a. m. eastern war time, Feb. 14, and that the freeze order applies automatically to any stocks remaining after these sales are made.

The government also called a halt Monday on deliveries of 12-gauge shotguns for sporting use, in order to make the weapons available for war plant protection and guard duties.

Called Here—Roy Patrick, of Napa, Calif., is here to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. J. B. Patrick.

Independence of India Urged By Leader of China

LONDON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—At least partial realization of demands for independence was predicted by British sources today after a rapid sequence of week-end events which portended a radical change in Britain's attitude toward her 400,000,000 subjects there.

Two developments particularly buoyed India's hopes: 1. The farewell of Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, who has been visiting in India. Speaking presumably with the consent of Britain and the United States and apparently addressing himself to the British, he declared dramatically Saturday: "The vast majority of the world's opinion is in full sympathy with India's aspiration for freedom."

2. Informed British sources asserted yesterday that Prime Minister Churchill planned to enlarge India's powers of self-government and send a cabinet representative there to try to "put the India problem on a more satisfactory footing."

There was as yet no precise indication of how far Britain would go toward granting autonomy, but the government was said to be planning tentatively for an Indian national administration headed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former president of the nationalist congress party in which Mohandas K. Gandhi has been the guiding spirit.

U. S. FLEET COMMANDER

Horizontal and Vertical crossword puzzle clues. Horizontal: 1. Answer to previous puzzle. 2. Pictured U. S. fleet commander-in-chief. 12. Exclamation of surprise. 14. Concern. 15. To the inside of. 16. Him. 17. Contend. 19. Border. 20. Month (abbr.). 21. Meadow. 22. Bark. 24. Tendon. 26. Lines. 27. Fish organ. 29. Two fives. 30. Light tap. 31. From. 33. Assist. 35. Three (prefix). 36. Old English. 41. Editor (abbr.). 42. Metal. 44. Grove. 45. Fish. 46. Sailor. 48. Bleemish. 49. Wall painting. 50. Mongrel. 52. Belonging to him. 53. Three (prefix). 54. Female of cattle. 56. Near. 57. Most desirable. 58. Dove's call. 59. Counterfeit.

Vertical crossword puzzle clues. 1. He sails the seven. 13. Invert. 16. Chop. 18. Sprite. 21. Allotment. 23. Spanish coin. 25. Novel. 26. Metal bars. 28. Nothing. 30. Before. 31. Be in debt. 32. Fashion. 34. Clamor. 35. Tag. 36. Mineral rock. 37. Is (Latin) (abbr.). 40. All right (abbr.). 43. In place of. 45. Hearing organ. 46. High relief. 47. Berry (bot.). 48. Examine. 49. Mow, as hay, woman. 50. Unmarried woman. 51. Boety. 53. She. 55. Grief. 56. Exiat.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61.

U. S. Baby Crop In 1941 Largest In Twenty Years

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The census bureau acclaimed the 1941 crop of American babies as the largest in two decades.

The births numbered about 2,500,000 and were second only to the 2,600,000 record set in 1921.

One reason for last year's big crop was the fact, the bureau said, that a large number of the record 1921 babies themselves were married and producing children last year.

The draft, which helped boost marriages to a record of 1,565,000 also may have had something to do with it. Marriages have been so unusually numerous the last couple of years, in fact, that the bureau predicted another big crop of babies this year, "even if large numbers of married men are inducted into the armed forces."

In 1921 there were many babies because the AEF had just come home from France and was busy re-establishing family life. The baby crop was so big last year that it exceeded deaths by 1,090,000, thus increasing the nation's population by an amount approximately equal to the population of the state of Oregon.

The bureau added that experts could not agree on whether the recent increase in the American birthrate—now at 18.8 per 1,000 population—was temporary or represented a long time trend. The American birth rate fell almost steadily for two centuries up to 1933 and has increased gradually since then. The low point in 1933 was 16.6 per 1,000 population.

In Germany, the bureau added, the birth rate has been dropping since the war and was last reported at 20 per 1,000 population in 1940.

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System 1500 Kilocycles (REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

- TUESDAY, FEB. 24: 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 4:15—Red Nichols' Orch. 4:25—Around the Ring. 4:30—Lest We Forget. 4:45—Music Depreciation. 5:00—Glenn Miller's Orch. 5:15—Orphan Annie, Quaker Oats. 5:30—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine. 5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties. 6:00—Dinner Concert. 6:15—Phil Stearns News, Avalon. 6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola. 6:45—Interlude. 6:50—News, Cal. Pac. Utilities. 6:55—Interlude. 7:00—News and Views, Studebaker. 7:15—Songs of Cathay. 7:30—John Steele from London. 7:45—Recital Hall. 8:00—What's My Name, Standard Brands. 8:30—The Shadow. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Music For You, McKean and Carstens. 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 9:45—Dance Orch. 10:00—Sign Off.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25, 1942

- 6:30—Top O' the Morning. 7:00—News, L. A. Soap. 7:15—Rise and Shine, Plough Chem. Co. 7:30—News Bulletins. 7:35—Motorist's Edition of State and Local News. 7:45—J. M. Judd says "Good Morning." 7:45—Rhapsody in Wax. 8:00—Breakfast Club. 8:30—Bargain Fest. 8:45—As the Twig is Bent, Post's Bran Flakes. 9:00—John B. Hughes, Asper-tane. 9:15—Man About Town. 9:30—Shoppers Guide. 9:45—Wayne West Songs. 10:00—Alka Seltzer News. 10:15—Helen Holden. 10:30—Front Page Farrell, Anacin. 10:45—Joe Frassetto's Orch. 11:00—Adventures of Jane Arden, Coppo. 11:15—Wheel of Fortune. 12:00—Interlude. 12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer Co. 12:15—Interlude. 12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange. 12:25—Rhythm at Random. 12:45—State News, Hansen Motor Co. 12:50—News Review of the Air. 1:00—"Our Fighting Ally." 1:30—Johnson Family, Swans-down. 1:45—Boake Carter. 2:00—John Sturgess. 2:15—"I'll Find My Way." 2:30—At Your Command. 2:45—The Bookworm. 3:00—Johnny Richard's Orch. 3:15—Man About Town. 3:30—News, Douglas National Bank. 3:45—Musical Matinee. 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 4:15—Sam Brewer. 4:25—Musical Interlude. 4:30—Frank Cuhel from Batavia—Musical Interlude. 4:45—Music Depreciation. 5:00—Homes on the Land. 5:15—Orphan Annie, Quaker Oats.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

For ages untold humanity has respected idleness and worshipped those who could throw the burdens incident to their livelihood onto the backs of others. The idea had long been held that the income of the world should go to those who own the world, but to those who perform the work of the world, just the barest kind of living, and the barest living, the more ready they would be to work. But a new idea is seizing the minds of men. It is that the income of the world should go to those who do the work of the world. Toil is not so despised, and the toiler is coming into a position of greater respectability. It is easier for us to cease the worship of the idle in time of war, when the ships of the enemy come in sight the battleship clears its decks for action. So in a time of war the will to eliminate the economic parasites is speeded up as an absolute necessity to an all out for war efforts. Germany fights to maintain the old idea of inferiority and superiority. They claim that they are of superior blood, fit to be rulers. All the rest of the world is filled with "lesser breeds." It only to be their slaves. More than a generation of intensive education along this line has made the deluded Germans cocksure and most enthusiastically about their superiority. They worship their own superiority and that of their leader. Amen.

- 5:30—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine. 5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties. 6:00—Dinner Concert. 6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola. 6:45—Interlude. 6:50—News, Cal. Pac. Utilities. 6:55—Interlude. 7:00—News and Views, Studebaker. 7:15—Henry King's Orch. 7:30—Lone Ranger. 8:00—Raymond Gram Swing, White Owl. 8:15—Dick Stable's Orch. 8:30—Adventures in Melody. 9:00—Alka Seltzer News. 9:15—Alvino Rey's Orch. 9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr. 9:45—Tommy Dorsey's Orch. 10:00—Sign Off.

Your Federal Income Tax

No. 44 Deduction For Losses Other Than From Sale or Exchange of Capital Assets

Deductions for losses are divided into four classes, and to be allowed must follow closely the wording of the income tax law. Losses are deductible if incurred (1) in the taxpayer's trade, business, or profession; (2) in any transaction entered into for profit; (3) from fires, storms, shipwreck, or other casualties, or from theft; and (4) from wagering transactions.

Business losses result, usually, from the purchase and sale of merchandise. Such losses usually are ascertained by means of inventories, which are required whenever in the opinion of the commissioner of internal revenue their use is necessary to determine the income of any taxpayer.

The term "transaction entered into for profit" means any kind of business proposition. For example, a taxpayer purchases an automobile to be used solely for business purposes, and which is sold at a loss. As this is a business proposition from start to finish, the loss is deductible. But if he had purchased the automobile to be used for pleasure or convenience, the deduction would not be allowed; it was not a transaction entered into for profit.

A loss sustained in the theft of an automobile purchased for pleasure or convenience is deductible, as it falls in class 3 if, because of faulty driving but not of "willful negligence," an automobile maintained for pleasure is damaged, the taxpayer may claim the loss sustained, as it comes within the meaning of the word "casualty." Where damages result from the faulty driving of an automobile with which the automobile of the taxpayer collides, the loss occasioned to the taxpayer likewise is deductible.

Losses from wagering transactions, whether legal or illegal, are deductible only to the extent of gains from such transactions. The excess of such losses over the gains is not deductible. All losses are deductible only to the extent to which they are not compensated for by insurance or otherwise.

Relief Group to Meet—The Christian Science Relief Sewing group will meet Thursday at two o'clock at the Perkins building to work on bundles for Britain.

Ammunition On U. S. Warship Too Old, Claim Made

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The navy department said today that Rear Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, chief of ordnance, was investigating a report that ammunition supplied to an American warship operating in the Pacific was old and ineffective.

The report came from Martin Agronsky, an NBC commentator broadcasting from Sydney, Australia. No official report of such a deficiency has been received, the navy said, but Blandy began his inquiry on the basis of Agronsky's broadcast.

Agronsky said he was told by a navy air lieutenant that the anti-aircraft ammunition on a warship escorting U. S. troops was issued in 1930 and 1931 and had failed to fire uniformly enough for gunners to work out a fire pattern necessary for effective anti-aircraft work.

NBC quoted Agronsky as follows: "The pilot told me he had come ashore from an American warship which I cannot name. The warship was conveying American troops ships somewhere in Java. When the convoy was six hours at sea, the warship picked up a broadcast from Tokyo actually describing both the make up of the convoy and its destination. Two hours later 32 Jap bombers appeared overhead and bombed the convoy."

"I asked the lieutenant if he had shot down any Japs. He answered it was so hard to hit the Japs with the ammunition on board. I asked him why. He explained that the anti-aircraft ammunition was 1930 and 1931 issue and when it had been tested a year ago, it was found to be only 30 per cent efficient. The lieutenant told me it was impossible with this ammunition to work out a fire pattern. He added he would like to tie to the foremast the gentlemen responsible for United States warships being equipped with this type of ammunition."

China's Example Points Out Victory Way, Envoy Says

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 24.—(CP)—Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese ambassador to the United States, told the United Nations that amid "disheartening" reports from the Pacific war zone they should learn from China a little lesson in patience and not swerve in our common faith.

China has fought on against overwhelming odds for 56 months because of an "unswerving and unflinching faith in the ultimate triumph of her just cause," he said in an address to a luncheon supporting Canada's second victory loan.

"The tide has now turned," he declared. "The faith of my people has been vindicated. But victory is not in sight. A long, hard war still faces your nation, my nation and all our allies. But we have not the slightest doubt about ultimate and not too distant victory of our common fight against our common foes."

"In this dark hour I ask you to think of your friend and newly allied, China. This country had been fighting Japan for four years and eight months, and in that time had lost all its important coastal and river cities, all its modern centers of industry and manufacture, and all direct access to the sea.

The Chinese government had lost over 90 per cent of its revenue, tens of millions were homeless, jobless and penniless and war casualties were tremendous. Yet China had fought on.

The most essential factor in this continuing struggle, Dr. Hu said had been China's "fighting faith" in the justice of her cause, a faith which had now been justified.

Flowers Given to Office—Mrs. Julius Stindt, of Melrose, presented a very beautiful bouquet of anemones, daffodils and other early spring flowers to the New Review office staff Monday.

Relieves HEAD COLD DISCOMFORTS MENTHOLATUM