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This Is Not Prosperity

THERE is an unfortunate tendency to think of the current economy as a boom, an era of prosperity and happy days (financially) that are here again.

That is crooked thinking, and dangerous.

True, there are more men and women at work than ever before. They are receiving the highest wages in history. For the first time in years the farmers are enjoying a sellers' market at top prices.

Those are most of the elements which traditionally have been symbols of prosperity. But times have changed. Now these things do not mean happy days. Taken in their context, they provide a brilliant, red flare warning against danger ahead.

There is plenty of money. Almost everybody has more than he used to. But he can't tune in money and listen to a broadcast. He can't ride to the seashore or the golf links in money. He can't keep his butter from melting in summer, or his milk from souring, with money.

Beyond a certain point, which is quickly reached, money is useful only so long as there are necessities, conveniences, luxuries for which money can be exchanged.

Up to now, and to a decreasing extent for the next few months, the unprecedented flow of money to wage-earners can be translated into those concrete possessions which constitute genuine prosperity.

There still are used cars—some with excellent tires—to be had; electric refrigerators, radios, sports equipment; all the things so many wanted so long, and were denied for lack of enough money.

But very soon, when existing stocks have been depleted, money will lose much of its present virtue, because there will be only a limited supply of goods to be bought.

There is every reason to suppose that Americans will not suffer for lack of adequate, wholesome food, although variety will be less and some items will be scarce. There should always be ample clothing, though quality and style will not be what we have considered essential.

But food and clothing do not denote prosperity. They do not provide for what we consider the American way of living.

Real prosperity is present only when, after satisfying the subsistence needs for food, clothing and shelter, a people is in position to acquire all the conveniences, the comforts, the minor luxuries of life.

So when we think of taxation and of wage Indians, let's not fool ourselves that we can give enough and leave enough to preserve or improve the American standard of living.

The American standard of living has gone into ships, planes, tanks, guns, shells, bombs, invasion barges. There won't be any such thing again, until we have won this war.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

throat, you probably muttered: "I'll go cheerfully barefooted and live on spinach and beets if it will help those boys in even the slightest way."

JUST a word here to the gentlemen whose business it is to decide about the news to be given (or NOT given) to the American people:

This little story about the machines who cleaned up the 700 Japs with a loss to themselves of 28

killed and 72 wounded didn't help the enemy. He knew it anyway. It inspires us here at home no end. Drives the warbles out of our backs. Stops us from grumbling. Makes REAL PATRIOTS of us.

THERE must be hundreds of these incidents that can be given to us without in any way increasing the enemy's store of useful military information—some of them causing us to swell and almost burst with pride, some of them gripping our hearts with their sheer tragedy. Some of them cheerfully hopeful. Some of them menacingly grave.

But ALL OF THEM dramatizing for us the supremely important fact that this is OUR war, that it is being fought by OUR BOYS, that NOTHING we can do to help it along can possibly be too much to ask of us.

THESE gentlemen whose job it is to decide what can be told to us safely and what can't be told without giving aid to the enemy—who so far have been deciding that the less told to us the less the enemy can hear, are sincere and patriotic Americans. Just as sincere and patriotic as you or I.

But in the press of their other duties, under the weight of responsibility that rests on their shoulders, they have been forgetting (it seems to this writer) that when the millions of stay-at-home Americans are SHUT OUT from the drama of the war and so made to feel vaguely but effectively that fighting the war is the job of the INSIDERS and not the job of ALL the American people, they tend to become less ready and willing to sacrifice and more inclined to grumble and criticize and permit SELF INTEREST to encroach upon patriotism.

After all, human nature is human nature, and the American people are endowed with their full share of it.

THIS writer, although he has tried to, can't get away from the feeling that the job of telling the story of this war to the American people is being TERRIBLY bungled.

There IS COMPLACENCY, of a sort, here at home.

There is failure to realize how deadly serious it all is.

There is pulling and hauling and advancement of selfish interests.

All this hampers the war effort.

IF the flesh-and-blood story of the war could be told to all of us—simply, truthfully, dramatically—so as to bring it home to us in all its tremendous implications, most if not all of these obstacles at home would vanish—would be burned away in a flame of patriotic desire to sacrifice to what ever extent may be necessary.

It ought to be possible to tell this great story to the people at home without giving military information to the enemy.

It seems to this writer it ought to be tried.

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1490 Kilocycles.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1942

4:00—Helen Hayes, Guest Speaker on Fulton Lewis, Jr., Program.

4:15—Johnson Family.

4:30—Confidentially Yours.

4:45—Bob Crosby's Orch.

5:00—U. S. Army Program.

5:15—To Be Announced.

5:30—The Federal A.C.

6:00—Dinner Concert.

6:30—Jamboree.

6:45—Interlude.

6:50—Copco News.

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7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.

7:15—Tommy Tucker's Orch.

7:30—Morton Gould's Orch.

8:00—Health Talk by Dr. Wainwright.

8:05—George Duffy's Orch.

8:15—Dick Kuhn's Orch.

8:30—Rudy Wallace's Orch.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Round-Up in the Sky, E. G. High Insurance.

8:30—John B. Hughes, Studebaker.

9:45—Helen Hayes, Guest Speaker on Fulton Lewis, Jr., Program.

10:00—News Bulletins.

10:02—Sign off.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

6:45—Eye Opener.

7:00—News, L. A. Soap Co.

7:15—Morning Melodies.

7:30—News Bulletins.

7:33—State and Local News, Boring Optical Co.

7:40—J. M. Judd says "Good Morning."

7:45—Rhapsody in Wax.

8:00—Breakfast Club.

8:30—News.

8:45—Miss Meade's Children.

9:00—Boake Carter.

9:15—Man About Town.

9:45—Willard Trio.

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OUT OUR WAY



Defense Councils Get 'Mum' Order On Raid Damage

SALEM, Aug. 25.—(AP)—County defense councils were warned yesterday by State Civilian Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen that they must not give out any information on damage caused by air raids, effect of air raids on morale, deployment of forces used to combat air raids, or action taken by civilian and military authorities.

Such information would aid the enemy, Owen said pointing out that the U. S. army received valuable information as to the effect of the bombing of Tokyo because the information was broadcast by the Japanese radio.

Owen, at the request of the war department, advised the county defense councils that they must keep their records locked in a safe place, keep visitors out of control centers, permit no unauthorized photographs in control centers, and avoid use of telephones in transmitting information about air raids.

Owen also asked the councils to cooperate in the coast guard's drive to recruit personnel for the coast guard temporary reserve for coastal patrol and lookout duty.

Buzzell Return Home—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Buzzell have returned to their home in this city, following a two weeks vacation trip to Chicago and other eastern points to visit relatives and friends. Mr. Buzzell returned to his work in the Douglas county clerk's office yesterday.

Captured Krupp Cannons Yielded in Scrap Drive

TACOMA, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Two Krupp cannons, captured from the German army during the last war, yesterday started their way back to Germany, where they will be delivered in the form of bombs and shells.

The cannons, used as decorations in front of the headquarters building of the Washington national guard at nearby Camp Murray, were turned over to a local civilian defense salvage drive by the state adjutant general.

U. S. Troops Have to Pay For "Gift" Cigarettes

AT A UNITED STATES ARMY CAMP IN THE EGYPTIAN DESERT, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Sand flies, desert sores, the high price of beer—these are only routine complaints of the United States troops here.

What has them burned up more than the desert sun is the cigarette situation.

Their reason: they have to pay 22 cents for cigarettes marked "compliments of 'smokes for yanks'."

Says Americans Outdo Australians in Manners

MELBOURNE, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Americans generally have better manners than Australians, writes Prof. Walter Murdoch in an article to be published in the Melbourne Herald Saturday.

"They are more courteous than we; I think we ought to admit it and mend our manners," he writes.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

The torch of world leadership. The first record we have of any civilization at all was that of the ancient Chinese, who lifted high in their civilization the torch of leadership of the then known world. For the lack of something better, they indulged in ancestor worship, and no man, no community, no country ever gets any higher than what it holds in reverence and worship, and they could not have an aggressive, forward-moving campaign, continually glorifying the deeds of the fathers and the accomplishments of the past. So of course in due time that torch slipped from their grasp and was picked up by Egypt. Egypt held it for a number of years. Then the torch went to Greece. "Queen Mother of the oceans" commerce, and she grew fabulously wealthy and also grew soft and clothed herself in purple and fine linen, and Rome became soft and seemed indifferent to world leadership. That leadership went unclaimed for a number of years, until Napoleon started to ride the high places of Europe. He became obsessed with the idea of being the emperor of the world, and he, too, lost the torch, and it passed to England. England made many mistakes. Today she is leaning heavily upon the United States. That torch has slipped across the Atlantic and is in our possession at the present time. What will we do with it? Amen.

BRITISH OFFICIAL

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured British official.

13 Absorb.

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28 Street (abbr.).

29 Three (prefix).

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22 Friend.

24 Insulate.

25 Away from.

27 Produce.

29 Topic.

31 Nothing.

32 Snow runner.

35 House.

36 Join.

37 Beginning.

39 Inclination.

40 Vehicle on runners.

42 Vegetable.

46 Harvest in India.

47 Editor (abbr.).

48 Title of respect.

49 Centimeter (abbr.).

50 Sour.

52 Punch.

53 Etruscan title.

56 Exclamation of joy.

57 Symbol for tellurium.

58 Mother.

59 Symbol for lutetium.



Concerning the NORTHWEST

As Viewed at the National Capitol

By John W. Kelly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 25.—With the reservoir of men in class 1-A rapidly being exhausted as they are rushed into uniform and distributed to the four corners of the globe, married men with dependents may be called to arms early in 1943. The hint has gone out from one of the public relations men of Brig. Gen. Lewis P. Hershey's selective service board. This action will be postponed until after November 3, when the general election is held, just as a number of other important matters affecting the life of the American people are being held back until after the ballots have been counted.

It can be expected that men in class 1-B will find themselves reclassified. Those in this classification are suitable for limited service. They may be regarded as available for more than limited service, for as war continues the army will not be too fussy about the physical shortcomings of registered men; they can be used somewhere. Nor will there be compunction over taking married men with or without dependents, especially since passage of the new law which permits a soldier to contribute part of his pay to one or more dependents and the government also to contribute to these same dependents. The total of benefits received by dependents may be far less than if the soldier were still a civilian, but for that matter the standard of living is being steadily scaled down under war pressure.

Heretofore selective service has endeavored to keep families intact, but the time is rapidly approaching when this consideration will be modified, for there must be men for army and navy in numbers never before drawn from the American people. Local boards will be advised not to be too finicky. That married men will be drafted is no secret, but politicians prefer to soft-pedal the subject until after the elections; too much talk of voters taking reprisal on incumbent democratic congressmen, with a possibility of the house being captured by republicans—although that is almost impossible.

Many thousands of qualified potential warriors are engaged in shipyards, building cantonments, working in aircraft factories and civilian employees at air bases but the ranks of these, too, will be invaded.

Women To Be Included

Once the elections are safely passed, expect legislation authorizing labor battalions. This was submitted to the president shortly before Sidney Hillman (then all-powerful on labor policies) disappeared from the scene. Under the plan being considered men—generally too old to fight—will be organized into flying squadrons and sent any place where a certain type of labor is short. Plan also calls for registration of women to be sent into industries where welders and similar workers are needed. Several million women will be drawing pay in war industries within the next 12 months (day nurseries available for those who have small children). Housing problem will be more serious than now; transportation worse than ever.

On the subject of transportation, look for an order from office of defense transportation affecting school buses. To save tires and make room for more children an order can be expected refusing rides on a school bus to children who live within three miles of a school; if they are that close the theory is that they can walk—as did their parents and grandparents.

Dynamite in Tax Bill

Also talk of not passing the tax bill until after the elections. Claim is made that it will be impossible to raise \$8,700,000,000 (what the treasury wants) without imposing a withholding tax, a general sales tax or something similar. If the bill is delayed until after the balloting in November one or the other of the two taxes indicated will be adopted with relative ease; before November 3 such taxes would be political dynamite.

Treasury department is opposed to a sales tax, prefers that individuals and corporations already paying income tax carry the load. Treasury plan would have about 26,900,000 carry the burden, although treasury estimate is that there are 52,000,000 who receive an income. It is definitely known that the new tax bill will be a terror to the pocketbook, and probably the tax bill written in 1943 will be even more severe, but for political reasons there is a general tendency to wait. There are some senators who would like to dispose of the tax bill before election, but house members wish to be in their districts campaigning in September and October.

Group To Sew—George Starnes, auxiliary members and friends have been asked to meet Wednesday from 10 to 4 o'clock in the Red Cross rooms upstairs in the U. S. National bank building to spend the day sewing for the Red Cross.

Wished and Won



Marilyn Maxwell went to a Hollywood film studio to voice good wishes for a friend who had just received a long-term contract. A studio talent scout saw Marilyn and signed her too.

Cardinals Down Dodgers in First Of 4-Game Series

By JUDSON BAILEY

(Associated Press Sports Writer) The St. Louis Cardinals may not have any more chance of catching the Brooklyn Dodgers than the slow train through Arkansas has of overtaking the Broadway Limited, but Billy Southworth has the throttle wide open.

His Redbirds tumbled the Dodgers 7-1 last night for the first of a four-game series. It was the tenth triumph in 11 games for the Cardinals and kept alive their still-throbbing hope for the National league pennant.

Actually it did no great damage to the Dodgers, who breezed into St. Louis with a record of ten victories in their last dozen games and a 7-1 game lead. All Brooklyn needs at St. Louis is an even split to make the September stretch serene. The Dodgers still have that chance.

They also have the comfort of knowing that the closing days of the season will be spent in the pleasant company of the Phils and the Boston Braves, from whom Brooklyn has won 25 out of 33 games.

The Cardinals blasted Larry French and two successors last night for a dozen hits, pulled off a double steal that scored a run, and adequately suppressed the Dodgers on four-hit hurling by Southpaw Lanier.