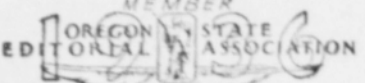


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WAR WITH JAPAN?

March lumber shipments from this continent to Japan totaled 19,177,788 feet of which American mills shipped 17,894,762 feet and British Columbia mills 1,283,026 feet.

Lumber shipments for the same month to China by American mills totaled 15,093,892 feet with Canada supplying 9,504,386 feet to that country.

These figures show that Japan was, last month, by far our best lumber customer in the Orient. Japan not only bought from American mills 2,800,870 feet more than China bought, but the latter country bought over 8,000,000 feet more from Canadian mills than Japan did.

In 1934, the last year for which statistics are available, the United States exported timber and timber products to Japan which, according to the report of the United States Tariff commission, were valued at \$8,916,191. This was 52.01 per cent of our total timber exports for that year.

In view of the above facts it is certain that the exporters of timber and its products would lose their best customer in case of a war with Japan. A war with that country would not help any American industry except the manufacturers and dealers in war materials.

Instead of thinking war and talking war with Japan why not face about and think peace and talk peace with that country?

Japan supplies us with most of our silk. A Japanese statesman is quoted as saying that there would be no war between Japan and the United States so long as the American women continued to wear silk stockings. He meant to say that Japan could not afford to go to war with this country. Neither can this country afford to go to war with Japan.

Speaking from the standpoint of one who has been in the Orient for the past 36 years, the writer sincerely believes that there never will be such a war so long as the United States stays in the Philippines with sufficient authority and power to control absolutely the foreign relations of the Islands and to also intervene in their domestic affairs if that appears necessary to maintain that control.

On the other hand if this country abandons the Philippines; pulls out of the Orient "lock, stock and barrel," as some of our "belfry statesmen" insist, it appears certain that Japan will feel it necessary to take over the Islands in order to place herself in a dominant position in the Orient. It is to be supposed that she would never peacefully acquiesce in the occupation of the Philippines by any other power.

We have given the Filipinos, not only a western education and civilization, but an American education and civilization. Under their laws they are as free as we are to worship God as Catholics, Protestants, Mohammedans, etc. In short they have the same rights that we have under our constitution. Would it be right, just or christian for us to abandon them and stand by unconcerned and permit another nation with an entirely different education, civilization and religious outlook on life to take them over? Do the teachings of the Bible mean anything to us?

Aside from the mutual benefits of the present commercial relations between Japan and the United States there is another circumstance which assures us that there will never be war between these two nations as long as we stay in the Orient with the authority and power mentioned above. Britain and the United States can and will stand together insofar as the Philippines are concerned. The former doesn't care to have Japan any closer to Australia than she is at present.

We may be foolish enough to abandon the Filipinos, but we will also be sentimental enough to fight if another nation treats them unjustly. We had better stay. If we do a war with Japan is improbable.

FREE PRESS HELD A NECESSITY.

The supreme court of South Dakota recently held that the "need for a free and unfettered press is perhaps more urgent in this country today than ever it has been before." That court reversed a decision convicting two newspapermen of that state on contempt of court charges resulting from editorial criticism of a circuit court judge.

The Aberdeen American and News of that state published editorials criticizing a judge for what they termed leniency in a sentence concerning alleged graft.

The extreme sensitiveness of some judges is indeed painful to behold. There are of course limits beyond which a newspaper should not venture in criticizing a court, but from experience as a judge and as a newspaper man it is the opinion of the writer that all reputable newspapermen know those limits and are most careful not to overstep them.

Not long ago the papers carried a story of a judge who, in substance, is reported as saying that on the evidence he would be compelled to convict a man who stood charged with some crime, but for certain reasons he did not care to convict so he just transferred the hearing indefinitely. If memory serves there was some newspaper criticism of the judge, undoubtedly just if the facts were as stated.

There are cases in which newspaper criticism of a judge is warranted.

The unabused freedom of the press is more valuable to the American people than the sensitiveness of any judge who fails to do his duty.

An upright judge in whom the people justly have confidence has no need to fear unjust criticism even though he may make mistakes in law. Judges and newspapermen are human and, speaking from experience, they both sometimes, not often of course, make mistakes.

An "unfettered press" is indeed needed in this country today more than ever before.

THANK YOU

The present editor of The Sentinel sincerely appreciates the following bouquet from Editor Claude Ingals of the Corvallis Gazette-Times:

"This column is glad to welcome Leonard S. Goddard to the newspaper fraternity of Oregon. We had the pleasure of meeting him last week in his office at Cottage Grove where he has taken over the Sentinel. He is sensible, gracious and sane,—something badly needed in journalism. His editorials in his first issue mark him as a man who has convictions on economic questions and the courage to express them—something else needed in Oregon journalism. Moreover, his convictions are conservative, something still more needed in Oregon journalism. He should prove a valuable addition to the state and an important accession to the newspaper fraternity. Elbert Bede will continue to conduct his paragraph column."

It is reported that a class of the University of California was asked the following question, "What gives us our rights and what takes them away?" One of the student answered, "God gives them to us and the democrats take them away." An apt pupil.

BUT THIS IS ROOSEVELT POLICY

"Whatever," H. I. Phillips makes one of his characters ask, "became of the old-fashioned American who was mighty glad to have a job?" He is ruled out of the W. P. A. and forced to be idle because he preferred a job last Summer when he could get it to being on the relief rolls.—Lynchburg, Va., News. (Democratic paper.)

THE COUNTRY WEEKLY REFLECTS AMERICA.

(Tuckerton, N. J. Beacon.)

Sometimes city people are amused by the items describing local happenings in small, country newspapers. Such items do but "chronicle small beer," as Shakespeare says, and the worldly-wise (in their own conceit) laugh at the trivial happenings recorded. We might contrast the two classes of papers, and see which seem to present the truer picture of American life. We read in a great daily paper of women in Dallas, Texas, stripped of their clothing and beaten in the public streets by persons opposing some labor union on strike, and we turn to our country newspaper and read that Mrs. Brown's neighbors held a canning bee at her home, because a broken arm prevented her from "doing up" her usual supply of peaches. Then we learn from the city papers that unemployed mechanics on relief projects supported by the taxpayers' money, went on strike because they were not receiving full union wages, and the country paper tells us of farmers working from dawn to dark because they cannot hire anyone to help them. The city paper tells us of boys in their teens who commit a murder during a hold-up, or kill some pedestrian with a stolen automobile, while the country paper tells how Farmer Brown's son is working his way through college, while Mary Smith has won a scholarship that will insure her future education. No, we do not think the racketeers and criminals, the hoodlums and loafers, are representatives of American life; for that we must go to the hard-working, God-fearing homes of the country. But we may well remember that luxury, cowardice and vice have destroyed great nations of old, and when we permit the dark powers of the underworld to control law-making, law-enforcing and political agencies, we are moving towards the extinction of our national liberty.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times of April 28 comes out with a two section Waldport special edition of 28 pages in addition to its six page regular edition. The special is liberally illustrated and its typographical set up is excellent. The occasion for the special is the dedication of the Alsea bay bridge which is set for May 9. The ceremony will be attended by at least three governors—Clarence Martin of Washington, Frank Merriam of California and Charles H. Martin of Oregon. The Sentinel congratulates the publishers of the Gazette-Times upon their enterprise and the presentable appearance of the special edition.

WHY ADVERTISING MUST BE CONSISTENT.

(Holden, Mo., Progress.)

Editors have been told a million times or more by certain men in the community that they do not need to advertise because everybody knows them. Maybe so, but "everybody" can forget.

When in Columbia recently we enjoyed a visit with Floyd Shoemaker, secretary of the state historical society. While there, an inquiry came over the phone: "Who was the vice presidential candidate with Hughes in 1916?" Shoemaker could not recall, neither could the writer. We scurried through the "blue books," whose election figures, though complete, gave only Hughes' name in the tabulations. A clerk in the library finally stumbled onto a document with the missing name. The man had been for years one of the most prominent men in the nation, and for six hectic months his name was in the mouth of every citizen of the United States. Who was he? You tell!

HENCE PROSPERITY

Checks to farmers are coming in showers. A sugar farmer, which is a Florida corporation, got \$1,000,000, and one Hawaiian sugar farmer got \$1,022,037. A sugar farmer in Porto Rico got only \$961,064. May be you don't eat sugar. If you do, you pay more for it because of the curtailment of the crops by these gentlemen. One cotton planter received \$84,000, and a hog farmer got \$157,000. All of this was for curtailing the crops. Oscar Johnston, "manager of the cotton pool and associated with the A. A. A. since June, 1933," and the Farm Credit Association, together, received \$54,200. Under 1933 contracts payments were made to 1,031,549 cotton farmers. Hence prosperity.

These are the years of jubilee. True, other countries are raising more cotton, the South's "monopoly" that cotton statesmen used to tell about is gone, but every day'll be Sunday by and by.

What do you care if your Government owes more and more billions—you don't owe them, do you? It is not worrying you, or us; certainly not.

Go to, Dull Care. Everything is all right. Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party and to eat, drink and be merry. Eight hundred thousand ladies and gents are on the Federal rolls—200,000 of them holding newly created jobs. More than 140 years the Americans were simpletons. They believed in making ends meet. They did meet. "Andy" Jackson, the old lunatic, insisted on paying off the National Debt, and paid it. "What fools these mortals be"—that is the mortals of the generations gone.

Do we think in billions? And no man really knows what the debt of the United States is.

Nobody cares. Let us eat, drink, and be merry. Let us buy a new car—on the installment plan.—Charleston, S. C., News and Courier. (Democratic Paper.)

Deportation of Girls Undecided

The hearing in the matter of the deportation to Canada of Mary Cameron, 15, and Ruth Cameron, 11, sisters, was terminated Tuesday before Judge Fisk at Eugene. Immigration Officer Noreen of Portland conducted the investigation. The record now goes to Washington, D. C. for final action. The girls are still at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright, where they have been for some time, as wards of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland. These girls have won the love and sympathy of everyone who knows them in and around Cottage Grove.

Petitions urging the injustice of deporting them and praying that they be allowed to remain here have been signed by hundreds of people in and around Cottage Grove. These petitions have been circulated by the veterans organizations, the churches and the lodges.

The ground upon which the Immigration authorities seek deportation is that they entered the United States illegally. It appears that they were brought here by their father when they were too young to realize their entrance was illegal.

The Sentinel is reliably informed that they have no relatives in Canada, while if they are allowed to remain here they are assured a good home and education. Friends here stand ready to guarantee that they will never become public charges. This appears to be a case wherein strictly technical justice should be tempered with mercy.

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