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PEACE OR WAR

A peace authority says, "It is fair to think that the British government will not be ready to mediate its war with Germany until finally convinced of two points: first, that no decesive victory is possible; and second, that the United States is not coming. Keep these basic facts in mind as you read your newspapers and listen to the radio. Build your peace strategy upon them."

We have only to go back in current history about five weeks to find the basis for a change of public opinion, which may plunge us into war much quicker than we would have believed possible. Decision of the British and French governments early in April to speed up the war by ignoring neutral rights won the acclaim of popular opinion. Planting of mines in the Norwegian waters, was according to many, a violation of international law. The Norwegian government protested bitterly, but of no avail. This formed an excuse for Germany to violate international law too and violate international law by not only invading a neutral country, but making a battle ground of it.

Germany's action of course immediately created world sympathy for the small invaded nations, who had built up the highest civilization of the world to see it crushed within a few days.

Since that time Germany had attempted and may have accomplished this attempt before the ink is dry on this editorial of invading two other neutral countries Belgium and Holland.

Those who have watched the gradual change in the public sentiment, at the beginning of the second European war, when we said American entry was impossible to five short weeks ago when we said de don't think the United States will enter the war and only last week radio and newspaper commentators said, "We hope the United States does not enter the war."

The thing that may mean the entry of the United States into the present conflict sooner than we thought is the fact that every democracy in Europe is threatened. And if the United States enters the war with its vast resources including its navy and flying squadrons, we may witness the destruction of Europe. Hitler may now have a superior air force and the bombings on both sides have been largely at military objectives, but if that superiority is threatened, Hitler may not wait until the superiority is established to start bombing civilians. What then? Would civilization be saved?

In the last war the American soldiers went over to save democracy, but the present conflict had its background in the peace treaty of Versailles, wherein impossible conditions were imposed on the vanquished German nation. Do we have any assurance that such peace treaty would not again be written even though we emerged a victor?

TO PERPETUATE GOOD GOVERNMENT

The sane way to perpetuate the principles of good government and Americanism is to inform yourself as best you can about the issues involved in any political campaign and the fitness of the respective candidates who ask your support. There may be features of a political campaign we do not care for, especially in instances where mud slinging creeps in,but too many voters can not be indifferent.

Indifference is the greatest enemy of mankind today and even Hitlerism had its rise in a different public, who after the last world war had come to a point where they welcomed a change regardless of what it was and when the public did wake up to what the change meant to their very existence, it was too late to do anything about it. Hitler had been shrewd enough to take care of a public reaction to the personal liberties. So had Stalin and so had one governor in the United States.

A good deal of comment in the past few months has been directed at the overthrow of the Huey Long machine in Louisiana, a machine that was not completely wrecked until almost three years after the death of the head of the machine and still the Louisiana scandal pops in the news occasionally. It's not an odd thing that the public never heard how much Long cost the taxpayers of Louisiana during the eleven years that he reigned as kingfish, they heard just what Long wanted them to hear and no more. There have been lots of lesser Huey Longs in the United States and there has been lots of rotten politics for one reason only and that reason is that the public went to sleep and slept long enough for the politician or racketeer to get a grip firm enough that he could not be shaken loose very easily.

The same thing happened in Europe shortly after the last world war. Millions of people either did not care or were too timid to express an opinion with result that three dictators sprang up. How much human blood will be spilled because one is running at large today will be written in another chapter of the world history.

Men of leasure do little so-called original thinking. Original thinking is done by busy men.

The great tests of life reveal character; it is not until winter comes that we know the pine is evergreen.

The Golden Rule contains no inches or feet, but yet it is the standard of measurement of mankind.

Icebergs for Consumers

Homemakers' budgets are constantly imperilled, says the National Consumers Tax commission, by the "iceberg" system of taxation wherein the bulk of tax collections is hidden "below the surface" in the prices of commodities. Hidden taxes, the commission declares, account for 56 per cent of all revenues, state, local and national.

Regina's Grasshopper Day

There are apple days and orange days and tag days aplenty in cities across the continent, but Regina, Saskatchewan, decided to be different, and for a good cause. It held what was known as "Grasshopper day," when the citizens and city employees co-operated in spreading poison bait for the pests.

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Here and There

YOU ARE RICHER TODAY

You are richer today than you were yesterday . . . if you have laughed often, given something, forgiven even more, made a new friend today, or made stepping-stones of stumbling-blocks; if you have thought more in terms of "thyself" than of "myself," or if you have managed to be cheerful even if you were weary . . . You are richer tonight than you were this morning . . . if you have taken time to trace the handiwork of God in the commonplace things of life, or if you have learned to count out things that really do not count, or if you have been a little blinder to the faults of friend or foe . . . You are richer if a little child has smiled at you, and a stray dog has licked your hand, or if you have looked for the best in others, and have given others the best in you.

The best fishing stories are not always of the biggest catches. George Matthews caught the limit last week at East lake, but it is understood his biggest surprise was a stork shower awaiting him on his arrival home for when he got home he found (1) Old Bossy had presented him with a new calf; (2) Tabby had presented him with a litter of kittens and (3) the mamma duck hatched a flock of ducklings, and now George believes that the animals and birds must have absorbed some of the Hitler or Mussolini theories about boosting the population.

The Willamette river holds a lot of good fishing equipment which was the end of a disastrous fishing expedition headed by an attorney, a doctor and a service station operator, wherein a sort of informal baptismal service was held when the boat upset. All of which reminds us fishing is sorter like fighting. When a youngster sees soldiers marching to martial music, he wants to join immediately. What the men go through with to be fishermen is a different story.

Somehow we got our dates mixed last week and set the date for the political rally for Friday evening instead of Thursday evening. We will try to do better in the future. In the meantime the following verse expresses our opinion of the typographical error:

The typegraphical* error is a slippery thing and sly,
You can hunt till you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by.
Till the forms are off the presses it is strange how still it keeps;
It shrinks down in a corner and it never stirs or peeps.
That typographical error, too small for human eyes,
Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size.
The boss he stares with horror, then grabs his hair and groans
The copy reader drops his head upon his hands and moans—

There are two things to aim at in life: first to get what you want; and after that to enjoy it. Only the wisest achieve the second.

We admire the caniness of those who are wise enough to play the game while others fight about the rules.

Paradoxical History

EARL E. COOPER

Three Man Army

Apparently one of the greatest events in an ancient Roman's life was to participate in a war. Most of their youth was spent in training, dreaming and living for the day when they could enter an actual combat. In spite of these people's lust for such a contest they fought one of the most humane wars in history, if a war could in any way be called humane. This is how it happened.

The Romans were quarreling with a nation called Alba. These quarrels led to plundering by both nations and at last to war. Tullus was chosen to lead the Romans and a man named Mettius the Albas. When the two armies met it was evident to all concerned that the principles for a furious, bloody battle were present. Mettius, who saw the futility of it all, wanted very much to avoid all that bloodshed. With this idea in mind he paid a visit to King Tullus of the Albas.

"Would it not be well," he suggested, "to fight in such a way that only a few of our men will be killed instead of many? I have a plan which is this. You choose three of your best warriors and I'll choose three of mine. They will meet in combat in the presence of both our armies. If the Albas win we will submit to you the same as though you had won a war and if the Romans win you will do the same."

"That is a good idea," commended Tullus, "and may the best men win."

The fate of two nations depended upon the skill of six warriors. One can well imagine the care with which each leader chose his three men. That each should select three brothers was no small coincidence in itself. The Horatii brothers from Rome were tall, handsome men possessing all the qualities of fighters. The Curiatii from Alba could match them in every way and not be found lacking. They were all champions well worthy to fight for a nation.

Both armies were drawn up in a formation that would still leave the brothers ample space to carry on their battle. Armed with shields and short, thick swords they proceeded into the fray. The multitudes of soldiers stood in tense silence as the struggle waged evenly back and forth for a while. Then a shout filled the air. One of the Horatii had fallen. The Romans groaned as they realized the small chance they now had.

The two remaining Romans fought bravely but it was a losing fight. And then the tide began to turn. The three Albas gave ground step by step before the furious Horatii. The Roman soldiers [illegible] cheer after cheer. The victory might yet be theirs!

And then when all seemed to be going so well for the Romans one of the brothers received a sword thrust that killed him. This left one lone Horatii to face the oncoming Curiatii. As the Albas began to cheer for the victory they felt sure was theirs the lone Horatii began to run. The Romans were wild with rage to see the last of their champions give up the fight in such a cowardly manner.

Although wounded the Curiatii set out in pursuit of the fleeing warrior. One of them faster than the rest soon overtook him. The Roman turned quickly, catching his pursuer off his guard, slew him. He then met the next Curiatii with skill and courage dealing him the same fate as his brother. The third of the three Alban brothers was soon struck down with a deadly blow. And then from the whole Roman army came a cheer for their champion. They had won a war and only five men had lost their lives.

Delight Valley

Several wedding invitations were received this week by neighbors of the valley from Mrs. L. Hunt of Hynes, California, announcing the marriage of her daughted Audrey Jane Hunt to Raymond Daniel Ruble of Hynes, California. The wedding will take place May 26th in the Hynes Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sears and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conner spent a day at the coast last week.

Dean Jackson and Opal Myers, students at O. S. C., were at their homes over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Paul and children of Eugene were visitors Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haight.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson and sons Dean and Lyle were Sunday visitors in Eugene at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Rausch.

Mrs. June Conner and son Stanley were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Zumwalt and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Schletzer took a trip Sunday up to Blue River and Belknap Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Williams and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zumwalt visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Brant in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Decker spent the week end at Pistol River and Myrtle Point visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Moral Chase went to Portland Monday and returned Tuesday.

'Having Wonderful Time'

Not only is Miami, Fla., the county's largest winter resort, but it is believed to be one of the leading penny post-card depots. Postal authorities report that as many as 70,000 cards a day are mailed back home by visitors to friends and relatives in all the 48 states.

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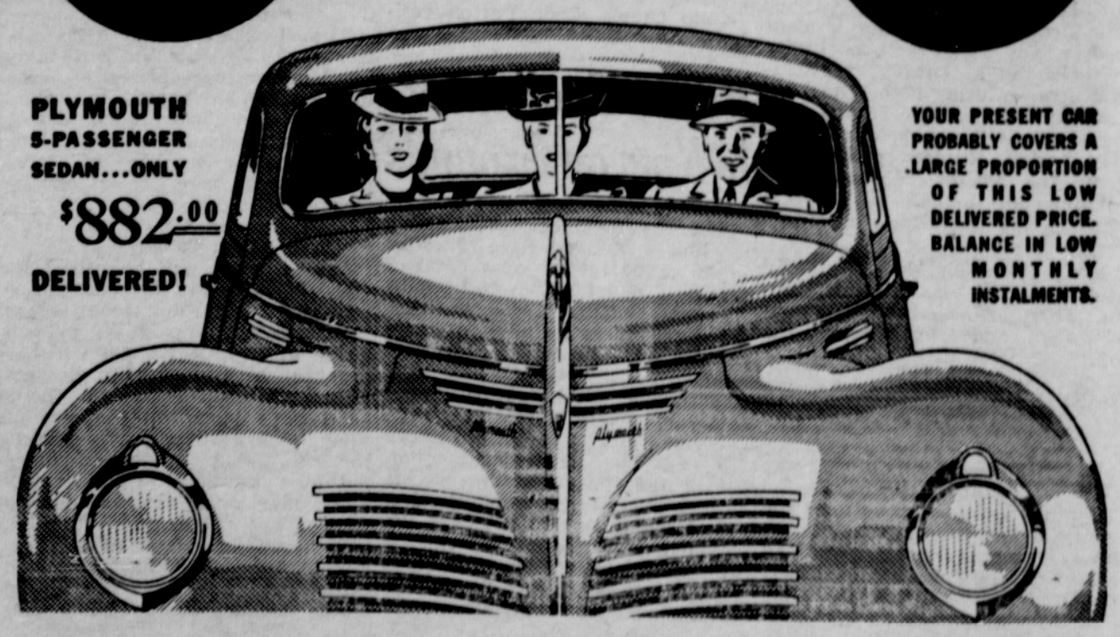

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