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CHANGING SENTIMENT

One of the commentators recently wrote that if the destroyers-for-England deal had been made eight or ten months ago it would have literally caused riots in the streets, and brought the wrath of a large part of the nation down upon the President, his advisors and official family. Now, so greatly has the American people's attitude toward the European war changed, the trade went through almost undramatically. There was criticism of the President's method of consummating it, but almost no criticism of the motive—that of helping England. While, in theory, the deal was simply a business-like exchange whereby we got valuable air and naval bases in trade for ships which our Navy considers obsolete, in actual fact it was aggressively pro-British and anti-Nazi. It is generally believed that we could have gotten the bases without giving England the destroyers.

The almost routine way in which this deal was made, in the view of some commentators, illustrates how rapidly the United States has come to the brink of war.

It is certainly true that there is little talk now of American neutrality. We are violently partisan. Our status is simply one of non-belligerency, very similar to that of Italy before she joined arms with the Reich. According to the polls, about ninety-nine per cent of our people want England to win, and a substantial majority believe that we will be in danger of invasion if England loses. This administration obviously believes that Hitler will attack us if he manages to destroy England this year—naval and military spokesmen, according to authoritative information, have said unofficially that they would not be surprised if the attack came next year. If England survives, the picture of course will be drastically changed. Then, think the authorities, we will be safe—time will be on our side, and we will be able to create an invincible military defense that will discourage any potential invader.

The talk that is going on in Washington is war talk. The shadow of war, and the possibility of our actual participation in war, dominates everything that the government does. Some of that talk deserves the thoughtful attention of every American. According to one school of thought—and it is an influential school—the destroyer trade marked simply the beginning. England, if she survives the winter, will next need modern fighting ships, and crews to operate them. She will need our Army and Navy fighting planes, along with their pilots. This school thinks we will of necessity give them to her. It is clearly a very different matter for a government to supply a belligerent power with the tools of war than for a private industry to sell them to her.

No one expects this country to declare war on Germany—not, at least, for a long time to come. But nowadays a declaration of war is of little importance—great wars have been going on for years, such as the Sino-Japanese affair, without a declaration from either side. And Germany has never declared war on England. The United States, in the opinion of excellent authorities, could be up to its neck in war without ever going through the legal formalities of declaring war.

PERMANENT BENEFITS

Numerous states have tried out unemployment compensation during the past seven or eight years as a cureall for the unemployment problem, but as far as we can observe, it took a rearmament program to really bring about what the statisticians figure is the normal number of employed. Of all the unemployment offices scattered over forty-eight states, Oregon has the rottenest system in some respects and one that not only is a direct slap at the small business man but one that places a handicap on the firm or individual that wants to pay a good wage scale.

We did not know much about the setup of these employment offices until Cottage Grove got one. We have watched the operation of this one from its inception. We have a mighty fine man as manager, Harold B. Machen, but unfortunately Mr. Machen does not have much to say about how the office shall be operated. This is prescribed by the head office in Salem. If Mr. Machen wants to buy a three-cent stamp, he must wait for it to be sent out of Salem. If he wants to buy any kind of office supplies, he is not permitted to get the needed item in the community in which he lives, even at a competitive price. He must wait for it to come out of Salem. The office here was scheduled to have been opened September 1st, but when September 1st rolled around, he was waiting on the office furniture from Salem.

There are a number of firms and individuals who have had the privilege of paying the 2.7 percent since the law became operative, but aside from unemployment claims, none of this 2.7 percent has ever come back to any community in the form of purchases outside of Salem and none ever will, unless the law is changed. And if you ever start paying the tax, just try to quit and see how much luck you will have.

"DELEGATION RUNNING RIOT"

The Brookings Institution recently published a pamphlet called "Government and Economic Life," by Leverett S. Lyon and Victor Abramson. In its conclusion, it says: "To the degree that we make the responsibilities of government more complicated and extensive, those who believe in democracy will do well to remember that in government, quite as readily as in private administration, there can be, in Justice Cardozo's words, 'delegation running riot'; and that the 'curse of bigness', of which Justice Brandeis has written so brilliantly, can blight an industrial empire under the control of government as effectively as it can one under the management of private citizens."

There, in a sentence, is the great issue that this country faces now. In our efforts to cure the scattered abuses of private enterprise, are we to accept the infinitely greater abuses that always come from government grown too great? In our zeal to make ourselves secure against alien dictatorship, are we unknowingly to permit the establishment of a domestic brand of dictatorship which will destroy us, as a democracy?

Finish Backwards
Fleas jump head first, but finish up backwards, declares a scientist of Wimbledon, England, after an extensive investigation.

Poor Man Gets Married
Where a wealthy man hires a valet, a secretary, a laundress, a cook and a housekeeper, a poor man gets married to get all this help in one.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

TAKING CARE OF GRANDPA.

IN ANCIENT TIMES, THE FEW WHO LIVED TO GROW OLD AND USELESS, WERE DRIVEN OFF TO STARVE.

OLD AGE IS INCREASING. NUMBER OF PERSONS 65 AND OVER IN U.S. HAS NEARLY DOUBLED IN 20 YEARS, BUT—

TODAY WE LOOK FORWARD TO OLD AGE SECURITY. U.S. AND STATE LAWS PROVIDE MINIMUM SUBSISTENCE. 1,500,000 ANNUITIES HAVE BEEN BOUGHT THAT WILL PAY MORE THAN A HALF BILLION YEARLY.

THANK YOU, MRS. JACKSON

Cottage Grove, Ore.
Sept. 16, 1940.

W. C. Martin,
Editor Sentinel.

Dear Sir:

I am the mother of Lyle and Dean Jackson, to whom you so kindly presented passes to the New York Fair.

Yesterday afternoon, September 15, I received a long distance call from Lyle, the older one, from the Bell Telephone exhibit at the fair. I suppose the telephone company uses the same system as at the San Francisco fair, where Dean won the call last year. It was 3 o'clock here when I talked to Lyle and he said about 7 there. I could hear him perfectly, and we visited the full limited time, whatever that is. He said they were fine and sure having a grand time, and were leaving for Philadelphia this (Monday) A. M.

You can use this for publication, or not, as you like, but I wanted you to know we appreciate your kindness in giving them the passes.

Sincerely,
MRS. OSCAR JACKSON,
Cottage Grove, Disston Rte.

Arnold Homestead

Visitors who pass Vassie and company's store in St. John, in the Canadian province of New Brunswick, may see where Benedict Arnold lived from 1787 to 1791. After joining the British army in the Revolutionary war Arnold served with the rank of a general until December, 1781, when he sailed for England. Shortly after his arrival there he decided to go to Canada and he settled in St. John, where he built a store and sent a trading expedition to the West Indies. Visitors who go to Fredericton may see the Arnold homestead on Rose hill, as it is locally known.

The Mischianza

The Mischianza (also spelled Meschianza) was the complimentary festival given to General Howe by the British soldiers in Philadelphia May 18, 1778, before his departure for England. The name, Mischianza (Italian for "medley") was chosen because of the variety of the entertainment. The fete included an elaborate regatta, a tournament, a banquet and a ball arranged by Maj. John Andre. The spectacle was an overpowering demonstration of the artistic resources of the British camp.

Polar Bears, Penguins

Polar bears and penguins are found at opposite ends of the earth, so penguins need no protection from the bears, nor need they hide their eggs from them. Polar bears are of the north polar regions; penguins of the south polar areas.

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Market News on No'west Livestock

The livestock market at the Portland Union Stock Yards, North Portland, during the week ending September 14th displayed additional strength in the cattle and sheep trade. Cattle prices gained 25 to 50c a cwt., and fat lambs sold 15c or more a cwt. higher. The hog market was rather uneven, with good truck-ins, weighing around 170 to 215 lbs. selling up to \$7.25 at mid-week. This price was equal to the bulk of the carlot sales for the week. Most of the late week offerings of good truck-ins sold at \$7.00 per cwt. The demand was good for both hogs and sheep, and termed "urgent" for cattle. There were 2,600 cattle, 400 calves, 3,800 hogs and 4100 sheep sold on the market during the past week.

This week's trading opened Monday with 2500 cattle, 140 calves, 2800 hogs, and 1300 sheep for sale on the open market.

The demand was good for cattle at prices steady to 25c lower compared to last week's high. A few loads of good grain-fed steers sold at \$10.00 to \$11.00 a cwt., with best grassers at \$9.85. Common to medium grass heifers made \$5.75 to \$8.25. The bulk of good beef cows brought \$6.60 to \$7.25, canners to common sold around \$3.75 to \$5.25, with a few fat dairy type upward to \$5.75. Medium to good bulls bulked at \$6.50 to \$7.25. Good to choice vealers bulked at \$10.50, with prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$11.00. A good stocker demand provided a ready outlet for thin steers. Tuesday's trading generally was carried on a steady basis with Monday's prices.

Monday's hog market opened with the bulk of the best carlots selling at \$7.00 a cwt., or 25c lower than the previous week's opening. The bulk of good to choice 170 to 215 lb. truck-ins sold early at \$6.75 and late at \$6.65. Packing sows were \$4.25 to \$5.25, with the bulk \$4.50 to \$4.75. Tuesday's trading showed a slight advance compared to Monday's close, and

most good truck-ins sold \$6.60 to \$6.75.

Strong prices ruled in the opening of this week's sheep trading. The bulk of good to choice trucked-in lambs sold at \$7.85 to \$8.25, with an outstanding lot at \$8.35. Shorn lambs were \$7.00 to \$7.25. Feeders mainly \$6.75 to \$7.25. Good slaughter ewes \$3.00 to \$3.50. There was a good demand Tuesday at fully steady prices for the light offerings in the sheep alleys.

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Tuesday's trading:

CATTLE: Good grain-fed steers \$10 to \$11. Good grass steers \$9 to \$9.85. Good grain-fed heifers \$9.25 to \$9.35. Good grass heifers \$8.50 to \$9.15. Good beef cows \$6.50 to \$7.50. Medium \$5.50 to \$6.50, common \$4.50 to \$5.25, canners \$3.75 to \$4.25. Bulls, good \$6.75 to \$7.25, common \$5.25 to \$6.50. Vealers, good to choice \$10 to \$11.

HOGS: Good to choice 170 to 215 lb. truck-ins \$6.60 to \$6.75, 230 to 285 lb. butchers \$6 to \$6.25; lightweights \$6 to \$6.25; packing sows \$4.25 to \$5.25. Feeder pigs \$5.75 to \$6.50.

SHEEP: Good to choice spring lambs \$7.85 to \$8.25; medium to good \$7.25 to \$7.75; common \$6.50 to \$7. Ewes, good to choice \$3 to \$3.50. Feeder lambs, good to choice, \$6.75 to \$7.25.

Refugee 'Sweating'

Jewish manufacturers in Australia have formed a committee to stop "sweating" or exploitation of Jewish refugees arriving in that country.

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Sun.-Mon.-Tues., Sept. 22-23-24: "All This And Heaven, Too," Bette Davis, Charles Boyer, Jeffery Lynn, Virginia Weilder.

Wed., Sept. 25: "The Great McGinty," Brian Donlevy, Akim Tamiroff, Muriel Angelus. Also preview "Love, Honor and Oh, Baby," Wallace Ford, Kay Adams, Donald Woods.

Diane Theatre

Admission 10c and 25c

Bargain Nights 10c .. Saturday Matinee 10c and 15c

Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 19-20: "Mad Men of Europe," Edmund Gwenn, Mary Maquire. Bargain Nights. Admission 10c.

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 21-22: "Hi-Yo Silver," Silver Chief, Chief Thunder Cloud, Lynn Roberts. Also preview feature, "Man Who Talked Too Much," George Brent, Virginia Bruce, Brenda Marshall. Saturday Matinee 2:30 p. m. Admission 10c and 15c.

Mon.-Tues.-Wed., Sept. 23-24-25—Closed.

Thurs.-Fri., Sept. 26-27: "Passport To Alcatraz," Jack Holt, Noah Beery Jr. Bargain Nights. Admission 10c.

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