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"Domestic defense of national prosperity," as was recently said, is just as much a need of this nation as it is that of military preparedness against the dictators.

ARE WE GROWING OLD?

One fashionable argument in favor of increased government meddling in business has been the opinion advanced by some "liberal" economists that this country's business structure has "arrived at maturity." In other words, it is argued that business can no longer take care of its problems of idle capital and idle manpower unless government steps in and "helps."

The London Economist recently paused long enough in the midst of the problems of a nation at war to take a pot shot at this theory. As an impartial and learned observer, its words are worth listening to. Here's what the Economist says:

"If the United States, with its vast areas, its low debt, its inexhaustible natural resources, its rising population, is a mature economy, what is Great Britain? And yet our 'decadent' economy has contrived, during the decade when America was standing still, to go ahead as fast as on the average of the great Victorian era of expansion. . . .

The American economy seems to have forgotten, for the moment, how to grow. But the probable explanation of this economic anemia is to be found not in any arrival at 'maturity,' but rather in the existence of institutional obstructions to a free flow of capital."

Perhaps, as the Economist broadly hints, the reason that business and industry have not gone ahead very rapidly in recent years can be traced right back to the interference of those theorists in government and politics who believe that America is growing old and who pass misguided legislation and restrictions against industry on that basis!

In other words, perhaps it is the "God-given" gift to the United States, as so blasphemously declared in the convention now in progress by the mayor of Chicago, who is so much of a brake on the wheels of industry.

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

Is Europe to know the ignorance and misery of the dark ages again? Is the god of Mars to drive out all learning, culture and joy of living? To be sure there are more mechanical aids to relieve drudgery than there were six hundred to a thousand years ago but if the labor of all people in that unfortunate continent is to be devoted only to the procuring of food and the producing of armaments, there is no opportunity left for the arts. The genius which should bring masterpieces of literature or immortal musical composition will be stifled in a concentration camp, chained to a machine or lost upon the battlefield. Parenthetically, it may be noted that one reason for the collapse of France advanced by some is that she lost the flower of her citizenry in the war twenty years ago, the young men who perished then should have been the valiant leaders of today. For some time it has been said that Hitler contemplates the actual enslavement of all conquered peoples. In such a plan there will not be the opportunity for the submerged races to civilize and enlighten the conquerors as was done by the Greek slaves in the Roman empire. Mankind in Europe will return to the level of the beasts if Hitler becomes all-powerful.

We are a pessimist when it comes to platform pledges of the democratic party. Unless the plank opposing an expeditionary force from United States to Europe escapes the fate of that party's economy plank in 1932, we will see American soldiers and sailors fighting abroad before another summer.

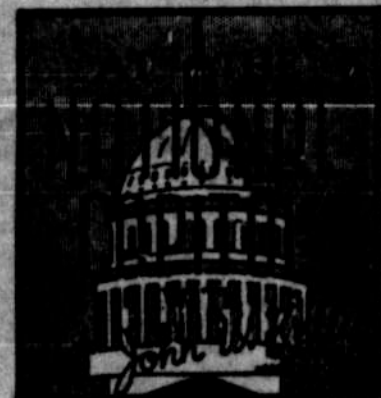
Now that we have a ringside seat at history in the making, we find we would prefer to take our stories of wars and conquest second-hand through the pages of textbooks and encyclopedias rather than nightly via

the radio. This reminds us that a good many years ago our Latin instructor combined a current events discussion with our study of the language of ancient Rome and he often became quite indignant because his class did not show more interest in the Russo-Japanese war then in progress, complaining that we were not giving one of the great wars of history the attention we should. He has long since been gathered to his fathers but he lived to see some of the youngsters he so harangued offer their lives on the fields of France in a truly great war.

We also recall that our history teacher, who was fond of dilating upon the adoption of representative government by all the European countries except Russia; he also assumed the role of a prophet and often predicted a change from absolute monarchy to democracy in that country. Sometimes we've felt that we had to unlearn half of what we learned in school and we know that the world today is not what we pictured it in our youth.

"Times are out of joint." Maurice Maeterlinck, at 78 years of age, is a penniless refugee in this country from Belgium. We hope he brought his blue bird of happiness with him and that the country of his adoption will be a true home for him. Thank God there is an America for the Einsteins, Maeterlincks and other geniuses Hitler is driving out of the territories he is "protecting."

There is no country on earth which venerates old customs as does England. Sometimes the British continue celebrations and observances of anniversaries even though the reason for them has been forgotten. Being thus a creature of habit, the average Englishman must view the destruction of historic buildings in his country with intense regret. However, when Winston Churchill said in a broadcast last Sunday that London would be defended "street by street," we believe he meant it. France had promised such a defense of Paris but instead it was relinquished to grace a Hitler triumph. Englishmen, we predict, will prefer to see not one stone left on another in London than to give it up. They may love their material possessions but nine hundreds years have proved they love liberty more.



Washington, D. C., July 17—Within a few months every man between 18 and 65 years may be required to register for compulsory training. This would affect practically the entire male population of the Pacific northwest. But for immediate training only those between 21 and 31 years are subject to selection.

Every member of the national guard in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana can expect to be under canvas, equipped and taking orders sometime in September, for on October 1 intensive training will be launched by the war department. The president can call out the guard for 15 days, but as plans now in the making provide, the guardmen will be in the field for months and civilians caught in the compulsory training mesh will be kept under arms for 18 months, if the high command of the army has its way.

These activities are contingent on action by congress, however. Congress must first authorize the president to mobilize the national guard and congress must also enact a compulsory military training law. These are two pieces of legislation to which congress will address itself upon its reassembling following the democratic national convention. There is small doubt about the power to mobilize the guard being given the president (the guard officers have been almost howling to be mobilized for the past two months), but compulsory training, being a new idea in American life, will only be adopted after heated debate and stubborn opposition.

The war department does not want all men between 21 and 31 placed in training at once, preferring to absorb them gradually. One reason for this is shortage of equipment. There is shortage of everything from rifles to uniforms, and time is required to obtain the needed supplies. The guardmen will have the task of assisting in training the compulsory trainees after the guard has been brushed up.

Compulsory military training and mobilization of the national guard

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 23, 1920)

John Holman, the ferryman who was so seriously hurt here Monday, is making a good recovery. At eleven o'clock Monday morning when a boat whistled for the lowering of the cable Holman proceeded to take out the dog in the winch that holds the cable up but before Holman had let go the boat struck the cable and the handle was knocked out of his hand and flew up into his face, the end of it striking him above the temple on the right side and not only breaking but splintering the bone.

Coos county has just secured a new school supervisor in the person of Genevieve Thompson.

R. A. Wernich, manager of the Coquille Lumber Mills, left Wednesday night for Portland for the express purpose of stirring up an agitation about the car shortage in this section.

In the absence of Chas. Evland at the race track meeting Wednesday evening, John W. Miller was chosen as chairman. The report of the committee appointed to look over available sites was made by J. E. Norton and in substance was that none of the locations considered was entirely satisfactory.

Mrs. E. D. Sperry left last Monday morning for Berkeley where she will visit her daughter for the next two or three months.

E. H. Harnden is going to get to work this summer on the bungalow home he has been planning the last two years to build on his Fat Elk

will not mean teaching buck privates to march in formation. "Squads right" is a minor matter in modern warfare, and the training will consist in making each man a specialist in the mechanism of combat cars, trucks, tanks, anti-aircraft equipment, machine gun, photography, radio and telephone communication. A commissioned officer will have to be a master mechanic.

Such are some of the features of national defense which will touch the life of every man in Oregon and Washington between 18 and 65 years—and within the next few months.

With the United States building the greatest navy the world has ever known, 580,000 men will be required to man the ships under construction and planned. The admirals say they want their share of the draftees.

President Roosevelt has been reminded that if he expects army tanks, howitzers and anti-aircraft guns to be shifted around the Pacific northwest he will have to see that highways and bridges are provided which can sustain the pounding and the weight of these monsters of war, as existing bridges and pavements can not. This is the best argument that has developed to have the government construct the long-talked-of military highways.

First contracts the navy is awarding in the northwest are for boats that lay steel nets to protect harbors against submarines. Four will be built on Puget Sound, three in Willamette river. They will cost about \$500,000 each.

A substantial order for woolen goods for the army has been placed with an Oregon company. Army air corps plans several important developments in the Oregon-Washington area and officers have made a complete survey, but their recommendations have not been made public. Plywood experts have been invited to explain to the air corps the advantages of plywood and plastics in the manufacture of bombers and pursuit planes.

War conditions and demands from abroad have substantially increased the production of mercury in Oregon, California and Nevada. In May 1930 flasks went to the United Kingdom, 649 flasks to Japan, 216 to Union of South Africa, and 184 to Australia. The army and navy munitions board rates mercury as a strategic metal. In addition to industrial use it is employed in connection with explosives and for fuses and detonating devices. Companies responsible for 96 per cent of the Oregon production reported to the bureau of mines that total for May was 78 per cent over the monthly average for 1939.

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HUBSON'S DRUG STORE

ranch, having declined to take the Riverton school again for the coming year.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church is going to hold a novel social next Thursday evening. Every lady is to bring a dollar which she has worked for, and much amusement is expected when they come to tell how they earned it.

A little rain fell here again Wednesday morning and another light shower in the afternoon.

Hardy Mast was in from Lee yesterday. He says that he and Mrs. Mast and the two children, Lloyd and Birdie, intend leaving by auto next Monday for a trip up into western Washington and probably into British Columbia.

We had abandoned all hope that the paving of the Marshfield road from Coaledo to Cedar Point would be completed this summer but reports now indicate that efforts are being made to finish the road all the way.

At the leap year social given tonight in the Federated church the program will be: song, "America," by all; invocation, Rev. A. B. Barry; vocal solo, Marvin Hawkins; reading, Ellen Baker; special by Jean Baker and Elsie Hoover; reading, Marvin Skeels; reading, Gladys Nosler; double quartet by the women.

I doesn't look as if Jim Cox is a big enough man to be president. Nor Warren Harding either for that matter.

Five Cadets From Southwestern Oregon at Citizens Camp

Southwestern Oregon gained five cadet appointments in promotion of 165 cadets of the Citizens Military Training Camp of some 600 now in progress at Camp Hurlburt, Vancouver Barracks. Named cadet second lieutenants were: Sandford J. Carter, of Powers, and Stanley D. Esselstrom, of Reedsport, both in Company A. Appointed cadet sergeants in company A were: Richard F. Stack, of Marshfield; Henry O. Wise, of Reedsport, and Arthur H. Kane, of Gold Beach.

Art Directors Praises New Standard Oil Pictures

"Like thirsty deer at a brook, the American people drink up fine pictures at every opportunity. The new color-reproductions of the Western scenic views now being distributed by Standard Oil Company of California will have a definite influence in art-appreciation and home-decoration for years to come."

This is the judgment of Dr. Walter Heil, famous museum director and art critic. Dr. Heil is Director of European and American art in the Palace of Fine Arts at the 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition. In addition, he is San Francisco Art Museum director.

"The simple American home of today is a hundred times more artistic than was the Paris drawing room of Sarah Bernhardt," says Dr. Heil. "Give people the chance to educate themselves artistically and they'll surprise you. Every exhibit of fine pictures I have ever presented adds proof of their quick appreciation of

beauty. "People should see—and own—lots of good pictures. In this way they learn to discriminate rapidly and intelligently."

The newest Standard Oil picture, Wallowa Lake, is now being distributed to motorists by Standard Service men, M. M. Newdall, branch manager of the company announces.

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