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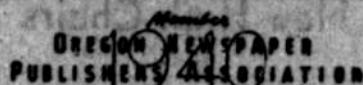
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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

We are in favor of aid to Britain to the limit of our resources and we believe our defense preparations should commandeer every dollar of capital and every hour's work of labor if necessary but the irony of mailing our Christmas greetings of love and good cheer with a stamp picturing a gun still persists. We do not need to glorify the weapons of destruction. Firearms are for the purpose of tearing flesh and though we build them for self-defense they do not fit into the Christmas picture.

For the man who asked Santa Claus for a punching bag, hoping by its use to reduce a growing embonpoint, we recommend Paul White-man's remedy. He scatters a bag of confetti over the room and then picks it up piece by piece. Such chastisement is rarely self-inflicted; it is more what you would expect in a concentration camp.

At the time of the debacle in France last June we were greatly perturbed by certain announcements from students of history. In talking of the blitzkrieg of Hitler's mechanized divisions it was said the Germans had introduced entirely new tactics in the art of war—and that the armies of any nation who had done that in the past had proved invincible for the next hundred years. A century of German triumph was a fearful thought to us.

However, we failed to consider the speed of our own times. In the Roman days down to the Napoleonic era, ideas disseminated slowly, methods of living and production were set in a mold that changed imperceptibly.

That we live in a different world today is attested by the fact that in six months from the Battle of France, Great Britain, notoriously hidebound, stubborn and a slave to habit, has been able to seize upon the new martial methods and has won an amazing victory in Africa despite the handicaps of desert warfare.

Ask any postal employee about it and you will be astonished at the immensity of the Christmas card exchange. Multiply the cards you sent by the number of families in the country and you reach, we were going to say, astronomical figures but instead will compare them to the national budget or the debt or any other big number you are acquainted with.

What a pleasing fad it is—the exchange of Christmas greetings! At one time we were ready to throw away our list and cut it all out. That mood passed and now with each new year we enjoy the custom more and more.

How well we remember the first such card received! It must have been toward forty years ago when we were still a child; the fancy picture came from an uncle half across the continent, with the following printed sentiment: "All the folks in our house wish all the folks in your house a Merry Christmas."

Not only does this exchange enable us to keep in touch with friends and relatives we rarely see but it adds a fillip to holidays greetings between neighbors and daily companions. From the cards addressed with a childish scrawl to those with a quavery handwriting, we derive much delight.

There is such a variety of styles that when one from New York and one from San Francisco were identical, it was surprising. The cards are artistic and many are very beautiful. Some are worth framing.

There is humor to be found in this custom, also. We received one card addressed to Coquille, Calif., which had been carefully corrected by the postoffice department. Nothing could be done about the unsigned one, however. Probably it is just as well if each person received a card from an unknown sender for thus it is left doubtful about those who failed to send greetings. And the recipient has such a baffled feeling as he turns the folder inside out looking for the name that isn't there. Possibly a secret sister or brother has adopted us!

Here's wishing you a Happy New Year.

HOW LONG CAN IT BE TRUE IN THE UNITED STATES?

In a holiday greetings letter from a friend in California, we find expressed so perfectly the thoughts that we all have during these troubled days in the eastern hemisphere, that we pass it on to our readers. "Peace on earth, good will toward men," is still potent in this land of the free, but it is blasted from all consciousness by the hellish greed and avarice of the would-be dictators of all Europe. Our friend writes:

While old-world civilizations and their intimate human relationships totter at the bring of utter destruction—where one no longer knows if friends of former days are still true and worthy of confidence, where the teachings of the Prince of Peace and the spirit of good will among men are trampled with scorn or banished into exile—we in this new world of America still retain and gratefully cherish the confidences and loyalties of worthy friendships and can avow them without stint or fear of the dreaded gestapo of despotic power.

Instead of the horrible nightmares of terror which range unbridled everywhere over there, we here have peace and good will throughout the land and hopes of the morrow are not beaten down by the hoofs of fear.

If we choose, we still may pause in our labors as free men and pass the time of day with our friends and exchange greetings and expressions of mutual regard and good will with them. So in prayerful gratitude for these priceless privileges of ours—God grant they endure—we pause thus before the departure of another year to assure you of our high regard.



Washington, D. C., Dec. 26—There is a wild stampede to become Americans among the approximately 4,000,000 registered aliens. Exact number registered will not be known for a few days, but the latest report showed Oregon with 24,056 and Washington with 63,673. California is booming along with 409,630 and Idaho has 4,195. Only New York (with almost one million) has more registered aliens than California.

For years many aliens have drifted along giving no thought to taking out their "papers" until they were suddenly shaken out of their complacency by the order from congress to register, and then the scramble began. Probably all but a few aliens have registered and these deliberately made themselves scarce, but will be picked up later. For the first time it is definitely known how many there are in the United States. Heretofore the authorities have understated the facts by anywhere from one to two million.

All over the land Americanization schools are in progress and a new crop of citizens is in the making. Meanwhile, other aliens are arriving, too late for registration; they are refugees from Europe.

The current congress has tied itself up in a knot. It can not adjourn without a rollcall and there are not enough members present to make a quorum. For weeks (since election) congress has marked time and will continue to do so until the hour of final adjournment. On the theory that if the European situation was such that Mr. Roosevelt dare not get further away from the capital than 12 hours, congress should also remain on hand, a sufficient number—democrats and republicans—agreed to stick. Having adopted this policy, a majority of the senators and representatives rushed home, where they still are. This has left a handful to go through the motions of meeting twice a week; not enough to transact business. The rub will come when an attempt is made to pass a bill for mileage to cover railroad fare for the unauthorized visit home.

Despite the wish of President Roosevelt that the inauguration be as simple as possible, the committee in charge is planning an 11-day celebration. The committee explains that a smashing big celebration, with everyone taking part, will impress the Latin-Americans and will demonstrate to Herr Hitler that the United States is behind its chief executive. Officially, the inaugural will be Jan. 20—and everyone is hoping that the weather will be good, although the records show January 20 as stormy. Tickets are now selling in a range

from \$2.50 to \$10.

A new set-up is being discussed for the CCC camps (1,500 all told). The demand for reserve officers in the army is draining this personnel and owing to the national defense activities there is a proposal to permit some other agency than the army to furnish the food and clothing heretofore looked after by the quartermaster department. There are CCC camps spotted all over the Pacific northwest and they represent money to the immediate vicinity. In the past seven years 2,728,977 enrollees have benefited from CCC camps, the average number in camp at one time being 300,000. Earnings sent home have helped 10,000,000 dependents. While almost all the camps are engaged in some sort of conservation, nine are engaged in strictly national defense projects for the army.

Suggestion is made that a commission be appointed by the president to advise how national resources can be used for defense needs without imperiling the future supply. Such a board, for example, would pass on the matter of cutting of spruce in Olympia national forest; Washington (which is now proposed), the canning of salmon from the Columbia and Alaska; the pack of tunafish, California sardines; production of oil, etc. The general idea is to prevent inroads on national resources and to make America worth defending. A conservation commission, among other things, would prevent the pollution of streams.

One of the impending scraps in the congress will be over sending food to Europe. The food, if sent, would practically wipe out surplus stocks now held in the United States and would feed the impoverished people who are under the domination of Herr Hitler. The British are resisting the proposal, explaining that the food would be used by the German soldiers. Both sides will have their innings in congress and there are excellent arguments sustaining each side. Higher-ups in the national capital (they include, among others, Mrs. Roosevelt) favor the British view, regrettable as would be the starving of innocent populations.

CALM ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION

A noted leader of American industry rose before a great gathering of manufacturers in New York City recently to talk about "Total Preparedness for America's Future." He was H. W. Prentis, Jr., president of the National Association of Manufacturers, and his calm analysis of the defense situation today is worth a lot of attention.

American industry has "moved swiftly" on defense orders, Mr. Prentis said, and in doing so it is doing its share and more in making this nation strong and secure. But "to speak candidly and not in a spirit of carping criticism," industry is "deeply concerned" over the failure of government to learn from the past and make its defense aims clear.

Mr. Prentis listed the following points as being governmental policies that would truly serve national welfare:

1. A clear definition of our defense objectives.
2. Greater centralized authority to aid the work of the National Defense Advisory Commission.
3. A review of the nation's financial policies designed to place them on a sounder basis, coupled with "an immediate beginning on the task of codification and simplification of our tax laws."

"If we are endangered, we must of course defend ourselves without stint or limit," the manufacturers' representative emphasized. "Life, property, freedom—no sacrifice would be too great in the hope that in the aftermath we might again have the clear vision, national unity and personal selflessness that would enable us to re-erect the temple of American liberty. But let us be on



P. L. Johnson

Pete the Plumber

Wishes you
A Happy and Successful
New Year

guard constantly lest we be left ultimately with only the empty shell of what we are arming to defend.

"American industry has repeatedly pledged its wholehearted support to the national defense program. It has moved swiftly to meet all the demands that have been made by government to date. . . . Much as they abhor war, American manufacturers will do their full part under any and every circumstance."

It is the wisest possible course at this stage of our preparedness effort to listen to the advice of experienced manufacturers. Mr. Prentis, in drawing his conclusions, has had the



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TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, December 24, 1920)

Keith L. Leslie, son of F. G. Leslie, and Miss Louise Clausen, daughter of J. P. Clausen, of the Riverton section, were married at high noon last Saturday at Eugene. The ceremony took place at the Episcopal church there and was performed by Rev. F. G. Jennings.

The local Benevolent Protective Order of Elks held a meeting Monday evening to mature their plans for bringing Christmas cheer into homes where otherwise there would be very little.

The college students who came home on last Saturday's afternoon train are: Marvel Skeels, Austin Hazard, Raymond Burns, Fred Lorenz, Genevive Chase, Henrietta McLeod, Crystal Lafferty, Fred A. Wimer, Wm. A. Oerding, Fred L. Harlocker, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox, Rosa Fredenburg, Prescott Branstetter.

Wednesday was one of the banner days for business at the postoffice here. On the morning train they sent

benefit of the counsel and experiences of thousands of key industrial-

out 65 sacks, of which 38 originated at this office and 27 came from Bandon.

Probably the last four months of 1920 are going to prove a record breaker for incessant rains in this section.

Mrs. J. A. Lamb returned Tuesday from Medford, where she went last week to attend the funeral of her father, A. M. Woodford.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Evland entertained the "500" club and their husbands and a number of other guests last Friday evening. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames O. C. Sanford, L. H. Hazard, J. A. Collier, Nick Johnson, A. J. Sherwood, L. J. Cary, L. P. Branstetter, Bert Folsom, E. A. Folsom, W. V. Glaisyer, N. N. Neiman, T. B. Currie, George Lorenz, V. R. Wilson, C. L. Tuttle, Walter Sinclair, H. A. Young and Mesdames Edward Lorenz and Frank Holman. Misses Eleanor Folsom and Alice Collier assisted Mrs. Evland in receiving the guests and in waiting on the tables.

His words are worth pondering.

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