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Fragments of Fact and Fancy

The Gallup poll this week showed that among employers and employees in this country a majority, 75 per cent, voted they would be willing to work more hours per week at the same scale of pay in order to speed up the defense program. It looks now that unless the defense program is speeded up and England saved from collapse, longer hours and less pay will be required of every one. We cannot overcome the threat of the axis powers with one hand tied behind our back. If we do not willingly make the sacrifice of personal ease and benefit in our efforts to arm quickly, there is the danger of inflation which compels compliance. With inflation, wages never catch up with the mounting cost of living and all the money the workers (who include employers and employees alike) can earn must go for the bare necessities of life.

Instead of the war driving the people of England crazy there is a decided drop in the number of insane persons in the hospitals there. Not only that but the divorce rate in London has been cut down fifty per cent. Great crises often bring out the best in humanity, just as idleness and riches may be enervating in effect, if not actually pernicious.

We worry about such inconsequential things. What is happening to the purebred breeds of dogs in Great Britain? For generations these dogs have been improved and various traits bred into them, some for hunting birds, fox or rodents, as desired. Then England has been a land of gardeners and where horticulture has been a business or hobby of many of the residents. Will years of experimentation and the developing of new species be lost in this war which takes men from all non-essential duties? Then will the famous Spode china factories go the way of the Haviland factories in France during the last war?

Berlin, like all lawbreakers, expects others to be law-abiding. It makes it easier for them to commit their crimes. The flag episode in San Francisco is being seized upon and magnified to greater proportions than it deserves. Look at the flags of other countries, which by treachery or by brute force, the Nazis have trampled down.

On January 21 falls the feast of St. Agnes. This saint was a Christian virgin martyred in Rome during the fourth century. Her symbol is a lamb. Though the story of St. Agnes may be unfamiliar to many, John Keats' poem, "The Eve of St. Agnes," is one of the immortal poems of the English language. We quote the first stanza of this poem which is all beauty:

"St. Agnes' Eve—Ah, bitter chill it was!
The owl, for all his feathers, was a-cold;
The hare limp'd trembling through the frozen grass,
And silent was the flock in woolly fold:
Numb were the Beadsman's fingers, while he told
His rosary, and while his frosted breath,
Like pious incense from a censer old,
Seem'd taking flight for heaven, without a death,
Past the sweet Virgin's picture, while his prayer he saith."

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Before the lease-lend bill is enacted it will contain several provisions limiting the powers of the president. It is on this point that the bitter fight in congress is now in progress. Mr. Roosevelt wants the bill as it was introduced (it was written in the treasury department), but a dozen senators who favor helping Britain but not giving them Uncle Sam's shirt, are objecting. It is possible that the administration has sufficient votes to push the bill through both houses, but leaders prefer accepting a few mild modifications to mollify the objectors.

Cabinet officers have rushed to the assistance of the president, have told congressional committees that this aid must be provided at once or in two or three months Britain will cave in and the United States will be attacked, via South America. As a matter of cold fact it will be months before the United States will be on a production basis. Contracts have been let on a cost-plus fixed-fee basis, but even before these contracts can be executed the plants must first be erected. There are 125 plants now being financed by the federal government and more will be added. These plants will produce everything that Britain and the United States will require. Sometime in the summer most of these plants will be starting up, but it will be next winter before they are organized for peak production. In short, it will be approximately a year before material will be rolling out of the plants.

Objectors to the lend-lease measure are insisting that the needs of this country be first taken care of before Uncle Sam becomes too big hearted. They do not want the president to decide what shall be sent; they prefer the judgment of army and navy officers, but overlook that that president is commander-in-chief and if he orders materials sent abroad the army and navy officers will obey the command.

In the Pacific northwest there is considerable opposition to the lend-lease bill by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and the Seattle Industrial Union. In the first place they foresee that taxes will be raised to pay for help to the English, Chinese and Greeks if war materials are given away. They also object to American freighters, now being ordered, being transferred to foreign registry, and they are quite positive that they do not desire American warships serving as convoys. Their protests have already been spread on the pages of the Congressional Records. Practically all of the members of the two organizations voted for Mr. Roosevelt two months ago for a third term, but they do not want war.

There is a difference of opinion between the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy. The former advised the house committee on foreign affairs that, if necessary, more navy boats (particularly destroyers) should be given to the British. The secretary of the navy objects to that idea; insists that all the American warships now in commission or under construction are needed to protect the interests of the United States. Under the lease-lend measure, however, the president could give away the navy without consulting the secretary of the navy—just hand it over where he thinks it would be most beneficial. The bill would also permit him to purchase implements of war abroad, which has been interpreted as authorizing the president to acquire the British navy if England is defeated. While not denying the bill allows this, the president says such an interpretation is foolish and he would not do such a thing.

The attempt to pack the supreme court in 1937 aroused a battle in the senate but that will be child's play compared with the debate on the lease-lend bill. Most of the same senators who opposed the court bill are again arrayed against the president. There is greater public interest now because people can more readily understand what is at stake; this bill hits their pocketbook and touches directly on the lives of 16,000,000 who are within the draft age. London will continue being bombarded and the British will continue to be in the senate, that much is certain.

WPA workers will be shipped to

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, January 21, 1921)

Tuesday evening Rev. Louis Albert Bunks, national speaker of the Anti-Saloon League and an orator of international fame, spoke at the Methodist Church here on the theme, "World-wide Prohibition Coming and America Heads the Way."

Mayor Hamilton and all councilmen were present at the regular meeting of the common council last Monday evening, besides Recorder Lawrence, Attorney Stanley, City Treasurer Sanford, Marshal Miller and Water Superintendent Epperson. A letter from the Woman's Club was read by the recorder, in which they pledged their support to any progressive steps initiated and mentioned particularly the need of a greater water supply and a better, cleaner city.

Except for the short distance at the edge of town, from the end of the T bridge to the Masonic cemetery, the pavement is all laid between Coquille and Davis Slough and is crowded with autoists every Sunday.

"Yord," the name of the settlement

Clatsop county to build access roads connecting Fort Stevens with Wolf creek highway, with Camp Clatsop, and a 25 mile pipeline for Fort Stevens. On the Washington side of the river are two gone-to-seed forts, which will be rehabilitated and access roads constructed for them in Washington. While WPA funds will be sharply curtailed next fiscal year, defense works of WPA in Washington and Oregon will keep the workers busy and there is not likely to be much reduction in the force from present indications.

Labor Plus Capital

By Noble H. Chowning
The thought in the heading of this article has been the dominating force in making our nation the best place to live in since the Garden of Eden. Here we have again that thing created by man, namely capital, reaching huge proportions and if we aren't careful it will become a Frankenstein and destroy that which created it, namely labor. Therefore let us always remember when faced by social disturbances the phrase, "Labor plus Capital."

How many have noticed, creeping more and more to the front, the discussion among the renowned commentators of what will England be after the war is over. In particular the relation between capital and labor. Even a few are beginning to mention the change that is gradually taking place in this country. Some view it with alarm. It can become alarming if we stick our heads in the sands and refuse to say the bug-a-boo is not there. No amount of wishful thinking can change willy-nilly thinking or fill breadbaskets. It has been my observation that most commentators comment on social reform, or what have you, only after the action has become a very positive force. So I take it there must be fire where there is so much smoke.

The social revolution has been going on for centuries in England. Why we should suddenly become alarmed, when they take it as a matter of course, is the reason "there will always be an England." There social revolution began with the Magna Carta; it's still going on. From time to time radical changes have taken place. At the moment they seemed like catastrophes. Time takes the edge off them. Evidently another big social step is now being taken. Whether forward or backward time must tell. The thing to be admired in the British is the calmness they show, the deliberate thoroughness with which they view any situation. It would seem they do not have, or at least do not acknowledge, their language contains the word impulsiveness.

The mightiest empire on earth has come about by studied, deliberate, thorough action. We see the Russians being led to freedom from the Czars all in a day. What a mockery. They do not know the meaning of the word. Communism is as tyrannical as any monarchy. Nazism was created to lead an enslaved superior race (so-called) to the enslavement of inferior races. Freedom? Bah! Do you remember that arrogant, boastful bully when you went to school? Do you meet him occasionally today? Apparently he is tops, but you remember then, that little axiom about when a man's egotism gets the best of him, he is sure riding for a fall. To me Nazism is that.

It is the faith the capitalist, the professional man, the worker all have, in knowing that after it's all over, each will get a fair deal by planned

at Schroeder & Aasen's mill near Norway, is represented in our letters this week and it is promised it shall continue to be in the future.

E. E. Hampton, of Arago, was in town Wednesday and Thursday.

A. B. Gant, of the Fox bridge neighborhood, was doing business in this city Tuesday. The roads are not so bad but that he was able to drive down here with a buggy, and he is expecting to have an improved road all the way by next winter. He has lived in Coos county 34 years and has never seen a winter that would compare with this for excessive and well distributed moisture.

Sugar is now retailing here for ten cents a pound, which is only one-third what it cost less than a year ago. Hundreds of speculators in crystallized sweetness have been bankrupted by the drop.

The following pupils were perfect in spelling this week—fifth grade, Joe Nye, Clarence Barton, Larkie Barnes, Fred Watson, Frank McAdams, Bernice Foley, Alvin McQuigg, Marlin Brandon, Carlton Smith.

cooperative collaboration Why do they know it? Because for generations they have been sitting down and talking things over, refusing to become excited, refusing to become impulsive.

We must take our hats off to the governing class, to capital, and to the leaders of Britain for knowing where to make concessions and when to make them. The workers of this country look to capital for leadership. That is the leadership that has made this land the best to live in since the Garden of Eden. If social reform and conditions demand concession on the part of capital, then our capitalistic leaders should know just where to make those concessions.

We must learn, Labor and Capital, that the place to iron out our difficulties and make our changes is around the conference table. We must make it a deliberate, cooperative, informative discussion, each going away with the knowledge that tomorrow the sun will surely rise on a world of our making or on a world of our destruction.

How To Avoid Botulism

The recent occurrence of three deaths in Portland, as a result of eating home-canned beets containing botulism, probably could have been prevented, had the proper precautionary measures been taken.

The Clostridium botulinum, which causes the food-poisoning, is an organism found in the soil, is a spore-forming organism, has been known to live through several hours of boiling in canning foods in which little or no acid was present, and, if not destroyed in the canning process when sealed away from air in a non-acid medium, produces such a deadly toxin that even a taste of the food containing it would, in all probability, be fatal.

The toxins, or poisons, produced by the botulinum organism may be destroyed by boiling 20 minutes. Because of the danger of poisoning in home-canned products, all non-acid home-canned foods should be boiled 20 minutes immediately after opening the jar, and before tasting. The danger of spoilage cannot always be detected by either appearance or

taste. For a number of years no outbreak of botulism has resulted from the use of any canned products processed by nationally recognized commercial canneries.

The steam pressure cooker is the only method recognized for canning non-acid foods such as vegetables, meats, fish and other sea foods. Because many persons are unable to purchase a pressure cooker, it is recommended that such organizations as granges, community clubs, etc., invest in a pressure cooker and loan it to persons in their communities. The office of the home demonstration agent has a pressure cooker, and this will be loaned to persons who have no other way of obtaining one. For those unfamiliar with the use of the pressure cooker, the home demonstration agent will arrange for a demonstration for either individuals or a group.

Persons interested in additional in-

formation on Home Food Preservation may write to the home demonstration agent of Coquille, Dorothy E. Bishop, and ask for Extension Bulletin 542.

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