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YEAR OF PROOF

Walter Lippmann, columnist of the New York Herald Tribune, who is not given to false optimism, recently came forth with an assurance and a prophecy which everyone in this country ought to read.

"If this mighty continent goes to work as it can go to work when it goes all out, the year 1941 will see the end of doubt, division, and fear, and the gathering together of an America which is true to its past and equal to anything that the future may bring."

"For this we depend upon the government for the plans, the specifications, the leadership. But for the results we depend upon the directors, the managers, the technicians, and the employees of American industry."

"But American industry will not fail in the test. . . . The world will see this year the proof that this young continent possesses the energy which, throttled down in these ten years of depression and confusion, will pour forth to astound the world."

"Americans with faith in their country believe these words with all their hearts. They know that the year ahead is one in which this nation will again prove its industrial and its democratic power, and they face their part in that test with real confidence."

Fragments of Fact and Fancy

We may be involved in this war yet. It won't be because of the request by the British for aid nor from the propaganda of the war mongers in this country.

From Lindbergh down, the excuse for the war now going on is that the Versailles treaty was unfair to Germany.

We might go back to the Franco-Prussian war and remember that after the six weeks' triumph of the kaiser's army an onerous penalty was levied against France for losing that war but the Frenchmen did not whine about it.

It is not necessary, however, to recall the war of 1870 nor the one which started in 1914, to learn the German idea of the proper role of a conquered nation. Let us take Poland, which was attacked without provocation in September, 1939, by the full weight of German air and land forces.

Was a Versailles treaty made with Poland? No, the men were shipped to Germany to labor as slaves. The women and children were left to shift for themselves and the land and buildings taken over by the conquerors.

Industry has developed brakes for the modern car that are five times more powerful than the average 200 engine.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, January 28, 1921)

The total amount of taxes to be collected on the 1920 roll is \$1,271,489.82, which is the highest in the history of the county, and \$284,780.22 or 26.3 per cent more than in 1919.

There are eleven school districts in this county whose taxpayers are within the limits of the Coos Bay Wagon Road grant due to the receipt of back taxes from those lands will get along without any special school levy this year.

Men's coats and trousers are to be longer this year. They don't need lengthening, though, half as much as the garment the other sex wears in lieu of trousers.

Mayor R. Boyd, a brother of Mrs. E. H. Harnden, of Coquille, who has been visiting his relatives here for some time past, left Sunday on the Elizabeth for San Francisco.

Fully seventy-five people attended the "Good Fellowship dinner at the Presbyterian church last night given by the ladies of that society.

but a boche.

A few weeks ago a Rockefeller enlisted as a private in our new army of defense. That was heartening but only what we had learned to expect from that family of good citizens with philanthropic purses.

We look at the picture of Hitler and wonder why the genius which he must possess, considering the state of the world today, does not show forth in his face. We look at Mussolini's picture and ask why he doesn't look the boob he is.

Swift-pouring, like a stream divides? A long, loose straggling caravan, Camel and horse and armed man, The moon's low crescent, glimmering o'er

Near and more near!—now o'er them falls The shadow of the city walls.

The above is taken from the poem, "Derne," written by John Greenleaf Whittier fifty years after the war with Tripoli. In 1805 the city of Derne, was stormed by a force of 500 men, led by General Eaton, from Alexandria 600 miles across the Libyan desert.

Before the Derne of today stand the troops of another army and their strength lies not in arms and tanks and planes alone but in a righteous cause.

Not to the swift nor to the strong The battles of the right belong; For he who strikes for Freedom wears The armor of the captive's prayers.

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The women of the G. in G. club did some tall hiking last Sunday. The first party started out at 9 a. m. and consisted of Misses Ada Wittman, Bess Maury and A. Hill. They must have succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations, as they walked every step of the way to Marshfield where they arrived at 5 p. m.

Sheriff Ellingsen, Deputy Sheriff Malehorn, Special Deputy Sheriff Bryant, of North Bend, and Constable Goodman, went out hunting bootleggers and moonshiners the first of the week, having received some intimations that game was good at Bandon.

Mrs. F. F. Schram was called to Salem last Sunday on account of the death of her grandmother.

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Take coffee. British and Holland possessions were running in coffee in competition with Brazil until a few weeks ago, when the United States established a quota system. It is difficult to reach England with food supplies and the possessions shifted to the United States market.

From the jump of the war, the British government bought the entire wool clip of Australia and New Zealand and shipped almost all of it to the United States. The wool is now coming here in American flag ships and is being stored in warehouses at the ports of Oregon, Washington and California.

Northwest pear growers, their European market shut off, are striving to find new outlets for their products. At the same time the government has negotiated with Argentina permitting 300,000 boxes to be shipped to the United States by April 1.

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a market for Argentina wheat. No one has offered Soviet Russia, however, buying Pacific northwest wheat. What Russia is acquiring from the Pacific coast is gasoline and oil (two American tankers are now carrying these articles and sailing under the Russian flag); copper, some scrap, and machine tools.

These concessions to Soviet Russia in view of Russia's invasion of Finland and seizing part of Poland, is one of the mysteries of the new deal administration. It appears that what is bad for a Nazi to do is perfectly proper for a Communist.

Theory on which the British have been unloading everything from cocoa and coffee to woolen goods in the United States was that Britain needed the dollar exchange in order to purchase war supplies.

One of the hardest fights for a contract has been waged over the munitions dump near Hermiston, Ore. Twice it was awarded and held up. It is the biggest government job in the northwest, a matter of about \$10,000,000, and was worth fighting for.

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Man's Struggle For Economic Security

(By George Peck)

History is the story of man's efforts to establish economic security. At least this has been true during the 4,000 years of which we have any authentic knowledge.

The troubles of these two continents have always been the same—their peoples have never had enough food and other natural resources to go around.

Today, Europe and Asia are the hodge-podge of hundreds of races of men that have fought more than 1,000 large and small wars during the past 4,000 years.

A typical case is the first great civilization—Egypt. Since being toppled from her pinnacle by the rugged Hyksos about 1800, B. C., she has been conquered and ruled by Assyrians, Negroes, Semites, Syrians, Persians, Macedonians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Turks, French and finally English.

The question of who owns what and who is entitled to it, have been hopelessly lost in the confusion of endless conquest and counter-conquest.

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That dream has been shattered. For the first time we are facing reality. We are woefully unprepared to face it. Our problem is no mere shortage of armaments.

We Americans know less history and practical economics than any educated race in existence. If you happen to be the exceptional American, please forgive us.

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