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HELPING EUROPE

A memory that goes back to the days following World War I must recall the oft used phrase, "This is where I came in," as he reads the news and editorials these days.

We had to help Europe in 1920 and we sent great quantities of materials there to say nothing of lumping our war surplus to some nations at practically a gift price. We loaned Europe a lot of money, too, and it is still loaned because we couldn't get it back without accepting goods at prices so low as to wreck our internal economy.

Along in the twenties we reacted from such generosity and stopped lending. That was a major factor in the beginnings of our own depression, which might have been pretty much evaded had we not started the lending policy in the first place. There are indications that we might do it again although it will probably be some years before we do stop it.

There would be a more hopeful outlook if anyone could show that our attempted aid to Europe has produced any desirable results, other than providing us a market (at our own expense) for our natural resources. We are getting short of some of them ourselves now and might well curtail our export of them.

Our last aid brought no European nation into prosperity although our several financial plans for Germany did make it possible for that nation to develop an economy that nearly conquered the world. Our friends in Europe were not treated so lavishly by Uncle Sam and were less able to hold their own with the Germans than before.

One may recall that we hoped to stop some ideology back in the twenties, just the same as we are now trying to stop communism. We didn't stop it then, and there is no assurance that we will halt communism by following almost identical policies now.

Mr Marshall is no doubt a very good general, probably a fine conscientious man and has a popular name. But his policies proved failures in China and there is no reason to believe that his knowledge of Europe is adequate for the job he now holds. Nevertheless he is probably the best we have had as state secretary.

England is in dire straits for food and the common people on the continent have not had a full stomach for years. Popular policy is based on feeding them so they not turn toward communism. That may be wrong. Perhaps if they found that totalitarian policies brought hunger (as they do) there would be more inclination to change.

There is every reason to feel that we will soon regret our present policy toward Europe, and there is historical reasons to believe that it will be too late.

CONVERSATION ABOUT CONSERVATION

Collier's magazine has been running a series of articles that will arouse the wrath of all western stockmen to a high pitch. They had to do with the stockmen's treatment of the ranges and their desires to obtain control of the public domain.

Sympathy hereabouts is generally with the stockmen, although in other parts of Oregon, the tourists are favored over them. The public domain can be used principally as a stock range or as a camping ground. In the former state it contributes to the more or less local citizenry; in the latter to the visitor with his foreign money.

Criticism is directed toward the stockman because he doesn't take care of the land over which he grazes. That may or may not be true. With conditions varying as they must in the vast west, there must be some places where erosion is endangering the ranges because of poor grazing practices. In such cases it is certain there should be some governmental authority to preserve the land that produces the grass. Stockmen should favor action to that

end. City folks, who now outnumber outdoor people greatly, are inclined to favor keeping the public domain a sort of playground where the streams run limpidly to the rivers and the wild life is unhampered by either cows or cowmen.

Perhaps no compromise is possible between these two views. If not the cattlemen will eventually be defeated by weight of numbers. It is therefore to their interest to aid in protecting the land they lease although it is easy to see how they might want to postpone reduction in numbers with beef at 25 cents per pound.

SLAVERY

Conviction of a white woman for holding a negress as a slave for 30 years and sentence of \$2500 fine and three years imprisonment has been passed. All perfectly legal and proper, no doubt.

Yet so far no one has shown that the "slave" is or has fared any worse than if she had been hired at normal wages by the same people. She looks well fed, she appears well clothed and not nearly so miserable as many who pace the streets bearing "wage slave" placards.

Testimony indicates that she was warm and fed during the depression when many housewives were not. Slavery as an institution cannot be excused but in this case it might have been a nice, comfortable spot for an easily satisfied colored woman who now can retire on a larger stake than many will have at her age.

What to do about a farm program is one question congress did not settle before adjournment, the reason may be that no one knows what kind of a farm program (if any) is going to be needed for we don't know how big a part of the world we are going to feed, nor how long, nor what we will have to take in payment for it (if any). All of which are good reasons why making a program for agriculture is difficult.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 31, 1908 Wm. Rudolf has purchased the auto of Judge Henrichs belonging to the Medler estate of which Henrichs is administrator.

John and Ed Kaseberg of Gordon ridge started their combine on the 20th cutting volunteer wheat and barley which is making eight sacks per acre.

The first wheat to come to the Moro warehouse this year was from Robert Urquhart's field threshed by G. C. Huls which made 13 bushels per acre.

Tally Newcomb will run the Peetz thresher this year having started on the run last Monday.

From the G. V. J. August 2, 1918 We have reports of fall wheat making 8 to 10 sacks and of spring grain going 6 sacks.

A few weeks ago Mr Bibby informed us he was going to have "scads" of potatoes. Tuesday he brought in half a sack of Early Ohio of extra large size.

The elevator at Klondike is just about completed and Tuesday afternoon the machinery was running, trying it out.

From the Observer, Aug. 3, 1928 C. J. Thompson bought two Arabian colts in Gilliam county and he has an Arabian stallion on the ranch. He expects to raise these horses as a sideline.

Miss Gwendolyn Foss returned Saturday from a visit with relatives and friends in Portland.

A meeting was held in Moro Tuesday night by farmers interested in a means of eliminating morning glory from their wheat fields. D. E. Stephens was authorized to purchase a supply of sodium chlorate.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Irma Johnson, NG. Clara Houston, Sec.

Tureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. E. E. Barzee, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

John Lawrence N.G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

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Wasco Women of August Birth Have Several Parties

Mrs. Charles Fulton entertained at her home with a cocktail party Thursday afternoon on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. Sharing birthday honors were Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. H. A. White and Mrs. B. Estelle Halley. Other guests were Mrs. Paul McCoy, Mrs. Alice Anderson, Mrs. Everett Watkins, Mrs. Harold White and Mrs. Walter Blau with her houseguest, Mrs. Mulligan of Portland.

Mr and Mrs Frank Lamborn returned from Forest Grove Wednesday where they had been called by the death of Mr Lamborn's sister, Mrs. J. A. Elder. Mrs. Guy Weedman of Multnomah spent a few days last week visiting at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs A. B. Potter. Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. B. Estelle Halley and Mrs. Charles Fulton were honor guests Monday afternoon at a birthday luncheon followed by an afternoon of cards at the home of Mrs. H. A. White. Mrs. White's birthday also is this month. Places for luncheon were arranged at a large table centered with roses. Mrs. Zell cut and served the birthday cake. Cards were played at two tables with prize-winning score held by Mrs. Paul McCoy. Other guests were Mrs. Alice Anderson, Mrs. Walter Blau, Mrs. Everett Watkins and Mrs. Harold White. Miss Helen Blau of Portland called later in the afternoon.

Miss Patricia Kaseberg entertained members of her Sunday school class Wednesday with a picnic at her home. After lunch games were enjoyed by the group. Mrs. Walter Blau was hostess at her home Wednesday afternoon to a group of friends. The afternoon was spent informally with refreshments served by the hostess at the close of the afternoon. The guests included Mrs. Charles Fulton, Mrs. Paul McCoy, Mrs. Hildred Zell, Mrs. Harold White, Mrs. H. A. White, Mrs. Kenneth Blau and Mrs. B. Estelle Halley.

Mr and Mrs Vern Nelson of Portland were Friday overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs W. R. Reid.

Mrs. George Lamborn suffered a fractured hip Thursday and was taken to The Dalles hospital for treatment.

Houseguests at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Fulton are Mr and Mrs W. F. Paul with their

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Jane Cupper's "Daring" Bathing Suit

The Cuppers showed me some tin-types of their nineteen-ten vacation—picnicking on the beach with beer and pretzels, in bathing suits that made them look like they were dressed in street-wear.

Dee was smothered in a long-sleeved pull-over with knee length shorts, and looking embarrassed—as if he thought Jane's costume of a heavy blouse, two copious skirts, and long black stockings was a little daring.

We laughed a lot at those costumes... but come to think of it.

Joe Marsh

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daughter Carol of West Los Angeles and Miss Elizabeth Vogel of Seattle who plan an extended visit here. Floyd Root of Pendleton was an overnight guest at the home of his parents Mr and Mrs G. H. Root. Sunday he went to The Dalles to play in The Dalles-Pendleton golf tournament.

Mr and Mrs E. E. Kaseberg of Portland are here for a short visit at the home of their son

and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs L. E. Kaseberg. Mr and Mrs P. G. O'Meara spent Tuesday in Portland. Mr and Mrs Jake Dormaler and children of Spokane are spending a few days at the home of Mr and Mrs Dale Laughlin. Bill Reid of Portland was a weekend visitor at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs W. R. daughter Peggy, for a short visit. Sunday they were dinner here.

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\$20,000,000 Price Reduction Our basic price policy was publicly stated in March, 1947, when we announced price reductions at the rate of approximately \$20,000,000 per year on our products. At that time, Fowler McCormick, Chairman of the Board, said: "ANY PRICE IS TOO HIGH IF IT CAN BE REDUCED."

Practically all of our dealers cooperated with this policy and passed on the savings to their customers.

The objective of the price reductions was to make it possible for customers to buy our products, which they need so badly, at lower prices. Naturally, this purpose is defeated when our products are sold by anybody at inflated prices.

IH Production at All-Time Peak Inflated prices are caused by

the difference between supply and demand. To increase supply, we now have the greatest number of employees in history on our payrolls—almost 90,000 in the United States, as against about 60,000 prewar. Large new plants are getting into production in Louisville, Evansville, and Melrose Park. A fourth will soon be in operation in Memphis. The men and women now employed are turning out the greatest quantities of IH products of all kinds that we have ever made. These are also the finest products we have ever made, and recognition of that fact is an important contributing factor to the demand for them.

Distribution to Dealers But even record-breaking production is not sufficient to give your dealer—and other IH dealers—enough products to meet today's demand. We have tried to make the fairest possible geographical allocation of our products so that every dealer would get a fair share, and we know that dealers, in most cases, have tried earnestly to make the fairest possible distribution to their customers.

But we also know that many of our products—far too many—are being resold at inflated prices. The public criticism and resentment of these resales are of real concern to us, as we know they must be to our dealers, because such reactions en-

danger the good will of both the dealer and the Company in any community.

Distribution to Customers Experience shows that many IH new products are being resold by users who decide they can continue to make out with their old equipment after they have had an inflated offer for their new equipment. To eliminate this, many dealers are taking measures to be sure that equipment purchased is for their customers' own use and is not to be resold.

Nearly all IH dealers, we believe, are now using the basis of customer usage as their primary guide for the sale of scarce products. The customer whose need is real and urgent is not likely to resell.

What Price Should You Pay? While it may take a little more time to get delivery, we urge our customers to consider all of the factors mentioned here, before paying more than the list price for any IH product. Any IH dealer or branch can furnish the suggested list price for any IH product.

We know that the overwhelming majority of IH dealers are as much opposed to inflated prices as we are. In the public interest, we have already asked their cooperation—and are now asking the cooperation of customers—in correcting this situation.

