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EDITORIALS

FIRE FROM THE AIR

In a recent address, T. Alired Fleming, Director of Conservation of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, declared that American industry must be prepared to guard its production of war materials from fire—including fire from the air. The best defense, he said, lies in the use of adequate protective devices and the employment of competent watchmen. All employees, he added, should be prepared to deal with fires started by incendiary bombs.

No that we have gone to war, the chance of American coastal cities being attacked is an ominous possibility. No city, no matter how far from the oceans it is situated, can consider itself free from the danger of sabotage. Fire and explosion are among the saboteur's foremost weapons, and only 24-hour-a-day precautionary work can guard against them.

To quote Mr. Fleming again, "we sit back complacently and say, 'It can't happen here.' Well, people of many nations of Europe said that too, and where are they today? . . . One bomber flying 200 miles per hour at 5,000 feet, shooting a stick of 10 to 15 incendiaries per second can strew its load and start a fire every sixty yards for a distance of over three miles in three minutes. . . . England learned the lesson that every able bodied citizen must be 'bomb conscious' and able to handle them intelligently."

This is not a pretty picture. But it shows precisely the kind of danger that America must condition itself to accept. Total war means war on industries and civilians no less than war on armies and navies. The weapon of fire will be used in an attempt to block production and create panic in this country, and all the people must be ready to meet it.

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(This letter was written by Mrs. J. J. Swain from Liberia, Africa to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott of this city. Mrs. Swain was the former Miss Mildred Berger.)

(Continued from Last Week)

Sept. 21st. Here it is the last minute again with the S. S. Cathlamet clearing in the morning on her homeward journey and I am just beginning to write letters. "Turn backward, turn backward, Time in thy flight", I think the people out here have gone mad in their rushing, the working class I mean which, of course, includes the entire Swain

Uncle Sam Farmers' Best Customer; 30 Marketing Centers Established



Uncle Sam, the American farmer's best individual customer, spends \$750,000 a day every day in the year on foodstuffs for his army.

To afford the best possible facilities in handling these immense sales, it is announced that 30 regional marketing centers are being established throughout the country where producers may sell direct or through community or farm co-operatives. In this manner the Quartermaster Corps bought 750 tons of turkey together with all the trimmings for the soldiers' Thanksgiving dinner, and just now Uncle Sam is stocking up for the Christmas holidays and all the hearty meals that will come in between.

Through the marketing centers it is declared that Uncle Sam and the millions of American farmers will get better acquainted. Uncle Sam will get fresh produce of the highest quality and the farmers will get higher prices. An example of the volume of goods taken by the army is reported in recent requisitions for rations during the

family. Social obligations and invitations are piled so high I can't begin to see over—and so it goes in the "Lazy" life of the Tropics. I think when we go back we'll live in the heart of New York City where no one "rushes". Good idea, don't you think?

Well, anyway, so it goes but we don't seem to be the worse for wear except that we never have time to do the things which we would like to do, or time to get many letters written either. It's a good thing they are long ones when we finally do break down and get going. It has been such a very long time since we received any mail from home that I am holding my breath waiting for the Kekar which is now in Freetown—only one day away—yet it will be probably ten days before she pulls in here, the ships wait in line to clear that British Port and they take their own sweet time about doing anything about helping ships clear quickly. It will make it almost seven weeks without a scratch of mail. How would you like to wait that long for the mail man's arrival? We don't like it either. Sure hope there's a bunch of letters on it.

Guess I'll tell you about my cook palaver. Poor George doesn't live here any more. As you know, he worked for us since our arrival here—ten months in all. In spite of the fact that we were warned that he was the worst rascal on the plantation and were told many awful things about him we still kept him and got along with him grand. You will imagine we sacked him for one of his misdeeds which we caught him with, but no—not so—we had to sack him because he insisted lately on oversleeping in the morning and when it was time for breakfast there would be no breakfast. After having such a bad reputation to think that it was a small offense liking sleeping which should cost him his job. Isn't that the irony of it all? We lectured him, fined him and did everything we could think of to make him get up mornings but to no avail. He would repent and beg us to forgive him and do the same thing the next

autumn maneuvers in the Carolinas where the purchases in Columbia and Wellington marketing centers included: 2,600,000 dozen of eggs, 1,600,000 pounds of butter, 420,000 pounds of cheese, 315,000 pounds of turkey and 704,000 pounds of chicken.

At the same time a program has been announced for the purchase of a large part of the seasonal output of local canneries, smaller industries situated in the various fruit and vegetable growing regions. These district purchases will augment the recent buying of 126,000,000 cans of vegetables through the Chicago Quartermaster Depot. Of the 50,000 horses and mules doing their bit in the army the great majority of these equine recruits were brought from the farms within the last few months, the purchases amounting to \$239,372. The spring program calls for a still greater number of riding horses and draught animals.

From all sections of the country come reports that Uncle Sam's marketbasket is a symbol of prosperity on the farm.

THE WAVE WILL RISE



morning. Inasmuch as he always kept the clock in his room the other boys wouldn't be up either so we had a fine state of affairs with both of us going to work early—so George is no more. As I have mentioned the boys are afraid of Joe, not because he has ever harmed them for he wouldn't touch them, but because he rarely corrects them or gives them a curtain lecture and when he does he doesn't exactly have a small voice and they are scared stiff. Joe had been after George every morning so the last morning when he didn't appear Joe called Johnny to come up and get breakfast. Johnny called George and George wouldn't come upstairs. I stuck my head out and told Johnny to go George up here just now. Johnny called to him through the dining room window in Bassa and George said something. Johnny came back and said George "he scared too much, he can't come a-stairs". "He be scared Boss, Missey". I think George had visions of being kicked down the stairs keeplunk or something anyway he wouldn't come upstairs until that P.M. Then I called him and sacked him. He dropped out to the kitchen and was telling Meyer and Johnny and I went out and ordered him out of my house. Meyer and Johnny said they wanted to see Boss and Missey

so when they came in the front room they both started begging us to forgive George just once more. Joe said, "Finni Palaver, George, he go now", (meaning the argument is finished). So that's the end of George.
(To Be Continued)

Scouts Receive Greetings From U. S. President

In his annual Christmas message to the Boy Scouts of America of which he is Honorary President, and in which he himself was active for more than seventeen years, President Roosevelt paid high tribute to the Boy Scouts, expressing "the appreciation of the Nation for the contribution which Scouts and Scouting make to our national strength and morale by helping to keep alive the many virtues of truthfulness, loyalty, courage and helpfulness."

The President's greetings to the nation's 1,470,316 Scouts, Cubs and their leaders follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To The Boy Scouts of America:

Once again I send sincerest Christmas greetings to the Boy Scouts of America; bespeaking also the appreciation of the Nation for the contribution which Scouts and Scouting make to our national strength and morale by helping to keep alive the many virtues of truthfulness, loyalty, courage and helpfulness. Now, as always, the Nation needs citizens who are pledged to keep themselves physically fit, mentally alert and morally straight.

(Signed)

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

N. E. A. Urges More Pay for Teachers

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 17.—The National Education Association today urged the local Board of Education "to help avert a serious threat to the schools" represented in the rocketing costs of living which have commenced to force qualified teachers into other lines of work, cutting the quality of educational opportunity to the danger point. "This loss of capable and experienced teachers," says the letter written to the president of the Board by Willard E. Givens, executive secretary to the National Education Association, "can be prevented in your community only if you and the other members of your board take immediate steps to make adequate salary adjustments. School budgets must be larger. Through your determined leadership this can be done."



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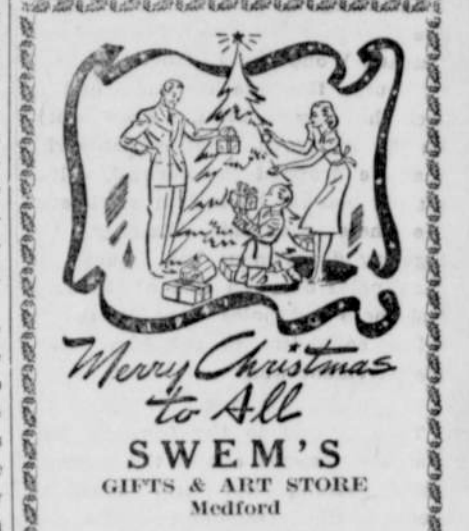
Miss Mildred Berger of Los Angeles is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother Mrs. E. E. Scott.

The Christmas out-door lighting is very artistic at the J. O. Isaacson home.

Candy house is great attraction on the Central Point Bank counter.

The Open House party at Grammar School taxed the seating capacity to the limit.

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