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"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

THE WILY JAPANESE HAVE EXHAUSTED DOCILE UNCLE SAM'S PATIENCE!

The wily Japanese, whose odd slants are not confined to their eyebrows, are indulging in a burst of boldness toward the United States which is very likely to blow back in their face.

Americans, as a nation of docile, peace-loving softies, are slow to national anger but once aroused they are not to be pushed around without consequences. And we've been definitely touchy toward the Japs ever since they deliberately sank the gunboat Panay. A large section of the populace who shudder at the thought of having to go to war look with growing enthusiasm on a break with Nippon and many who hardly know the butt end of a rifle are willing to learn the arts of combat if they can point their muzzles to the west.

The Japanese are known as great imitators, but there's growing likelihood that they will be unable to mimic the American navy's tradition for fighting like hell—and winning. Any bold action toward Japan will be greeted with approval and understanding by the American people. The cunning Jap has played out Uncle Sam's patience and might arise one day to find a few of his own gunboats rammed down his throat.

THE PAST RISES TO MAKE RIDICULOUS THE SILLY ACCUSATIONS OF CURRENT 'OUTS'!

An interesting figment from the past cropped up in the 15-years-ago column of an upstate daily this week when it reprinted a famous quotation of President Coolidge, made while he was insisting on reduction of army and navy costs and a reduction of taxes: "Hereafter America must rely not on the strength of our fleets and our armies in international recourse, but on the justice of our cause."

Such was the republican reasoning during the time the party was scuttling the American navy, immobilizing the army and emasculating our national virility. Such is the traditional republican policy of timidity and appeasement, of Pollyanna theorizing—a policy that has been ruthlessly and horribly discredited by events of the last few years.

Yet it is the party of Coolidge, Harding and Hoover that now attempts to smear the democratic administration for a "lack of preparedness." The American people do not want the noble words, the gilded phrases and the glowing promises of impotent public attitudes—they much prefer the decisiveness, the action and the derring-do of Roosevelt. That is why the November presidential election is in the bag.

McNARY'S FARM PROGRAM WOULD GIVE FARMERS MORE SAY—AND THE BILL!

Sooner or later the truth seeps through, even during an election campaign, and Senator McNary's explanation of the republican farm "program" let the light of understanding shine through several cracks.

Oregon's Charlie, who a few months ago looked with alarm on the prospect of Wendell Willkie becoming his party's nominee, hurled some fine-sounding phrases at midwestern farmers when he declared for a farm program "farmer-owned, farmer-managed and farmer-paid for."

On first thought, such a program sounds mighty fine. There probably is no group in the United States that likes to consider itself as independent more than do farmers, and such language is potent bait to their vanity. But here's the rub—the republican farm program would be governed by farmers, alright, but it also would be PAID FOR by the farmers, which means they'd be trying to lift themselves by their economic bootstraps.

Thanks to McNary, we are permitted to gain a glimpse of the republican way in practice. Sure they want to help the farmer, yes, indeed! But let the farmer help himself and pay himself his own parities!

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OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

THAT WE MAY EAT AND LIVE
— NEHEMIAS 2:2.

PRIMITIVE MAN HAD ONLY THE CRUDEST OF AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, DEPENDED LARGELY ON NATURE'S BOUNTY.

ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WITH OX-DRAWN PLOW MADE FIRST GREAT STEP IN PROGRESS OF AGRICULTURE.

FOR CENTURIES METHODS AND IMPLEMENTS STOOD STILL. IT REMAINED FOR DEMOCRATIC U.S., WITH SELF-GOVERNING MEN TILLING ACRES THEY OWNED, TO BRING FARMING TO ITS PRESENT DEVELOPMENT. TODAY IN EDUCATION, LIVING STANDARDS, HOUSING, AS WELL AS METHODS, U.S. FARMERS LEAD THE WORLD.

No more of this assistance from the whole citizenry, for that constitutes "keeping business in the dog-house and discourages enterprise!"

We begin to see the light on how the republican party plans to bring us all these many benefits inaugurated by the new deal and all without cost to the people!

The GOP farm program vividly illustrates the Willkie ambition of taking the shackles off of business—and loading them back on shoulders of the burdened farmer!

LETTERS

CARL SPEAKS VIEWS ON PENSIONS

To the Editor:

We have heard many discussions of the old age pension and the right of the unfortunate elderly people to have an adequate pension for their support; but no plan has yet been adopted that provides an adequate pension for the support of these elderly people. They are receiving such a small allowance that it does not afford a decent living for them; and some means, additional to what now are employed, should be resorted to, to raise sufficient funds to give them more than they are now getting.

Unless other means are employed, if they are to be provided for adequately, the property tax on the property of the state of Oregon must be very materially increased, and property owners rightfully rebel against any further increase of taxes on their property. Most property owners cannot meet the present tax bill. It seems to the undersigned, therefore, that the only source now left to resort to consists of a sales tax; and it would seem that a three per cent sales tax could be employed to provide these elderly people with the necessary support for them, with a maximum allowance of \$50 per month, any surplus tax over and above the allowance requirement to be paid into the general fund of the respective counties to be applied to the reduction of the property tax.

It is impossible to reach up and get out of thin air the money that is necessary to properly care for these elderly people, and it must be done by some sort of taxation, either by a direct property tax or by a sales or gross income tax. The sales tax would fall ratably equally upon all people—the gross income tax would reach only certain classes of people.

The legislature has declined to impose such a tax upon the property of the state as is sufficient to provide a proper support for these people. What, therefore, excepting a sales tax or a gross income tax, is there left to adopt in order to secure the amount of money necessary to support them decently?

Certainly the purpose of the people of the state of Oregon is to support these elderly people decently. The people refuse to impose a property tax to support them in a decent manner. Is there anything left that the people can turn to to provide a decent support for these elderly people, excepting a sales tax or a gross income tax?

The support of these elderly people is an obligation of all the people; and all the people should contribute. A sales tax would accomplish the desired end. Perhaps a gross income tax would do the same. The money so raised would immediately flow back into the channels of business and employment.

I am in favor of the sales tax, but, if elected, will ask that both measures of this kind be submitted to the people.

WILLIAM N. CARL
"Farmer Bill from Applegate"

Methodist Episcopal Church
Dr. George W. Bruce, Minister

Church school 9:45 a. m. Homer Billings, superintendent.
Sermon at 11 a. m., subject, "God, the Guard of Human Life." (Isa. 52:12). The adult choir, under the direction of Miss Maxine Conover, will sing an appropriate anthem.
Epworth and Wesley Leagues at 6:30 p. m., each in their own room for worship.
Evening sermon at 7:30 o'clock, subject "The Little Lattice Window." The young peoples choir, under the direction of Mrs. Cora Bruce, will sing "More Like Thee" (Creswell). Bill Cook and Wilma Froman will sing the duet parts.
Prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. During the present weeks a special verse by verse study of the book of Revelation is being conducted by the pastor.

Robert Bruce Wilson, junior in music at the University of Oregon and son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Wilson of Ashland is privileged to take honors this fall term, the office of the registrar has announced. Students who have junior standing with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (.25 of a point below an average of "B") or better receive honors privileges. Wilson was a member of the university band during his freshman year.

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