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What the World Needs

THE greatest Christmas present the world could receive would be the ability to think straight. Surveying this revolving ball of dirt at the present moment, practically all the major ills of the human race can be traced to the inability to do so.

There is war in China, war in Africa, and war threatened in Europe. Thousands are being killed today, hundreds of thousands will be killed before another Christmas comes around.

And all for what? For more land! Japan must have more land, so she sends her army into China; Italy must have more land so she sends her army into Africa.

LET it be conceded these two nations DO need more room, more raw materials, to achieve what they regard as their proper destinies. Why resort to organized murder to get it? Why pay such a price in blood and treasure for it?

Why can't civilized nations behave like civilized individuals? When an individual is convinced he is justly entitled to something, what does he do, seize the family shotgun and saunter forth to get it? No, he presents his claim to the proper court, shows the propriety and reasonableness of his demand, with a pretty good chance of getting what he wants, if his claim IS right and just.

WHY not have a world court—a real one,—to do the same between nations? Let Japan and Italy present their claims to this court, and if from the standpoint of not only their own welfare but world welfare and world peace, their demands for more territory are justified, then let the court so rule.

There is plenty of land in the world, if Japan and Italy must have some to survive, why not see they get it,—not by war, but by peaceful adjudication.

But the present owner of that land won't agree. He will fight before he will cede one square foot; so court or no court, the question will ultimately be decided by force.

BUT will it? France didn't fight for Louisiana and the vast Mississippi valley, she sold them. Russia didn't fight for Alaska, she sold Alaska. Mexico didn't fight for Arizona and New Mexico, she sold these two states to Uncle Sam, in a transaction known as the Gadsden purchase.

Not a drop of blood was shed or a gun fired, in the cession of territory to the United States, which now comprises some of the richest land, and the most prosperous sections, of the entire country.

Why not follow this example instead of the example of the old world in the days of Caesar or 18th Century Europe under Napoleon?

Why not? Everyone knows the answer. It's absurd, fantastic, visionary,—idealism gone to seed, pacifism disguised as statesmanship.

ALL right to talk about, but it just CAN'T BE DONE! CAN'T be! But it has been within the present borders of the United States. Why can't it be done outside of them?

The answer as we see it, is not idealism, pacifism, or any of the other "isms" but solely the inability of the poor, deluded peoples of the world as a whole to think straight!

against federal relief methods, on the basis of Mr. Hoover's St. Louis speech. Some restrictions may be enacted, but not the Hoover program.

The Canadian treaty trouble is being worked out off-stage in another way. Mr. Roosevelt is secretly sounding out Canada for modification of the Ottawa agreement to open British lumber markets for American producers, also to stagger Canadian lumber importations on a monthly quota basis.

Senator Wagner has in his sleeve a new low cost housing bill. It will be introduced under official or unofficial new deal auspices, but probably will not pass. The bill is supposed to have originated with certain low cost housing promotion societies in New York and will suggest a six, seven or eight billion dollar program.

Most important subject on the calendar is confirmation of the new federal reserve board. People out in the country may not get smoked up about such obscure public personalities as sit on the FRB but these personalities can ruin or make the country by their courage, or lack of it. Also by their preconceived notions of credit, inflation, etc.

There has been so much inside wire-pulling over these jobs that it is impossible to say now who will be appointed, or even re-appointed. But there will be a fundamental clash in the senate, no matter who is recommended by the president. It will be evident shortly that the senatorial confirmation of Governor Eccles himself will not be an easy matter.

Note—Senator Glass has not let it out yet, but he has written a scathing two and a half-page letter to Governor Eccles protesting against the appointment of a certain man whose name has merely been publicly mentioned among possible appointees.

Daily new deal announcements that the session will be a short one are merely billboard advertisements to promote brevity. No one really has a worthwhile idea about it. The unknown factor in the situation is what the supreme court will do to the new deal in coming decisions, and what corrective legislation, if any, will be necessary (AAA, TVA, Wagner labor board, etc.)

This makes guessing the probable adjournment date wholly a matter of personal opinion. If you want a guess on that basis, it is that adjournment will come a few days before the Republican convention meets at Cleveland June 9, and not April 17, even May 1, as now being advertised.

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Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Only one letter received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made for questions not coming under the instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

VITAMINS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

A group of junior high school children who were underweight, weakly, easily fatigued, indigestible, susceptible to respiratory infections and more or less lacking in interest in their school work and a plethoric condition, showed an average gain of a pound a week, a new and lively interest in their school work, better application to studies and in general a more healthful attitude.

ment in vitality when their ordinary diet was supplemented with a ration of vitamins, all the vitamins, from natural food sources (no synthetic vitamin concentrates, no fish liver oil, no vitamin D). The enhanced vitality of these children on optimal vitamin ration was expressed in their own words: "I'm feeling great," "I don't get so tired now," "I have started my piano lessons again."

In the New York State Jour. of Medicine, Oct. 15, 35, Dr. Charles G. Kerley, pediatrician, says a deficiency of vitamin B causes malnutrition, loss of appetite, a lack of bodily resistance and an absence of capacity for work. A child on a diet deficient in vitamin B will be looked upon as indifferent and lazy in an occupational sense. Further, children to whom this vitamin is furnished in inadequate amounts are predisposed to infection such as tuberculosis and the "so-called common cold."

Dr. Kerley interjects one for the old folks who have muddled notions about the "common cold" he says: "... which condition is nothing more or less than a bacterial infection of the mucous membrane of the respiratory tract." If fifty thousand physicians younger than Dr. Kerley would now commit themselves as unequivocally on the "cold" quibble, we might make some progress in the prevention of the commonest cause of illness today.

Many children of this class whose tonsils and adenoids have been removed and whose sinuses have been found normal by competent specialists, nevertheless continue to suffer from frequent respiratory infections. Dr. Kerley says inquiry into the diet of these children shows that because of the child's food dislikes or of family indifference the food consumed is short in vitamin B—the usual diet consisting of soup, meat, white bread and cereals ready to serve (all poor in vitamins), and the child usually dislikes whole grain cereals and green vegetables. In those cases, Dr. Kerley finds sugar is usually given in generous amounts. The sugar satia-

tion prevents the child from taking sufficient foods which contain the necessary vitamins. The practical remedy is simply this—in selecting foods for the young, keep as close to nature as possible, use cow's milk, butter and cream; for cereals use only the whole seed crushed or ground—oats, wheat, millet with a suitable ration of all the vitamins which vegetables as they come from the earth.

Sounds simple, but it is not so easy to follow out these suggestions today. Moreover, if the child has been for years on a diet short in vitamins, it is only logical to supplement even an adequate diet for several months at least with a suitable ration of all the vitamins, which, after all, is the true test and the best treatment for this common condition of low vitality.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Sounds OK. I have found a little elastic bandage holding a sponge rubber pad a great comfort for my metatarsal arch trouble. Shoe stores have this "Stride" for only a quarter. I have paid fifty cents for unanalyzed attempts to fit felt and soft leather shoes with a half of my feet. (W. M. C.)

Answer—Thank you. It sounds like a practical contrivance. A great many persons suffer from Morton's neuralgia, metatarsalgia, cramp in forefoot, etc., from falling of the transverse arch. Such a support under ball of foot affords great relief.

Debatable Question. Please send me your views on this question which is being debated throughout the schools of the United States: Resolved, that the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense. (A. B.)

Answer—Life would be pretty soft with such a system in effect, provided, of course, the plan includes also a complete grocery, shoe, clothing, gas, automobile, amusement and attorney service, so one would have nothing to worry about.

My Feet Are in the Ring. Dr. — of the — Clinic assured me that the boy was poisoned by absorbing the shoe dye through the skin of his feet. (S. M. C.)

Answer—All right. I challenge your cookware clinic doctor, or any other physician or scientific person standing to put it to a test on my feet. I'll apologize to the world for my false teachings.

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Abercrombie and Fitch's or the sporting goods departments of department stores. You can see them dry casting, peeping through gun sights or gazing longingly at camping outfits. The majority do not come to buy, just to look and dream. Among such prowlers are often, however, real hunters and fishermen, such as Rex Beach, Corey Ford and Bob Davis. Corey Ford, incidentally, has probably capitalized his adventures more profitably than any other writing fisherman.

Among the celebrity hunters and fishermen, too, are Amos 'n' Andy and Courtney Ryley Cooper. Each has the distinction of having a fly named in his honor. Amos 'n' Andy missed their only broadcast by poor timing on a day's hunt. Cooper has a fishing lodge, or is it villa? (Sometimes I think I try too hard) on the east coast of Florida, to which he flies to think up another yarn after one is finished.

Some of the most interesting evenings in New York are the small dinner parties given by the Walter Damrosche—around the open hearth affairs where ordinary talk is admitted to bob up next day serene, smiling and exploiting his Occident accent and courtly old world manners.

But eventually he tired of being curfed about, and vanished. There were rumors he had gone abroad, to South America, to Hollywood. But recently he was recognized along a country road near Fredericksburg with a post hole digger over his shoulder and a sack of salt in his hand.

He professes to have gone completely rural and wants no more of the camaraderie of the cafes. But Broadway smiles. It knows he will be back, slick and smiling, the hemlock to the flame. For there's no other place in the world so tolerant of the Prince Mike of the world.

Herman Patrick Tappe in closing his 57th street dressmaking and millinery shop, removed for a few weeks a dominant figure in the style scene. But he has opened up a new shop at 125th Street. The name Tappe has a Frenchified sound and Tappe has the exquisite manners of the Paris salons. Although he was born in Sidney, O., where his generation remembered him as a temperamental boy given to dressing his sister's dolls, he has fashioned himself for many notables in society. Whether for instance, was Tappe customer from her 12th birthday when he tried of a shop he merely closes up and goes to Europe awhile.

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Comment

on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news pattern, on the day these words are written, is varied; but, as usual, the war news dominates the picture. When war is in the offing, anywhere in the world, news of it ALWAYS dominates the picture.

War is the greatest of human calamities, and calamities are always big news.

THIS word comes from Rome, after the diplomatic jockeying of the past week or so: "Premier Mussolini, of Italy, scoring to reply to the now-dead Franco-British proposals for peace, directed his Blackshirt troops to proceed with their campaign of conquest in Ethiopia today."

That is to say, if he can't get what he wants without fighting for it, he'll FIGHT FOR IT. Dictators are that way.

FROM war to weather is an easy jump. As to weather, the headlines say: "Winter's Icy Hand Felt in Much of U. S."

Well, as the old saying goes: "When the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen."

The days have begun to lengthen again, marking the turn of another year.

"THE INFORMER," starring Victor McLaglen, is held by the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures to have been the best movie made anywhere during 1935.

Based upon popular approval, and not pure excellence, the board named the following pictures, in the order given, as the year's best: David Copperfield, Mutiny on the Bounty, The Informer, Lives of a Bengal Lancer, Top Hat, Midsummer Night's Dream, Naughty Marietta, Les Miserables, Anna Karenina and Ruggles of Red Gap.

Good pictures, all of them—good clean action or good clean fun. If these are indeed the year's outstanding pictures, as the National Board of Review says, much of the criticism leveled at the movies in recent years no longer applies.

IN THESE modern days, selection of the outstanding pictures of the year is a bit of news that crabbies the front pages everywhere.

A generation ago the movies were a joke, and two generations ago they were unknown. What wonderful things, do you suppose, does the NEXA GENERATION hold for us?

HERE is an interesting thought: Electricity, with all its amazing developments and related developments, which have utterly revolutionized human life and made this an infinitely pleasanter world to live in, lightning drudgery and amazingly increasing production, is a relatively recent discovery.

Yet electricity existed in the world ten thousand years ago, just as it exists today. Human brains just weren't good enough then to recognize it and put it to work.

WHAT other tremendous things, capable of working as great changes in the life of the future as electricity has worked in the life of the present, lie under our feet, unrecognized and unknown because human brains are not yet GOOD ENOUGH?

Another example: Thomas Edison spent years discovering the electric light, and when he had it he did not know what to do with it. Every lamp that ever was known sat on its base and the light or flame above it was carried around, but of what practical use was this peaky thing that had to have two wires attached to it? Edison did not solve the problem; it took the idle curiosity of one of his chore boys to find out that the thing would work just as good upside down and that it could be hung up by its two wires.

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Communications

Tax Notice to Employers

To the Editor: Perhaps many employers of labor do not realize that beginning January 1, 1936, it will be necessary for them to keep a complete record of employees to be compiled from their payroll record.

No special form of payroll has been prescribed by the department but the employer must be prepared to show his gross payroll and his taxable payroll as well as the number of persons employed from time to time and an individual record of each employee.

First. The employer is subject to an unemployment insurance tax of 1 per cent to 3 per cent graduated from January 1, 1936, to 1938, and 3 per cent thereafter. This is an excise tax on employers of eight or more persons, the tax payable to the federal government where the state has not created a like tax. If the state has provided for unemployment insurance conforming to federal requirements, 90 per cent of the federal tax remains with the state administrators and 10 per cent only is to be remitted to the federal government.

The second is an employer's retirement benefit tax based on total payroll graduated from 1 per cent beginning January 1, 1937, to 3 per cent in 1949, to be deducted from employees' wages and for which the employer is responsible.

The personal record of the employee provides information necessary to determine the individual's eligibility for insurance and benefits provided by the act.

To provide this individual information, two forms will be necessary. The information to be compiled from the employer's time books and payroll.

Our state law subjects employers to four or more persons to the insurance tax, also to the retirement benefit tax with no contribution to be made by the employee.

These social security laws and which the above taxes are assessed and

rather complicated and I am calling attention to requirements so that payroll information may be considered and provided for as the employer may find it necessary to do. E. M. WILSON. Medford, Dec. 23.

Tribute to Senator Schall To the Editor: One by one in tragic succession, do America's valiant sons take their places among the immortals. Strike the beginning of this administration, four great patriots have been removed from public service by "murder and sudden death." In less than four years, four United States senators have been removed from the political arena.

It is significant that these four senators, Bronson Cutting, Thomas Walsh, Huey P. Long and Thomas B. Schall were by no means affiliated with either of the major parties and they were sent to congress from the east, west, south and northern portions of our great country. They had one main objective which they shared in common, as each was a staunch defender of the interests of the American people as a whole, against the tyranny of private monopoly on the one hand and Soviet subversion of our republic on the other hand.

Desperately we need these men and all who share their qualities of courage and integrity, in the crisis of the next election and the grim necessity to state our war. Whether foreign or civil war endanger in this ruthless game, the cause is ever the same. The prime movers of the pawns of war are the international financiers, masters of exploitation and intrigue that they are, who manipulate "gentlemen's agreements" from behind the scenes of our government.

Against these sinister forces, the late Senator Schall fought long and ably. Undismayed by the handicap of blindness, he and his wife studied law together that they might more effectively serve America in the hour of her great need.

Early in Senator Schall's career, he helped to save the forests of northern Minnesota from the spoliation of the lumber barons, and now this beautiful region of lakes and forests has become an international playground between two friendly nations.

So today, fringing the shores of northern lakes, innumerable shafts of living green life strive against the blue and in the cold silence of the Christmas season, the choir of a "forest primeval" sings a requiem to this man.

The late Senator Thomas D. Schall needs no other monument erected to his memory.

ARIEL BURTON POMEROY, Old Stage Road, Central Point, Dec. 23.

Finance Versus Mechanics. To the Editor: There is one phase of the Townsend controversy that I do not understand and that is this: That in the face of the well-known fact that every new idea or invention as far back as we can trace history, has been declared impossible and poohpoohed as silly, there still is a large part of the supposedly brainy and progressive part of our business population that does the same thing to the Townsend movement.

No idea or invention ever was perfect in its first shape. In fact most of them that we can remember were pretty crude affairs and some of them did not even work on first trial. I have in mind two illustrations: Take the rail (railroad idea). The first trial was an ordinary wagon wheel run on a wide plank, and the idea was of no practical value because the wheel would run off the plank. The "know-it-all" said "I told you so"—but when some half-wit hit on the idea of putting a flange on that wheel, lo and behold, the whole problem was solved—but no one ever thought of a flange until after the first idea was tried. Today that flange has been the basis of one of the most exact scientific investigations and perfection that mechanical science knows.

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HOUSTON, Tex. (UP) — Prison authorities of 15 states which do not have adult probation laws will watch closely the type to be adopted by Texas under a recently adopted constitutional amendment, according to District Judge Langston G. King.

The justice was one of the leaders at the annual congress of prison officials at Atlanta, Ga., recently. "I discussed the matter with members of the National Probation association," Judge King said. "They offered to help Texas work out one of the most modern and efficient systems in the nation."

Adult probation proposals probably will not be submitted to the state legislature until the next regular session, Judge King said. Gov. James V. Alfred has promised to submit the topic to the law-making body as soon as possible, he said.

Fulton County, Ga., Judge King said, has that state's model probation system.

GREETINGS Merry Christmas To one and all. Where rain or sun May chance to fall; And thanks to those, Whatever be their, From mountain rim To oceanwide, Who help the plow, With work and song, For Good of Man.

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Montgomery Ward Messenger Robbed SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23. (AP)—Holdup men took \$3000 from a Montgomery Ward messenger as he left the building en route to a bank at noon today, police were informed.

The men, armed with pistols, accosted the messenger just as he left the building. A heavy crowd of Christmas shoppers jammed the sidewalk.

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and 120. This is not satisfactory to Mr. Roosevelt. They are trying to get together. The chances are they will not, and a fight will develop. The conflict, however, is solely a matter of technicalities.

Stronger neutrality legislation is assured.

The Townsend plan will not pass, it will, however, be extensively debated and investigated. This will advertise its economic futility and probably effect the sledge-hammer political campaign which has bumped many congressmen lately. A tricky way may be found to let members of the house vote for the McGroarty bill with the understanding that it will not go through the senate. Mr. Roosevelt would veto it, but Democratic leaders will not let it get that far.