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Editorial Correspondence

Mexico City, April 4.—A traveler in Mexico would never suspect the country to be engaged in war. In fact, the military is far less in evidence now than was true 16 years ago when M. Rubio was "Presidente," and revolutions were daily expected.

The change in the situation is no doubt a fundamental one. A couple of decades ago social unrest was represented by the revolutionists; now it is represented by organized labor. And let it not be overlooked that organized labor, unlike that in the United States, is armed.

We're not predicting trouble. But due to the serious inflation here there is resentment and dissatisfaction in the ranks of labor and among the masses. When a ticket to a movie here costs \$5 (Mex.) and thousands of workers don't get more than that in a day, one can realize how the purchasing power of wages has tumbled.

It would not be so bad for an American worker. For \$5 (Mex.) is only about \$1 in U. S. currency. But even at that, outside of the larger cities, few Americans would pay a dollar to see a movie—and here, as in the U. S. A., the movies are the chief source of entertainment.

A simple breakfast here costs at least \$2.50 and one can't get anywhere in a taxi for less than \$2. When one's own money is worth nearly five times as much as the money represented in these prices that isn't so bad. But outside of the Mexicans fortunate enough to be working in the U. S. A. no natives enjoy that price advantage.

But Mexico, of course, is at war—one of the first Latin-American countries to follow the U. S. A. into the conflict against Germany. And Mexico has a small but fairly good army and a better air fleet. In fact, there is a squadron of some 400 Mexican planes fighting against Germany now, and from 8000 to 10,000 Mexican soldiers under their own or the American flag are doing the same.

There is no outward indication of war here, however—no planes in the air—not many, that is—no troops training or marching. As far as Mexico City is concerned the atmosphere is not one of war, but of peace, prosperity and the pursuit—INTENSE pursuit—of happiness!

And the cars—the new ones—particularly the latest ritzy sport models! Took a stroll up the Paseo de la Reforma this morning and there was a steady procession in both directions, all going like mad. Where do the cars come from? Well, they don't come from Mexico, for no automobiles are made in Mexico.

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Around the Plaza and the old St. Regis hotel—where we stayed on our first visit—the electrical advertising display reminds one of Times Square in New York in its pyrotechnic brilliance.

Not modern New York so much, however, as the New York of the gay nineties when Delmonico's and Sherry's were at their height, handsome cabs were dashing about all over the place and in Central Park near sunset Ward McAllister's "400," paraded, with two men up on the box, high stepping boys, jangling their silver chains—everything going ahead with an amazing rush!

Yes, even that typically American tempo and glamour seems to be Mexico City's today. New buildings are going up all over the townsite—large ones, too, with cranes squeaking, donkey engines puffing, and the little Indian workers carrying loads of brick on their backs—the amazing human ants carry loads of lumber as well!

We grant this is only a superficial view—what Mexico City in the grip of war prosperity LOOKS like, rather than what it may be. For, of course, the American character and the Mexican, as well as their cultures and customs, are still aeons apart.

But we insist there is that superficial resemblance. And in one sense perhaps Mexico City IS in very much the same position commercially at least that New York was in around the turn of the century.

A walk up the beautiful Paseo de la Reforma and around Chapultepec Park, through miles of palatial homes, silent and austere behind their high stone walls and elaborate (and locked!) iron grilles gates (with glimpses of gorgeous gardens within)—all that was reminiscent of New York in the days of the Vanderbilts and Goulds and Astors!

In that speeding procession one colorful figure stands out. A dusky Indian boy, white cotton pants, bright red shirt, pedaling a bicycle for all he was worth and—believe it or not!—balancing on his head a huge basket filled with what looked like vegetables—he was speeding so fast to keep up with the motor car rush we could not be sure of the contents. And both hands and feet fully occupied—not one hand on the handle bar and the other steadying the basket for him. He was going places—hell-bent!

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and primitive civilization, suddenly caught up in the dizzy whirl of a world war boom, and in spite of certain severe handicaps, especially in equipment and training, determined somehow, some way to keep up with it!!! —R.W.R.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY April 10, 1935 (It was Wednesday) Smudging occurs during early morning hours in orchards of valley.

Wedding of Nazi Air Chief Goering and actress in Berlin is great event.

Sterling mine being prepared for double yield.

Young Democrats of Oregon to demand more 'political' pie, pork, and plums.

President Roosevelt expects to have spending at peak by fall.

Posse finds man and wife snow-bound in Buck Lake cabin safe and sound.

University of Oregon students to parade Friday at Eugene in protest to war.

Fair, with light frost. High 57, low 31 degrees.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY April 10, 1925 (It was Friday)

State to take no action soon on enforcing tax on cigarettes.

Mah Jong company forced into bankruptcy by cross-word puzzle craze.

Cloudy. High 79, low 48 degrees.

High school baseball team to play Klamath Falls there Friday.

Winter wheat crop of state to be lowest in several years.

Churches of city will have special Easter musical program and services Sunday.

Phoenix ladies hold a covered dish dinner at Mrs. Stancliff's home.

Sams Valley school pupils visit Gold Hill cement plant.

Willow Springs forces ahead as vegetable producing center.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY April 10, 1911 (It was Monday)

Medford has best Commercial club in state, C. C. Chapman of Portland writes.

Grants Pass has 3879 people.

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Paper Situation To Stay Critical Long After War

New U. S. Gunsight Makes Navy Ships Poison to Planes

New York, April 10.—(U.P.)—A new anti-aircraft gunsight has made the U. S. fleet relatively invulnerable to attack by planes, the Sperry Gyroscope company announced today, with approval of the navy.

The gunsight, the announcement said, explains why there have been no more such sinkings as that of the British battle cruiser "Repulse" and the modern battleship "Prince of Wales" and why American naval forces now are able to operate within range of land-based bombers and torpedo planes.

The announcement said, American ships now are able to reach out and blast enemy dive-bombers and torpedo planes before the aircraft can go into their attack runs.

Brides of Yankees Come to U. S. Free

London, April 10.—(U.P.)—The U. S. army will provide free transportation to America for British girls married to American soldiers, European theater headquarters announced today.

Maj. G. R. MacLaughlin, assistant adjutant general in charge of the return program, estimated that 20,000 women were eligible. He said about 200 already had crossed the Atlantic at U. S. government expense.

Starlet Ann Blyth Hurt on Toboggan

San Bernardino, Calif., April 10.—(U.P.)—Ann Blyth, pretty young movie starlet, suffered a broken back in a toboggan accident yesterday at Lake Arrowhead, it was disclosed today.

Dr. R. A. Vargas, treating Miss Blyth at Ramona Community hospital here, said the actress would be hospitalized for at least six to eight weeks.

Riviera

Riviera, April 10.—Gold Hill Health Unit met at the home of Mrs. Cecilia Runyard April 2 with Mrs. Hill and Miss Helen Parish co-hostesses. Miss Parish entertained the group with moving pictures, "Defense Against Invasion." Enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames Cameron, Martin, Potter, Runyard, Carl, Arthur and Wm. Boyle, Long, Bolt, Kofahl, Gail, McDonald, Simmons, Miller, Wilson and the hostesses, Parish and Hill. Next meeting will be May 7 at the home of Mrs. Maude Martin.

C. K. Garrison et. route from Hollywood, Calif., to his home in Nebraska is spending a few days here with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson and son were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Darwin have sold their property next to the Carl Boye home and will be leaving soon.

Dinner guests at the Lloyd Miller home Easter were Mr. and Mrs. John Garrison, Mrs. Millie Walker of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gilchrist and son, Charles of Gold Hill. The occasion was also in honor of Mrs. Garrison's birthday.

Mrs. Sybil Mills of Corvallis visited at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lloyd Miller March 31 before returning to her home.

Golden Rule Sect Must Bow to AFL

Los Angeles, April 10.—(U.P.)—Christ's Church of the Golden Rule today was ordered by a war labor board panel to sign contracts with two AFL unions representing operating and maintenance employees at the continental building, owned by the church.

The sect contended its members can't join any other organization than the church, and had sought church members to work on the building staff without union affiliation.

Shirley Engaged To Rich Sergeant

Hollywood April 10.—(U.P.)—Shirley Temple, who practically grew up on the screen before the eyes of millions of Americans, flashed a two-carat engagement ring today and looked forward to becoming Mrs. John George Agar.

She announced her engagement to Agar, a sergeant in the army air forces, last night, but said they did not plan to be married for two or three years.

Morse Bill Gives GIs Equal Chance

Washington, April 10.—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse, R. Ore., today introduced a bill to make every veteran regardless of his age, eligible for the educational and retaining opportunities provided by the GI bill of rights.

Museum to Mark Slaughter Spot

The Polish commission for the investigation of German crimes plans to establish a museum on the site of the notorious Oswiecim crematorium near Krakow to "leave a record for posterity of this most scientific of all institutions for killing people."

The plan was reported in a Moscow broadcast by the embassy of the Polish provisional government.

P-T. A. Activities

Phoenix P-T.A. met at the school Friday, and elected the following new officers: President, Mrs. D. N. Christie, vice president, Mrs. Hazel Epperson; secretary, Mrs. Chester Lengele; treasurer, Mrs. Marvin Williams. They will be installed at the May meeting.

The group decided to purchase overseas caps in the school colors as regular band caps are unavailable for the duration. The band would wear the caps temporarily.

Delegates elected for the Regional P-T.A. meeting to be held in Ashland on Tuesday are Mrs. Andy Stevens, retiring president, and Mrs. Roach, L. Lindley, superintendent, spoke of his desire for the P-T.A. to back up school legislative measures and work cooperatively in furthering a better education program; that this should be the primary purpose of P-T.A. and sponsoring canning for school lunches, raising money, etc., should be secondary, even though they are necessary.

Retiring officers of P-T.A. are Mrs. Andy Stevens, president; Mrs. Floyd Holloway, vice president; Mrs. Fred Landers, secretary, and Mrs. Walter Germer, treasurer.

Tea and cookies were served by Girl Scouts who had presented a program at the beginning of the afternoon under direction of their leader, Mrs. Chester Lengele.

back that she didn't care to make the journey. Today, 33 years later, Malouf was convinced. He got a divorce.

CONVINCED AT LAST Salt Lake City, April 10.—(U.P.)—After Shable Malouf left Syria for the United States, he sent his wife, Hada, the fare to follow him. But she wrote

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"When this war is all over, Judge, there will be some mighty interesting books written about it. Expect we'll learn a lot of things we didn't know before." "Yes, Fred, when the record is finally written we'll realize what a gigantic operation this war really was and how important to final victory many factors really were." "Take, for example, just one industry. Few people realize the importance of the great work done by the beverage distillers during the war. A high government official called it 'an almost unparalleled example of the overnight conversion of an entire industry from peace to war.' He also said not so many months ago, while speaking about synthetic rubber, 'It is fair to regard the rubber manufactured to date as being almost solely the product of the beverage distilling industry.' That's the type of thing I have in mind... the way great American industries at home cooperated to help our brave fighting men abroad." "I see what you mean, Judge... a complete history of American teamwork."

Advertisement for Washable WALLPAPER by Montgomery Ward. Features an illustration of a woman and a child, and text describing the product's benefits and price (16¢ per roll).

Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Enough wealth was found in that German salt mine vault by the Third army to put a pot of gold, at both ends of everybody's rainbow, as promised by the smoother-tongued demagogues of America, at the height of the 1933 depression.

The news from Europe and from the Pacific has almost depleted our stock of Pessimism. Even some high officials admit, when cornered, that the outlook is bright! — (New Yorker) — It is no longer patriotic to have a long face, and see imaginary enemy submarines off the coast of Florida.

Upstate democratic leaders are still mad at the late legislature, for passing a bill, curbing the registrar of votes in Multnomah county. The word that Secretary Wallace, looks with favor upon the efficiency methods of former President Hoover, is not apt to soothe their wrath. The legislature needs a rebuke. They are in line for an administration scolding, for John L. Lewis' defiance of a war board order.

CAUSE AND EFFECT (Grants Pass Bulletin) "The breath of cold air felt on the backs of Grants Pass male citizens under 33 years of age Friday was caused by the visit of Col. E. V. Woolen, state director of Selective Service. He passed through here on his way to Salem after a tour of Southern Oregon."

Argentina, the recent 'good neighbor' nation, that flirted with the Nazis, while courageously battling to keep from being buried alive beneath an avalanche of American cash, has been formally whitewashed and approved by all the other republics on this side of the Atlantic. Her attendance at the Frisco conference on world security, is doubtful. She has a 'good conduct' medal but can't wear it.

The public is not much interested in the paternity suit of C. Chaplin, film funnyman, whose mustache and romances, have won world wide notice and imitation. Yesterday, the law rudely interrupted his tennis game, with a subpoena. The comedian, a British citizen, too busy throwing custard pies, to become an American citizen in 25 years, ran like a jackrabbit pursued by one of Gen. Patton's tanks.

The April weather continues nothing to brag about. It is hardly worth a civic cussing.

PUN OF THE WEEK (Pendleton East Oregonian) "The Old Lady in the Jet Bonnet gave herself a vinegar rinse shampoo yesterday. 'Some of it trickled into my ear,' she confides, 'and I do hope I won't suffer from pickled hearing.'"

"It seems to us it's just about time to bring an end to re-hashes of the legislative session." — (Klamath Falls News-Herald) — So say we all.

J. Cochran Robin and little woman have completed the construction of a nestbox in a court house lawn tree, not old enough or big enough, to undergo an operation by a tree surgeon, and become a stump. The nest has the morning sun, the afternoon shade, is warm inside, strong outside, with plenty of limbs for Junior to take his basic flying course. Mrs. Robin adores the abode, and it is handy to a wormateria.

The interior of San Francisco's granite City Hall is finished in California marble, Indiana sandstone, and Eastern oak.

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