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Talking About Peace

THERE is altogether too much talk, says Benito Mussolini, about peace these days.

The Italian premier, beetling his brows in the true strongman tradition, is vexed. He tells his subjects that it is idle to talk about peace; that there are crises in international affairs where there is no way out but war, and that only fools will suppose that talking will remedy matters.

It is quite true that more has been said and written about peace in the last year than in the whole decade preceding it. You cannot pick up any newspaper or magazine without reading some appeal for peace. It has actually become possible for an American to urge a reduction in the size of the navy without being branded as a second Benedict Arnold.

The question, however, is this—just how much good is all of this talking and writing going to do? Are we really bringing world peace nearer? Or is Mussolini right? Will there presently come a time when all of our fair words will be blown away and we shall plunge frantically into another war, as we have in the past?

The answer, of course, is—it's up to us. We can have continued peace if we really want it. War is never "inevitable." It is never, as Mussolini says, the only practical way out of a difficulty.

Considering, for instance, the situation in 1914. Looking back, it seems almost incredible that the war should have begun as it did. Nobody wanted it. Surely, no one will contend that the murder of an Austrian archduke by a Serbian fanatic made it necessary for all of Europe to go to war.

The foreign offices of the nations involved, however, were cursed with the presence of a number of gentlemen who had Mussolini's idea—the idea that war is the only way of settling a dispute between nations. So war came; and the world paid, for the blindness of those statesmen, some 5,000,000 young lives.

Now, eleven years after the close of that war, the world is talking about peace talking about it in season and out of season, until the closed minds of the Mussolinis of this world are cracked open and a little daylight seeps in to enlighten them.

We can have everlasting peace if we want it. And the only way to prove that we want it is to keep talking about it.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

ON FLAT TIRES
Toledo Blade: Writing for the Magazine of Wall Street, Theodore M. Knappen jars the complacency we have developed regarding the resources of the United States. Under the caption, "Is America Self-Sufficient," he says that at the time of the Revolution and for some decades thereafter, white America was virtually self-sufficient. The United States was 90 per cent an agricultural nation and "if some calamity had cut the young republic off from the rest of the world, it could have got on very well on the scale of living of the time with an abundance of food and clothing and ample shelter."

The writer, after long and logical discussion, arrives at the conclusion that "while no other nation is so near to independence in food stuffs, raw materials, finance, motive power and mechanical production as we," the United States is by no means now self-contained.

Of coal, wheat, corn, cotton, iron reserves and many other indispensables we have superabundance, but of tin, alloys, fertilizers, rubber, coffee and tropical fruits we have little or none. With the flow of such essentials cut off, our 25,000,000 automobiles soon would travel, if at all, on flat tires, breakfast would be sans coffee and we all could join truthfully if not tunefully in "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

THE WESTERN LAND PROBLEM

Spokane Spokesman-Review: Western senators and representatives drew the impression, from a dinner conference Tuesday with President Hoover, that as to the remaining public domain the president is concerned chiefly with seeing that it is so regulated as to protect the waterbeds and otherwise be put to practical use. Interlocked with that problem is flood control, reclamation, navigation and power development.

It seems probable that congress will be in a responsive mood. A subcommittee of the house committee on appropriations recently completed a two months' inspection of the national forests. Congressman Summers of Walla

Walla, a member, says that it came to the conviction that the national forests are of even greater value for regulation of the flow of waters from the mountain slopes than for their timber yield.

The problem, therefore, is of national interest, as the president clearly sees, and he wants a competent national commission to go into all its phases and report to him and congress. The Spokesman-Review's Washington correspondent reports that "he wants to get this commission into action right away, but is hampered by the lack of funds to defray their expenses." Congress should not delay authorization of a necessary appropriation.

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

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politician like Moses would have better judgment than to upbraid his fellow members and call them "jackasses." But he did not, and now he must pay the penalty by losing his leadership.

THE plant of the Klamath Cooperative Dairymen is now a reality. It is open for business and will be a factor in the commercial set-up of the county.

What we need here worse than anything else is the spirit of co-operation, and a leader who will give a full understanding of what co-operation means to this valley.

We need a Polhamus—the man who made such a record in Washington state. He took Payallup valley when it was of little consequence and made it rich. He did it by teaching the farmer he can not stand alone, but that he must co-operate in selling and buying. Polhamus was a hard master sometimes, in the minds of many farmers. Time and again they organized to de-throne him, but he always came out on top because he made the farmers prosperous. He was a boss, but he was a successful boss. That is the kind of a man we need here right now.

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"Those who have the cynical approach to life should examine themselves that they are not to blame for their warped lot."—Rev. Joseph R. Stooz, Washington.

"My job has always been to take care of Mr. Edison. . . . We always put his work first—all of us."—Mrs. Thomas A. Edison.

"Prejudices disappear by knowledge, by understanding. Understanding leads us from intolerance to tolerance, and then later from tolerance to equality."—Rabbi Lee J. Levinger. (American Legion Monthly.)

"Whatever the young people do if you took equal numbers of rich girls and of others in moderate circumstances, you would find among the latter infinitely more contentment, greater freedom, and truer happiness."—Marjorie Oelrichs.

Today's Variety Bazaar

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- HORIZONTAL**
- 43 To leave out.
 - 1 To drive in.
 - 3 Wrath.
 - 8 Tree.
 - 12 Pitcher.
 - 13 To put on.
 - 14 To redact.
 - 15 Singing voice.
 - 16 Aurora.
 - 17 Rodent.
 - 18 To vitify.
 - 21 Done by hand.
 - 24 Itinerant.
 - 25 Excuse.
 - 29 To hate.
 - 30 To abhor.
 - 32 Equable.
 - 33 More willing.
 - 35 Granted facts.
 - 36 Seed bag.
 - 39 100 sq. rods.
- VERTICAL**
- 7 To follow.
 - 1 Beverage.
 - 2 Shoemaker's.
 - 3 tool.
 - 3 Encountered.
 - 4 To bulge.
 - 5 Pattern.
 - 6 A cross.
 - 7 To follow.
 - 8 To re-echo.
 - 9 Stir.
 - 10 Sesame.
 - 11 Supped.
 - 19 To lift up.
 - 20 Box.
 - 21 Crazy.
 - 22 Beer.
 - 23 Insect's egg.
 - 25 Exclamation.
 - 26 To bow.
 - 27 To attempt.
 - 31 Candle.
 - 32 Took the part of.
 - 34 Pigeon.
 - 35 Period.
 - 36 Wine vessel.
 - 37 To career.
 - 40 Fish.
 - 41 Carpet.
 - 42 Sooner than.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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CASCADES BLANKETED.

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 13. (A.P.)—Eight inches of snow fell on the McKennis Pass and a warning was posted today by state highway officials for motorists in the region to use chains as the snow melts during afternoons and causes the road to become slippery. The Cascade mountains are blanketed with snow.

VICTIM OF FOOTBALL.

SPIRO, Okla., Nov. 13. (AP)—Johnny McLain, 17, quarterback of the Spiro high school football team is dead of concussion of the brain suffered in a game between the Spiro and Talihina schools yesterday. McLain, who weighs only 110 pounds was injured in tackling a much larger player.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Uncle Andrew Mellon Is Not Happy—The Great Stock Market Crash Came Just a Few Days After It Had Been Definitely Announced That He was Not Going to Resign

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—It's a sad world and at the moment nothing in it seems much sadder than the case of Uncle Andrew Mellon, the second or third richest man in the world.

To goodness knows how many flattened stock market speculators Uncle Mellon has suddenly become a fallen idol. There was, you may recall, a suspicion rife in the land that as long as Uncle Mellon remained in charge of the national finances nothing could happen to business and the stock market but bigger profits and better prices.

Suddenly Mr. Hoover stamped down on those annoying reports with the public announcement that Uncle Mellon would serve out his four-year term as secretary. The explanation was that this announcement would serve to make Wall Street happy and encourage investors. After that, everything was supposed to be rosy in the world of commerce and finance.

And Then It Happened
After that, as a matter of fact, came the deluge. Within a fortnight after the country had been reassured about Uncle Mellon the stock market plunged into the grandest series of crashes in its history. It couldn't have been any worse had the secretary been summarily fired. Of course you can't blame it on "the greatest secretary of the treasury since Hamilton," but it does seem to have punctured what might be called the Mellon myth.

Uncle Mellon remains a remarkable man for all that. He is going to serve 12 years at the head of the treasury, breaking all records. And the strangest part of it is that in the last eight years he has been subjected to a steeper and more vigorous stream of criticism than any other cabinet member who can be recalled. The Mellon critics never let up. There is little of which he hasn't been accused. Various attempts have been made to force him out. And yet here he is, still active in his 76th year and holding onto his dearly beloved job like grim death.

Mr. Hoover, there is every good reason to believe, had expected Uncle Mellon to resign within a year after satisfaction of his playful ambition to serve under three presidents. All the

boys "close to Hoover," on and off the White House payroll, seemed to agree about that. They were pretty well agreed as to whom Hoover had picked to succeed him. As time went on, however, some began to express the fear that Uncle Mellon might forget.

Now one story is that he suddenly grew very sour about these constant rumors of his impending resignation and went right over to the White House about it. And that the president hastily assured him that nothing was further from the presidential mind than the hope that he would quit. Because, after all, Uncle Mellon is a very powerful person and it would not do Mr. Hoover the least bit of good to have him walk out in a huff. It might even have seriously disturbed the stock market. So Mr. Hoover announced to the world that Mr. Mellon was in until 1933.

Another current explanation—and perhaps a more likely one—is that, as Mr. Hoover began to override his policies and push him farther and farther into the background, Uncle Mellon began to freeze him. He missed some cabinet meetings and sat silent and grim at others. Thus he got Mr. Hoover to worrying until the president decided the best thing to do was to make that announcement.

Up to that time it looked as if Mellon had kept his job but lost all his tail feathers. Hoover had been boldly snubbing him. Mellon had defied many senators for years with his policy of secrecy for tax refunds. After ten days in office Hoover stood Mellon on his head by declaring a policy of publicity. Mellon declared against appointment of Robert H. Lucas as commissioner of internal revenue and Hoover promptly appointed Lucas. Mellon said one thing about the impossibility of tax reduction and Hoover said another. Mellon said France would be given more time to pay her \$400,000,000 debt due last summer and Hoover said it couldn't be done. Mellon recommended one man to be assistant secretary of the treasury and Hoover appointed someone else.

And Now We'll See
These and other things ranked with Uncle Mellon and strengthened the rumors of his prospective resignation. It almost seemed as if Mr. Hoover were implying to Mr. Mellon that the days of his power and glory were over and that the sooner he resigned the better.

Further developments in the relations between Hoover and Mellon will be interesting and possibly instructive. The president probably is thinking how lucky it is that he didn't let Uncle Mellon out just before the crash came to Wall Street. Otherwise Wall Street would now be piling the blame high on the White House steps.

An innovation in tooth brushes finds a tube of dental floss in the handle.

Secretary Good Put Under Knife

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—Secretary Good of the war department was stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis late last night and was taken to Walter Reed hospital for an immediate operation.

Secretary Wilbur of the interior department and Dr. Joe T. Boone, the White House physician, went into consultation with Walter Reed hospital physicians and decided to operate this morning.

Some time ago Secretary Good was taken to the hospital for observation but he was released when no extremely serious symptoms were disclosed.

Secretary Wilbur is a physician.

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