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EDITORIALS

## Reviewing The News

### THE EYE-OPENING OF AN ISOLATIONIST

Senator Taft, who wants to run for President, has evidently abandoned the fatal philosophy which he and Wheeler and Bob Reynolds and Johnson, and the other isolationists preached so vehemently before Pearl Harbor.

In a late speech Senator Taft says:

"Punishment and disarmament of the Axis, after victory by the United Nations, will insure peace for many years, and that the safety of the United States can be assured by maintaining so large an Army, Navy and Air Force that no nation will dare think of attacking us."

Since America has been attacked, and thousands of our young men have met their deaths—due to our pitiful unpreparedness—the gang who voted against every measure of sensible defense are now becoming chauvinistic in their belated patriotism.

It was the policy of President Roosevelt and his administration, and of all forward-seeing Americans, before we got into this terrible war, to make the army, navy and air forces so strong no nation would dare attack us.

But every gesture made toward adequate defense was opposed strongly in the Congress by Taft, Bob Reynolds, Hiram Johnson, Vandenberg, etc.

This Roosevelt-hating clique of synthetic statesmen voted consistently against increasing the army, building a great air force, enlarging the navy, lend-lease, arming the merchantmen, fortifying Guam—voted consistently against anything to make America the strong nation that Senator Taft now desires.

Led by the vengeful Wheeler and the malicious Nye, the isolationists became a defeatist bloc whose record will go down in history to the eternal infamy of its members.

Japan would never have attacked the United States if we had been even on the way to the powerful preparedness now being sponsored by the sinister group.

Senator Taft who hopelessly aspires to the Presidency, and Senator Reynolds who would now be glad if patriotic North Carolinians could forget his record of misrepresentation in the Congress, will do well to keep in mind that baleful line in the Book of Daniel which reads:

"MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN."

At least that part of it which says something about being "weighed in the balances."

### THE BOY FAR FROM HOME

Next to a letter from home folks, the boy in camp or far from home in distant lands, had rather see the old home paper and read the news from old Stokes, than anything else.

The Reporter is now being sent to a large number of our boys and they write us that it is immensely enjoyed.

Whether your boy is in camp or in the Pacific, Iceland, Africa or whatnot, the Reporter will be sent to him a year for one dollar, or six months for fifty cents.

### WHAT ABOUT THE GERMAN PEOPLE?

As the war swings into its fifth year of horror and sweat and tears, of blood and nameless destruction, and as the Axis is unquestionably soon to face its approaching doom, you begin to hear:

What about the German people when the settlement comes—shall they escape their responsibility?

One European writer says:

"The millions of German people cannot be brought before criminal courts as collective accomplices in Hitler's crimes," etc. And that, moreover, "would be false politically."

A dispatch from London says:

"The issue of whether or not the German people are to be held equally responsible with the Nazi Party for the war and for war crimes is expected to be one of the most hotly debated at the Trade Union Congress which opens Sept. 6."

We hope and we believe it will be the policy of the Allies that the German people—the sponsors of practically all wars in the last century to enslave other people—should pay to their last farthing, over centuries of enforced labors, the cost of the war, by the money they save through complete disarmament and by a system of relentless taxation imposed by their conquerors.

The Kaiser and the Fuehrer could never have launched their campaigns to subjugate free populations if they had not been backed to the fullest measure by the German people.

Let the chief criminals who have led the ruthless murder of Poland and France and Denmark expiate their crimes on the scaffold or before the firing squad and let their sponsors pay in goods and chattels and taxation for their one hundred per cent. complacency.

And let the proud and insolent Prussian spirit be brought down to the dust and forever incapacitated to again stab the peace of the world.

### SEPTEMBER HATH ITS CHARMS

It is true that September is tinted with amber and tintured with melancholy;

The locust leaves begin to slowly flutter to the ground, and the lovely companions of the last rose of summer have faded and gone; the jay-bird in the blackjack shrieks of early frost, and as we look over the quiet autumn field "tears, idle tears rise in the heart as we think of the days that are no more;"

Yet there is charm in the visit of this ninth month, which is the month of fullness and ripeness and of satisfying fruition.

For now is the time of purple muscadines clustering in the thicket, and of ripening pumpkins down in the bottom. Squirrels romp through the big woods and rabbits scamper in the hedges. And now soon is coming the harvest moon in all its glamour and glory. And 'possums—ah, me.

The fodder is pulled and the corn is hardening in the shuck. The hay is in the stack and the 'taters are dug. The gold leaves are safely housed, and the fires banked in the flues.

Soon the big warehouse doors will swing ajar as the trucks and wagons crowd in, and the song of the auctioneer will send a thrill through the hearts of the happy farmers.

Yes, September hath its charms.

### THE CEILING COMMITTEE FLOORED?

The committee who went to Washington last week to get the OPA to raise the ceiling on tobacco from 41 cents to 48, did not brilliantly succeed.

The high-ups told them they (the high-ups) were not in position to do much about it, hinting that to raise the ceiling on this tobacco might cause other ceilings to want to be raised, if they raised one they would be asked sure to raise others, that they were trying to keep the door shut on inflation, etc., etc.

The committee was not deeply impressed by the courtesy and consideration handed them by Mr. Hutson, who was rather too busy to be fooling with it, anyhow.

Seems like a case of beaureaucratic indifference and hauteur, or the "insolence of office" mentioned by Hamlet.

But it was a distinguished committee that went up and did their best for the farmers. In the crowd were Congressmen John Folger and Coolley, the Governors of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, Sheriff John Taylor of Stokes, Warehouseman Everett Matthews of Forsyth and others.

By the way, the meeting between the three Governors was said to be very cordial, especially that between the Governors of North Carolina and South Carolina. But whether their felicity reached the traditional and historical degree, we do not know.

The Governor of Virginia is dry.

### A UBIQUITOUS PEST

Changes of season often go a long way toward eliminating pains to the anatomy suffered by tired and oppressed humanity.

For instance the advent of cooler weather must happily necessitate us no longer to listen to that monotonous and pestiferous question:

"Is it hot enough for you?"

But it is feared that no weather conditions or any other innovation of thing, time or space can ever provide us alleviation from the acute gripe bestowed by the cheerful and optimistic creature who so perpetually, and automatically and moronically, even if you favor him ten thousand time a day, answers:

"Thanks a lot."

### AN 8-MILLION MYTH

The Axis report that Hitler has 8 million soldiers massed on his fronts to meet an Allied invasion is a big lie.

The Germans are on the defensive everywhere and on a fast retreat out of Russia where they are being terribly smashed.

Why does not Hitler use some of his boasted reserves to stop the Russian steam roller?