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EDITORIALS

The Passing Show of '43

WHAT TELL'S THE MATTER WITH RUSSIA?

Russia is continually mouthing and sulking about our not opening a second front in western Europe, and throwing a million or two of our boys into the battle against Germany in order to release 50 or 100 of Hitler's divisions from the Russian front.

The Russian government has given out the impression to the world that the United States and England are guilty of a false friendship in letting Russia down.

Now wait a minute, Mr. Stalin, let's recall a few facts:

It isn't our fault that you have lost so many of your brave men fighting Germany.

It was the Russian treaty with Germany that started the German invasion of Poland and the present war. It was the subsequent invasion of Russia by Germany that brought Russia into the war.

When England was reeling and all the world was gasping for the fate of Democracy did you send men and munitions to England's help?

You did not, but you sat pretty.

You did not get into this war to save Democracy. You got in it because you were dragged in, same as we were.

We are not fighting this war to save Russia any more than you are fighting to save us.

We are both fighting to save our necks.

In the natural course of events you became our ally and we yours.

We have sent billions of help to Russia in the form of planes and tanks and all kinds of war supplies and have sacrificed the lives of hundreds of American seaman to get them there.

Our great and growing air forces have helped blast down German cities and destroy German production which otherwise would have been used against Russia. We have transported great armies now threatening the Germans on the western front and halted many thousands of German soldiers who otherwise would be reinforcing German divisions on the Russian front.

Thus much we are in accord with Russia.

We are not in accord to the degree that Russia is giving us any help in our war against Japan. We are not in accord to the extent that Russia would permit American planes to use Russian bases to bomb Rumanian oil fields, thereby costing us the lives of 100 airmen.

The degree of accord is limited by Russia's performances, not by ours. We have gone all the way.

But when Russia suggested that we throw away a million American lives to save a million Russian lives, we couldn't see it. Our military men will invade Europe when and where, in their judgment, the attack is justified. We will not charge romantically across the channel waving pennants like the knights of the middle ages chasing the heathen Turks.

The United States and England are fighting a global war on a dozen fronts. Russia is fighting only in Russia and against a nation she outnumbered almost three to one.

WHEN RUSSIA OPENS A SECOND FRONT FOR US AGAINST JAPAN she then has a right to talk about a second front against Germany

TRUMPETS OF DOOM

Terrible things (for Germany and Japan) are happening now on the war fronts.

Italy has surrendered unconditionally. The British 8th army is moving up the peninsula, almost unopposed. The American 7th army is landing on the west coasts. Standing by in North Africa and Sicily are the American 1st and 5th armies, the British 5th army, and the French army (recently armed by the allies).

Further down the Mediterranean are the British 9th and 10th armies. An army consists of about 150,000 men. The French army in Africa numbers 300,000. The above-mentioned forces will number around 1,350,000 men.

In England are large armies of British and American troops—no one knows how many.

The Italian fleet is now in control of the allies.

The cities and production plants of Germany are being pulverized day and night.

Russia has cleaned out the Germans from the Donets Basin and is driving the Hitler forces back to the Dneiper river with terrible losses in men and supplies.

The allies have a vast superiority in the air and on the water everywhere.

In the Pacific the forces of Gen. MacArthur continuously defeat the Jap on land, sea and air.

With the Italian fleet now in the hands of the British and Americans, large forces of these navies can be released for service in the Pacific which spells bad for the Japs, whose fleets have already been battered to half its former strength by the Americans.

The situation for the Axis is now conceded to be hopeless by all competent military authorities everywhere.

The case of Germany very closely resembles that of the summer of 1918, preceding its collapse three months later.

BONDS OVER AMERICA

In lower Manhattan where George Washington took the oath as president, stands his statue on the steps of the Sub-Treasury, a monument to our fiscal security.

G. Washington



In Belgium the Nazis now are selling property confiscated from loyal Belgians to residents cooperating with their Nazi masters further complicating the fiscal affairs of that troubled land.

Help Yourself Buy War Bonds

as a matter of reciprocity. In the meantime we'll fight our own war for our own salvation.

This editorial is written in collaboration with an article in the International Teamster, which is true and to the point.

THE ROCK OF AGES

The old-fashioned faith of the Christian readers of the Winston-Salem Journal has doubtless been entirely destroyed by the conclusion reached by one Mr. Nichols who in late issues of that paper has let it be known to a startled world that the doctrine of the immortality of the soul is a myth, and that when we die we revert to that insensate nothingness from which we sprung, just like all other animals do.

Mr. Nichols does not require copious and exhaustive evidence to reach his decision on such a stupendous question. He has read somewhere that the vivisection of a monkey shows that its brain is identical in its physical structure to that of a human being.

The doctrine of the immortality of the soul is as old as the time when the morning stars first sang together. It is older than civilization. Prehistoric man believed in a Supreme Being, and that somewhere we lived again after death.

The greatest of modern scientists believe in a Supreme Intelligence, which may be called Nature, or God. The author of the Origin of Species believed in God, and spent a lifetime studying the miracle of creation. He established the monkey hypothesis, but before his death he admitted that the theory of evolution admitted of doubt, and he wrote Asa Gray:

"I feel most deeply that this whole question of Creation is too profound for the human intellect. A dog might as well speculate on the mind of Newton. Let each man hope and believe what he can."

Evolution is now widely accepted but even the most advanced scientists do not dispute the fact that whereas man may have evolved from lower types of life, that does not necessarily preclude the immortality of his soul. Only the apes of Darwin accept the theory in toto without further evidence.

There are many things in Heaven and earth, perhaps yet undreamed of in our philosophies, and science has much to find out yet. Its greatest discovery—radioactivity—is a thing of quite recent years. If science is not able yet to distinguish between man and monkey, maybe God can. But to those who are so hasty as to admit their grandfathers were chimpanzees, far be it from the Church and the Christian people to deprive them of the honor.

That part of the Bible which science admits is historically authentic, declares that there is a God and that He created man with a living soul which is immortal. Thus is forged the chain of evidence, which cannot be broken.

Voltaire and after him Rousseau and after him Tom Paine undertook to destroy men's faith in the Bible.

Later Darwin came out with his monkey theories (which the exorcised Journal correspondent has evidently lately read). A number of lesser lights later disseminated the Darwin doctrine, among them Spencer and Huxley, and the news drifted across the Atlantic to encoil Bob Ingersoll and Elbert Hubbard.

These critics are dead now and forgotten, but the Bible lives on in its beauty and strength and comfort and truth, standing as the immovable Rock of Ages, unshaken by the waves of slander and unbelief which dash themselves into foam and spray at its base.

Today the Bible is the most widely read and circulated book in the world, and recently on account of shortages of paper and scarce labor, it had to be rationed.