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Communism vs. Fascism

TWO concepts of government, both relying upon force, are warring for control of the world. They are Communism and Fascism. The present civil war in Spain is distinctly a war between these two forces. When Spain rose in rebellion against its ancient monarchy and expelled its King, the idea of the leaders of the revolution was to set up a democratic form of government, a republic somewhat on American lines.

The Spanish people, having never had any experience or training in self-government, fell an easy prey to the Communist propaganda, and two years ago the government got into Communist hands. Now the leaders of the anti-monarchist revolution are in rebellion against the Communist government, seeking to set up another sort of dictatorship, of the type to which Mussolini gave the name of Fascism.

It has been Europe's experience that only a dictatorship can overcome Communism, once that doctrine has taken root among the masses. Communism is international. From Moscow the effort is unceasing to stir up discontent all over the world and convert the workers to its program of seizure of power by force. The first nation to feel this influence after the World War was Italy. Communism threatened the throne and the church. Mussolini's bold seizure of power was a successful effort, with King and Church giving tacit encouragement, to resist force with force and set up a stable government.

Hitler's rise to power in Germany came about in much the same way. A Communist uprising was imminent among the impoverished German people. Hitler seized the opportunity to gain control of the government and its armed forces, and has brought a semblance of internal order, though at a frightful cost not only in human lives but in the suppression of human liberties.

We in America want neither Communism nor Fascism. We have learned how to operate a democracy and we will sustain it.—Selected.

Peace or War?

IN addressing the third World Power Conference at Washington the Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, remarked that "unfortunately, a vastly disproportionate share of the skill and energy of scientists and statesmen alike is being devoted now in many parts of the world to the creation and organization of forces of destruction."

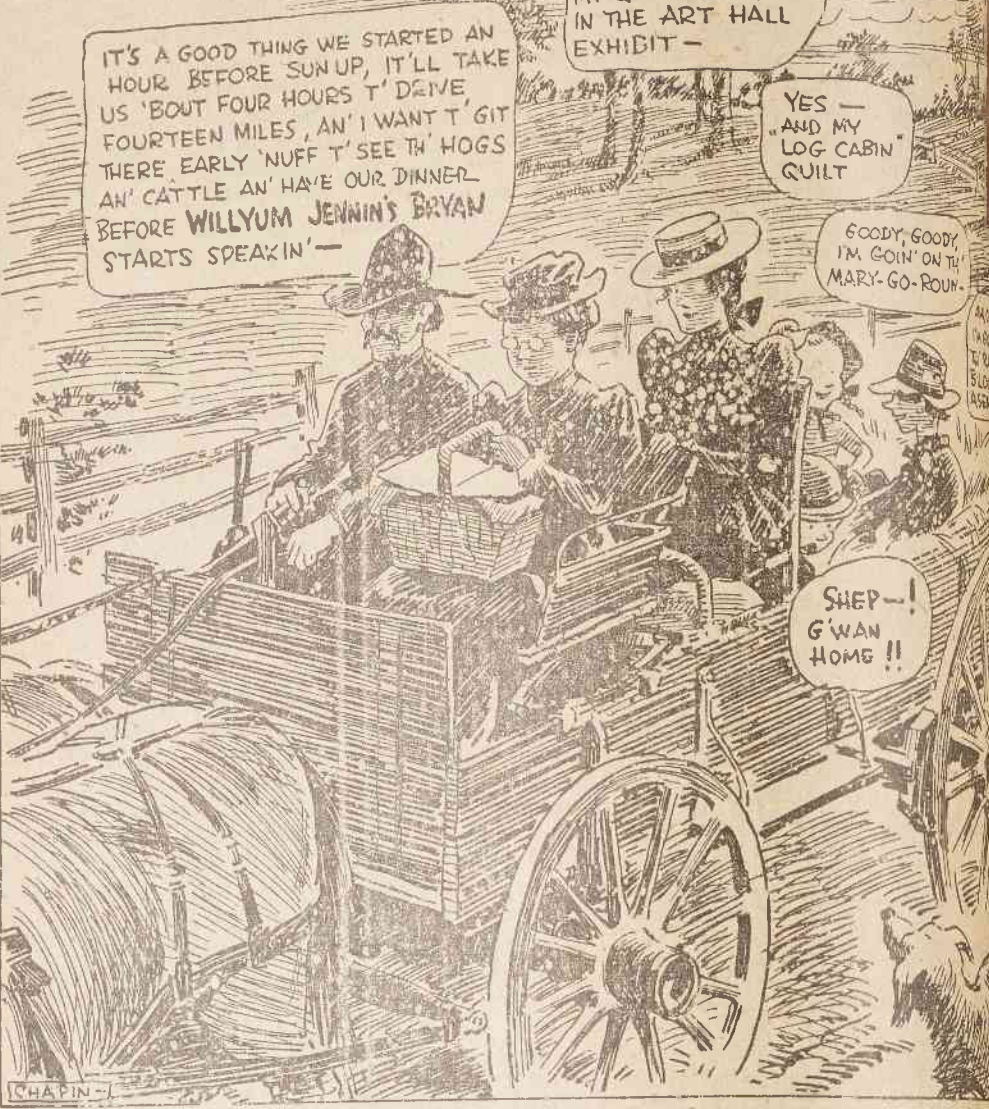
Every thoughtful person with even a slight understanding of the forces which seem to be driving toward another world war will agree with Secretary Hull in deploring the activities of governments and leaders who, under the guise of preparing for national defenses, are stimulating the war spirit and preparing to plunge civilization into chaos.

It has lately been reported that so many of the German people are engaged in the manufacture of arms and munitions of war that an illusion of prosperity has been created. To what end is suggested by the recent remarks of Chancellor Hitler, in which he suggested what Germany might do if she possessed the mineral and agricultural resources of

Memories

by A. B. Chapin

THE EARLY MORNING START FOR THE COUNTY FAIR



IT'S A GOOD THING WE STARTED AN HOUR BEFORE SUN UP, IT'LL TAKE US 'BOUT FOUR HOURS T' DRIVE FOURTEEN MILES, AN' I WANT T' GIT THERE EARLY 'NUFF T' SEE TH' HOGS AN' CATTLE AN' HAVE OUR DINNER BEFORE WILLYUM JENNIN'S BRYAN STARTS SPEAKIN'—

I WANT TO GET THERE EARLY, TOO, SO I CAN ENTER MY QUINCE PRESERVE IN THE ART HALL EXHIBIT—

YES—AND MY LOG CABIN QUILT

GOODY, GOODY, I'M GOIN' ON TH' MARY-GO-ROUN—

SHEP—! G'WAN HOME !!

Russia. That, coupled with his demand for a return of the German colonies taken away by the Treaty of Versailles, comes very close to being an actual threat of war.

Russia today has the largest standing army ever known in the history of the world and one of the best equipped. Russia fears attack both from the West and from the East. Japan is reaching farther Northward and Westward from Manchuria, and the day seems not far off when the Soviet Republic will be fighting for its life on both fronts. Italy and France both seem to be watching for the time and the opportunity to dismember Spain and parcel it out between them. Britain's colonial empire is threatened by all of those developments. In the event of another great war, it seems impossible that England can stay out. And it is far from impossible that the United States would also find itself involved.

If ever the times called for the utmost exertions in the name of peace, it is now.—Selected.

Soon We'll All Be Flying

THIS has been a great season for flyers. In one week in early September two record-breaking flights were made across the Atlantic. Two men, Dick Merrill, a veteran air pilot, and Harry Richman, an actor, crossed from Newfoundland to Wales in ten hours, the fastest time yet for a trans-oceanic flight. A few days later a young English-woman, Mrs. Beryl Markham, became the first woman to make a solo flight across the Atlantic from East to West.

New air speed records have been made in the past few weeks, and women fliers have made some of them. A new record of 14 hours, 54 minutes and 49 seconds for the flight across the continent, from New York to Los Angeles, was made by two women, Mrs. Louise Thaden of Bentonville, Ark., and Mrs. Blanche Noyes of Memphis, and another woman, Miss Laura Ingall, finished second in the race, less than an hour behind the winners.

Among fliers and those interested in the promotion of commercial aviation, all the talk these days is of the time, not far in the future, when regular air service will be established across the Atlantic. The French government announced a couple of weeks ago a prize of a million francs—\$66,000—for the winner in an air race from New York to Paris on the tenth anniversary of Col. Lindbergh's great feat, May 21, 1937. The British government and the great Imperial Airways are cooperating with our own government and the largest American air navigation system, to find the best route and design the best planes for mail and passenger service across the "Big Pond."—Selected.

Muse's Corn

"Uncle" Jess Cole

White wings, white wings
In swift, directed flight;
Coming for the soul of a
In stillness of the night
White wings, white wings
Scaling heavenly heights;
Bearing the soul of Uncle
Into perpetual light.

White wings, white wings
Up to the throne of God,
And show to the Lord the
That tilled His own good
Show him the hands that
To the sick as life grew
And Christ will plead the
Jesse,
Ministered unto Him.

White wings, white wings
robe,
Prepared for the redemption
Robe that is washed in
of the lamb,
Shining, spotlessly clean.
Let him sing with you the
Which none may ever know
Save those whose garments
White as the driven snow
—Norville

Asheville, N. C.
September, 1936.

Bulletin Tells Town Figure Crop Cost

Farmers who wish to figure production costs more accurately will be helped by a bulletin issued by the N. C. agricultural experiment station.

The bulletin, prepared by Green, research assistant in management, shows how to figure for various crops representative North Carolina crops.

It also shows how to determine the amount of fertilizer he can profitably apply to increase the yield. At a certain point, additional fertilizer will cost more than the increase in worth.

Experiment station bulletin 305, "Cost of Producing Fertilizer in North Carolina," obtained free by writing cultural editor at State Raleigh.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express appreciation for the kindness and words of sympathy extended to us during illness and death of our wife and mother.

J. M. M.
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