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Cause For Concern

Adolf Hitler's drive to enslave the world is not the only serious threat to civilization today. There is another threat, a threat that can be observed right here in this little town, thousands of miles removed from the turmoil and strife now being shared by millions. The threat is found in our indifference to the basic things in life. In trying to understand the fall of France we look vainly to the military, overlooking the indifference of the French leaders and their followers to the basic ideals of life.

Day by day we follow the course of events as they transpire in the air and on the battlefield thousands of miles away. We somehow or other hope longingly that the tide of barbarism will be checked, that humanity will be made no longer to suffer and that mad men may see the futility of their efforts and error of their ways.

All the while we express a hope for the helpless across the sea, we are inviting and courting disaster at home. Count the number of church attendants, and choose any church you wish in doing it. Compare the sums spent in our mad rush for pleasure with the meager support pledged to the church. Stop and think, how the things that should be first are placed last, and the last things are placed first. That's bad enough within itself, but in our present frame of mind, we entertain the idea that it is all right to satisfy our greed and mad pleasures first and leave the drippings for other things that are worthwhile, things that we would not want to live without and yet things that we hesitate to support.

The Williamston Greater Church Association and the religious leadership of this community recognize the seriousness of our ways, and they are appealing to the people of this town and community to do something in an effort to solve a problem that is becoming ever darker and threatening to overshadow common decency and the finer ideals of life as they relate to religion and the common bonds of friendship among men.

Just as the present administration in Washington acted to help the common man maintain his self respect and to keep the faith in his country, let us as individuals work together to rebuild our basic defense by maintaining our religious institutions, encouraging our law-enforcement agencies and placing a greater value on what is right before the Creator and all mankind. We may build a Maginot line of steel and concrete, but without moral and religious strength we will crumble in the dust.

The local church association is appealing to each of us to help build a common defense. In this day of world unrest and suffering it is indeed timely that we heed that appeal. The facts as they are found in the church attendance records not in other towns but right here in Williamston are cause for deep concern. If our forefathers thought it worthwhile to brave the open seas and experience the dangers and hardships of a wilderness that they might gain an heritage for their religious beliefs, surely it is worthwhile that we act today to maintain at such little cost the continued rights to those beliefs and all the good that is derived from them.

Farmers Continue March

In voting for continued quotas, cotton farmers throughout the belt continued their march toward equality with industry. That the new farm program, as we know it, has its faults and drawbacks is to be admitted, but when other industry scaled the peak where it could master men and markets, a free people could not be expected to remain in the valleys and accept the edicts coming from the self-made masters.

During these past eight years, there has been no evidence that industry would give up its seat voluntarily and recognize the right of the farmer, his wife and children to live and enjoy some of the good things in life. Refusing to budge from its lofty perch, industry literally invited the farmer to climb for himself. With the strong arm of a free government to assist him, the farmer is climbing; he is on the march to claim equality with industry. It may be bit-

ter for both industry and agriculture in the future, but the lot will not be so difficult to bear when all are fed out of the same spoon. The unfairness in our economic system back in the early period of this decade would have brought us down into revolution had no effort been made to wipe out that inequality.

Cotton farmers have again recognized the value of the new farm program. They are determined to continue their march, and no disgruntled group can hold them back.

The vote in Martin County was encouraging. It shows that our farmers remember when cotton sold for five cents and when peanuts went begging for a market at less than a copper penny. They recall that nothing was attempted then to save them from bankruptcy other than a vain promise that prosperity was just around the corner.

Fireworks and Discretion

While it is readily admitted that the powder placed in fireworks would be far more beneficial to mankind if it were used to stop Hitler, the nervous and the old just as well make up their minds to accept the cannon crackers and torpedoes at Christmas time. It may appear to some that the youth, especially in the South, desecrates the Christmas season with his boisterous shooting and whooping. The practice does not look just right and certainly it does not fit into the spirit of the season, but the elders have taught youth to expect a bundle of firecrackers at Christmas time and to take them away from the innocent would compare in seriousness with the refusal of milk to the hungry. In fact, hungry youth right here on local streets has spent its last nickel for a package of firecrackers and boasted that it was not at all hungry.

To deny youth a bundle of firecrackers would not solve the problem. Recognizing the problem at its face value, the elders, dispensers and police will find it well worth while to try to do the best next thing. That is to teach the youth to use discretion, to realize that the things are dangerous when carelessly handled.

Just as we would hate to see youths denied the privilege of shooting a bundle of firecrackers, we would hate to see the police remain idle when they should be warning youth against the promiscuous firing of the things. Parents should instruct their children against shooting fireworks on the streets and in other public places, and they should warn them against the dangers that accompany the use of the crackers. It would not be a bad idea for parents and children, too, to read the old newspaper files of a year ago and recall the fireworks accidents that cost numbers of children one or more fingers and others their lives.

But it is hardly fair to take away from youth something that it has been brought up to expect.

Human Lives On Solons' Conscience

Labor.

If the House Committee on Mines and Mining hadn't blocked enactment of the Neely-Keller Federal Mine Inspection bill, 30 men trapped this week in an Ohio coal mine, with no hope of rescue, might have lived to spend Christmas with their families.

The legislation passed the Senate nearly a year ago, after a terrible disaster in a West Virginia mine. It has been blocked in the House committee, which has ignored human rights at the behest of lobbyists for the National Coal Association, the American Mining Congress, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the reactionary James administration in Pennsylvania.

Miners are killed at the rate of five a day, but does that shocking fact disturb obstructionist members of the committee? Since the Federal inspection bill was first presented to Congress, more than 1,600 coal diggers have lost their lives in accidents that were probably preventable. That is a terrible burden resting on the conscience of Congressmen who arbitrarily denied protection to men who work underground.

If the bill stays pickled in committee, it will die with this session of Congress and the fight for safeguards must start all over again. How many more men must be killed before House leadership is shocked out of its calloused indifference?

Banker Carries Hate To Dangerous Length

Labor.

Greater hate hath no man than a banker disappointed in politics.

J. W. Nichols, president of the First National Bank of Englewood, a suburb of Chicago, during the recent presidential campaign warned depositors that the re-election of President Roosevelt might mean the end of the bank.

This week he did what he could to make that prediction a reality when he advised depositors to withdraw their money and "go bury it in a tomato can in your vegetable garden."

If all bankers were to give the same advice, and depositors were to follow it, this country would be in a sorry state. Fortunately, however, among sensible Americans there will be even less disposition to follow Nichols on financial matters than on political questions.

Depositors of his bank may conclude that the only one thing wrong with it is its president.

A condition has grown up in which our young at home can only study with a radio running, in case of a breaking development in geography.—Los Angeles Times.

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