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No Blackout of Peace Is Pledge of the President

Washington, Sept. 3.—Here is the text of President Roosevelt's radio address:

Tonight my single duty is to speak to the whole of America. Until 4:30 this morning I had hoped against hope that some miracle would prevent a devastating war in Europe and bring to an end the invasion of Poland by Germany.

For four long years a succession of actual wars and constant crises have shaken the entire world and have threatened in each case to bring on the gigantic conflict which is today unhappily a fact.

It is right that I should recall to your minds the consistent and at times successful efforts of your government in these crises to throw the full weight of the United States into the cause of peace. In spite of spreading wars I think that we have every right and every reason to maintain as a national policy the fundamental moralities, the teachings of religion and the continuation of efforts to restore peace—for some day, though the time may be distant, we can be of even greater help to a crippled humanity.

Wants Just Peace
It is right, too, to point out that

the unfortunate events of these recent years have been based on the use of force or the threat of force. And it seems to me clear, even at the outbreak of this great war, that the influence of America should be consistent in seeking for humanity a final peace which will eliminate, as far as it is possible to do so, the continued use of force between nations.

It is, of course, impossible to predict the future. I have my constant stream of information from American representatives and other sources throughout the world. You, the people of this country, are receiving news thru your radios and your newspapers at every hour of the day.

You are, I believe, the most enlightened and the best informed people in all the world at this moment. You are subjected to no censorship of news, and I want to add that your government has no information which it hesitates to withhold from you or which it has any thought of withholding from you.

Urges Caution
At the same time, as I told my press conference on Friday, it is of the highest importance that the press and the radio use the utmost caution to discriminate

between actual verified fact on the one hand, and mere rumor on the other.

I can add to that by saying that I hope the people of this country will also discriminate most carefully between news and rumor. Do not believe of necessity everything you hear or read. Check up on it first.

You must master at the outset a simple but unalterable fact in modern foreign relations. When peace has been broken anywhere, peace of all countries everywhere is in danger.

It is easy for you and me to shrug our shoulders and say that conflicts taking place thousands of miles from the continental United States, and indeed, the whole American hemisphere, do not seriously affect the Americas—and that all the United States has to do is to ignore them and go about our own business. Passionately though we may desire detachment, we are forced to realize that every word that comes through the air, every ship that sails the sea, every battle that is fought does affect the American future.

Wants Neutrality
Let no man or woman thoughtlessly or falsely talk of America sending its armies to European fields. At this moment there is being prepared a proclamation of American neutrality. This would have been done even if there had been no neutrality statute on the books, for this proclamation is in accordance with international law and with American policy.

This will be followed by a proclamation required by the existing neutrality act. I trust that in the days to come our neutrality can be made a true neutrality.

It is of the utmost importance that the people of this country, with the best information in the world, think things through. The most dangerous enemies of American peace are those who, without well-rounded information on the whole broad subject of the past, the present and the future, undertake to speak with author-

ity, to talk in terms of glittering generalities, to give to the nation assurances or prophecies which are of little present or future value.

I myself cannot and do not prophesy the course of events abroad—and the reason is that because I have of necessity such a complete picture of what is going on in every part of the world, I do not dare to do so. And the other reason is that I think it is honest for me to be honest with the people of the United States.

Future Unknown
I cannot prophesy the immediate economic effect of this new war on our nation but I do say that no American has the moral right to profiteer at the expense either of his fellow citizens or of the men, women and children who are living and dying in the midst of war in Europe.

Some things we do know. Most of us in the United States believe in spiritual values. Most of us, regardless of what church we belong to, believe in the spirit of the New Testament—a great teaching which opposes itself to the use of force, of armed force, of marching armies and falling bombs. The overwhelming masses of our people seek peace—peace at home, and the kind of peace in other lands which will not jeopardize peace at home.

We have certain ideals and ideals of national safety and we must act to preserve that safety today and to preserve the safety of our children in future years.

That safety is and will be bound up with the safety of the western hemisphere and of the seas adjacent thereto. We seek to keep war from coming to the Americas. For that we have historic precedent that goes back to the days of the administration of President George Washington. It is serious enough and tragic enough to every American family in every state in the Union to live in a world that is torn by wars on other continents. Today they affect every American home. It is our national duty to use every

THE SLOW-MINDED

From the Writings of

Dr. Frank Crane

If you feel that you have a "slow" mind, don't worry about it. Pretty good company exists in that class.

Pierre Curie, the famous discoverer of radium, which is one of the great achievements of the generation in which he lived, used to say to his wife and co-worker, Marie, that he always felt that he possessed a "slow" mind.

Charles P. Stinmetz, the electrician, who was called a "wizard" because of his genius in mathematical work, said he hated the multiplication table when he was a boy in school because it took him such an extraordinary length of time to master it.

It is familiar tale that Edison's teacher wondered if he were really bright, and that Grant's mother almost concurred in the acceptance of the popular nickname for her son of "Useless Grant."

Thackeray, the English novelist, once said that he often felt that he "had no head above the ears."

Yet all of these men achieved superlative things.

There are other qualities in character more valuable than nimbleness of wit and the faculty for making immediate decisions.

The mental hares hop about conscious of their sprinting superiority.

Over a short course they have things their own way. But the course of life is a long one.

An immediate viewpoint gives all the advantage to the nimble mind, a long time bird's-eye view reveals the power for perseverance which lies in minds which are thought to be "slow."

"Thou sayest," wrote Marcus Aurelius in his "Meditations," "Men cannot admire the sharpness of thy wits . . . Be it so. Show these qualities then, which are altogether in thy power—sincerity, gravity, benevolence, frankness, endurance in labor."

The main thing is to acquire the habit of thinking things through.

Do not be satisfied with what someone else has said. See a thing clearly in your own mind.

A man who accustoms himself to relying upon his own mental processes has accomplished a great deal.

He has the kind of independence that men need, independence of intellect. He is not so apt to give way in great crises as the man who forms quick conclusions, but forms them upon the ipse dixit of other people. Don't be alarmed therefore if you feel that you are slow. The main thing is to be thorough and honest.

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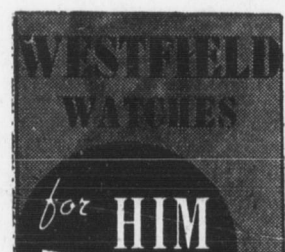
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WILKES COUNTY OUTLAW TAKEN

Wilkes county deputies last Wednesday night captured Ed Casey, who was recently outlawed, without firing a shot and without him putting up any resistance to arrest.

Officers found him sleeping in Garden Creek Baptist church near stone mountain in the northeastern part of the county. Those taking part in the arrest were Oscar Felts, Blaine Sparks, Bret Cothren, Tyre Taylor, Guy Spicer and John Casey.

Ed Casey, who was declared an outlaw a few weeks ago because he was considered a dangerous character, is alleged to have shot and badly wounded his youthful cousin, Paul Casey, at the home of Mrs. Janie Sykes near Trap-hill several weeks ago.

Paul Casey had just arrived from his home in West Virginia to visit relatives and had introduced himself to people standing near a few minutes before he was shot by Ed Casey. Officers said that eye witnesses told them that there had been no quarrel and that Ed Casey fired without provocation. The youth was hit in the chest and for several days his condition was considered critical before he began to recover.

Ed Casey was chased over parts of Wilkes and Surry counties that night and had kept dodging until he was taken Wednesday night and lodged in Wilkes jail at Wilkesboro.

Officers said that Ed Casey a few months ago completed a five-year term for cutting his wife's throat and inflicting serious injury.

He was not armed and offered no resistance to the officers. In jail Thursday he was noncommittal.



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