

Above the Hullabaloo

By LITTLE HULL

STARVATION IN THE DEMOCRACIES

Self-preservation is the first law of nature—the preservation of others is the second. So we build free hospitals and old people's homes; we pay heavy taxes for fire fighting apparatus and ambulance service; we rush our Red Cross and needed supplies to every quarter of the globe where earthquake, fire or flood have caused want.

It isn't nice to boast, but the American people are the most generous, kind and open-hearted human beings on earth. If other peoples are suffering they have always been able to depend upon America for help. And so today the peoples of Norway, Holland, Belgium, Poland and France are looking out desperately across the Atlantic and wondering what

we are going to do about the fact that millions of them may starve to death this winter and that other millions may be permanently crippled through under-nourishment.

British and American interests have been aligned in this war as they were in the last, and the strongest weapon of this alignment is the blockade. If food and medical supplies, shipped by us, should reach the Germans; or if they should use these shipments as an excuse to commandeer the supplies which our old friends are now depending upon to see (some of) them through the winter—our position would be definitely weakened. The question is: can we save the very existence of these democracies without helping the dictators? Herbert Hoover says we can—if Germany will accept certain conditions and if Britain will allow relief ships to pass the blockade.

Ex-President Hoover was chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, from 1915 to 1919. He saved German occupied Belgium from desperate suffering—yet lack of food was one of the

Farmers Are Photographed By Tribune Cameraman



The three men pictured above were photographed last Saturday morning on East Main street and will be given two free theatre tickets each, good for admission to the Lyric and Elk theatres, if they will call at The Tribune. These tickets are good for any show, with the exception of "Boom Town," which plays at the Lyric next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and is a special production at higher than usual admission rates.

fundamental causes of Germany's collapse. The Hoover commission knew where every mouthful of relief food went to—and none of it reached the Germans. He claims he can do it again, and he is certainly better able to judge this question than are the fifteen gentlemen who so recently issued a warning against his plan to save the lives of Democracy's defeated allies.

Mr. Hoover states that these nations have not asked for financial help but that they are desperately hoping for some arrangement through which they can purchase food and have it distributed by an American commission which would operate JUST SO LONG AS GERMANY OBSERVED THE GUARANTEED CONDITIONS—AND NO LONGER.

The winning of this war is the first consideration of the Democratic alignment—the preservation of the lives of possibly ten to twenty million "Democrats," is the second. We are tearing our brains apart in an effort to accomplish the first purpose—we must do likewise to accomplish the second. If there is no way to do this successfully, then we must let our old friends starve; if there is a way, we must find it.

The fundamental of Democracy is decency, and it isn't decent to let old friends down without a struggle. The whole premise upon which we are asked to plunge into this war is—"Save Democracy." If we desert Democracy in her time of need, that battle-cry loses its significance and this war takes on the same old complexion of nation versus nation for reasons of materialism.

In the years to come the face of Europe will shift and shift again. 'Twas ever thus in that kaleidoscopic picture puzzle on the other side of the Atlantic. Nations which are now Dictatorships will become Democracies—Democracies will become Autocracies. But the trend toward personal freedom, which this country started one hundred and fifty years ago, cannot be sidetracked for long.

That trend is symbolized by the name "Democracy," and that symbol, if it hopes to survive, must uphold the foundations upon which it rests: Liberty, Fidelity and Humanitarianism. History must not record that Democracy forsook her allies without a struggle, and the faith of those allies must not be allowed to turn to bitterness.

The theory is advanced that hunger will turn them against their conquerors. Doubtless so—but while they are helplessly cursing the Germans for bringing on their grief, they may at the same time be acquiring a hatred for Britain and for us, which will live with them for generations—unless we at least MAKE AN EFFORT TO HELP THEM.

COTTON

Present indications are that an all-time high of eight million bales of cotton will be used in the United States alone during the coming year, although exports will not exceed two million bales.

MILK

For the first eight months of this year, the sale of milk has been the largest single source of farm income, according to the latest Milk Industry Foundation reports.

Tommy—"I wonder how old Mrs. Smith is?"
Jimmy—"She must be pretty old. They say she used to teach Caesar."

THE DOCTOR Tells the Story

by W.E. AUGHINBAUGH M.D.

A STRANGE DISEASE

When Pizarro crossed the Isthmus of Panama and came to the land of those progressive and highly cultured people known as the Incas, who then dominated an enormous portion of the West Coast of South America and had their capital at Cuzco Peru, many of his troops fell victims to a disease which the invaders termed "verruca" because those who were afflicted broke out all over their bodies with warts, and "verruca" was the Spanish word for warts.

A doctor with these troops, named Maldonado, in 1630 wrote an exact verbal picture of this malady, and also noted that it assumed two forms—a malignant type, in which the warts which often projected an inch or more from the body, and which was invariably fatal—and a benign type which after running a course, left the patient very weak, after which he gradually recovered.

Peru is the only country in the world in which this disease occurs; and it seldom is found in the coast or low lands of that republic but develops in altitudes varying from 3,000 to 9,000 feet. The very high mountain ranges—and there are many of them in this part of the world—are also free from this scourge. In the numerous luxuriant ravines and canyons of Peru, rich with tropical vegetation and very warm with the intense heat of the sun during the day, verruca thrives, and the strong winds carry it to the small villages and towns nestled in the Andes mountains.

Modern medicine knew little of this strange malady, because it had never left its native habitat. However, when it was realized that Peru was one of the mineral storehouses of the world, foreigners came in droves to develop its mines and other resources. Railroads were therefore needed, and as this construction work progressed, thousands of men became sick with "Oroya fever" (Oroya being a river in Peru) or "verruca," and during the building of a bridge over this river more than 7,000 men died from this disease. It was at first thought to be due to the bite of a mosquito, and many believed it to be a distinct type of malaria,

while others considered it an entirely new disease.

Finally it was proven to be due to the bite of a moth, which hid during the day because the intense sunlight killed it, and which came out at night to bite its victims, being attracted by the candle lights in the camps of the workmen. A young Peruvian doctor named Carrion, voluntarily submitted to inoculation to demonstrate that the disease was caused by the bite of this night flying moth, and died as a result—a sacrifice on the altar of science. Since then the medical world, in honor of this hero, has termed this illness Carrion's disease. To prevent contracting it, all one has to do is to sleep under a mosquito net when in the regions in which this insect lives.

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