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COMPENSATION

Who has never known real sorrow has not lived;
Who has never failed somewhere has not been strong enough;
Who has never lost a dear friend has not loved;
Who never failed in his undertakings has not known himself;
Whose zeal was never cooled by time has not known;
The sweetness and the peace of real content [illegible]

A LIBERAL EDUCATION

That man I think has had a liberal education who has been so trained in youth that his body is ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that as a mechanism it is capable of; whose intellect is a clear cold logic engine, with all its parts of equal strength, and in smooth working order, ready like a steam engine to be turned to any kind of work and spin the gossamers as well as forge the anchors of the mind; whose mind is stored with a knowlege of the great and fundamental truths of nature, and of the laws of her operations; one who no stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience; who has learned to love all beauty whether of nature or of art; to hate all vileness, and to respect others as himself.—Thomas Huxley.

IF THE FLAG COULD SPEAK

Beneath my folds soldiers have fought in defense of their passion for liberty and under the inspiration of my symbolism statesmen have built a republic dedicated to the ideal of the universal rights of free citizens. I have seen the growth of a model system of public schools seeking to open a fair start in life to every boy and girl. I have encouraged the scientist in his search for truth, the merchant in his exploration to bring wealth and the laborer in his toil to provide for human comfort. For a century and a half the sons and daughters of Europe and Asia have looked upon me as the emblem of hope and opportunity.

But with all that glorious history there are moments when the breeze seems to blow and I must droop in shame at the knowledge that in the great land I represent the bones and spirits of little children are being broken in mines, factories and mills; that corruption has found its way even into the municipal halls of my great cities; that in the hearts of some citizens sheltered by me there abides a spirit of hate for fellowmen; that I have not been permitted to play a part of large usefulness in the work of benefitting all mankind, regardless of nation, creed, or color.

What of my future? I am with my sovereign citizens and in them have I placed my trust that the day may come when I shall wave over a million schoolhouses, all providing equal opportunities for the guided growth of childhood; over federal institutions in which there will abide a genuine concern for the safety and prosperity of the whole world; over factories where the rights of mankind will be upheld; over halls of business dedicated to unselfishness; and over churches truly consecrated to the loftiest ideals of Christian brotherhood.—Selden Carlyle Adams.

Uncle Willie Mullins says—

Put a war bond investment in the bank. Have an option on one or more of the coming ones. We think then you have us!

Here and There

By Raymond E. Lynch

When a country editor returns from a trip to the big city (New York) it is only natural for him to record some of the impressions and events encountered for his home-town readers, so here goes. trains are crowdede to capacity the metropolitan city is dimmed out, only very small lights are on, so instead of a brightly lighted city it was very dim, in fact almost dark. Soldiers and sailors in great numbers enjoyed themselves around the bars, and practically everyone had a girl friend. Aubrey Mauney my companion for the trip, decided he wanted to smoke a cigar, while the Waldorf-Astoria changed his mind quickly when he found out the cheapest brand carried cost 50c. don't get me wrong we didn't stay the Waldorf we just attended the meeting there, we stayed at the where Vincent Lopez and his orchestra was playing. Aubrey ordered a rather light meal for dinner but the menu was printed in French and the food I guessed at but terrible. the first thing the waiter brought me was [illegible] one year it was awful and the rest of the food was about a bad a hot dog would have been wonderful after that dinner we met a fellow from Alabama who was also attending the meeting who told us that he did not know what to order, the names sounded so funny until he came to Welch Rabbit, and so he ordered that expecting to get a rabbit and you can imagine his surprise when the waiter brought his toasted cheese with tomato [illegible]. Macy's was so busy last Saturday morning that all you could do was stay in line and move with the traffic. We heard Leon Henderson at the meeting, and he explained the necessity for rationing and paid a big tribute to members of local boards throughout the country. Herbert Hoover spoke just before Henderson, but we did not get there in time to hear him. Aubrey attended the session at which Henry J. Kaiser, the Shipbuilder, Commander of the Armed Forces, George C. Marshall, Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board and others spoke. that night I took in some of the night life of the big city we went to several shows, and found out that the picture shows with vaudeville had much better attractions than the so-called musical comedies at much higher prices however, we had the disadvantage of arriving in New York the same day that one of the musicals had been closed because a jury had ruled it indecent. and the others still open had calmed down. New York citizens are much friendlier than I had always thought, they were very pleasant and was always ready to give you directions to find a certain place. One of the most unusual things to me was to hear horse hoofs clapping down traffic filled Broadway pulling a delivery wagon. the mounted police still attract me, they are a handsome group of men astride fine looking and well trained horses. I didn't know it at the time, but I found out after we got back that Joe Grimes was Conductor on the train we departed on. Charlie and Freida Williams were in the big City at the same time we were, but we did not see them, in fact we didn't see a soul from the time we left until we returned that we knew. I saw only two lady taxi drivers and instead of being cute and attractive they were heavy-weight buxom women who could hold their own under most any circumstances. the most enjoyable meal we had was at Jack Dempsey's Restaurant on Broadway. one of the first things I did was buy a map of the city so that I could always find my way back to the hotel. Aubrey and I can truthfully say that we slept in the Waldorf Astoria, because during some of the long winded speeches, we both dozed off, and before we know it we were fast asleep. believe it or not but we went to Church Sunday morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and another unusual thing we had to pay before we could get a seat for the services and every pew was filled. wise folks standing up, down here we can't fill the churches and it does not cost anything to get in. The Big City is war-conscious, in all large buildings arrows point to air raid shelters, sand bags are available for incendiary bombs. instructions are posted to tell you what to do in case of an emergency, coffee is served only with meals, and you are asked not to request a second cup, and most places still allow you to use all the sugar needed for coffee, and cereals. I was surprised at the large number of men in uniform who attended church. All in all it was a most enjoyable trip, but both of us were mighty happy when train number 29 pulled back into The Best Town in The State.

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Office For War Information

VA., N. C., S. C., REGIONAL OFFICE

THE HOME FRONT

The scuttling of the French fleet [illegible] followed closely on the Allies sweep across North Africa toward the last Axis footholds on that continent. With the northern shore of the Mediterranean [illegible] to possible invasion, by the United Nations, Hitler poured his troops into unoccupied France [illegible] drew part of his air forces from Russia [illegible] ers front — defense movement [illegible]

[illegible] The Petain-Vichy [illegible] the public that Hitler is preparing to be taken to the utmost to supply [illegible] with the essentials of life — a job on which depends the future [illegible] and stability of the world.

VICTORY HINGES ON TRANSPORTATION

The deciding factor in war is not the rate of production nor the total number of men in the armed forces but the ability to transport materials and fighters to the scene of action. Our war output this year will reach the value of about $50 billions and the production rate has passed a monthly value of $6 billion, but while billions of dollars worth of war goods and weapons have gone overseas we are far from reaching the peak of such deliveries. And so with fighting men, too — although we soon will have about a million overseas this represents less than one-fifth of our armed strength.

The heavies responsibility for success on the battle fronts rests on rail and external. The hundreds of U. S. tanks and trucks now rolling across North Africa were carried by rail to the ports of embarkation and by ships across the Atlantic, and the raw materials that went together with the soldiers who man them. Ships and trains, too, transported the raw materials that made those tanks to the factories.

MILITARY TRAFFIC SKYROCKETS

Military traffic on the railroads has risen from a million a month a months ago to more than a million and a half today. The terrific increase in travel over [illegible] the need of the absolute necessity of cutting down travel during the Christmas holidays. To ease the [illegible] Army furloughs between December 1, and January 1, will be granted to no more than ten per cent of the enlisted strength of any camp of soldiers and their families are to be deprived of holiday reunions it is obviously the duty of civilians to cut out all unnecessary travel both local and long distance.

Travel savin gties in directly with mileage paying where transportation rolls on rubber. A speed [illegible] is established in states where gasoline has been rationed and where rationing has not yet in effect. [illegible] percent of the motorists were driving more than 40 miles an hour on rural highways. [illegible] pound of meat per week [illegible] possible [illegible]

[illegible] war board [illegible] and [illegible] increase [illegible] will remain unchanged during the second ration period of [illegible] and have the same value as those marked 'T'.

Coffee drinkers who failed to get their War Ration Book One must file an application with their local War Price and Rationing Board by December 15 in order to purchase coffee and that date is the last date on which Ration Stamp No. 9 may be used to buy sugar. Book One is necessary not only for securing coffee now but must be presented to local boards around the first of the year in order to receive War Ration Book Two.

TO USE BOOK 2 IN NEW SYSTEM

Ration Book Two will be used to secure goods under a new system known as the "point system which is a program for rationing a group of related or similar commodities that can be substituted for one another in actual use. Point rationing will not replace straight rationing of sugar, gasoline and coffee, but will be used for certain new rationing programs, such as meat rationing. Under this system a low point value will be given to a plentiful commodity and a high value to one that is scarcer than usual. Each individual may SPEND his points to buy any of the items in the point-rationed group in any way he likes, or when he has SPENT or consumed his [illegible] points for the month he cannot buy [illegible] until the next [illegible] Certain particular periods in [illegible] will be [illegible] the [illegible] may [illegible] the same time the consumer may exercise a variety of choice in purchases.

The [illegible] Plant has placed [illegible] moment's thinking [illegible] product of [illegible]

"You Say He's Four Now? My, Doesn't It Make One Feel Old?"

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