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DRAFTING WEALTH FOR WAR

If the time comes that the United States will have to go to war, there will be little vociferous objection to the drafting of the sons of the land to fight its battle, but you will hear a howl that will reach the moon if the government attempts to make wealth and property serve the needs of the nation.

We understand quite thoroughly the truth of the saying that money has no patriotism, in general, but just the same there is little equity in making some young men risk their lives in a death grapple with out making those who possess the physical wealth of the nation contribute to the defense of what they win.

We understand that there is a bill before Congress, providing that in the event Congress declares war, that a wealth census be taken and that citizens be required to purchase government bonds in proportion to their wealth. We suspect that we must have read something about this bill before but, at present, we have no idea of the author of the measure and consequently our comment is entirely addressed to the merits of the general idea rather than any particular bill. Certainly, the defense of a nation includes the defense of the wealth of its citizens. Just as owners of property carry fire insurance they should be expected to pay a reasonable amount in the nature of war insurance. If the nation loses the war, the individual may lose valuable property rights and if the nation wins a war the security of property rights is protected.

The fact that millions of young men in the prime of life, must offer themselves in defense of their country, taking the risk of losing their lives, seems ample argument for requiring the property of the nation to make a just contribution to the defense of the nation that wealth alone cannot defend.

31,009,870 MOTOR VEHICLES

Life in this republic isn't as bad as some people think if we are to judge by the number of citizens who operate automobiles.

In 1939 there was one automobile for every 4.3 Americans. The total of motor vehicle registration reached 31,009,870, which is an all time high.

It is interesting to observe that the Federal government owned 121,270 vehicles and that State, county and municipal governments owned 273,513.

Apparently the prosperity, such as it may be, extends to all branches of government, as well as to the people. Everybody, it seems, rides.

AS CHRISTIAN PEOPLE WE MUST GIVE LIBERALLY TO RED CROSS

As a Christian people we cannot let down the Red Cross in its appeals for funds to aid the helpless and hapless victims of the mighty war of aggression now sweeping Europe. With millions of civilians, men, women and children, forced from their homes, unmercifully bombed and machine-gunned as they fled in desperate want and need, we must give the Red Cross our full support for its War Relief Fund.

Conditions were not nearly as bad during the World War as they are today. Literally millions are facing starvation, many without shelter or proper clothing. Thousands of children have been orphaned or lost from their families. Many women and children have been wounded, and need medical care. Amid peace and plenty, we can hardly picture such things, or believe them true.

But they are true. These people need our help. The Red Cross is giving it. But more money is needed. It is up to us to give it. Now is the time for us to be generous. Give up a few things and send the money to the Red Cross War Relief Fund.

PEPPER HAS THE IDEA!

Senator Pepper, of Florida, seems to have a good idea. He would have this country deliver immediately to Great Britain and France all available equipment, including airplanes.

As we have said before, the attitude that one takes to this proposition depends upon whether one believes that war between the United States and Germany is inevitable if Hitler wins the present war.

Those who join Col. Lindbergh in thinking that there is no difference between the contending forces in Europe and that regardless of the outcome of the struggle we will be able to enjoy peacefully our democracy and possessions, naturally think

Mr. Pepper has lost his reason. Because we believe that failure to furnish the Allies with assistance now will increase the likelihood that we will have to oppose Hitler later with many of our young men, we think Mr. Pepper has a good idea. We would furnish the supplies and let other people provide the soldiers.

DEFENDING THE U. S. IN EUROPE

The best defense of the peace of this nation, and the surest way to safeguard our future, is to encompass the absolute defeat of Germany. This will be easiest while there are other strong nations engaged in the battle.

If we want to protect the young men of the United States from the horrors of modern warfare it is wise, now, to give unlimited assistance to the Allied cause.

If we want to develop our civilization normally, with us having to subordinate liberty and life itself to the national defense, we should promptly dispatch equipment, arms, munitions and airplanes to the aid of the hard-pressed democracies.

The battle on the fields of Flanders and Northern France may not be essentially "our fight" but it may determine the course of the war now raging and the outcome of the war for many years to come and mean life or death to thousands of young Americans.

THE UNIVERSE Baffles EINSTEIN.

Professor Albert Einstein who battled many minds with his theory of relativity, admits that he, and other scientists, are completely baffled in their search for the key to the riddle of the cosmos.

While expressing faith that the human intellect will eventually solve the puzzle, Dr. Einstein declares that the task appears hopeless because all logical approaches end in a blind alley, in which there is no logic, no sequence of cause and effect and no possibility of predicting events in space and time.

Last year, on the eve of his sixtieth birthday, the great scientist believed he had found a solution to the riddle. Today, he is "not as optimistic about it."

As we understand it, the theory of relativity, which explains the structure of the material universe, and the quantum theory, which explains the atomic world, are entirely separate and cannot be explained in terms of one another. Thus the scientists, who understand the universe and the atoms of which it is composed, are unable to discover an all-embracing unifying principle that will cover atoms and stars, matter and energy, gravitation, time and space.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION AGAIN

While National Prohibition is not now an issue before the American people, despite the fact that Royce Babson is running for President under the banner of the new Prohibition Party, there is every reason to believe that this question will be presented to the electorate in due course of time.

Prohibition sentiment continues to be very strong in many sections of the nation. In a number of special elections, various local districts have enacted dry laws although, if our memory is correct, only two states have dry laws at this time.

Regardless of the attitude of the readers of this newspaper in regard to national prohibition, we feel sure that all fathers and mothers in this county are anxious for their children to understand the dangers which are associated with the use of alcohol. In fact, we suspect that greater progress could be made in the advance of temperance through an educational campaign, advertising the physiological effects of alcohol, than through a political campaign attempting to secure the enactment of another bone-dry law.

In this connection, we call attention to a recent statement by Dr. Robert C. Selliger, instructor in psychiatry at John Hopkins University Medical School, declaring, "Alcohol is the most dangerous poison widely included in the human diet, affecting nearly every tissue of the body but having a particularly toxic action upon the issues of the central nervous system."

Dr. Selliger points out that alcohol is condemned for its narcotizing effects on the brain. In comparatively small doses, he says "the drinker is released from self-criticism." The narcotic effect is to paralyze control and restraint and the depressant effect of alcohol on the brain, in his opinion, is the cause of numerous automobile accidents.

While advocating persistent education about alcohol, Dr. Selliger says that parents must appreciate that a "practice-what you preach" attitude is of the utmost importance.

Japan depends upon the United States for essential war supplies; maybe, she will find out that it is profitable to respect American rights.

Most people are hunting excuses for postponing work; that's why they have to hunt excuses for not having cash when they need it.

Why should the United States worry about air raids? With autos killing a hundred citizens a day it's time we took a step forward and figured out another way to get rid of surplus people.



Poison Control Tobacco Insects

Protection of this year's tobacco crop against preying insect enemies is being urged by J. C. Rowell, entomologist of the State College Extension Service.

Various insecticides or poisons applied in a well timed and persistent program of defense will assure the leaf farmer of a better crop, the State College man said.

For instance, the flea beetle may be controlled with a mixture of paris green and arsenate of lead. One pound of paris green to five pounds of arsenate of lead is the recommended proportion.

For small or newly set plants, three pounds of this mixture will treat an acre. For half grown or larger plants, four to six pounds will be necessary. Because of the dense growth of tobacco and the necessity of applying the poison on the underside of the leaf, the mixture is most effective when dusted. Horn worms also are controlled with this mixture.

The best known control for bud worm, another common enemy of North Carolina's No. 1 cash crop, is poisoned meal bait. When used on a large scale, one pound of arsenate of lead should be mixed with 50 pounds of corn meal. For smaller amounts, six heaping tablespoons of the poison to one peck of meal is recommended. Applications should be made only in the morning when the tobacco buds are open, and the treatment should be repeated every week until the crop is topped. One peck, or 12 pounds is sufficient for one application per acre. A small

pinch of the bait is dropped into each bud, Rowell pointed out.

Successful Sheepmen Follow Good Program

Growers who make the most money from their sheep and who receive top prices for their lambs and wool aren't doing so by accident, says L.L. Case, extension animal husbandman of State College.

They have learned something about the many factors which contribute to growing a product in ready demand by the market. Chief among these factors are good breeding, feeding and management practices.

In breeding, the successful sheep man is careful to select shortlegged,

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ed, compact, blocky rams rather than the long-legged, coarse, up-standing type. Then he ships to market each year his wether lambs and part of his ewe lambs but holds back the best ewe lambs for replacing old and poor-producing members of the flock.

Good feeding, placed by many sheepmen ahead of good breeding, is likewise highly important in the production of high grade market animals. Plenty of milk is probably the most important feed item in producing top-notch lambs. This means that the ewes must be fed for milk production.

Case said that many growers feed their lambs some grain in addition to the milk. This is often placed in a creep where the lambs may help themselves without being disturbed by the older sheep.

In addition to good feeding and good breeding, there are a large number of approved management practices that the most successful sheepmen follow, Case said. One of the most important is a regular monthly drenching for the control of internal parasites.

Cooperative grading and selling under the supervision of State College Extension farm agents have also played an important part in improving the quality of lambs offered for sale.

Stewart Says—

Republicans Won't Even Consider Plan To "Draft" Roosevelt

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

THE SUGGESTION, which already has appeared in print, that the Republicans ought to join the Democrats in a draft Roosevelt movement, has evoked few, if any, cheers from G. O. P. sources.

From the minute that the president delivered his defense message to congress Republican sentiment was practically unanimous that he must have what he asked for—that there

mustn't be a bit of partisan opposition to his preparedness thesis. There was no such Republican response, however, to the contention that partisanship should be forgotten as to the next White House tenancy.

The proposal was put forward by a columnist or two, of considerable popularity.

It was to the purport that the emergency calls for "F. D.'s" presidential indorsement at the coming G. O. P. convention, but with the nomination of a Republican for the vice presidency. Authors of this plan were of the opinion that the ensuing Democratic convention could be counted on to re-name Roosevelt for first place on its ticket and to acquiesce in the Republicans' vice presidential selection.

Then, "F. D." and his Republican partner having been unanimously elected, the reasoning was that the Republicans undoubtedly would be given a fair proportion of representation in the cabinet, and we'd have a coalition government.

Coalition Clammyly Received
Whether or not this program might suit the Democrats there's no knowing, but there are no noticeable indications that it appeals appreciably to the Republicans.

Contrariwise their high command is trying to figure out how their campaign spokesmen can reconcile their party's acquiescence

in the Rooseveltian preparedness policy with opposition to him for re-election.

They begin to believe that they've hit on an argument. Both sides' slogans are sure to be, "Let's keep out of war!" They'll concur that, if we do keep out, it will be because we've made ourselves too formidable to be tackled. So a supplementary slogan will be, "Let's make ourselves overwhelmingly strong!"

These slogans are all right. But, from the Republican standpoint, the trouble is that the Democrats will have the same pair. "Let's prepare!" will be the Democratic battlecry.

The Republicans' will be, "We say so, too!"

There isn't much inspiration in this latter yell.

Why Are We so Weak?
Former Assistant War Secretary F. Trubee Davison, now chairman of the United Republican finance committee, has evolved this proposition:

"For going on eight years we've had a national New Deal administration engaged in spending billions on boon-doggling. Why wasn't it spending all that money for national defense? It would have wiped out unemployment and today we'd be loaded for bear."

The administration's contemplated answer is that times have so changed that we don't know what's what. That is to say, seven years ago the navy was the main thing; aviation was a mere adjunct.

Now it looks as if it's the other way.

"How," asks the administration, "were we to know that the balance would be so changed?"

Well, apparently the Germans foresaw it. The Allies didn't. That was their funeral. But neither did we. That's what the Republicans intend to blame the administration for.

So there's no prospect of a coalition.

The Republican version is going to be that the New Deal bungled its job.

The story will be that "F. D.'s" o. k. at present—but frightfully belated—and even now on the right track only with Republican help.

NEW THEATRE

Week of June 16th.

SUNDAY-MONDAY
Admission 10c and 25c
Robert Young-Helen Gilbert in

FLORIAN
NEWS and ACT

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY
Admission 10c and 15c
Victor McLaglen-Jackie Cooper in

THE BIG GUY
ACT and COMEDY

THURSDAY and FRIDAY
Admission 10c and 25c
Spencer Tracy-Rita Johnson-Gene Lockhart-Charles Coburn in

EDISON, THE MAN
COMEDY and ACT

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GREATER

United States exports to Soviet Russia in the first seven months of the war have been 81 percent greater than in the equivalent period in 1938-39, according to the U. S. Commerce Department.

DECLINE

Wholesale prices of most cuts of fresh pork declined from 12 to 22 percent during May, this drop being attributed to greatly increased supplies.