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TOP OF THE MORNING

Power belongs to God. And power can be released for the service of men. The Church on her knees is the Church of power. The task to be done is the world to be won. No half-hearted efforts will bring the world back to sanity. It will need the drawing together of all the forces of God and of right.

—From "FORWARD"

Relief in Books

In these days when the newspapers are filled with war news and the mind rebels at absorbing more harrowing details of bombings, invasions, intrigues and mortal sufferings, it is a relief to turn to some old favorite from the rich storehouse of literature and browse through its pages at leisurely pace.

There is a better night's sleep ahead for anyone who will do this than for those whose evenings are devoted to a favorite newspaper or hours at the radio with an army of commentators discoursing on this or that phase of the day's terrible developments.

With so many volumes available, it may be difficult to make a choice. But it is safe to say that with eyes shut one may extend a hand to any book shelf whose owner chose his treasures discreetly and, closing the fingers, find a book well worth re-reading within them.

Andersen's Fairy Tales are a rich mine for the adult, because of their pictorial quality. And St. Luke's Gospel is marvelous for its reportorial style, its close attention to detail. The stories it tells, aside from their religious aspect, are gems of good writing. There is gold here, no less than spiritual comfort.

But of all books there is perhaps greatest compensation in rereading Hugo's Les Miserables. Taken slowly, it will afford a whole winter's relaxation, and loses nothing through repetition. In the same way some of Dickens and Bulwer, especially the latter's historical novels, afford a whole season's peace of mind.

And if one enjoys the music of singing words, there are Shelley, Keats, Byron and Burns. Wadsworth, in the fall particularly, is glorious. And always, with never-ending compensation, there's Shakespeare, to fit a any mood, cure any mental indisposition. Even Milton has the beauty of a Mozart mass, once one gets the hang of his majestic composition.

Yes, it is easy to get away from the depression war news brings, and to find courage to face the unknown future, in books on any well-considered book shelf.

No Economic Handicap

Actual calling of men into service under the draft law is still nearly a month ahead. According to present war department plans, the summons will come on November 15. Meanwhile, eligibles will have time to adjust their personal affairs and otherwise prepare for their year of intensive military training.

It is impossible to foretell what Wilmington's contribution in manpower will be on this first call. Presumably it will not be large. Deductions for volunteers already enlisted will reduce the normal total. But it will be necessary for Wilmington to release some more young men than, in addition to those already either in the regular army or with the National Guard. Their departure, whatever their number, however, cannot have a serious effect on business or materially reduce the earning capacity of the community at large, any more than the departure of the National Guard contingents did.

As with the National Guard, the places of draftees will be filled by others during the training period. As many clerks and workers will draw pay after the draft call as before it. That is to say the turnover of employee earnings will be great then as now.

There is little reason to believe that the draft will change the city's economic situation to any noticeable degree. With as many persons at work at the same rates of pay, it is hard to see how it could do so. Furthermore, the demand for skilled artisans in all construction trades created by the extensive rearmament program—the building of cantonments, air bases, ship yards and other defense plants, as well as in essential war industries—inevitably will provide advantageous employment for much of Wilmington's skilled labor. If workers must go elsewhere for such jobs a portion of their earnings will find the way home to their families and be spent here. And it is even possible that some defense projects will be launched in this immediate vicinity, in which case Wilmington will have full benefit of the entire payroll.

Viewed broadly, and considering the possibilities by and large, Wilmington stands to be benefited by the draft, rather than injured, as some timid souls claim.

Greece Next

With Rumania under heel, Hitler makes demands upon Greece which, if met, will wipe that little country off the map as an independent state.

Italy and Bulgaria must have territory, the Axis must have air bases, the government must resign and another on the Axis pattern set up instead.

It is a crafty move. With Rumania occupied and Bulgaria in line, Nazi forces, already assembled in Carol's erstwhile domain, will be free to advance southward and establish bases much nearer Egypt than those in Italy. And it begins to appear that Egypt, rather than England, which refuses to be conquered by direct attack, is the next major objective of the Axis.

It may be that Hitler believes by absorbing Greece and directing the attack on Egypt from her shores, Turkey and Russia will interpose no serious objection because it will not necessarily strike at, but skirt, the Dardanelles. Such a move might even have the blessing of Moscow, and the Ankara government, which has shown a militant attitude of late, might see in it no cause to use the "2,000,000 bayonets" it recently announced would oppose any threat to that narrow strait which links the Black and the Aegean seas. However that may be, it is obvious that Hitler is concentrating for an Egyptian thrust, that Greece offers the best, perhaps the easiest, route, and that nothing less than a superior force will sway him from his purpose.

What answer Greece will make to the demands is not known when this is written. What help Britain would be able to give is also unknown. Britain's forces are pretty well occupied now. Reinforcements in large numbers for Greece might not be available. In that case, Greece would go down, unless Turkey and Russia, contrary to present indications, took a hand and threw in their military strength, not so much with Britain as because they look with disfavor on any further spread of Axis influence and conquest.

Whatever the answer to the Axis demands, it is apparent that the Balkans will shortly be in the war from one end to another and that Britain will have need of all the help we can give her.

Stop Shillyshaling

As time passes and Wilmington's water continues brackish and unpalatable, it is imperative that the people of the city rise in their might, and force quick action for relief.

It is not as if the situation were new and baffling. In that case there might be some excuse for delay. But it has happened before, not once but often. There is no longer any valid excuse for failure to correct the evil.

Surely, it cannot justly be pleaded that the opening of several private wells for householders, who may go to them at considerable personal inconvenience, and secure drinking water, is a satisfactory remedy for a condition which should not exist.

It is not only that Wilmington's people are served with salty water at their homes. That is bad enough, in all conscience. But Wilmington has received publicity which will damn it in the eyes of everybody who reads newspapers.

We want greater population. We want families to come here to live. We want industries to establish plants here. Can we expect to draw them, once they learn that we pump salt water through our mains, and are in no hurry

to provide clear water in its stead throughout the year?

We want the government to establish national defense plants of one sort and another in our midst. We have delegations in a steady stream at Washington setting forth our claims to recognition. Is any federal official, any member of congress, any influential Washingtonian, likely to bring pressure to bear for Wilmington when the best we offer is the afore-said salty water?

This is no time to mince words. Plain speech is in order. The people of Wilmington ought to let their wishes be known in such plain words that no responsible city official can misunderstand them.

Editorial Comment

HE'D BE WELCOMED BACK.

Greensboro News

The coastal section, the Wilmington vicinity in particular, has been voicing regret at the enforced departure therefrom of Lieut. Col. George W. Gillette. He was commissioner of waterways, and has been recalled to Washington for reassignment. Colonel Gillette is immensely liked personally, and the work he did, and the manner in which it was done, were highly satisfactory.

His exceptional fitness for this position is, indeed, commented upon throughout the state. The Rocky Mount Telegram says that he has "done more for the advancement of waterway services in our state than any previous commissioner."

What the Daily News has found especially satisfactory is that Colonel Gillette seems to believe heartily in inland waterways as potential factors in commerce, or in defense, or both. He has such faith, or he is the sort of man who does thoroughly and zestfully whatever he is appointed to do; and we suspect that both things are true.

It may be that the recall for reassignment is merely army routine. North Carolinians are wishing that it may be, and that he will be sent back to take up the job upon which he had made so excellent a beginning. 3

DELIGHTFUL BOMBINGS

N. Y. Herald-Tribune

Continued resistance, after forty days, to the best German efforts to reduce the British Isles to heaps of rubbish have not only bitterly disappointed but puzzled the Nazi high command. Characteristically, they have sought, from those who grope in the doubtful regions of empirical science, explanation of an incredible bafflement. The response, perhaps satisfactory to the Teutonic military mind, may not be as convincing to others. Rage and frustration need not suppose that British obduracy is due to proverbial toughness or to "ability to take it," the Berlin public is told by "Das Schwarze Corps," organ of the Elite storm troops. "Rather this England approaches death with sensual pleasure," observes this paranoiac publication, "smacks its lips over every phase and bears every humiliation and cynicism, if only it can hope that in dying it can drag its enemy into the abyss. The psychopathologist knows that in such cases pleasure in destruction parallels pleasure in self-destruction. Thus is solved the puzzle of British toughness and endurance."

The state of mind of a nation which can receive seriously such ghastly rubbish may be astounded and horrified mankind, but its closure of it will hardly recommend Germany for readmission to the society of civilized nations, when in time she must seek it. Mass insanity, with murderous tendencies, seems indeed to be a more solid scientific fact than the frantic gibberish of "Das Schwarze Corps."

Bruce Catton's 'In Washington'

Star-News' Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON—A little noticed ruling by Attorney General Jackson has put the National Labor Relations Board in the driver's seat in connection with the defense program.

In response to a request from the defense commission, Jackson ruled in effect that a firm is in violation of the Wagner act when the board says it is, rather than when the board's decision is passed on by the courts.

Jackson was asked to rule because the defense commission has just decreed that no army or navy contracts for defense materials will be negotiated with any firm which is violating any of the government's labor laws. Naturally the question at once arose, who decides when a given company is violating one of these laws—the Wagner act, for instance?

TWO MEMBERS NOW AT ODDS

Hereafter, then, the labor board can shut any corporation out of the defense program by finding, in a case brought before it, that the corporation is violating the Wagner act. Jackson's ruling said a company would become eligible again if the circuit court should reverse a labor board finding against it; but between the labor board's ruling and the circuit court's decision many months may elapse.

Right now the labor board is a two-man affair, the two men being Edwin S. Smith and Dr. William Leiserson, who oppose each other bitterly on practically all points. The term of the third member, J. Warren Madden, expired some weeks ago—and it is no exaggeration, in view of the Jackson ruling, to say the appointment of his successor is of vast importance to the defense program.

Smith and Madden teamed together. Because that was so, the board today—in its personnel, its policies and its outlook—very largely reflects the social and economic viewpoint of Smith.

And the point to remember is that Smith, for a long time has come about as close to being a fellow traveler of the Communists as any official in Washington.

CLEAN-UP HIGES ON THIRD MAN

Smith's closest associates on the board are its secretary, Nathan Witt, and its associate general counsel Thomas I. Emerson. A solid nucleus has been built up within the board of "key position" employees who see eye to eye with these three. Regional officers in the field are excepted.

The result is that a group all but openly identified with the famous "party line" has been in a position to run the labor board.

The congressional committee that has spent a year investigating the labor board missed all this completely. It identified ordinarily liberal and pro-labor people as Communists, and never once got into the real problem—which has been common gossip in the capital for at least a year by my own knowledge.

The Editor's

LETTER BOX

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THANKS

Dear Sir: The Sorosis Garden club wishes to thank you for the splendid publicity and the cooperation of the city and the cooperation of the city public in their annual flower show.

MRS. E. E. HUNTER, Secretary.

FOR ROOSEVELT

Dear Sir: When we see men who had been decorated by Hitler and who are in sympathy with Germany in this war, as Lindbergh was and is; when we see them pleading for the election of Wilkie, as Lindbergh does; it is time for our red-blooded young men and for their fathers, mothers, wives and sweethearts to work for and vote for Roosevelt.

W. B. KEZIAH
Southport, N. C. 1

OUR LAND

Hitler wants to rule the world instead of his own land, Mussolini wants the same; These two go hand in hand. They both think that they're high. They'll stand by and watch their own people die.

But they think with all the r might That they're the only ones can fight.

We Americans will show them some day That they can't always have their way.

We Americans think always of lives Of brothers, sisters, men, and wives.

Roosevelt doesn't want us in a grave. He'd rather have us alive, true, and brave.

He's not like a dictator or a king But like a father to everything. So let us shout long as we can, 'Cause we want Roosevelt and no other man.

ELIZABETH COTTLE, 17
FRANCES SAUNDERS, 14

Medical Care

BY LOGAN CLENDENING, M. D.

Vitamins, as I intimated yesterday, are the fertilizers of the human body. We need only small amounts of them and they act subtly to influence our well being, our growth, our hardness (resistance to infections) just as fertilizers affect the same general features of plants.

The question arises—and a very natural one it is in view of the prevalent craze to get all sorts of extra vitamins in concentrated form and otherwise—whether we can get too much vitamins. Plants get too much fertilizer sometimes. Can we overdo the vitamin business?

Most of what we hear is just the opposite kind of advice—here is Surgeon General Parran, of the Public Health Service, telling us that there is a "new starvation" in the United States that hits two out of five citizens, resulting in faulty nutrition. "More than 40 percent of the people in the country are not getting a diet adequate to maintain good health and vigor," writes Dr. Parran.

Deficiency Diseases Rare

I gave reasons in the first article this week for believing that this sort of talk is grossly exaggerated. Physicians who see patients in charity clinics are familiar with conditions in all walks of life—particularly those walks of life where food is not abundant—and yet they find that deficiency diseases are still rare.

But people are undoubtedly taking vitamin products in large quantities. So the question is pertinent—does this do any harm?

Experiments have been carried out to determine this, and the result of them seems to be that there is no ground to fear that except in one instance, any ill effects come from overdosage. Vitamin A is obtained by the body on the average American dietary in the amount of about 5,000 units daily. McBeth gave large quantities of the vitamin to school children up to 16,000 units a day. The age of the children was from 8 to 14 years. No outward results were observed from this large dosage.

Thiamine chloride, which is the crystalline form of Vitamin B, is required by the body in the amount of about 90 units for children and 200 units for adults per day. Twenty-seven thousand units were taken by a laboratory worker in a single dose. And the same man took twenty times the needed dose daily for quite a period of time. No ill effects were observed from the experiments.

Too Much Vitamin

Riboflavin, which is the chemical name for Vitamin B₂, can be taken in 1,000 times the needed amount without producing toxic effects.

Vitamin C is destroyed or excreted from the body very rapidly. In experimental work on animals, fifteen times the ordinary amount taken in daily by the body was given and no ill effects observed, and no changes found in the liver, heart, kidneys or lungs in the animals after they were killed.

The only vitamin that can do any harm when taken in large amounts is Vitamin D. It normally

Doing Business at the Same Old Stand



IN HOLLYWOOD

BY PAUL HARRISON

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HOLLYWOOD—An all-seeing camera is working for Orson Welles in the filming of "Citizen Kane." Nearly every shot is a special problem for Greg Toland the boss cinematographer, and some of them are likely to look downright spooky.

Most Hollywood sets have only two or three walls and no ceiling. Most of Welles' sets have a ceiling and four walls. The camera comes in a door, or maybe a window, and moves about the room on a 20-foot boom, or crane.

In one scene, for instance, the camera projects clear through the dining room of a house and into the living room. The lens picks up a boy playing in the snow outside, then it turns to pick up three actors inside. When the people move from one room to another, the camera follows them all the way. All this requires smooth work to keep furniture and people out of the way of the camera boom.

PLENTY OF MISHAPS

Welles likes long, smooth scenes uninterrupted by the closeups and

angle shots of accepted movie technique. He'll rehearse his players and crew for hours before using a foot of film, and a visitor gets the idea that production is going very slowly. Truth is it's progressing rapidly.

NET EFFECT SMOOTH

Immediately the letters dissolve into a rebus-like picture of the boy himself, a small figure on the white margin of the page. The picture becomes larger; the white background is seen as a snowbank, with the kid playing there. The camera has been watching him through an open window. His mother had raised the window to call to him; now she closes it as the camera daws back to show her, the living room and the two men.

All this sounds pretty tricky, and it is. But the effect, seen on the screen, is amazingly smooth. I don't know whether "Citizen Kane" will be a box-office smash, but I do believe that the Upstart Orson Welles is contributing some important ideas to the conventional movies.

BRITONS TO PAY WAR SALES TAX

Women Rush To Stock Up On Luxuries On Eve Of Heavy New Impost

BY J. NORMAN LODGE

LONDON, Oct. 19.—(CP)—The women's shops of London looked like the basements of New York department stores on a bargain sale morning today as the fair sex of this beleaguered capital swarmed in to buy silk stockings, lingerie, handbags, powder, rouge and other articles of feminine beautification.

It was another phase of the war. The purchase tax which is expected to raise £110,000,000 (about \$440,000,000) for Britain's war needs will become effective Monday and these things will bear a levy of one-third the price.

Woman, it seems, pays in this case, too.

Another point of the program is that, starting Monday, women will be able to buy only 19 shades of slips and panties; navy, gazelle, coffee, cloud, new nectarine, new lilac, RAF blue-grey, khaki, new mist, opaline, black, ivory, lagoon, new peach, azure, champagne, rose, nilé and pompadour. Ah, me!

The lingerie dealers, it seems, adopted a shade card which is now standardized.

The shops did a big business, too, in slacks.

The women seem hard-hearted about this, apparently concluding it's better to hide their legs than to show them in anything but silk, because after Dec. 1 legs must be enclosed in something other than silk—unless you think silk made out of wood shavings and other ersatz products are nice to look at.

More essential commodities than women's accessories, things like drugs and medicines will carry a one-sixth of the purchase price tax. Children's clothing will be exempted.

is needed in the diet because it prevents rickets, and does so by laying down calcium salts in the long bones. When fed in excess this calcification goes forward at kidney stones and similar deposits all over the body.

Tomorrow: Body Growth and Effect of Diet on Physique. I well worth your perusal.

Book Highlights

In his introduction, H. G. Wells calls his "Babes in the Darkening Woods" (Alliance; \$2.75), a "novel of ideas," stresses the fact that here are real characters from life, who talk as you would expect them to talk, who live and hope in the England of 1940.

The novel bears out Wells' prediction in full. But he might have termed it "conversation piece," for his characters discuss, in adequate detail, a multitude of topics ranging from love and sex to philosophy, education and the future of the world.

The story is incidental. The thoughts, the ideas are the author's chief concern. His characters move through various events, but only to provide opportunity of expression, and a setting for expounding facts and theories.

Briefly, the framework on which Wells ties his arguments concerns Stella and Gemini, two educated, young English people, discovered spending a holiday together without benefit of clergy. Their affair interrupted, Gemini goes to the continent, in is Poland during the invasion, in Finland during the Russian war. He is wounded, when a munitions train explodes, returns home broken and disillusioned.

With Stella's help, he returns to normal as Hitler marches into the lowlands. The story closes with Gemini on a mine-sweeper and Stella working as a nurse.

But the worth of the novel is in the ideas it expounds. For example, consider Gemini's lengthy discussion on the future of the world after the war.

There must be an Armistice, Gemini argues, imposed by necessity, fostered by neutrals, probably America and Russia, then a world federation, ruled by international commissions controlling effective disarmament, reparations, restoration of displaced populations, air and general transport, restoration of production, through readjustment of money and barter. The federation must put an end to air war forever.

There's more to Gemini's theory, but you'll have to read the novel to appreciate it. Here is a work I well worth your perusal.

NHHS OPEN HOUSE PLANS PERFECTED

Parents To Sit In Their Children's Seats At School Tuesday

BY GLENWARD BLOMIE

On Tuesday night of this week, starting at 7:30 o'clock, the Parent-Teachers association will operate the High school on a regular schedule, with the exception that the periods will be shorter and the parents are to take the place of their children.

Parents will meet their children's teachers, sit in their seats, see how their rooms look and where they are located. Teachers will call the regular rolls and parents will answer "present" for their child. They will not be asked to recite, but may ask as many questions as they like.

On Tuesday afternoon students will carry their program cards home to their parents and the parent will use it to follow the schedule for the night. Student guides will be in the halls to help parents find their way to the rooms and answer any questions.

The teachers and students have been working for some time on exhibits, posters, etc., to make their rooms interesting for this event which is expected to draw a large crowd of parents. There is still room in the association for more parent memberships and Mrs. Elverton Shands, membership chairman, will be on hand Tuesday night to receive memberships and dues.

The program as outlined by Mrs. E. W. Marge, chairman, will open with a 15-minute concert by the new Hanover High school ROTC band, under the direction of Lt. Eugene Laocock, starting at 7:30. Miss Maude Webber, Bible teacher, will conduct the devotional at 7:45, with a short business meeting following.

The Glee club will present several numbers after the business meeting, then T. T. Hamilton, Jr., principal, will take charge and explain the procedure for the night's schedule.

Following the end of the period at 9:30, the parents and teachers will go to the cafeteria for refreshments prepared by Mrs. J. R. Pearson, hospitality chairman.