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EDITORIAL

THE EUROPEAN WAR OUTLOOK

The whole world was shocked when the news came out that France and Great Britain had drawn up a "peace" agreement between Ethiopia and Italy as a reward for its unprovoked attack upon a peaceful and almost defenseless nation.

It is to the credit of the peoples and the statesmen of most of the other nations of Europe that they denounced the proposal almost with one voice. The people of England were stirred to indignation against their government. The outcome of this fiasco may easily be a far more serious international situation than has so far developed.

Ever since the Great War, the position of Great Britain has been that of guardian of the peace of Europe. She has held that position because, in spite of everything, the rest of the world believed in England's good faith. Now, of a sudden, that confidence has been dispelled by the present British government's own act.

It will take a lot of explaining, and years of time, to rebuild the world's confidence in Britain's national honor. Doubtless the explanation will be that to give Mussolini what he wanted was the only way to avert the actual outbreak of war on the Continent of Europe. But all the present indications are that the inevitable conflict has been hastened, rather than retarded.

Coming on top of the failure of the League of Nations to settle the quarrel between two of its members, and the breakdown of the London Naval Conference, the failure of England to stand up for the rights of Ethiopia against Italy's aggressions has thrown all Europe into a fresh frenzy of nationalism. And that, the keenest observers of European affairs believe, can lead only to war, and that not long delayed.

Germany alone, of all the European powers, is happy over the present situation. The United States of America is lucky to be so clear of "entangling alliances" that we can look on with a fair degree of unconcern—for the present.

FINGERPRINTING EVERYBODY

The movement for the recording of everybody's fingerprints seems to be gaining momentum. In several communities voluntary organizations have been formed to encourage parents to have their children's fingerprints recorded—and, incidentally, their own. Many municipalities now require the fingerprinting of every applicant for a public job. Sometimes, when these fingerprints are sent to Washington for comparison with those of persons of known criminal records, strange discoveries are made. Crooks of varying degrees have thus been detected in their efforts to get on the public payroll in positions of trust.

The largest collection of fingerprints anywhere in the world is in the Department of Justice in Washington. An even larger file may soon have to be established, to identify persons claiming benefits under the new Social Security Act. There does not seem to be any good argument against keeping a fingerprint record for identification purposes. Criminals and their lawyers are about the only serious objectors.

Recently several "missing" men were located by means of their fingerprint records, and the identity of several persons killed in accidents was established by the same means. The Department of Justice has opened its files to those who wish to place their own fingerprints on record, and the number availing themselves of this privilege is steadily growing.

THIS "BUY AT HOME" TALK

We realize, of course, that advocating a policy of "Buy at Home" often falls on deaf ears. The lure of distant markets has always exerted a magic that many people cannot resist.

But, whenever you find a good town, a lively, progressive community where stores are bright and attractive, where fine churches and schools are numerous, where there is pride taken in the attractiveness of homes and lawns, you will find that the people of that town are mostly "buy-at-homers." This applies as much to the business men and his family as it does to the day laborer; oftentimes it is the former who is the biggest offender against the "buy-at-home" program.

The person who buys merchandise away from home is no better than the local employer of labor who hires outsiders. Both are contributing their mite toward crippling their own community, and helping some other town.—Pioneer-Tribune, Manistique, Mich.

Be critical—of yourself.

TRUE WEALTH

If I can live in simple comfort and owe no man, sharing intimately with loved ones life's varied experiences; if I can bring a touch of healing and a clearer outlook into the trials and problems of those with whom I mingle; if I can humbly undertake public service when the public calls me, caring neither too much nor too little for popular approval; if I can give spiritual values always the first place, and gladly sink from sight, like a bit of heaven, that others might be elevated—then will this experiment of living yield in full measure the true wealth of contentment and happiness.—Alfred Osborne.

Seventy-one per cent of a selected group of the largest general automotive newspaper advertisers will increase advertising appropriations in 1936 over 1935.

Men in the United States have bought on the average four-tenths of a suit of clothes a year since 1929. Let us hope it was the pants fraction.—Boston Evening Transcript.

We agree with the judge who ruled that a wooden leg does not bar a man from operating an automobile. It's wooden heads that cause most of the trouble.—McPherson, Kansas, Republican.

Pipe smokers are said to have better dispositions than other men. Perhaps it seems that way because a man with a pipe in his mouth finds it difficult to argue himself into a fighting frame of mind.

Is there anything more disgusting to hear than the fellow without any real complaint eternally howling? But how refreshing, when you hear the person you think has every reason to be downhearted always presenting the brightest side of life. Which do you think gets the most of life?

A home-town newspaper always stands for the good things in any community. No worth-while movement succeeds without the newspaper's support. A worth-while newspaper can accomplish much good and usually does, but seldom does an individual appreciate it. If newspapers charged for the space they devote to boosting a community the publishers could soon retire. Yet the publisher profits no more from community progress than does the average citizen.—News-Plain-Dealer, Sparta, Ill.

Don't complain about keeping up poor kin. Think of Uncle Sam.

What father would like most to get out of his new car is the rest of the family.

Assisting a criminal to escape the law is a crime, unless you happen to be a lawyer.

Under the Wagner bill the employer still would be permitted to watch the wheels go round.

We recently found a man who admitted he's not trying to leave footprints on the sands of time, being more interested in covering up a lot of those already made.



The Family DOCTOR

By JOHN JOSEPH GAINES, M.D.

BABY
My nearest neighbor is a grandmother since quite recently. Her youngest son's baby is now 3 months old. The mother of the infant is not fully recovered from an exhausting confinement and she is with her mother, recuperating. The infant's father is in contract employment, hence he is away and hence grandma, with her vast experience, comes in handy.

Two days ago, I was called by telephone. "Baby was sneezing, and the tiny nose was getting red; there was some restlessness in this unusually good baby. What to do?"
"Did I go into a medical fit and give this baby calomel, aconite and other poisons? I did not. I told the grandmother to keep that room at a steady temperature and to give baby plenty of pure water. I advised a very simple laxative that was clearly indicated for elimination. Then, be quiet please, I recommended red onion-juice, a drop on a little sugar every hour or two!"

I just telephoned this hour, before I turned to my typewriter. "Baby is all right," was the welcome message. Just a word more about keeping up elimination through bowels and kidneys and a caution about feeding a 3-months baby too much starches. Also a final injunction to use just plain horse sense with the perfectly new youngster, the pride of the neighborhood.

The incident is closed. I wonder just how many young mothers and older grandmothers will pick up a grain of practical utility out of my discourse this week.

MODERN WOMEN

By CHARL ORMOND WILLIAMS
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Two women are officially working on the great social problem of liquor control in the states. Mrs. John S. Sheppard of New York is a member of the New York State Liquor Authority and Mrs. Edith McClure Patterson of Cleveland is a member of the Ohio Liquor Control Board.

A third Nobel Prize was awarded to the famous Curie family of France recently when Mrs. Frederick Curie-Joliot was given the Nobel prize in chemistry. Both her father and mother were previous recipients of this honor.

Ruth Bryan Owen of Florida, the first United States woman citizen to serve as Minister to another country, returned to Denmark early in December, saying that she was hurrying back to her post at Copenhagen to enjoy a real Christmas. Evidently our Madam Minister likes her post at Denmark's capital.

The November election returns in New York State showed that many

"EAST OF JAVA"

At The Louisburg Theatre
New Year's Day, Jan. 1st
Starring Charles Bickford

One of the most thrilling and tense of all jungle productions is Universal's "East of Java," starring Charles Bickford, at the Louisburg Theatre New Year's day, Jan. 1st. Bickford, cast as an American gangster fleeing from East Africa with "G" men on his trail, champions seven cowering human beings, including a beautiful woman, against seven lions, when a tramp schooner is wrecked on the reefs of a jungle isle a hundred miles from the nearest civilization. This is the film in which Bickford was attacked by a crazed lion and nearly died of his wounds.

In the cast are Elizabeth Young, Frank Albertson, Leslie Fenton, Clarence Muse, and many other noted players of stage and screen. The production was directed by George Melford from the book, "Tiger Island," by Gouverneur Morris, and adapted for the screen by Paul Perez and James Ashmore Creelman. Paul Kohner produced.

The story opens with Bickford fleeing the East African port of Simba Sao in the tramp schooner "Sea Dragon," Leslie Fenton, master. The ship is shipping, beside human cargo, a consignment of lions and other jungle beasts, to America. A tropical hurricane sweeps the ship onto reefs, humans and beasts escape to the island, and the fight for the survival of the fittest starts. Hunger, thirst, lack of firewood, fever and jungle insanity follow as the beasts sweep closer and closer to their human prey.

Who survives the grueling battle is told only in the last part of the last reel. Bickford, in a role that calls for him to be half human, half beast, as he fights off his enemies, both human and animal, handles each situation with brute ferocity and force.

Why are church pews so uniformly uncomfortable? Are they really uncomfortable or do they just seem so to the man whose wife has contrived to get him into church that Sunday

Neighbor—I presume that when your son went to college he was inoculated with the love of learning?

Father—Yes, but it didn't take.

SINCERE GOOD WISHES

Let your New Year enter with a fanfare of trumpets... Greet him with laughter and shouts of glee. He is a better, brighter and happier New Year for all. We hope that the joy we derived from serving you during the past year will be duplicated in 1936. We hope our service may merit your highest approval.

WE THANK YOU.

GREENBURG'S

LOUISBURG, N. CAROLINA

WHELESS-BURGESS, INC.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chords of happiness and hopes for greater achievements ring out in welcome to the new year dawning... It is our sincere wish that it usher in a new happiness for you and yours... and begins a long series of prosperous years.

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