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"Economy battle will rage again on Capitol Hill" is a headline in Tuesday's daily papers. Better late than never.

It now seems that the entire of Europe is becoming involved in a general war. The old saying "Hell bent on War" seems to fit the whole situation.

Speaking of airplanes, it is reported that the automobile industry is planning to go in for plane manufacture soon, due, of course, to foreign demand. It is a comparatively easy matter for the auto makers to change over plants and gear them to plane production. Also, plant expansion is said to be planned. Other business news indicates a general confidence that times are going to get better. Thoughtful economists continue to point out that a "war prosperity" is an exceedingly dangerous thing—that industrial expansion to prepare for war buying simply paves the way for a terrific collapse in the future. But that doesn't affect immediate profits. As a result of all this, reemployment has been going ahead. The unemployed total now is undoubtedly at its lowest level since 1931. And it is still going down.

It was indeed unfortunate that the reporters of the dedication of the CCC Camp at Nashville on Armistice Day took occasion to play up a misconstruction of the speech of Col. C. L. McGhee, the principal speaker for the occasion. Certainly on the day that the dedication took place the speaker was thoroughly justified in paying tribute to the boys who offered and gave their all to the Country's Call and we believe any reasonable thinking man would prefer, even our boys, fighting a war on the other fellows soil than in this country, where so much property damage and death, destruction and suffering would be brought to the noble women of our country. Those of us who know the Colonel recognize his Military inclinations, and appreciate his sincerity in the belief of the wisdom of preparedness, and his desire for the safety of our Country and its womanhood, but none of us believe him to be an advocate of going to war just for glory. If the reports had been written in the light of an Armistice Day tribute, no doubt the construction would have been different and commendatory—a consideration the Colonel should have received.

FRANKLIN FIGHT

Under the above heading the Durham Sun of Nov. 22, 1939, carried the following editorial:

"Franklin County is going to the polls again on the liquor question. The "Drys" are attempting to drive the county legal liquor stores from the scene.

"We have always felt that we could see both sides to most questions and that we were able to appreciate the other fellow's argument, but, after having witnessed prohibition and its successor, legal sale, in our own county of Durham, it is extremely difficult for us to regard the Dry forces as a true temperance unit and still understand their attack on legal sale.

"If prohibition could be realized to any practical degree—that is to say, if virtually none could get liquor—prohibition would advance the cause of temperance, but long and bitter endeavors, under both North Carolina state and federal prohibition, to outlaw strong drink to any effective degree have shown all of us that effective prohibition is contrary to the temper of the American people and, therefore, just about as unattainable as Utopian society.

"Indeed, Americans seem more jealous of their independence and more insistent upon what they seem to regard their inalienable right to drink, than upon most of the other rights they enjoy under our democratic system.

"The theory of prohibition is tenable, but the practical consequences of prohibition are: (1) to increase drinking because of the tendency to regard the law as a challenge and to defy it, and (2) merely to shift the profits of liquor from the public treasury where the monies serve useful purposes, to the pockets of criminals where those same monies form a great reservoir of funds financing other and even more grave crimes.

"Take Durham. Our liquor stores make a great deal of money, yet drinking at the Duke-Carolina game was negligible. Public drinking and excessive drinking are no longer "smart." They are, hence, under legal sale on the decline. Were those stores to be wiped out and liquor handed back to the criminals, those profits would be available for criminal enrichment and criminal activities and the lure of the verboten, especially among our youth, would create again, within our very midst, the problem of "thrill drinking."

"Prohibition may one day be realized, but experience seems to teach that the best approach is through legal and orderly control, gradually instilling the instinct of temperance."

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LOOK AT HOME

Repeal of the arms embargo naturally caused most of us to give our principal attention to potential war business from beleaguered Europe. Of late we've become so accustomed to looking across the oceans that we haven't paid much attention to what is going on at home. As a result, to quote Newsweek, "In surveying business stimulants, many analysts have almost overlooked another factor—our own national program—which will become increasingly important after the turn of the year."

This country isn't at war and, going by the pronouncements of public officials and the various polls which are designed to measure the pulse of public opinion, we aren't going to war. But, at the same time, we are going to do our best to make sure that war doesn't come to us—and the general opinion is that the only way to do that is to build a national defense system which will make this hemisphere look mighty unhealthy to any possible aggressor. To create that system will cost a great deal more money than we ever spent for military purposes in peace-time before.

At the moment we are spending substantially more than \$100,000,000 a month in furthering the arms program. It is forecast that by June the monthly rate of spending will reach \$135,000,000, and very possibly exceed that. And during the last half of 1940, the estimates continue, arms spending will probably jump far beyond that figure.

This year's War Department budget was some \$732,000,000. The Department is now getting up its projected budget for the next fiscal year, and reliable reports say that it will be about a third higher, or more than \$1,000,000,000. Much of the money will be spent with existing basic "peace" industries, as well as with the makers of guns and shells—a modern army moves more and more on wheels and less and less on foot, and such articles as trucks are as vital as the actual weapons of combat.

Expenditures of the Navy Department will touch a tremendous total. Close to 100 new ships, large and small, will be built, according to current plans. Other ships will be revamped and modernized. Purpose is to make our fleet the most powerful in the world—a distinction which some experts think it may already claim. Shipyard facilities will be strained to the limit, and there is an excellent possibility that once the building program gets underway, the principal yards may operate 24 hours a day.

A defense program such as this obviously touches every phase of our industrial life. The demand for power and transportation increases along with the demand for steel and lumber and machine tools. Biggest beneficiaries are the heavy industries, which took the worst licking during depression. Plant improvement and expansion all along the industrial front may be confidently anticipated.

The program will also have a beneficial influence on the unemployment problem. Hundreds of thousands of additional workers will be needed in shipyards, tool factories, truck and automobile plants, etc. On top of that, there will be room for many thousands more in the army and navy. At present the Army is increasing its numbers, both in the regulars and the National Guard, and it will not be a great while, say those in touch with affairs, before the Army rolls reach the present peacetime limit of 400,000 men.

Just how much warring Europe will be able to buy here is still a moot question. But whether foreign orders go above or below expectations, it is a certainty that our own defense precautions will be a tremendous temporary stimulant to business in this country.

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

The public at large seems to be somewhat puzzled by the slothfulness with which the war proceeds. Remembering 1914, when hostilities on a tremendously bloody scale started very soon after the declaration of war, the bulk of lay observers are wondering why history doesn't repeat itself.

To the military experts, that is less of a puzzle. For, they argue, sensible English and French strategy calls for a defensive war in which men and resources are carefully conserved—in other words, a war of blockade. The British navy pretty well controls the seas, and few ships reach Germany. Allied authorities are convinced that Russia is not proving of much help to the Reich as a provider of essential supplies. For one thing, Russia has none too much of most commodities for the needs of her own vast population. And recent Russian pronouncements indicate that, in spite of the alliances, she is not a real friend of Germany's—that she regards both sides as being about equally at fault.

It has seemed logical to expect a large-scale German offensive—time works with the Allies. But if Germany shot the works in one desperate effort and it failed, as most experts think it would, she would be through. One school of thought has it that matters will drag along comparatively slowly until both sides become sick of it, when some sort of a peace will be effected.

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On November 15th the Parent-Teacher Association sponsored an oyster supper at the Youngville Community Building for the purpose of raising funds with which to secure a sound system for the Youngville School Auditorium. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the students of the school, the parents, the teachers, and the friends of the school for their fine cooperation in this effort. The returns were very gratifying.

The December meeting will be on the evening of December 4th, at 7:45 in the school auditorium. The Youngville Choir is preparing a Christmas cantata, "The Inn," for presentation at this meeting. We feel that this will be too good to miss, so come and bring your family. (Cor.)

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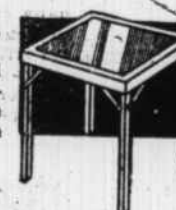


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