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A north Iowa paper demands to know "what Roosevelt is going to do about the high cost of living." Well, considering his salary, we'd assume that he'll go on eating.—Marshalltown (Iowa) Times-Republican.

Airplanes For The Army

The new chief of staff of the United States army, General Malin Craig, has come out for a military air service "second to none." That is a program that will be welcomed by all who have felt a sense of shame that America, where aviation was born, has so steadily lagged behind the rest of the world in developing and utilizing the airplane for military purposes.

This country leads the world in commercial aviation. That leadership has been the growth of less than ten years. Before Lindbergh's historic flight across the Atlantic, America was being out-distanced by all the countries of Europe even in commercial flying. The development since then has been done by private initiative and private capital, with a great deal of valuable co-operation from the government, to be sure, but with very little financial assistance from Uncle Sam.

But while we have forged ahead in commercial aviation, our military equipment of planes and trained personnel has continued to lag behind those of other nations. The navy has been better cared for in this respect than has the army.

Nobody wants the United States to get into another war. Yet there is always the chance that we may be forced into one, a chance that is perhaps not as remote as it seems, in the present disturbed state of world affairs. It would be a pity if we had to go to war, as we did in 1917, with practically no military airplanes fit for service and up-to-date enough to be useful against the enemy's superior equipment.

Turning On the Light

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh have fled to England with their second child in order that it might be more safe from kidnapers and gangsters. The people of this country know very well the fate of their first child.

Lindbergh's action in fleeing to England to take up temporary residence has caused diversified comment. Some criticize him, saying his own country should be good enough and safe enough for residence and the rearing of his child.

On the other hand there are those who thoroughly consider that it was not the child of these critics who was kidnaped and murdered and the living child is likewise not theirs to protect and rear.

Lindbergh should not be criticized until one tries to place himself in his position and try to consider what you would do under like circumstances. With one child already in the grave because of unscrupulous murderers, would you not use every precaution to protect the second of your own flesh and blood?

His action in going to England is going to have a beneficial effect in making many complacent people of this country realize how badly conditions are in relation to law and order, and more especially individual safety.

To boost your own community, city, county, state or nation until you are blind to its faults is the essence of futility. We do not advocate chronic kickers but constructive critics. Faults cannot be remedied until they are discovered and until a desire for a remedy is created.

Throughout the past century people have been wantonly criticizing the press for prominent display of crime news. They never pause to think that in telling crime news the press opens to the public eye conditions as they are and it is squarely up to the people to seek remedies for conditions they rightfully deplore and condemn.

The AAA Decision

The supreme court of the United States has handed down another momentous decision, this time nullifying the triple A as unconstitutional in violation of rights of the states.

The highest court in the nation has said that the federal government is exceeding its rights in carrying out the Agricultural Adjustment Act. The question of whether or not the act is wrong is shadowed by the fact that it is illegal.

This leaves both major political parties searching for some plan of farm policy as a substitute and again raises the question of whether or not the constitution needs revision to give the federal government more latitude in dealing with problems that affect the nation.

The constitution is the nation's charter and as such should be carefully observed but at the same time it should allow measures for the general welfare of the country to be carried out. However, the constitution acts as a check to congress and even to the people who might even be willing to subject themselves to more stringent federal powers.

One reason for the broadened powers of the federal government has been the inability or unwillingness of states to take the lead in trying to bring about economic reforms. Instead, the states have always looked to Uncle Sam for help, protection, relief and anything else that might be expected from a rich uncle.

We do not mean to say that the states can cope with the agricultural problem as effectively as the AAA did, but we do contend that the states individually are lethargic in many phases of government.

Like A Beacon

People wonder why newspapers make so many ridiculous mistakes. But have you ever considered the batting average of even the papers who make a large number of errors? In every line of type there are hundreds of chances to make errors.

Another phase of this subject that has puzzled writers, proof readers and editors is the obscurity of errors on proof sheets and their prominence on the printed page. The editor of the Knoxville Express grows poetic in describing this peculiarity:

The typographic error is a slippery thing and sly;
 You can hunt 'till you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by.
 'Till the forms are off the presses, it is strange how still it keeps;
 It shrinks down in a corner, and it never stirs or peeps.
 That typographic error, too small for human eyes,
 'Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size.
 The boss, he staves with horror, then he grabs his hair and groans;
 The copy reader drops his head upon his hands and moans.
 The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be—
 But that typographic error is the only thing you see.

Thrift meaning to spend less than you earn. A word in common usage in America up to March 4, 1933.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

A PROPHETIC VISION

Lesson for January 12th. Luke 2:25-40: Golden Text, Luke 2:29

The "bright and God-fearing" Simeon held the baby Jesus in his arms and blessing him on the occasion of the presentation in the Temple, is most attractive. Simeon's piety was quite different from that of the scribes, revealing deeper insight and spirituality. Like Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, and Anna, the prophetess, he belonged to that group of humble, devoted Jews who longed for the liberation of Jerusalem.

The beautiful prayer of thanksgiving pronounced by Simeon, called the "Nunc Dimittis," so endeared itself to the Christian world that from the 4th or 5th century it has been used as a part of the evening liturgy in many churches. Note that it includes, within the scope of its thought, the non-Jewish world, Christ, according to Simeon, is "a light to shine upon the Gentiles." Here we have that universal touch so characteristic of St. Luke.

There are two types of patriotism. The first is a distinctly national variety which the Jews cultivated with peculiar fervor. A fine expression of it is in the 137th Psalm, where the writer cries, "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her skill."

The second type of love for fatherland is on a larger scale. It is international in character, and is well voiced by Simeon in his serene "Nunc Dimittis," where the venerable saint brings "all nations" within the compass of the Christian purpose. One is reminded of that glorious passage in the book of Isaiah: "It is too slight a service to set the clans of Jacob up again, and restore Israel's survivors; I now appoint you to bring light to the nations, that your salvation may reach the world's end." (chap. 49:6) All this is thoroughly in line with the spirit and intent of Him who said, "The field is the world," and sounded the command, "Go ye into all the world."

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 8. (Auto-caster) — The 74th Congress which has just convened for its second and final session is trying to pick up the loose threads of its unfinished program and tie some of the knots more securely, while considering what is required in the way of new legislation.

A great deal of the action of this session will be taken with one eye on the Supreme Court. If all of the laws of the last two years whose constitutionality has been challenged could be passed on by the Supreme Court at once, it would save the Senators and Representatives a lot of time and worry.

Await Many Decisions

A more important Court decision will be that on the Guffey soft coal regulation act. The expectation is that this will be held unconstitutional, on the ground that the tax imposed upon coal producers who do not conform to the terms of the law is a penalty rather than an excise tax. It was on exactly that ground that the Supreme Court some years ago declared the Child Labor Law unconstitutional.

Uncertainty as to the Court's ruling on the Guffey Act is expected to delay action by Congress on other regulatory measures affecting business.

The Supreme Court also has before it questions of the constitutionality of the Tennessee Valley Act, the Social Security Act, the Wagner Labor Relations Act, the Railroad Pension Act, the PWA Slum Clearance program, the Potato Control Act, the Tobacco Control Act and the Bankhead Cotton Control Act. Some of these will be passed on between now and June, some will not get to the point of a Court ruling until Autumn. Therefore it is possible there will be no clear-cut Constitutional issue of which either party can take advantage in the coming Presidential campaign.

Amendments Up Sleeves

It is known that a dozen or more members and Senators have Constitutional amendments up their sleeves ready to offer if the Administration should decide it were worth while to put up a fight at this time for the liberalization of the Constitution in the direction of giving broader powers to the Federal Government to regulate industry, but it now seems questionable that any of these amendments will have sufficient weight behind it to get very far.

Much more concern is being expressed over old age pensions than on any other one question. The Social Security Act, which provides for a contributory system of old age pensions, to be paid out of a fund provided by taxes on employers and employees, does not meet the widespread demand for immediate pensions for every person over 60 or 65 years old.

Nervous, Weak Woman Soon Ail Right

"I had regular shaking spells from nervousness," writes Mrs. Cora Sanders, of Paragould, Ark. "I was all run-down and cramped at my time until I would have to go to bed. After my first bottle of Cardui, I was better. I kept taking Cardui and soon I was all right. The shaking quit and I did not cramp. I felt worlds better. I gave Cardui to my daughter who was in about the same condition and she was soon all right."



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Killed At Crossing

Durham, Jan. 6.—Mrs. E. W. Sharpe, 44, wife of Police Captain Sharpe, was instantly killed and her niece, Nancy Sharpe, was seriously injured when a police car was struck by an eastbound Southern railroad passenger train at a mid-town crossing this morning.

Captain Sharpe, who was driving, was slightly hurt. Captain Sharpe was taking his niece to high school on his way to police headquarters to report for duty. Mrs. Sharpe was employed in a downtown department store.

HANCOCK WILL SEEK OWN SEAT

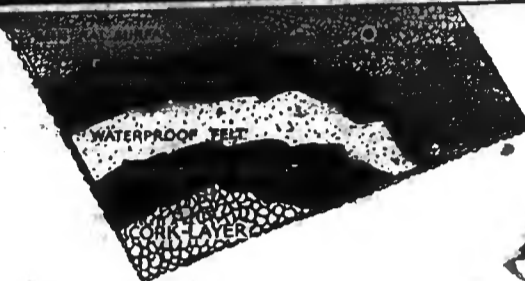
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career by announcing for reelection as representative in the House from the Fifth North Carolina district.

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