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The Hatch Bill

President Roosevelt summed up the situation accurately when he said the Hatch Bill was a step in the right direction.

The bill was designed to keep government employes from pernicious activities in politics.

Of course, some partisanship entered into the passage of the bill with a block of Democrats who were fearful that President Roosevelt might run for a third term joining with the Republicans in putting the bill through.

But the main reason for the bill is a healthy movement of reform which has been spreading over the country for the past few years.

Let us look at some of the things which have been happening:

In Kansas City, Boss Pendergast's machine was kicked out and he and a few other ringleaders were sentenced in the courts.

In Pennsylvania some of the higher up politicians face indictment for conspiracy and fraud.

A former mayor of Los Angeles is indicted for selling civil service jobs.

A former mayor of Winston-Salem has been sentenced for fraud.

Mayor Frank Hayes, of Waterbury, Conn., faces charges for a \$1,000,000 fraud.

Indictments have been handed down in New Mexico and New Jersey for misuse of WPA funds and some of the higher ups in those states are in hot water.

A former mayor of an Indiana city has been convicted for diversion of WPA materials for private use.

Many other instances could be cited to show that even the leaders supposedly with the mightiest "pull" cannot successfully buck the tidal wave of reform. The American people will not long stand for corruption in high places.

Some saw objections to the Hatch bill because they thought it might possibly infringe upon individual rights. That is one interpretation but another is that the bill protects individual rights instead of infringing upon them.

The law was supposedly written to protect those who are dependent upon the government for their jobs from coercion in primaries and elections and to make it possible that each one, regardless of how humble, might express his or her desires at the ballot box without fear from any man or group, thus serving as a guarantee of constitutional right to a voice in government.

Source Of Wisdom

In Washington we have a set of executive officers, a senate, a congress and high judicial officials, all of whom are recognized statesmen and we believe they are earnest in their desire to seek solution to problems growing out of our civilization.

Throughout our country there are people sincere in their efforts to seek solutions to vexing problems but who seemingly are unwilling to attune their lives to the source of all wisdom.

But down in Toccoa, Ga., a few days ago a capitalist dedicated his factory to the principles of Christianity and made a speech in which he said his trust in God had brought blessings upon his business. There was one man who recognized the source of blessings. Read what the Greenville Piedmont had to say about the occasion:

"When a \$2,000,000 manufacturing plant begins operations in a town the size of Toccoa, Ga., it is an event of more than a passing interest.

"But when such a business is launched with the factory dedicated by the owner to the principles of Christianity and a ceremony of a highly religious nature held it is unique.

"Such occurred last week at Toccoa as R. G. LeTourneau, a millionaire, in the presence of more than 3,000 people asked divine guidance for his enterprise and pleaded with his hearers to join him in helping God solve the man-made problems of today's world through the simple duties of honest work and brotherly love.

"My faith in God has brought blessings on my business," he said. "The capitalist instead of trusting God is trusting only in his capital.

"We hear the argument of what we could accomplish if we had a man to show us what to do. If we only had a man big enough, who knew enough to lead us out of our problems. A man who understands, who knows just what to do at the right moment. A man who could win our confidence. We have that man—that man is

my Savior and your Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ! If we would only listen to him.' "How different is such sentiment from what is usually heard on such occasions. "The LeTourneau concern will employ 200 people and will manufacture road machinery. The owner plans to erect steel homes for employes and to have a most modern community."

If all the leaders in government, in business, in education, in civic and professional life had the same perspective it would not be long until many troubles which keep them in hot water would vanish.

The usual procedure for opening of a large industry in a small town would be a lot of pomp and speech making, in which the sponsor would be praised to the skies for what he was doing as an individual for the community and with a long string of adjectives orators would tell of prosperity coming to the place because of the efforts and money of the man who established the business.

America's Foreign Policy

The people of the United States do not want any part in any war. That can be asserted as a definite unchallengeable statement of fact.

The people of the United States, as a whole, consider the quarrels of European nations with each other as no concern of ours. That is also a positive statement of facts.

The people of the United States are bitterly resentful of Japan's armed invasion of China, but are far from being convinced that it is our duty, therefore, to go to war with Japan.

The people of the United States are, on the whole, sympathetic with the European democracies, especially Britain and France, in any struggle to maintain the human liberties which we, also, cherish, in case those liberties are threatened from without. But the people of the United States are far from being convinced that those liberties, so far, are threatened; nor do most Americans believe that a threat to them is a threat to our own liberties.

The people of the United States are in pretty general agreement that the conquest and colonization of any part of the American continent by any European or other foreign power might constitute a threat to our liberties, or at least require action on our part to defend the invaded country, not in their particular interest but in our own. That is the essence of the Monroe doctrine.

The people of the United States believe that our surest protective against being drawn into any war is to build up our Navy, Air Force and Army to a point of efficiency where no other nation would dare to make war against us.

The people of the United States believe that the less we meddle with foreign affairs and the more attention we pay to our own, the better off we will be, war or no war.

The foregoing statements we believe to be as accurate a picture of the average American citizen's view on war as can be put on paper. In a government of, by and for the people, they ought to be the guiding principle of the nation's foreign policy.

Borrowed Comment

SLEEPLESS DRIVERS (Charlotte News)

In that story about a run-away seven-ton truck on the mountain road into Uniontown, Pa., recently, there was one very notable statement. "Whether it was anyone's fault that the brakes failed does not appear certain. The statement of the driver, Bermelson, that the "transmission suddenly gave way" suggests strongly a lack of proper inspection. Anyhow, there he was spinning down the three-mile grade at a speed that went up to 85 miles an hour, around curves, through traffic at the imminent risk of tragedy. At 20 miles the second man on the truck jumped, injured his chest and leg. But Bermelson held on and somehow got the thing down without injury to himself or those in his way. A remarkable exhibition of driving and cool nerve.

But—when a doctor picked up the second man, named Tanner, and carried him to a hospital,

Tanner welcomed a hospital bed, asserting he and Bermelson had not been asleep for four nights.

That kind of thing is all too common. So far as the big interstate trucking lines go, it is supposed to have been eliminated by law. But every road is full of trucks, owned by individuals or small trucking firms, manned by drivers who have not had sufficient sleep—who menace the occupants of every other vehicle also using the road. The case falls for regulation as plainly as that of the air trucks—those rolling fire-sprays.

NEUTRALITY (Goldsboro News-Argus)

What kind of neutrality law do the people of the United States want?

Mr. Roosevelt wants one which will let him throw help to nations he favors, in hope and intention of preventing any war.

Some members of Congress want a different type of law, which they hope will keep this nation out of any war which might develop. They contend that when you give help to one side in a war or threatened war you are opening the way by which you can easily be skipped into such war yourself.

To try to prevent a big war, to stay out of a big war ourselves, both are desirable objectives. But apparently best opinion is that we can't successfully seek to obtain both objectives.

TODAY
and
TOMORROW
—by—
FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

INDIANS friends
Near the ancient church in my old home in Massachusetts is the Indian burying ground. Rough-hewn obelisk bears a bronze plate inscribed "to the friends of our Fathers." Descendants of the first white settlers placed it there, as a tribute to the kindly tribe of the Mohicans, the Stockbridge Indians.

This old New England town is celebrating this month the 200th anniversary of its establishment as the first community in America to give Indians equal rights of citizenship with the English colonists. The first Board of Selectmen of Stockbridge, elected in 1739, consisted of two Indian chiefs, Konkapot and Umphachene, and one Englishman, Ephraim Williams.

By 1779 the failure of the attempt to impose European civilization on the Indians was apparent, even to the Indians. They drifted westward and the last remnants of their tribe now live in Wisconsin. The English settlers prospered. Ephraim Williams founded Williams College. The Colonists paid the Indians for their land, but the Indians did not understand the value or use of money. Few Indians know anything about handling money today.

RELIGION conformity
The Mohican Indians were hunters who were glad to trade their beaver-skins for the rum which the white men brought them. My wife's ancestor, Jehoiaim van Valkenburg, and my own ancestor, Charles Stockbridge, whose name the town bears, did a thriving trade with the Indians for years before earnest young missionaries from Yale College came up to Christianize the people of the Housatonic Valley.

Many Indians professed conversion and were baptized into the church. It now seems doubtful that they ever grasped or accepted the rigid Calvinistic doctrines of Puritan New England. It is certain that they were unruly under the harsh discipline of the Church. John Sergeant, the devoted young minister, died after ten years of disheartening efforts to wean the Mohicans away from their pagan practices and their fondness for the traders' rum.

Religion, to the missionaries, meant conformity in outward appearances to the standards of the teachers of religion, as much as it meant spiritual regeneration. The Indians of Stockbridge preferred to live in wigwams instead of houses, and to go unclothed in Summer.

CIVILIZATION tolerance
To me there seems to be a parallel between the failure of his first organized effort in American to civilize the Indians and the efforts of powerful nations to conquer or absorb weaker nations composed of people of a different race and tradition. The roots of all the present warlike manifestations throughout the world lie, I believe, in the assertion of superiority of one race over others, and the attempt to make the so-called inferior race conform to the standards of the other.

We have learned a lesson in America. We no longer try to make Indians live like white men or adopt the white man's religion and customs. So long as they do not behave contrary to the universal code of morals, which is essentially letting other people's lives, property and customs alone the American Indians today are not only permitted but encouraged to maintain their ancient tribal customs and beliefs.

I think they are much more civilized, on the whole, than some of the peoples of Europe—or their rulers.

COLONIZATION interference
The reason the English are the most successful colonial administration is that they do not inter-

fered with native manners, habits or religion. It took them a long time to learn tolerance, but in the British colonies all over the world the maxim of Thomas Jefferson that "the best government is the one that governs least" seems to be the rule.

Spain was once the world's greatest colonial power. She lost her colonies because she tried to make natives into Spaniards. Her little neighbor, Portugal, is still a great colonial power because she does not try to change the colonists into some different kind of people. Germans are notoriously the world's worst manager of colonies. Its colonial governors are arrogant, domineering and wholly lacking in respect for native beliefs and customs.

Two races cannot live on the same soil without constant friction and conflict unless each recognizes that the other has an equal right to live, act and believe as its racial inheritance impels it. **LESSON peace**
If there is one lesson the world should have learned by this time it is that peace is never achieved by conquest but only by tolerance. Some groups, many individuals, have learned that. To a degree some nations and their rulers have at least got a glimmer of that truth. It is the ones which have not grasped it that are making all the trouble in the world.

The lesson of tolerance is not learned wholesale. It is arrived at one by one, as individual after individual discovers his own true place in the scheme of things. Men who find that place recognize that they are no better than other men. They find it by abandoning selfishness, hatred and dishonesty. A great and growing movement for peace is sweeping over the world, led by groups of men and women who believe and teach that the salvation of the world lies not in guns but in the hearts of people. It is called "Moral Rearmament." You will hear of it, if you have not already. If enough individuals are morally armed, the world will need no other armaments. There is no other road to peace.

USING LIME

Transylvania County farmers have received over 2,000 tons of limestone through the AAA program this year, as well as a large supply through other sources.

Experts estimate that the increase in Granville County tobacco acreage this year will not equal the loss from wilt, reports W. B. Jones, assistant farm agent.

New Site Selected For Camp Hancock

Elkin, Aug. 2.—A 12-acre plot of the Waiter Comins property, east of Elkin Valley church on the old Elkin-Dobson road, was chosen today as the site for Camp Hancock CCC camp which will be moved from the present location near Dobson.

Officers from Fort Bragg who approved the plot were Captain L. C. Rosser, Captain Roy C. Tatum and J. H. Abbott.

Work of moving the camp buildings will begin as soon as a well has been drilled and sewerage facilities completed.

More persons are killed in the course of farm work than in any other industry, reveals the 1939 edition of Accident Facts.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina
Wilkes County.

In The Superior Court Before The Clerk Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Wilkes county, made in the special proceeding entitled, Cora E. Reid, Administratrix, et al., vs. Thomas Benjamin Reid, et al, the same being No. 574 upon the special proceeding docket No. 4, of said court, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 30th day of August 1939, at 12 o'clock M., at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, Wilkes county, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land lying and being in Wilkes county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. W. Moore, James Anderson, A. L. Marlow, Wilson Moore and W. R. Johnson and others, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

FIRST TRACT: Situated in Lovelace township Wilkes county, North Carolina, and adjoining the lands of J. W. Moore, James Anderson, A. L. Marlow, and Leander Moore and others, and containing 40 acres more or less. For further reference see Book 159 in the Register of Deeds office at page 311.

SECOND TRACT:—Situated in

Lovelace township, Wilkes county, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Wilson Moore described and defined as follows: Lying and being in Lovelace township, Wilkes county, North Carolina, and adjoining the lands of Wilson Moore heirs, W. R. Johnson and heirs of John A. Johnson and containing 61 acres more or less. For further reference see Book 159 at page 310 in the Register of Deeds office.

This July 27, 1939.
F. J. McDUFFIE,
Commissioner.

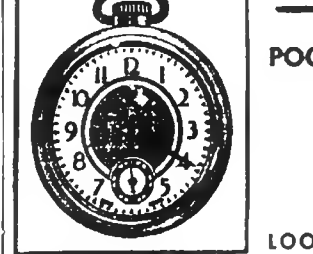


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