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## Profiteering

When prices jump almost overnight somebody makes some money which they did not earn and that is profiteering.

The war in Europe is said to be responsible for the big jump in price of staple food and feed products and the increase is generally thought to be unjustified. The ultimate result is that it will retard business to some extent while lining the pockets of those able to do the profiteering.

The articles which now cost much more than a week ago were produced at normal costs which enabled a profit at prices which prevailed before the jump.

The farmer did not get anymore for the crops from which food products were made and are now selling at from ten to 20 per cent higher. In fact, the farmers have been receiving less for the crops than they did a year ago.

This means that those who were in position to do so boosted prices to make more profits.

Retailers are not responsible. They have only raised prices in accordance with what merchandise costs them. The responsibility for higher prices goes above and beyond your merchant.

President Roosevelt in his address last Sunday night warned against profiteering and it is quite probable that the federal government will take a hand if prices advance to the point where the consuming public will feel the pinch too keenly.

A reasonable increase in prices is justified so long as the farmer and the producer gets his share of the increase but a jump too high would result in a decrease in buying with all its affiliated economic ills.

## Fire Prevention Week

Calling all citizens—for Fire Prevention Week, which is to be observed this year from October 8 to 14th.

Fire Prevention Week marks a definite, intensive effort to save your life and your property from the ravages of fire. It is an intensely personal thing, which comes straight home to all of us.

Insurance organizations, fire departments, public officials, newspapers, the radio, civic clubs and organizations—all will work cooperatively together to make the Week a success. They are working for you, and their hope is to enlist your support and interest. They will offer you every opportunity to learn about fires—its causes, the magnitude of its destruction, the means of controlling, fighting, and preventing it. There is nothing dull about these lessons—to the contrary, they are intensely dramatic and interesting.

And they are much more than that. When you learn how to inspect your home for hazards, and apply what you learn, it may be the means of saving that home from ruins. Vastly more important, it may be the means of saving the lives of your family from one of the most horrible of deaths. Nothing pays greater dividends than fire prevention.

So do your part when Fire Prevention Week comes. Observe it with an open, inquiring mind. And when the Week is over, remember what you have learned, and keep on using your knowledge. One of the things this country needs most is a nationally observed "Fire Prevention Year."

## Borrowed Comment

HUMANE WARFARE (Shelby Daily Star)

Very properly and prompted by the purest motives Mrs. Roosevelt has called upon the warring powers of Europe at the outbreak of the present conflict for humaneness in their warfare.

But in all history there has never been a humane war. The record reveals that as man has progressed in every war he has used the most destructive weapons existent.

The powers responded immediately pledging humane warfare but each made that pledge contingent upon the enemy conducting the same type of war. Perhaps upon that some slight hope was aroused that after all, in spite of men once again going to war, civilization is advancing.

But that encouragement was short lived. Off Scotland a large vessel, a merchant ship of England, was loaded far beyond normal with a human cargo. Some 1,400 persons were aboard that ship. Most of them were hurrying to get out of the war

zone, returning to Canada and to the United States.

While reports vary it is rather conclusive that the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine. Further, survivors said when they were rescued, the submarine shelled the vessel after it was struck by the torpedo. The loss of life, miraculously, was comparatively small as it is estimated that in the neighborhood of 100 perished.

The passengers on that ship had nothing to do with the war, they had no part in hostilities. They were innocent victims caught in the zone of war whose only offense was an effort to escape to safer shores.

Is that humane warfare? Does that appear that man has reached a high degree of civilization?

Now and then we hear whispers of more horrible things—bacterial bombs, bombs which leave food and water poisoned. Already women and children, non-combatants, have been killed in large numbers in Poland by bombs in air raids. Bombs have fallen on neutral areas with resulting deaths.

Of course it is realized that in modern warfare where planes play so great a part it is difficult to confine the effects of bombs to purely military objectives. Yet that within itself is no reason for mass and concerted attack upon population centers, such as Warsaw. That is no reason—and we do not yet make this change—for the deliberated attack on shelters of women and children.

No we fear the bars are down. Each power made the pledge of humane warfare contingent upon the activities of the enemy. The enemy has acted. Women and children have died. A harmless ship loaded with passengers has been torpedoed. Tragic as it is there seems to be nothing left but for the powers which have suffered through these attacks to intensify their own drives against the enemy.

## KEEP OUR REASON AND KEEP OUT OUR PEACE

(Hertford County Herald)

There is war in Europe. The forces of hate and death and destruction are unloosed upon the unfortunate peoples of Europe's nations.

In America there is peace. In America we want to keep peace.

The terror and horror of war are unknown to but few Americans, the survivors of that last conflict in Europe—that war to end all war, as we were told by propagandist. But war in its real death-grim grimness, is something that we Americans can not fully appreciate or imagine. Only those who have suffered this terror know that. Only those people who have been through war's horrors know how precious a thing this peace that we have in America can be. For these reasons, in this country we want to preserve our peace.

America and its people want to stay out of war. We want our peace. It is a greater possession than anything that may be achieved by marching soldiers and the force of arms.

While Europe struggles in the throes of war, in America we want to fight as valiantly to preserve the greatest blessing of any nation—peace. To fight in the battle for peace it is necessary to throw up defenses against hatred and hold in check the excitement which inflames the passions and overcomes reason.

Our President has spoken and urged us to be calm. He knows the value of peace. Peace can be maintained in America, if we will it and fully realizing the preciousness of it, as opposed to the horror in which Europe is opposed, we will reject the fatalism which accepts war as inevitable.

America has no business in Europe's war. America can stay out of war, if we the people of America maintain our reason, think clearly and refuse to permit the hysteria of war to swerve us from a unity of thought and action for preserving our peace—America's most precious possession.

If we maintain our reason, we can maintain our peace.

## "SOFTIES, ALL OF US."

(Morganton News-Herald)

With the caption, "Softies, All of Us," the Charlotte Observers tells how Federal employes in Washington this summer have been permitted to drop whatever they have been doing, if anything, to go home on account of the fact that their working quarters were not air-conditioned: "We wonder what the workers anywhere, either in those private pursuits or public positions, would have thought 50 years ago if somebody had suggested to them that they ought to go and ask the boss to get off on account of the hot weather." Humidity has made the present summer something unusual in weather history. Air conditioning has not been without its perils, since many of those going from torrid to wintry conditions have suffered from colds and sore-throat. Country life, sunshine, wind and rain, and work in the open, after all, are not easily duplicated in the city. They certainly go far toward keeping people from being softies.

The Michigan legislature is considering a bill which would bar the insanity plea in crimes of violence. Insanity, the drafters of the bill seem to think, is no excuse if you do something unusually mad.—Washington Post.

Mr. Chamberlain, contemplating "some of the things" happening in the far east, says, "It makes my blood boil." But will that be enough to get up steam in the British fleet?—Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

## Two Sides To Every Question

(By LITTLE NULL)

Under the present laws of the United States it is Congress, and only Congress, which has the power to declare war. An amendment to our Constitution has been proposed which would prevent Congress declaring war without consent of the people voting in a referendum, "unless a foreign power attacks, invades, or threatens military action against the United States or our territorial possessions, or any other country in this hemisphere."

Congressman Louis Ludlow of Indiana introduced this amendment in the seventy-fourth Congress. It was re-introduced in the seventy-fifth Congress. It was killed in committee upon both occasions. It is again in committee in this seventy-sixth Congress and whether or not it will ever reach the House or Senate—probably depends upon the will of the people.

Wars are usually the outcome of political intrigue. If the decisions to declare war were left to the people, there would be few of them ever fought. How many citizens of the nations involved would have voted to declare a state of war over the questions which the political leaders, since the beginning of history, have considered of sufficient importance to fight about?

The Great War was brought on by Austria's demands upon Serbia, after the assassination of the Archduke Francis by a Serbian. Would the people of Austria have voted to send their sons into battle to enforce these demands, knowing they had Russia to fight also?

Would the Russian people have elected to support Serbia, knowing they had Germany to contend with? Would the citizens of Germany have voted to do battle with half the world? How about a vote of the people of the other countries which later became involved?

To get closer home—would the citizens of the United States have voted to enter that bloody arena of human destruction, if the decision had been submitted to them? The answer is NO! That's what we voted when we elected Woodrow Wilson to office. And the answer is NO to all the other questions and that same answer will be infinitely more pronounced and louder since the horrible example of the last war and the certain knowledge of the Hell another one would make of this entire world.

The power to declare war is the politician's trump card. The politician is as patriotic as anyone else, but he is playing international poker and we, the people, just stand around behind the chairs and watch the game. If anyone is caught cheating it won't be the onlookers who start the fight, but they are the ones who get hit by the stray shots.

The politicians who are in power in various countries believe, with complete sincerity, that a law such as the Ludlow Amendment would weaken their hands in the big international game. It would do just that! It would weaken them so drastically that the game would be reduced to a penny ante affair. They couldn't use the blue chips of war any more, they would have to be content with the white chips of common sense economics. They would have to trade with each other just as one does in every business—over the table and not on the battlefield.

If the Ludlow Amendment became law in this country it is reasonable to believe that the people of Germany, Italy, England, France and every other country, would force their leaders to adopt the same plan and, if an issue is great enough, there is not one single leader, even Stalin, who can for long combat the determined will of the people. Nothing can be gained by war.

## THE SCOUT REPORTER

By David Hill Carlton, Jr. Scribe of Troop 35

### SEVERAL TROOP-35 SCOUTS ENTER CAMP CONTEST

Twelve Boy Scouts of Troop 35, have entered a contest sponsored by their troop concerning Camp Mulberry which has been announced in a previous Scout report. This contest is put on the Scout program mainly to arouse the boys interest in Camp Mulberry. The contest has already begun and the boys competing in this contest have started making plans. Now, the rules of the contest: The work to be done at Camp Mulberry has been divided into five projects. Two Scouts have volunteered for each project in order to work for the prize. The projects as they come and the boys assigned are as follows:

Project No. 1—To improve the playground and to clear the camp grounds of all rubbish and weeds. The Scouts assigned to this job are Billy Wade Estes and Paddy Horton.

Project No. 2—To erect a gate at the camp entrance and to make road signs. Included in this project is to put up a flag pole also. The Scouts written down for this project are Hill Carlton and Buster Bush.

Project No. 3—To build a campfire platform, seats, and fireboxes for campfire programs. The Boy Scouts assigned to this duty are Henry Waugh and Ben Blakewood.

Project No. 4—To build a woodshed and tool house combined and a privy. The Scouts to build these structures are Thomas Gilreath and Charles Gilreath.

Project No. 5—To clear the marshy area around the springs by digging a drainage ditch to the branch. The Scouts for this project are Pat Woodard and Edwin Long.

Saturday several boys went down to Camp Mulberry and worked on their projects. The painting of the cabin was also begun.

### North Wilkesboro Beaten By Boomer

The hard-hitting Boomer ball club defeated North Wilkesboro on the fairgrounds here last Sunday by a score of 11 to 5. Two Boomer boys, Kirby and Deal, Deal, knocked two home runs as an outstanding feature of the hard-fought event.

Batteries for Boomer were Scott and Bradshaw, while Rhodes and Icenhour hurled and caught for North Wilkesboro.

This was the second game Boomer had played with North Wilkesboro this season. The first game, which was played some time back, ended in a tie of 9-9, when the game was called because of darkness.

Use the advertising columns of this paper as your shopping guide.

Nothing ever has been gained by war. Had there never been such a thing the world would have advanced another thousand years. It isn't the numbers killed or the property destruction which causes the greatest fundamental harm: it is the type of person which is destroyed—the young man. The breeding stock—to use a vulgar term.

The French race lost an inch in stature as a result of the Napoleonic wars. The loss of a generation of its young men terribly handicapped our own South for many years. One of Europe's troubles today is that there is such a small field remaining, from which to choose suitable men to run the governments. The best are dead: killed in that noble slaughter which was to end all wars and make Democracy safe for posterity. Another such holocaust and women will have to take over the reins of government—which might not be such a bad idea!

## Two Homes Built

Mr. E. N. Jenkins is the contractor for two new brick veneer residences which are nearing completion at the corner of Tenth and H Streets. Mr. Jenkins said he expected to have both structures ready for occupancy within sixty days, while one will be ready in a much shorter time.

The two homes, when completed, will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nelson and Miss Elizabeth Finley respectively, it was learned.

## NOTICE

By virtue of a Judgment of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, foreclosing and appointing substitute Trustee, in two Deeds of Trust recorded in Book 165, Pages 46 and 48, in the case of T. E. Gray, Administrator, of Bryant Gray, deceased, and Gertie Gray against Chester Mathis and wife. Knoba Mathis, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will on Saturday, October 14th, 1939, at two o'clock P. M. at the Court House door in Wilkesboro sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the lands described in said Deeds of Trust as follows:

Beginning on a Black Gum, and running East 35 poles to a Chestnut; thence South 70 degrees East 155 poles to a Chestnut on top of a mountain by a path; thence South 14 degrees West 18 poles to a forked Chestnut; thence South 14 poles to a Chestnut; thence South 40 West 46 poles to a Pine by an old path; thence South 16 degrees West 56 poles to a Locust, on top of the mountain. Spach Brothers' corner, now Sherman Jolly's corner; thence South 30 1/2 West with this line 98 poles to a Poplar stump, pointers marked; thence West 9 1/2 poles to a Post Oak, L. M. Jarvis' Southeast corner; thence North with his line, and N. T. Jarvis' line 272 poles to the beginning. Containing 200 acres more or less.

For full description see records cited above.

This the 9th day of September 1939.

CHAS. G. GILREATH Substitute Trustee.

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