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Artificial Shortages

There are shortages of certain articles which we have been using practically every day and there will be other shortages.

But some of the shortages can be averted if the public does not stampede and buy more than usual.

Have you ever stopped to think that a shortage can be created in almost any line of merchandise?

Suppose, for instance, that word was to get out that there was going to be a serious shortage of sugar.

Now, mind you, we said suppose the word was to get out that there would be a shortage of that commodity. The truth of the matter is, there will be plenty of sugar for all the people.

But if everybody was scared that there would be a shortage, three-fourths of the people would rush out and buy a six-months' supply. What would be the result?

After such a stampede of buying, there would be a temporary shortage and some would be unable to get it.

On the other hand, if people bought as usual without any stampede and rush, there would be no shortage at any time.

A shortage of sugar developed a few days ago for a very brief time in Winston-Salem because of rumors of a sugar shortage. As a result, stocks were depleted, many stores were out of sugar and some people had difficulty finding some.

There was an acute shortage of sugar during the first World War.

At that time a greater part of our sugar supplies came from Cuba and there was lack of transportation facilities as well as the need for sending big supplies to England and France.

But the sugar situation has changed much since then. Vast quantities of cane sugar are now produced in the southernmost parts of this country and the sugar beet industry in western states has grown to enormous proportions. There should be no more shortage of sugar now than there is of flour, corn and cotton, of which we have large surpluses.

Unfounded rumors and careless talk, the kind which pleases Hitler when it goes on in this country, can create stubborn problems. In other words, the public can be stampeded into fear of what does not exist. And that is a situation we do not want.

The government will give the people accurate information about any shortage which exists and unless you read in the newspapers or hear by radio from some official source of a shortage, disregard the street rumors.

Those who listen to the rumors and try to buy up everything in sight of any one commodity are liable to wake up and find that a substantial sum of money has been poured into a rat hole.

Silent Destruction

The danger of inflation that threatened us before the war is becoming more acute. If there was little time for us to take effective action to control it then, there is even less time now.

Inflation creeps up on a nation silently. But it can be as destructive as bombing planes, and once it has arrived no one is able to escape it.

What does inflation mean to the average person? It means that the value of his pay check may be cut in half—that the price of everything he has to buy may be doubled. A pound of meat may cost more than he now pays for a pair of shoes. A little later a pair of shoes may cost more than he now pays for a suit of clothes.

Still later a suit of clothes may cost more than he now pays for a new car.

If we are to protect ourselves from this danger, industry must not misuse the emergency to raise prices; labor must not misuse it to demand an increase in basic wage rates; government must not misuse it to boost farm prices. We're all in the same boat, so far as inflation goes. We all use the same money, and we all have to cooperate to make sure that that money retains its value.

Battle Of The Factories

No amount of slave labor can equal the voluntary cooperation of free men. There's a fact for all of us to hang on to throughout the coming months. And it is a fact, make no mistake about it. We Americans have already proved that.

Even though we got a late start in the armament race, we're rapidly catching up. We have the materials to do the job better than the aggressors can. We're the masters of mass production, and they have been our pupils, copying our advances during the peace-time years. We outproduced them then, building up a standard of living so high that it became the envy of the world.

Now that the cards are on the table we can outproduce them again. It won't be an easy job, perhaps, but it can be done. And it's being done.

Many of our factories switched to war production months ago. They're already hitting their strides. And more factories will join them, for this is a battle of the factories.

Undoubtedly we'll have black days of discouragement, but the final battle is the one that counts in warfare, and we shall win it, for the spirit of freedom is still the strongest power on earth, just as it's always been.

War And Business

The all-out war is making necessary rapid readjustments in business.

Regardless of what your business is, whether it be selling, manufacturing, rendering services to customers or producing crops from the soil, the war will have varied effects.

It may be necessary to make radical readjustments for the duration of the war. It may be necessary to feature products and services which have heretofore been secondary. Farmers may need to plan their production for crops and products other than what they have been producing.

There may be difficulties in making the necessary readjustments, but the American people have the initiative to do whatever is necessary to win a complete victory and make certain that their way of life is not again threatened by aggressors abroad.

It is the duty of those at home to carry on, to make whatever adjustments are required, to produce what is needed, and above all, to aid in America's victory program in whatever way they can.

Borrowed Comment

MORE WORKERS—LESS ALLIANCE (Reidsville Review)

Another of the signs of the times is the dissolution of the Workers' Alliance.

Ten years ago this organization was formed among the unemployed and relief recipients to agitate and lobby for their benefit. They staged demonstrations, dramatic "hunger marches" and protests. They were often accused of being a mere "Communist front" organization manipulated to advance the objectives of the Third Internationale. David Lasser, its leader in the time of its greatest strength, resigned from its leadership on that ground.

Though there are estimated to be still some five million unemployed in the country, Richard N. McKibben, national president, in dissolving the organization, indicated that need for it had passed.

We hope and believe he is right, but the thought is irresistible: mightn't it be the Communists' need for the organization which has passed, now that they have changed their tune and tactics with the attack on Russia? In either case its mourners will probably be few.

When the Mikado ceremoniously notified his defunct ancestors that the Japs had attacked the United States, it's a billion-to-one bet that their ghostly answer was typically Japanese, "So sorry!" And how! —Cleveland Times.

In Russia it's too cold, and in Africa too hot for the Germans to fight. Next time (there won't be any) those birds start a war they'd better first make certain that it's weather-proof.

Abnormal Absurdities

By DWIGHT NICHOLS, et al.

SPLENDID THING

There are 80 million Japs. If they were all laid end to end it would be a good thing.

IN HIGH FINANCE

Just in case you are interested, the United States government will spend \$59,027,992,300.00 during the next fiscal year.

Bolled down. If you care to have your figures that way, that will be \$453 for every person. The spending will be \$1,904 per second, if you care to have it worked down to time.

We wish every German, Italian and Jap could know these figures and know that the figures will mean bombers, ships, bullets, tanks and other machines for the destruction of Hitlerian tyranny around the globe.

Since the American people know that the loss of the war means living in a world where their everyday lives would be dominated by Hitler, they are willing to give all for victory and the money will be forthcoming, regardless of whatever amount it takes.

\$3 PROVIDED

Two reporters were stranded in a hotel and in order to stay in the room they had to raise three dollars. Since they were reporters, it would be foolish to assume that they had three dollars—so we say they had to raise that amount.

Strange to say, one of the reporters was very much of a religious soul and was oft prone to rely more on divine providence than on his own initiative.

One suggested that he would go out and try to get three dollars by some means. The other was not worried, saying that the Lord would provide.

The one who had little faith in the rain, three dollars in money from heaven by the street to see what he could do to raise dollars and the one who was confident that the Lord would provide sat down in the lobby to await such provision from the heavenly source.

In a few minutes a fine dog walked in. The reporter who was waiting on the Lord to provide three dollars patted the dog on the head and made friends with the animal to such an extent that when a wealthy man strolled in a few minutes later he thought the dog belonged to the reporter and he asked the reporter what price he had on his dog and would he sell it.

"Three dollars", he said. The wealthy would-be purchaser was astonished and told him that the dog would easily be worth \$100. But the reporter who was waiting for the Lord to provide would take only three.

Minutes later the owner of the dog walked in and was worried because the dog was lost. Without telling what had happened the reporter who had sold the dog stepped forward with the proposition to find the dog for three dollars. The owner said he would gladly give fifty, but the reporter who said the Lord would provide took only three.

He went upstairs to the person to whom he had sold the dog, told him that he had sold someone else's dog, gave back the first three dollars and returned the dog.

He still insists to the other reporter that the Lord provided the three dollars.

Since we were not either of the reporters, we will leave the comment to you.

Nazi Bestiality Charged By Reds

London.—Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov formally charged yesterday, radio Moscow announced, that German authorities had perpetrated massacres, villany and bestial outrages in Soviet territories they have occupied and he warned that the war can only end with the complete annihilation of the Nazi armies. "The Soviet Union will never forget, never forgive," he said.

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MR. ADAMS WRITES

North Wilkesboro, January 2, 1942

Editor The Journal-Patriot:

Today our papers are full of war news, and brainy men differ as to the cause and cure. Many say Hitler should be killed. Some say he is a bad man. He is a bad man, but every man that takes the name of God in vain is a bad man and if he should die before morning he would awake in hell, where Hitler will go unless he repents.

The man that gets drunk is also a bad man and according to God's word will go to hell with Hitler. Every liar is a bad man and if allowed to die in his sins will go to hell with Hitler, and if Hitler is a sinner and should not be allowed to live, then all sinners are condemned to die and be damned.

War is only sin and finished is only death and we need not be alarmed at death. The soul that sinneth shall surely die. Then we surely have a death sentence passed on all sinners.

We can stop this war in an hour if we would pay the price. If every sinner in the world would forsake his sins, seek God and apply the Golden Rule, it would bring back prosperity, good will, joy and happiness, as it was not since the day Noah walked from the ark and beheld the earth and said "It is mine." And there was great joy, for all men were Christians, but now we see men as brutes, beasts by-pocrites, murderers, thieves and a big gang of proselyters and freed-whoremongers, idolaters and even infidels in a land where were once faithful men.

Today we see men that never go to church, men that try to force their convictions on others to satisfy a selfish motive and greed to the extent a man will sell liquor to a man who has a wife and children at home sick and hungry and cold, to get rich quick and land head first in hell to spend eternally, and then go to church and sing in the choir, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Men of this type are the men that bring war and in the end damnation to themselves and the nation. Let's get back to God and stop war.

JESSE L. ADAMS.

Thelma Mae Harrold Funeral Wednesday

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Zion church for Thelma Mae Harrold, age 16, daughter of Mrs. Dula Rhodes Harrold. Rev. Monroe Dillard conducted the service.

Miss Harrold, who died Tuesday, is survived by her mother, and one brother, Clay Harrold, and two sisters, Reba and Marie Harrold.

Oliver—How tall was that famous old Indian hunter?

Andy—Oh, I imagine he was about six feet in his stalkingfeet.

Heart Still For Twenty Minutes — Man Recovers

Chicago.—A man whose heart stopped beating for 20 minutes during an operation has astonished the medical world by recovering completely.

The unusual case was described yesterday in the Journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. Herbert D. Adams and Dr. Leo V. Hand of Boston.

They said that it demonstrates that the length of time which heart action can stop—and still permit normal recovery—"is much longer than formerly appreciated."

The man's heart stopped beating while he was undergoing an operation on the left lung. Heart stimulants were injected and a quick incision was made to expose the man's heart.

Artificial circulation of blood was maintained by rhythmic compression of the heart by hand. Oxygen was supplied to the lungs by rhythmic pressure on the re-breathing bag used to administer anesthesia.

After 20 minutes the heart resumed its own contractions and a few seconds later the man began to take rapid shallow breaths—then rapid deep breaths. His color, which had become almost a violet hue, turned a livid pink and the breathing slowly quieted to normal.

The operation was finished, using oxygen only, and the patient left the hospital 60 days later in good condition. His identity was not given.

The doctors said recovery in such cases depended on adequate saturation of tissue with oxygen, especially brain tissue.

HOUSE OKAYS

BOOST IN NAVY

Washington.—The House passed and sent to the White House a bill to authorize an increase in the maximum enlisted strength of the navy from 300,000 to 500,000 men and of the marine corps from 60,000 to 104,000 men.

Chairman Carl Vinson (D), Georgia, of the naval affairs committee informed the house during consideration of the measure that naval and marine corps enlistments since the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, "have been the greatest in the history of the United States."

Howard—Say, but your mother-in-law is thin.
William—I'll say. Why, when she drinks tomato juice she looks like a thermometer.

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