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EDITORIAL POINT OF VIEW ON THE PASSING SHOW

AN EXPANDED NAVY MAY ARRIVE TOO LATE—BUILD PLANES AND TANKS NOW, AND SEND TO ENGLAND WITH FOOD

The density of congressional stupidity continues unabated.

A good many people believe that several congressmen and senators should be sent back home to take a course in plain horse sense.

Many days and millions of hot air have been spent in wrangling over a huge navy expansion—vitally needed—but which cannot possibly be completed for four or five years. Within that period the map of the western hemisphere may be changed.

What America needs now is bombing planes without limit. No other arm of the national defense could possibly be built so quickly, and we have the factories, the men and the money to create them.

And these bombing planes should be sent to our eastern frontier as fast as they can be built—send them to England, and send also machine guns and tanks in all the quantity and speed that America can afford. And send England food, food, food, and oil, oil and oil.

If necessary, send in American ships. England is battling for life and that life is the frontier of this nation. Sensible, far-seeing citizens know this.

But instead of commandeering the automobile and steel plants to meet this most pressing need, we notice that congress on Tuesday actually repealed a provision of a law passed June 28 to empower the Secretary of the Navy to take over and operate private industrial plants. The reason given was that the "language of the provision was too broad for peacetime." Is this peacetime?

On the same day, Secretary of War Stimson warned that Great Britain might fall within 30 days. And, moreover, the Secretary, from his information in hand, stated that a German victory over England would give her a fleet vastly superior to ours, and a shipbuilding capacity six times that of this country.

And now the law-makers are endlessly hot-airing over the Administration's draft bill, which proposed registering citizens from 21 to 65, and out of that drafting a large army as quickly as possible. The provisions of this bill have already been changed to include men only between 21 and 30, estimated to furnish 400,000 men to begin training in October, and another 400,000 men to begin training next April.

In the Senate from the House will go this bill, where it must run the bitter gauntlet of delay and opposition from the pro-German Senator from St. Louis, by the brilliant young jackass from West Virginia and other unpatriotic and unseeing members who are willing to jeopardize the nation to gratify their Roosevelt hates.

A raw army of 800,000 men to be ready in possibly 12 months.

A rather slow and not a very impressive force to oppose Germany, Italy and Japan, who have at least 20,000,000 men armed and trained, and probably 40,000 warplanes.

As winter approaches and all Europe is starving, we hope the pirates will not look this way—where there are unlimited quantities of food, oil and gold.

But hope appears to be the extent of our refuge.

What is needed in congress are a few Andrew Jacksons and John Paul Joneses.

Some day the American people will wake up to realize how they have been betrayed by stupidity and asininity.

Let us hope again—that the awakening may not be too late.

5000 VOTES FOR WILLKIE ?

Five thousand Stokes county Democrats will vote for the latest nominee of the Republicans for President if and when—

The Associated Press reports Willkie making the following statement at Colorado Springs, Col., Monday:

"The only Democrats who will not support me for President are those either bound by parties, or controlled by corrupt and nauseating party machines."

As all Democrats as well as all Republicans are "bound by parties", and as only a few of either party are controlled by "corrupt party machines", the unfair implication of the Candidate's words is obvious.

Elbert Hubbard, America's greatest philosopher, once wrote:

"When we accuse another of an unholy thing, we are guilty in our own heart of that hateful thing, else how would we know to impute it to another."

As Mr. Willkie quit the Democratic party a few months ago and joined the Republican party when the power interests he was serving put him on the payroll at \$75,000 a year so he could more heartily take care of their interests—possibly this episode weighs yet on his conscience, and in his frantic search for an alibi, he is led to slander his former fellow Democrats.

But despite his gratuitous slur, 5,000 of us "corrupt" Stokes county Democrats will cast our ballots for him in November if—

He will give us ONE VALID REASON WHY WE SHOULD.

He is well known to be unfriendly to the interests of the common man, and most of us are common people.

In his speech at St. Louis, as reported by the New York Times, he uttered these words: "The curse of democracy today in the United States as well as in Europe, is that everyone has been trying to please the public."

If Mr. Willkie does not wish to please the public, whom does he desire to please? Is it the SPECIAL INTERESTS that he would favor rather than the poor, the unfortunate, the laborers, the farmers, the small business men, the modest home owners?

Again, as reported by Merwin H. Brown in the Republican Buffalo News, he said:

"Government is nothing but big business and if I am elected President, I will put the Government on a big business basis."

This promise would be much more attractive if the American people did not still smart and burn with memories of former reigns of Big Business Government, when the country reeled on the brink of revolution and chaos in 1930, 1931, 1932.

In the Philadelphia convention the delegates were instructed for Dewey, Taft, Vandenberg, etc., until they were stampeded by the thousands of telegrams that came in pleading "vote for Willkie," nearly all written in the same phraseology that shot the works—coming from where, oh where?

At the same time the galleries were filled with Willkie rooters admitted on privately-printed tickets that no one knew had been issued.

This man with his total lack of Government experience, in this most critical hour of the nation's history, asks to be put at the helm of the greatest government in the world.

Does he have the stamina, the judgment, the poise, the experience, the ability, the integrity, to undertake so stupendous a task?

SHUN, OH, SHUN THE TINY TICK THAT MAKES YOU, OH, SO DEADLY SICK. BE EXAMINED, BE INSPECTED, BE ANYTHING BUT INSECTED.

The tick that precipitates Rocky Mountain fever, is rampant in Stokes.

This disconcerting news comes from Dr. Roy Hege, the Try-County Medical Overlord of Stokes, Forsyth and Yadkin, who issues the following warning:

"To vacationists and Forsyth county residents: "Two cases of Rocky Mountain fever have been reported from Stokes county."

One sufferer from this dread disease, out of every four, dies, the doctor says, not consolingly. "But," he adds, encouragingly, "both Stokes cases are recovering."

As he appears to be concerned chiefly for the Forsyth folk and their local vacationists, the Reporter desires to add a few words in behalf of the inhabitants of the stricken area.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Dr. Hege says, is caused by a wood tick, and it brings on high temperature and serious illness for two to three weeks. The word "tick" is derived from the Greek term "tickle." The attack of the insect is largely confined to young people, especially those between the ages of 17 and 32, and these should be examined regularly. The parasite loves warm palpitating bodies. Shrivelled maids and tough old bachelors are largely immune.

The wood tick is of the arishnids of the order Acardia, and is of the degraded dipterous classification.

You can readily see how its bite would be so fatal.

As the disease following is transmissible, avoid the bite of vacationists.

Dr. Hege adds that usually ticks do not attach themselves until they have been on the body for about two hours. "Removal should be after careful inspection."

VIRGINIA JOINS THE HEALTH TEST STATES

All things come to him who waits—even Registers of Deeds.

Stokes county men and women matrimonially inclined have for years been buying license in Virginia, at Stuart or Martinsville, because of the embarrassment of health tests required under the North Carolina law.

Consequently the Register of Deeds office has been lonesome as far as the breezy visits of marriage license applicants is concerned.

But now Virginia joins in the sanitation drive. The law was enacted by the 1940 Virginia general assembly, the Old Dominion being the last of the Atlantic seaboard states to impose pre-marital health regulations.

So we suppose it will be in order for Robah Smith to brush the cobwebs off the old license register, and get ready for the rush which is almost sure to come when the boys realize that young men to be drafted for war service are vastly less "prospective" when they have dependents—a wife, for instance.

WAR RAGES ON

Mostly bombings, British getting the best of it. Blitzkrieg still deferred by Germany. England is taking the offensive. Extends blockade from Arctic to north Africa. Serious food shortage begins throughout Europe. Big events to take place soon.