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Editorial Comment

Waiting —

The story is told that the late Senator Hoar disliked profanity very much, and that frequently he had to confer with Speaker Cannon who was very profane. One day when Cannon came to Hoar's committee room on a subject of considerable importance, Hoar, impatient, indicated a seat to Cannon and remarked:

"Now, sir, before we enter on a discussion of this question we shall assume that everybody and everything is damned. Then we can talk it over amicably."

In his Lincoln Day speech Gov. Bricker, following the precedent of Candidates Willkie, Taft, Dewey, etc., excoriated the New Deal, but did not offer anything palliative except that the Republican party can do it so much better.

Are all speeches by would-be-Republican Presidents destructive? Are none constructive?

We have been told over and over again of the evils of the New Deal.

What shall we the people expect from a recrudescence of the Old Deal?

Let us assume that Roosevelt and all his works are damned.

Now tell us the salvation that we may anticipate with the advent of either one of the Big Four trying to seize the helm.

On the particulars of such happy rejuvenation all the Candidates are silent as Lincoln's tomb.

The Great Success of the War Loan Campaign

A letter from Chairman C. E. Davis says Stokes county sold up to February 12 \$201,000 in war bonds of all series.

The county's quota was \$100,000.

Up to February 15 Stokes was the first county in the State to exceed its quota. Only seven of the 100 counties in the State have as yet gone over their E bond allotment.

All E bonds purchased up to February 29 will be counted in the drive.

If you, being financially able, bought no bonds you will refrain from the elation which is now being felt by those who not only demonstrated their patriotism but showed good investment judgment.

You are in the position of those who are friends to Hitler and Hirohito. The effect of your attitude is sabotage.

Your government says to you "I was hungry and ye gave me no meat".

And what does the sick boy a prisoner in a Jap camp, say to you?

The Rat Whines

The news is leaking through that the Japanese are beginning to sense their doom, and are floating peace feelers.

They hope that Russia may intercede and that some favorable peace terms may be arranged.

The Russians may be many things else, but they are certainly not fools. They must remember Vladivostok, etc.

It is fine unktion to outraged America to hear the rats whine.

No peace should ever be made with Japan until our terrible and invincible air and sea power have had time to raze this unspeakable country from the map as a war power. Nor until the crime of Pearl Harbor and the horrors of Bataan and Corregidor and the Philippines are avenged by the execution of the leaders of the rat empire.

Any overtures from Japan should of course be ignored. Any consideration shown her would be as silly on the part of our statesmen as was the suicide of our billion dollar navy in 1920.

Pulverizing Hun Breastworks

The beautiful Benedictine Monastery in Italy, built in the 15th century, a landmark in that Catholic land of charming architecture, imposing monuments, statuary, paintings, rain, mud, treachery and bad faith, is now a pile of stones and Hun corpses.

It was being used as a fortress behind which Hun rifles mowed down many United States soldiers.

Then the Flying Fortresses came roaring over. After them the 5th army's artillery finished the job.

The only criticism that can be offered the Americans is that they should have smashed the the thing sooner.

It was not worth the blood of one fine boy from Stokes county.

Bricks By Bricker

Gov. Bricker in his Lincoln Day speech of course referred to the great national debt. He laid it cold and deadly at the foot of Roosevelt.

Then 'long comes Dorothy Thompson, good in figures and history. Says she:

"Governor Bricker ignores the fact that the increase of State debt started out of a depression. He sees the debts, but he does not calculate the losses during a decade from idle plants and men. The most conservative estimate of such losses is \$250,000,000,000, which is \$80,000,000,000 more than the national debt including the cost of war to date."

Looks Good For Tobacco

The Virginia - Carolina Old Belt Warehousemen's Association is urging the farmers of the Old Belt to take full advantage of the U. S. government's permission for a 20 per cent. increase in tobacco acreage for 1944.

The farmers of Stokes will need no urging to increase their tobacco crops this year insofar as the scarcity of labor and other war conditions will permit.

The consumption of cigarettes and other tobacco products by both armed forces and civilians is at an all-time high. And the result is that the raw material in the hands of the manufacturers is at an all-time low.

Consequently, swayed by the immutable law of supply and demand, tobacco prices next fall will surely be unprecedentedly high.

The farmer should of course first endeavor to grow ample supplies of food for man and beast. It might come about that money could not buy food. No one can foretell the seasons ahead.

But after taking the precaution for food, then go in for all the tobacco the law will allow.

Prices will certainly soar.

Snow

The thing the farmers call good for wheat fell Sunday night, and lay white on the ground awhile. Then disappeared.

How happy for our beloved country that our snows are white and not stained with the blood of men.

Let us keep our snows forever white with our devotion to the flag that we all love and which our boys are so nobly defending now.

Buy bonds always.

New Bus Facilities

The State Utilities Commission has granted Powell Gilmer's franchise for a line running from Mt. Airy via Westfield, Francisco, Danbury, Walnut Cove, and Stokesdale to Greensboro.

This line will be welcome to many people through the territories to be traversed—from Greensboro to Mt. Airy and back.

It should also provide better mail service from Danbury through Francisco and western Stokes, now so neglected by the postoffice authorities that a letter or newspaper takes 2 days to reach its destination 10 miles distant.