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Son of man stand upon thy feet and I will speak unto thee - Ezekiel 2:1

Tobacco and Peace

Vital relationship between a stable and permanent peace and the fortunes of the tobacco farmer as well as American agriculture in general, are discussed by Secretary Hall in a special article in the annual Year-Book number of the Tobacco Trade Journal in New York report this week.

Mr. Hall emphasizes what leaders in the tobacco industry and most of the growers already know, that international trade has deep significance, especially in tobacco farming, since more than fifty percent of the crop grown in this country, and almost all in the South, normally goes to overseas markets.

The secretary of state cites the fact that in 1938 the United States exported \$5,300,000 worth of raw tobacco. By comparison these exports had declined in 1940 to around one-fourth of that total, or \$14,000,000. The effect of that decline on the income of farmers, particularly in North Carolina, and six other states—South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and Tennessee—is readily apparent.

At the time the present war broke out, September 1, 1939, and the general year's crop harvest, the State Department, under the able direction of Mr. Hull, had been engaged in establishing proposed trade treaties intended to facilitate and increase the flow of foreign trade between this country and nations and nations.

Efforts have been made to relieve new difficulties. Mr. Hull points out, through negotiation and in other ways, and these efforts will be continued along with the national defense program, wherever and to such extent possible. He holds that it is only on the basis of the same agreements system that "the economic life of the world can be rebuilt when the present wars are over."

Since the United States is a nation of such vast proportions, it produces in excess of its own ability to consume, and its prosperity and well-being depend largely upon its existence, are inevitably linked with the problem of keeping international channels of commerce open. Hall envisions an important role that must be played by this country in leading the world back to desirable trading methods.

In the same Dixie issue of Tobacco are also articles by Senator Bailey and Senator Reynolds, both of whom touch upon the dire effects of the war upon the fortunes of tobacco farmers in particular in North Carolina. With the State leading the world in production of bright tobacco and in the manufacture of cigarettes, Senator Bailey writes that "we have a great stake in tobacco." He is disturbed by the fact that farm income in this State has been cut about forty million dollars annually as the result of curtailed exports, and remarks that "manifestly we are losing our export trade." While domestic trade has increased, he is conscious of the degree to which the State is dependent upon exports if it is to prosper.

Senator Bailey cites the relief that has been provided by the extensive purchases of tobacco by the Federal government in the last two years,

but warns clearly that "we cannot maintain this course over a great period, as the accumulation of tobacco would be more than the government could bear." He reminds that "the situation is bringing about a change in North Carolina. Tobacco farms are growing smaller and production of livestock is increasing."

Senator Reynolds finds "many factors" in the situation. He says increased consumption by men in army camps is helping and predicts that Federal assistance "will undoubtedly be carried on until such time as normal trade again approaches normalcy."

It all sums up in the inevitable conclusion that surrounds the whole of a world of affairs. While a change of daylight may fill through the clouds here and there, the plain fact remains that we are in a serious problem of the first magnitude, and one which may involve radical changes in methods and conditions as we have known them over a period of many years.

Why The Big Surplus?

Collectors from workers and their employers under the unemployment compensation act during the three years of its operation has amounted to a total of \$44,219,414.00.

It might be in order to ask the question why such a tremendous surplus is necessary. Since payments have exceeded by approximately one and one-half times the amount of money paid out, which is the sum needed, what is the purpose of such a great excess? One can hardly be blamed if he fashions one or two alternatives, namely, either that the taking is far too heavy or that something else is being done with the money. "No, we didn't say, didn't even had, we not even thinking that it is graft, per se. But, since surplus are deposited with the Federal government in Washington, it would be fair to assume it is another type of B.O.L. transactions similar to the hundreds of millions of dollars being piled up in the social security account over and over requirements, and which are being spent in the general operation of the government."

While there has been a fair volume of business during the three years the compensation system has been carried on, it might be proper to rate it as average so that payments may not exceed those that have been necessary up to now. But the amount has been two and one-half times the requirements.

If the rate of taxing has purposely been made heavy in order to get money for other purposes, it is an injustice to those who pay. Such money should be acquired under its right label. Unless it is for that purpose, it is evident that the rate is too high and ought to be reduced. But try and get it out.

Factory vs. Army

While tens of thousands of young, capable Americans are being impressed into military service for the defense of their country, other thousands are at work in mines, factories, shipyards and elsewhere fabricating the machines and implements with which they train and with which, if it comes to that, they will fight. All one great big happy family of democracy's sons and daughters, it would seem.

The buck private, for instance, is paid \$21 a month for his daily duties. On top of that he receives his food, clothing, shelter and medical service. Add all that up and see what it amounts to by comparison with the highly paid men remaining in civilian life and employed in the mines, factories and shipyards.

The soldier does not necessarily relish his job. It takes him away from home, loved ones and friends. He must undergo privations and sometimes hardships. In short, he must rough it during the time he is in the service. He does it good naturedly and without complaining—maybe because he can't help himself, but he does it. The man in

the factory goes and comes at will, when away from his bench or off duty. He is at home nights with his family and has liberties two days of the week, as compared with the soldier's seven days on the job.

Yet the worker, under persuasion of bosses of radical leadership in many instances, and willingly or unwillingly, is in almost constant tension and subject to and frequently guilty of agitation for higher pay, shorter hours, better working conditions. And when these are not immediately forthcoming in response to his demand, he strikes and tries to force a defense program, increases the cost to his country, slows down the training of soldiers, and what not. This is the contrast between the worker and the factory. They must stand together and in coordination. America is to remain free. When reasonable pay has been given for these patriotic steps then step in to maintain the remainder of the production for the job.

There are, of course, millions of most loyal working men in the factories of the nation today who are ready, willing and anxious to do their full part. But unwise leaders and agitators stir them up and induce them to follow a selfish general strike some of it alien and enemy, and even bent upon sabotage.

It would be becoming to labor if it did not itself of these pests. The country is ready to give it a square deal all the way. But its return it expects to receive a square deal, which it is not getting in the face of this big strike and walk-outs that are slowing down our preparedness and increasing the menace to our institutions and liberties.

What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRID L. MAY

- 1. What year North Carolina first set outstanding bonds in this respect?
2. Who were the father and son of Beaufort, who served terms in Congress?
3. Why did the legislature of 1789 pass a special act appointing a man of honor?
4. What was the postage bill of the North Carolina department of revenue last year?
5. What is North Carolina's total railway mileage?
6. How much did North Carolina have decrease in value during the past ten years?

ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

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Strike Threats Listed To Defense Mediation Board

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- 1. An issue of \$500,000 for the State Hospital by the legislature of 1909 are the latest outstanding bonds of the State. This issue was for a term of 40 years and will mature in 1949.
2. Charles Randolph Thomas, Secretary of State in 1864 elected to the terms in Congress, 1871-1875. He was defeated in the nomination by success of him on. His son, Charles Randolph Thomas, Jr., was elected to serve six terms in Congress, 1899-1911, declining to be a candidate to succeed himself in 1910. At the end of his last term he moved to Waverly, Va. on account of Mrs. Thomas' health.
3. The courts had refused to honor a pardon issued by the governor in 1787 to John Bradley, who had been convicted of murder in New Hanover county. The matter hung fire for two years until the legislature of 1789 passed an act which made the pardon law.
4. The postage bill of the department of revenue last year amounted to \$22,000.
5. North Carolina has approximately 4,750 miles of railroads in operation. During the past few years several short lines have been discontinued.
6. The total value of North Carolina farm lands, including buildings, in 1940 amounted to \$736,708,125, as compared with \$644,121,309 in 1939, according to the latest United States

Halifax Gives Views

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by the states after the war. He added that it would be necessary to look to some international organ, but I don't think we will see the League of Nations reconstructed in the form that we have known it."

SALLY'S SALLIES



Marriage is the only life sentence that isn't shortened for good behavior.



Navy Yards Open To British Ships

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explained, the country is extending to British fighting ships, in effect, the same privileges according to British merchant vessels. Since the war began, British cargo carriers have been putting in at private American yards for repairs of all types, and no restrictions have applied to work of this character. Any repairs to British warships in American navy yards, experts believed, would be so-called "light" or overhaul work. Heavy major repairs, it is assumed, would continue to be handled in British dock yards. They emphasized, however, that the ability to have light repairs made without lost time had great naval significance.

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