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Britain's Crisis

The word crisis has been used in connection with so many stages of the war that it has lost some of its meaning. Passage by Parliament of an act providing for conscription of women as well as men in Britain is more of good part indicates, however, something of the grave times that lie ahead, or at least are anticipated, for that country. So far as the outside world has learned, not even Germany has come to that.

A hint or two strong hints have come from British sources that American manpower will be needed to win the war. A foreign correspondent recently returned from Europe after ten years there, and a man who is quite familiar with conditions, said only a few days ago that American soldiers might right now be sent to north Africa. And unless they are made available there within sixty days, he added, it might be of little use to send them at all. Even with that aid, his estimate was that the democracies have only a half-and-half chance to win the war.

It is less than a year since Winston Churchill told America that Britain did not want manpower from this country. Only give us the tools, said he, and we'll finish the job. That statement was accepted at the time with a grain of salt. More recently, the same Mr. Churchill told his people that the problem of supply had largely been solved, and joint efforts of Britain and the United States have seemed of late to make great headway against the submarine menace in the North Atlantic sea lanes.

Yet in the face of these favored developments, Commons passes a conscription measure for women. Whether that means women will be pressed into the fighting service is something else again. It could represent a hope on their part that it will have the effect of bringing in American soldiers as well as equipment.

Whatever the significance, and in spite of German reverses in Russia and stalling of their defense in Africa, it is warning enough that the part of the world arrayed against Nazi tyranny has a long way to go yet.

The correspondent who recently spoke was more gloomy in his point-blank assertion that Hitler could invade the British Isles any day he wished if he were willing to pay the price. He could have done it last year or this year, in this man's opinion. The journalist offered another and still more disconcerting opinion that the German attack on Russia was not undertaken because of fear of Russia, or of Britain, but to get control of Russian munitions plants and Russian oil as a source of supply for his planned ultimate attack to conquer the United States.

Perhaps what has happened in the last few days in London is part of this general theory of dangers that lurk in the near future. It certainly is not foreign to the idea that Americans will make a terrible mistake if they think current Nazi reverses in Russia are definite assurance that Hitler's striking power has been broken, or checked, except momentarily. That may be the case, but it will be a grave error to assume anything of such proportions now.

Fatalism

The youth who hanged himself over near Charlotte the other day to escape the draft must have been inspired by a fatalistic view of life to accept such a desperate way out of a situation that was not to his liking. It is fortunate for America that such an attitude is not commonplace. Were it so, we might become a nation of suicides. If we did not simply surrender outright to the enemies who encompass us about.

After all, the army is not as bad as all that. At least it is human. And life's failure is worth anything at all it holds too much promise to attempt of destruction of one's life rather than face it.

Opposition to Bailey

Gentlemen who have determined that Senator Bailey must have opposition next year, whether or not it would do them or the State a service it may well see to it that the challenger, whoever he may be, is a man of ability and parts, and with capacity to discharge intelligently and with credit to himself, his own people, and his country the duties which the future will exact in the turbulent months and years that will be ended in the period for which the place is to be filled. In so far as our knowledge goes, that certainly is not one hundred percent the case with some who have been mentioned for the job.

To send a man to Washington whose only qualifications are that he would be a complete yes-man for the President would fill for short the requirements. A man fit to sit in the United States Senate surely ought to have opinions of his own and sufficient stamina to respect his personal convictions, for, after all, no man, not even the chief executive, is infallible or has a monopoly on brains or the capacity to think straight.

This is not saying, mind you, that gentlemen for whom trial balloons have been sent aloft are lacking in ability or legislative experience. Certainly they are not. But there has not come to our notice the name of a single man mentioned in this connection who would tower above Bailey in his fitness for the office.

And in saying that, we are not overlooking the incident of the senator's son with respect to the draft and his FBI connections. Mr. Bailey's office and the famous detective bureau have been represented as saying that the senator did not use his influence to keep the boy out of the draft. But even if this were the Bailey weakness, another man in the office would have his shortcomings in some other direction, and would not be immune to playing politics whenever and wherever it might be to his advantage; or at least if he were he would be so different from the average that he would resemble a specimen for the museum.

The draft incident is extremely unfortunate for the senator. It is the sort of thing that climbing politicians are always looking for as a basis for lunging out toward attainment of personal ambitions. The affair has come at a most inopportune time, though even that alone and of itself, could hardly be set down as disqualifying an official for discharge of his duties, particularly in view of the probability that any man who would be successful in unseating the senator would also have failings of his own.

But if enemies of Mr. Bailey are bent on ousting him, they owe it to the State to offer the best possible citizen available as a substitute, and one who can pass muster in all his qualifications. And that might be a difficult task.

Belated Terrorism

Trial of a bunch of Italians for an attempt to assassinate Mussolini, coming as it does several years after the act, is a sort of belated terrorism that may be calculated to compel continued submission to totalitarian theories despite opposition. Evidences are not lacking that there is a growing restlessness among Mussolini's people, to say nothing of a more or less impatient attitude about the fate toward which they think they are being led, against their will.

Headlines announcing arrests for an attempt on Il Duce gave the impression at first that this was something new. Details reveal that it is something that happened years ago. Although Benito is a chap who never forgets and never misses an opportunity to inflict his iron will upon his people, it is something of a reflection upon his position and authority that those who have hated him so sincerely have been allowed to go free until this late day.

New types of dancing shoes, a style writer tells us, have movable heels. So they can fight back when he steps all over her toes.

What Do You Know About North Carolina?

By FRED H. MAY

1. What was priority rating was given sewing machines in 1861?
2. Under what conditions were prisoners, for many years, allowed to go at will within a certain distance of the jail?
3. Who was the North Carolina doctor who proposed to establish a hospital in 1800 to immunize persons against smallpox?
4. What was the democratic shift in the presidential vote in North Carolina between 1928 and 1932?
5. When was Daniel Moreau Barringer, of Concord, a congressman from North Carolina?
6. What tax concession was granted North Carolina planters by the English Crown when the colony was taken over from the Lords Proprietors?

ANSWERS.

1. A bill was introduced in the legislature by Representative Nathan Neely Fleming, of Rowan county, to place sewing machines on the tax free list, because they were used in almost every home for making clothing for soldiers. Representative Fleming entered the Confederate Army and was appointed first lieutenant. He was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness May 5, 1864.

2. An act of 1792 gave county courts authority to lay off bounds of six acres adjacent to the jail, and to allow certain prisoners, especially those in jail for debt, on giving bond, to have the run of this area. In 1853 it was sought was sought by subscriptions to enlarge the bounds so as to include them include the whole of some towns in order that these prisoners might attend worship and attend to their business duties.

3. Dr. Calvin Jones, of Johnston and Wake counties. In the spring of 1800 he announced from Smithfield that he proposed to establish a hospital at his home in Apex for the purpose of immunizing persons against smallpox. The announcement said that spring was the best season of the year for such an enterprise. The charges per patient were to be $8 for white persons and a guinea for mulattoes and Negroes. In April he postponed the opening of the hospital until another year, and at that time postponed it indefinitely, because the vaccine discovered by Dr. Edward Jenner in 1798 was coming into general use.

4. North Carolina in 1928 voted 238,237 for Al Smith and 497,566 for Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932, a shift of more than 210,000 votes.

5. Daniel Moreau Barringer, born near Concord in 1806; graduated at the University and then studied law at Hillsboro and began practice at Concord in 1829. Cabarrus county sent him to the State legislature a number of times. In 1842 he was elected congressman, reelected in 1844 and 1846, declining to be a candidate in 1848. During his last term he occupied a desk with Congressman Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois. In 1849 President Taylor appointed him minister to Spain; reappointed by President Fillmore, he served until 1852. In 1861 Governor John E. Ellis appointed him a member of the commission to attend the Peace Conference in Washington. Died in 1872 at a health resort in Virginia, buried in a Baltimore cemetery.

6. All past due quit rent taxes were cancelled. In announcing this action of the British Crown, Governor Burrington said that it was "a further mark of our Royal Bounty and fatherly indulgence to our people."

ANSWERS TO TEN QUESTIONS

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1. False.
2. Nineteenth.
3. Kentucky.
4. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
5. Pilgrim's Progress.
6. Carthaginians and Romans.
7. French.
8. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
9. An early automobile.
10. Florida.

BETTY.

Betty is the name of my little girl
With cute little eyes of blue,
And little cheeks that are very rosy
As it flowed by the morning dew.

She don't seem to care for toys
But goes for the newspapers instead
And tears them up bit by bit
Before they have been read.

Betty gets some awful bumps
While she is crawling around
But tears don't stay very long
As a smile replaces her frown.

She is just beginning to make steps;
Steps up the ladder of life.
And I'm hoping they will grow in goodness
Instead of those of strife.

I'm trying to make her happy,
As up the ladder she trod,
For her mother and I want her to follow
Closely in the footsteps of God.

—Thomas Robertson.

DR. KOCH TO READ 'CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Chapel Hill, Dec. 5.—Long famous for his readings of Charles Dickens' immortal "A Christmas Carol," Dr. Frederick H. Koch, director of the Carolina Playmakers, will give his 29th reading of the touching tale in Memorial Hall at the University Saturday night, December 13, at 8 o'clock.

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SALLY'S SALLIES

"BEAR MOUNTAIN"

Pou Bailey AppealNowUp To President

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By BOB THOMPSON.

Raleigh, Dec. 5. — If Senator Bailey' son, Pou, escapes service in the Army it will be "at the direction" of the president of the United States. There is no other way out.

The fact was pointed out by General J. Van B. Metts, who is the state director of selective service, as well as adjutant general. Another fact that the general stressed emphatically was that neither he nor any member of his selective service staff has had anything to do with taking the case to Washington for review and for possibly another appeal.

The fact that appeal to the President is all that's left the young man if he is to continue his fight against his 1-A rating does not mean that Roosevelt himself necessarily will have anything to do with it. He usually designates authority in such cases to those who have time to study the record. But the law puts the responsibility for deciding a final appeal on the President.

Despite the fact that the Bailey case has become a favorite subject of conversation from the capitol in Raleigh to the filling station outside of Podunk, few seem to know what has happened or understand the procedure. Briefly it is this:

Bailey was put in class 1-A by the local board. He appealed and soon the appeal board received a letter from J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, to the effect that the young man's services were of vital importance to the bureau—although he had been in its training school only four days at the time. The appeal board agreed with the local board and the 1-A rating stood.

The next Raleigh knew agout the case there came a letter from the Washington officer whose specialty is cases in which the selectee's work is such that it seems unwise to take him off the job and put him in the army. Who brought the Bailey case to that officer's attention, General Metts does not know.

"I did not appeal to Washington, in fact I was never asked to apeal," said the general. "I don't know whether the director will appeal or not but he does have a right to do so. As Washington was investigating the case, I sent the record to Washington."

The general said that he did not know how long it would be before there would be action on the case, one way or the other. When the national selective service authorities decide what they are going to do, if anything, he expects to be notified.

Although the case of Pou Bailey and its possible political ramifications is the chief subject of discussion among State officials around Capitol Square, practically every conversation begins "don't quote me but—"

"All I know about it is what I read in the papers and I don't want to be quoted as saying even that," one constitutional officer told newspapermen.

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