

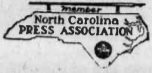
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REFUGEES NEED ASSISTANCE

The appeal of the Red Cross for funds with which to assist the war refugees in France and other European countries should not be unheeded by the people of McDowell county.

In our interest in the outcome of battles, we are prone to overlook the hardships which face millions of human beings driven from their homes by the exigencies of warfare. That these people, through little fault of their own, have become homeless refugees in a foreign land, makes their needs more imperative and should move prosperous Americans to do something in their behalf.

While we are in thorough sympathy with the efforts of the Red Cross to raise \$20,000,000 through its 3,700 chapters in the United States, we are also in favor of a direct appropriation from the United States Government, to be made available immediately for the purchase of food in this country for the benefit of the civilian victims of warfare.

ANOTHER BILLION FOR ARMS

Less than a week after making a spirited fireside talk to the American people, in which he called attention to the need for extraordinary action to prepare the defense of this nation, the President has requested additional sums to speed up the armaments of this country.

Despite the fact that he has asked Congress for an appropriation of \$1,200,000,000 for increased preparedness, and that this huge sum tops regular appropriation bills of more than \$2,000,000,000 for the Army and Navy, Mr. Roosevelt urges that another billion dollars be made available at once.

New methods of warfare, based entirely upon the striking offensive power of mechanized armies, coupled with the knowledge that war comes suddenly, leads the Chief Executive to recommend new expenditures that will give the army modern weapons for modern warfare.

Even a month ago such requests would have been equivalent to the political annihilation of the President but so greatly shocked are the American people at the outcome of recent battles in Belgium and France that they not only support, almost unanimously, the President's requests, but they wait eagerly for him, and his advisers, to call for additional funds in order that there may be no doubt about the ability of this republic to wage war successfully against any possible combination of enemies.

The transformation of public opinion in this country has been miraculous. It is but a sign of what will happen in these United States if Hitler turns loose the full force of his aerial armada against the civilian populations of France and Great Britain. Awakened to the frightfulness of the attack, the public will demand immediate action to assist the democracies and popular sentiment may even force the United States to declare war against Germany and her allies, if any.

Let it be recorded, very plainly, that we are not among those who believe that a German victory would work for justice, equality and liberty throughout the world.

Those who believe that the United States is not concerned with the outcome of the war in Europe should stand up, and be counted.

The world might be a lot better if some people were not so anxious to prevent anybody else from succeeding.

Speeding may be safer but death results from trying to set new records.

The number of people in a community is not as important as the type of people.

ONLY A DAD

Only a dad with a tired face
Coming home from the daily race;
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he played the game;
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more,
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and scorns of life
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd,
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way;
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small;
Doing with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
These are the lines that for him I pen,
Only a dad, but the best of Men.

THE WAY TO SAVE AMERICAN YOUTH

We are among those Americans who still hope and pray that war can be avoided by the United States but we do not belong to the tribe that believes it can be done by cowardly shrinking from facing the hatred of Hitler and his people.

We fervently hope that American youth will not have to fight in any war but, so far as we can see at this time, the only possibility of sparing them the ordeal of slaughter is to be found in the defeat of Germany by Great Britain and France.

This being the truth, in our judgment, then it appears that the smart thing for the United States to do is to give every possible assistance to the Allies, "short of war," as quickly as possible. We would extend credit, ships, planes, tanks, munitions and foodstuffs as rapidly as possible to bolster the fighting forces of the nations now at war.

Certainly we would not sit idly by and see these two great democracies crushed under the weight of a mechanized army. Such a victory would strengthen Hitler for an attack upon this hemisphere. We would immediately rush planes to the Allies, even if we had to take some of them from the Army and Navy.

This would not be as foolish as it might seem. Many of the planes now belonging to our fighting service will be obsolete before many months have passed. They will help the hard-pressed Allies now. They can be replaced in a short time when the accelerated production schedule gets under way.

There is a chance that such a course might lead us into war. It is, in our opinion, a smaller risk than we take if we chance the defeat of the Allies. So long as there are other nations fighting the potential foes of this Republic, it is good policy for the United States to assist them with materials that may save the lives of our sons.

DUNKERQUE

So long as the English tongue survives, the word Dunkerque will be spoken with reverence. For in that harbor, in such a hell as never blazed on earth before, at the end of a lost battle, the rage and blemishes that have hidden the soul of democracy fell away. There, beaten but unconquered, in shining splendor, she faced the enemy.

They sent away the wounded first. Men died so that others could escape. It was not so simple a thing as courage, which the Nazis had in plenty. It was not so simple a thing as discipline, which can be hammered into men by a drill sergeant. It was not the result of a careful planning, for there could have been little. It was the common man of the free countries, rising in all his glory out of mill office, factory, mine, farm and shop, applying to war the lessons learned when he went down the shaft to bring out trapped comrades, when he hurled the lifeboat through the surf, when he endured poverty and hard work for his children's sake.

This shining thing in the souls of men Hitler cannot command, or attain or conquer. He has crushed it, where he could, from German hearts.

It is the great tradition of democracy. It is the future. It is victory. —New York Times.

PULP MILLS

There are now 51 pulp mills in the South, consuming 14,000 cords of wood a day in making kraft papers and other types of paper products, a recent checkup revealed.

Only the last battle of a great war is the decisive battle.

It seldom pays to hurry—too fast.

OUR GOLD WORTH HAVING

The monetary gold stock of the United States has crossed the \$19,000,000,000-level and the experts are already beginning to worry about what will happen to this huge hoard if the totalitarian states reform the savings economy of the world.

Bankers and economists in this country have expressed the opinion that the gold standard cannot operate if Germany and her allies win the war and dominate the future economic set-up of the world. Their system of trading, involving barter and controlled swapping, tends to eliminate the necessity of another medium of exchange.

While it is within the realm of possibility, in the event of a German victory that gold will lose some of its importance in international trade, the disability will be temporary. In fact, we do not think that the United States need worry about having a worthless gold stock on hand. We might worry about the possibility of losing our gold stock if this nation is ever attacked by a coalition of powers, such as Germany, Italy and Japan, after the totalitarian states have conquered Europe.

LET'S DRIVE FORWARD

We must take steps to improve conditions ourselves in Western North Carolina—not look to the other fellow or the government to do it for us. If we are going to achieve the purposes of democracy we must pursue improvement with relentless energy. We must work out ways to make a better living on the farm, and start and operate constantly improving marketing services.

Hitler has aroused the German people to great energy and great efficiency in the art of destruction. He is driving Europe back into the Middle Ages. He has instilled into these Germans the spirit of unremitting toil, and the tragedy is that this energy and this efficiency are directed backwards and are forcing the world back to barbarism.

We must use equal energy and efficiency and unremitting toil to improve the world about us—that is our own county and our own township. We must use our time and our money, limited though it may be, to set up markets and devices that will increase income and better conditions in Western North Carolina. In this country we have freedom to do this. We have freedom to invent, to plan and to work. We must use these priceless possessions with all the ability at our command, to work out a civilization where our fellowmen and our children will have a more abundant life.—Farmers Federation News.

MAN'S SEVEN MISTAKES

Man's imperfections lead him to make many mistakes in life, and the pointing out of these frailties has engaged the attention of philosophers and reformers in all ages. A recent writer enumerates what he considers to be the seven greatest mistakes of man, as follows:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind by not acquiring the habit of reading.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.
7. The failure to establish the habit of saving money.—Uplift.

ANOTHER "TEN COMMANDMENTS"

1. Keep anti-skid chains on your tongue; always say less than you think. Cultivate a low persuasive voice. How you say it often counts far more than what you say.
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully, no matter what it costs you.
3. Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind and encouraging thing to or about somebody. Praise good work done regardless of who did it. If criticism is merited, criticize helpfully, never spitefully.
4. Be interested in others; interested in their pursuits, their welfare, their homes and families. Make merry with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who weep. Let everyone you meet, however humble, feel that you regard him as a person of importance.
5. Be cheerful. Keep the corners of your mouth turned up. Hide your pains, worries and disappointments under a pleasant smile. Laugh at good stories and learn to tell them.
6. Preserve an open mind on all debatable questions. Discuss, but don't argue. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly.
7. Let your virtues, if you have any, speak for themselves, and refuse to talk of another's vices. Discourage gossip. Make it a rule to say nothing of another unless it is something good.
8. Be careful of others' feelings. Wit and humor at the other fellow's expense are rarely worth the effort, and may hurt where least expected.
9. Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Simply live so nobody will believe them. Discouraged nerves and poor digestion are common causes of backbiting.
10. Don't be too anxious about getting just dues. Do your work, be patient, keep your disposition sweet, forget yourself, and you will be respected and rewarded.—Selected.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

"... Christianity is not merely a scheme to increase the population of heaven. Its purpose for its followers is not primarily to get to heaven, but to bring heaven down to earth. Jesus himself once said that he came to give men a larger, fuller life.

The healthy Christian life is lived in the world among men and is interested in their everyday affairs. It is lived at the primary and in the labor union. It is lived in the shop and in the office. There is nothing which concerns the well-being of men which can be alien to the Christian life or to Christianity as such.

It does not involve a belief in an impossible dogma. It asks merely that a man shall bring his life into conformity with the life and purpose of Jesus, helping to carry out his will and plan for the redemption of the world.

When enough men actually believe in this plan and try to put it into effect, so that it will be the dominating purpose in the life of the nation, then it may truthfully be said that this is truly a "Christian nation."—Michigan Christian Advocate.

FOLKS I LIKE

I like the person who realizes he has never gotten anywhere without the help of others. No person can live unto himself. Then the more you share, the more you have; the more you give, the more you get.

I like a person who keeps an open mind and an open heart. The very minute you and I think we know everything, we're sunk.

I like folks who are for something, not always against something. Life is an opportunity, not an ordeal.

I like folks who work, who do sweat-bringing work. I like people who make money—who can take hold of a farm or a business and so organize it that it will come through with a profit.

Put into your life above all things, good will.—From a talk made to an F.F.A. group, quoted in The Progressive Farmer.

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