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Taking a Look at War

EXCERPT from President Roosevelt's address at Chautauqua, N. Y., last Friday night:

"I have seen war. I have seen war on land and sea. I have seen blood running from the wounded. I have seen men coughing out their gassed lungs. I have seen the dead in the mud. I have seen cities destroyed. I have seen 200 limping, exhausted men come out of line—the survivors of a regiment of one thousand that went forward 48 hours before. I have seen children starving. I have seen the agony of mothers and wives. I hate war."

Here is another graphic picture of what war means. It is from a United Press summary of the situation in Spain:

"Conservative Portuguese observers estimated that five weeks of fighting in Spain have made 60,000 orphans and 25,000 widows, with 25,000 loyalists and 30,000 rebels killed."

If this is the result of a few weeks of sporadic civil strife between poorly armed Spanish combatants, what will happen if all Europe is thrown into a bitter war to the finish with vast armies, equipped with the latest devices of wholesale slaughter, pitted—not one against the other—but all against the whole?

Condoning Election Irregularities

THE State Board of Elections belatedly discloses that the conduct of the second Democratic primary on July 4 was not all that it should have been. Meeting in Raleigh Monday—six weeks after the election and more than a month after the certification of election returns—the board revealed that:

Clay County election officials had permitted heads of families to cast ballots for all members of their immediate families.

Only one precinct in Clay County provided regular election booths, and in one precinct improper ballot boxes were used.

In Surry County two precinct officials hid 19 ballots as a "joke" while the votes were being counted.

Some doubt still exists as to whether the Surry election officials held a formal meeting, as required by law, to canvass the county's vote.

In Yancey County election booths did not comply with the law.

Election officials in Cleveland County, home of Clyde R. Hoey, successful candidate for the nomination for governor, failed to investigate some of the specific charges of voting irregularities formally made by Ralph W. McDonald, the defeated gubernatorial candidate.

In Buncombe County some notaries and justices of the peace neglected to file lists of persons who appeared before them with absentee ballots.

In Forsyth County, Mr. McDonald's home, 182 absentee ballots were declared invalid because a notary public was alleged to have signed them without obtaining oaths from the applicants. Mr. McDonald had presented "undisputed testimony" that 40 per cent of the persons who voted absentee ballots in that county did not leave the county on election day, that practically all of the absentees in that county were not sworn to.

These disclosures, however, mean little or nothing at this time, for once the election returns have been certified nothing can be done about them.

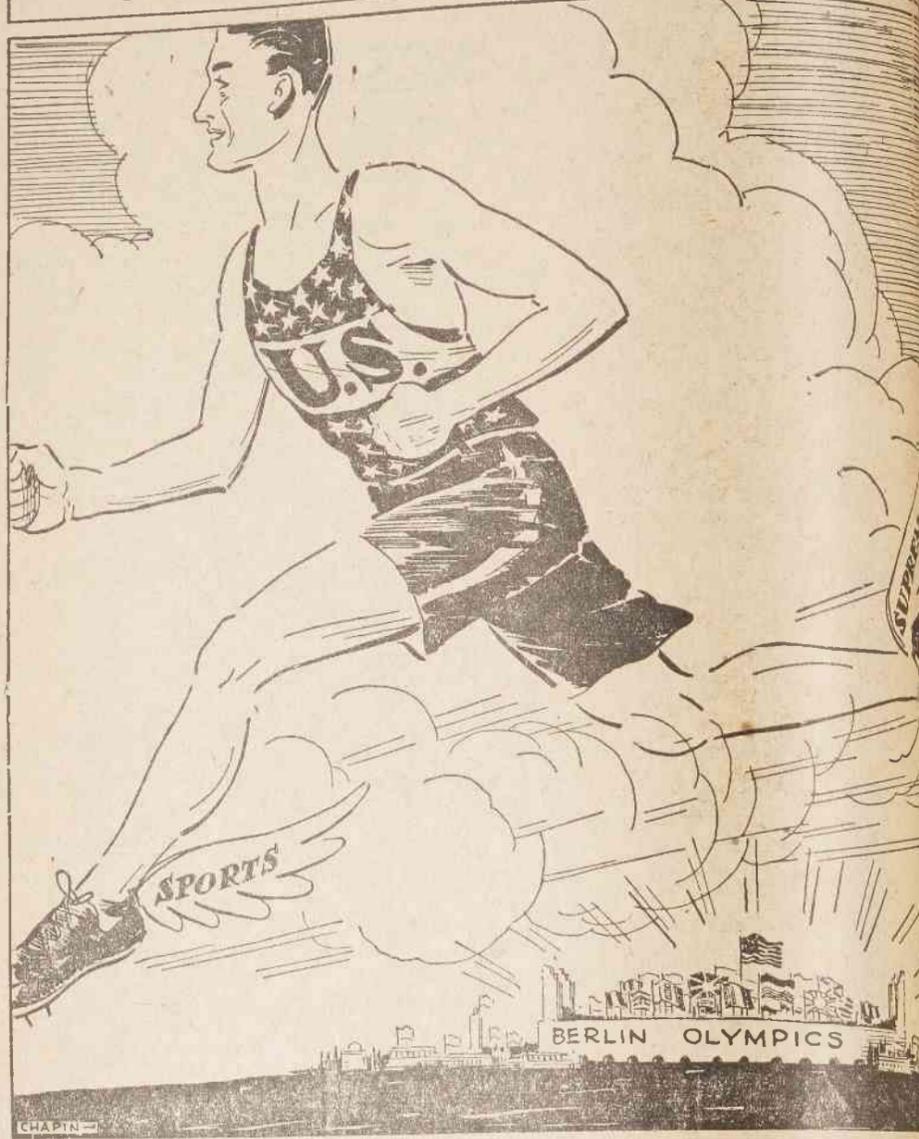
The disclosed irregularities were not sufficiently extensive to alter the outcome in the gubernatorial race or any of the other second primary contests; but they are sufficiently flagrant and widespread to give cause for concern among people who are more interested in honest elections than in the success of any particular candidate or group of candidates.

What we can't understand is why election complaints are not thoroughly probed before an election is certified. The present procedure of closing the gate after the pigs are out might prove of some profit, however, if it were accompanied by disciplinary measures. But the only punitive step of the State Board of Elections was a recommendation that the two jesting election officials in Surry County be dismissed. The board did nothing about the situation in Clay County, and its chairman saw fit to commend the frankness of the election officials who countenanced the "family" system of voting, instead of admonishing them to brush up their knowledge of the election laws.

It is encouraging to know that the State Board has not attempted to "whitewash" primary abuses; but the restoration of full confidence in elections requires more stringent action than has been taken. First of all, it requires legislative repeal of the absentee ballot, cause of most complaints; and it requires more stringent enforcement of regulations governing the conduct of precinct polls, which will not be brought about as long as state officials condone ignorance of the election laws on the part of poll holders.

Wings Over Europe

by A. B. CHAPIN



BRUCE BARTON Says:



ORDINARY FOLKS IMPORTANT

Every year a certain executive delivers a speech to the members of his organization, which contains this standard paragraph: "The most important people in this office are not my partners or myself; they are the young people who sit in the reception halls. My partners and I see only a few young people; they see everybody. They create the impression about our office that is carried by thousands of visitors into all sorts of places, and may bob up at the most unexpected times to do us good or harm."

"If these young people are going to insult anybody, I hope it will not be the young messenger boys who deliver telegrams and packages. Be careful never to insult them. You never can tell how soon they will grow up to be executives in positions where they may have a big influence on our affairs."

An automobile dealer mistreated a certain difficult customer, who forthwith acquired a permanent frown and devoted much of his spare time to airing his grievance. Nobody knows how many sales he killed in the course of the year, probably hundreds. A meter-reader for a public utility company was rude to a housewife. Her husband was subsequently elected to the state legislature and became a thorn in the company's side.

Every business, big or little, is dependent for its good will on the humdrum activities of very ordinary men and women. These people are unimportant on the pay-roll, but they may be mightily important in the balance sheet.

THEN THEY GOT MARRIED

The campus of a certain university was picketed by the week-end youngsters carrying Albert Raby, lent protest. Just as Mill of their indignation. L. Hurst, of I can't for the at Sunday with Mr. It was a lively Mrs. Ivalee Hurst, of windows w Harrison avenue. tion hall, ar on Lyle, of Atlanta, was assail orothy Lyle, of Atlanta, mands th-visiting her grandmother, clare hir H. Lyle, Sr., on Lyle street. I met Atha Joyce Sheffield, of week low Springs, is spending this rumpus. at East LaPorte, visiting her in, Miss Annie Lee Bryson. Miss Juanita Meadows, who re-

for a man who has lived through so many uprisings," I remarked. He laughed. "They are a regular part of the job," he said, "Every once in a while the young man's thoughts turn to parade and denunciations. I have watched the phenomenon for twenty-five years. Also, I have kept a list of the principal riot leaders. I know what happens to them."

"That's interesting," I said. "What does happen to them?"

"They get jobs, and then they get married, and then they have youngsters, and then they get better jobs. And by that time they are no longer interested in overturning things. They are too busy playing the game."

It will be a sad day for the world if youth ever ceases to have its period of protest. Youth ought to be dissatisfied and impatient; it ought to look critically at the messy fashion in which its elders have run the world. The sharp point of its protest pricks old age and causes some grudging forward movement.

But Nature seldom allows the movement to develop into a runaway. Almost before Youth is aware of what is happening, she has married him, and put him to work, and transferred him to the ranks of good citizens.

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MILLIONS SAVED

A report issued by the Resettlement Administration in Washington shows that more than 34,000 distressed farm debt cases, many involving threats of foreclosure, have been adjusted since September, 1935, through efforts of voluntary debt adjustment committees throughout the United States. The adjustments brought about in a ner gave farmers a of about \$26,000,000.

All Men on an original Children's Wof \$102,000,000. 1/4 to 1/2 regulated delin-

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Lake Emory

By LUTHER ANDERSON SINGERS TO MEET

The monthly meeting of Macon Singing Convention held at Watauga church, afternoon, August 23 at 2

Mr. and Mrs. R. Charlotte, have been visitives in Macon. Mr. Peck turned to Charlotte, with Peck is spending two her sister, Mrs. J. R. other relatives on Watauga Peck expresses high appro The Press and of the Lake Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. formerly of this place, Murphy, were visitors here Mr. Simpson has been em the TVA construction for the building of the and has been transferred Fowler Bend Dam near Mr. and Mrs. Simpson their cottage on the high Lake Emory, and, by friends here hope to have neighbors again.

Mac R. Whitaker, of is at Lake Emory this some specialty work formers.

Charles W. Stewart Anderson attended the lee at Bryson City Satur

Miss Monette Franks of this place, now of S. C., was a visitor at Mrs. Buford Downs Mo visiting her parents at Ga., Miss Franks will course in a business Winston-Salem.

Miss Frances Tallent from Murphy Sunday on her parents, Mr. and Tallent.

Byers Duvall is serio his home west of Lake

Mrs. Hester Sellers seriously ill, but is some now.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Jr., and son, of Detroit, visiting their numerous Macon county.

A BETTER LIVING

The purpose of the Administration, states that agency, is to help live and work on achieve a better living, ization, established by Roosevelt in April, 1935, major duties—to help farmers with loans, to projects for the better and to help families better farms and in