

LOOKING AT WASHINGTON

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European Shadow Falls Across America; Will the Future Repeat Our 1914 Course?

The crisis in Europe throws a long shadow, which, despite our assertions of isolation, falls across the United States. Comment of congressional leaders on the situation in Europe reflects the unanimous determination to keep the United States from becoming involved. A few statesmen venture to suggest what European nations should do, but all of them join enthusiastically in the chorus, "It's no affair of ours."

Those of us who are old enough to remember the outbreak of the European War in 1914 will readily understand the similarity between events in Europe today and those which occurred twenty-four years ago. There are some differences. The people of the United States are much more thoroughly informed as to European affairs. They have a much clearer understanding of the issues involved. The sympathy of this country is fixed on the side of the democratic powers. Moreover, the United States is better prepared to defend its interests than in 1914.

When we come to the thought of participation in a war in Europe there is no difference in the state of public opinion that exists today and that which existed years ago. The people of this country today, just like in 1914, want no war. They have given more thought and study to the methods of avoiding entanglement than they had when the previous war began. They are willing now, apparently, as they were in 1914, to forego material gains from war trade in the hope of remaining at peace.

It is a fact that the nation failed to keep out of the last great conflict. The question arises, "Can we successfully steer a course in the future that will keep us out of a widespread European war?" Surely, many think, the experience of the past should help us in dealing with new crises. At the same time, many competent observers seriously doubt the ability of the United States to remain neutral in the event of a great conflagration abroad.

When the Great War began in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, in a wise appeal to the people of this country, asked them to remain neutral, in thought as well as in deeds. This seemed like good advice at the time but it was not long before the people in this country divided into two partisan groups.

While millions preferred neutrality there were aggressive factions championing the respective sides in Europe. Every incident of war-time operations that affected the United States, or its citizens, or its interests in any way, was played up and magnified by propagandists and partisans on both sides. Serious diplomatic controversies arose, with Great Britain, as well as Germany. Eventually, public opinion turned and the United States went into the war on the side of the Allies.

Looking back on 1917, one recalls that when the United States entered the war against Germany, it was assumed that what the Allies needed was financial and material assistance. It was considered likely that the Navy would participate in duties abroad, but not many citizens at large had the faintest suspicion that a huge army of American men would be sent to France.

Not long after the declaration of war, however, a huge Allied commission, including General Joffre and other British and French leaders, came to Washington to reveal the plight of the Allied nations. From then on, it was a question whether the United States could get sufficient man-power into France to prevent the Germans from winning the war.

The development of public opinion in this country between 1914 and 1917 was from actual neutrality to a limited participation in the war abroad. Shortly thereafter, the same public opinion supported the use of every national energy to win the war to make the world safe for democracy. Once involved, the nation went into the struggle without reserve.

This resume of past events is given in order that readers may have no misunderstanding of what will happen in the future if the United States fails to be absolutely neutral in regard to any war in Europe. In view of the fact that public opinion in this country is already overwhelmingly on the side of the democratic powers, this will be a hard thing to do. If any war continues for a long period in Europe, there will be the same repetition of events, the gradual change of public opinion under the influence of partisanship, and the gradual development of American interests in the warfare abroad.

There will be, so far as the writer is able to judge, no halfway ground. Either the United States will be in the next war up to its neck, or it will stand absolutely apart and aloof, regardless of what happens in Europe or in the Far East. It may be possible for the people of this country to continue unmoved if the democratic countries of the world suffer serious reverses and face impending defeat. Nevertheless, in the interest of truthful writing, we reluctantly record our opinion to the contrary.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Are sprays, used on fruits and vegetables, injurious to human beings?
2. How many persons were killed in the World War?
3. How many moons are around Jupiter?
4. Is the Navy building six battle-ships?
5. What is the value of tax-exempt governmental securities?
6. How many persons in New York City have WPA jobs?
7. Has mineral oil any food value?
8. Is interest in primary elections increasing?
9. How many families are receiving some public relief funds?
10. What are the coal reserves of the nation?

THE ANSWERS

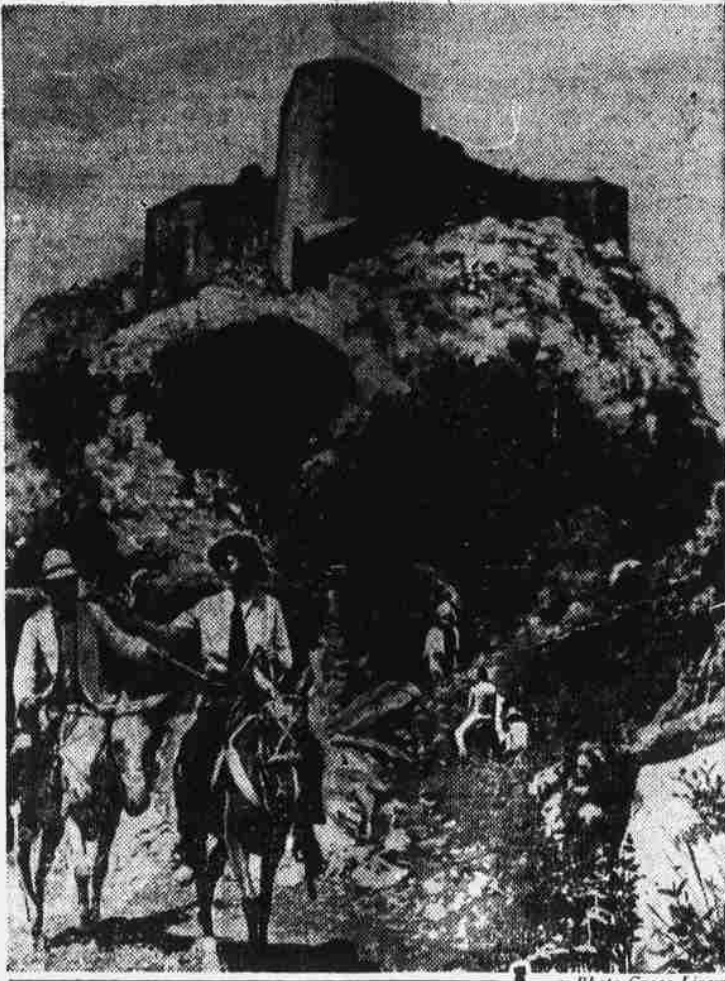
1. Not if used in quantities permitted by government regulations.
2. 8,538,315.
3. Recent discoveries indicate eleven.
4. No; only two.
5. About 65 billion dollars.
6. 175,000.
7. No.
8. Available records indicate that more voters are taking part in primary elections than ever before.
9. 6,500,000; more than one-fifth.
10. 3,000,000,000,000 tons.

Surplus Products Help Many During August

There were 61 persons receiving aid from surplus commodity distribution in Chowan County during the month of August, A. E. Langston, director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

A total of 2,428,185 pounds of commodities was received in the State during the month, Langston said, and included dry beans, 119,201 lbs.; cheese, 81,951 lbs.; flour, 801,208 lbs.; dry milk, 42,537 lbs.; canned peas,

Traveling Around America



FAMOUS BRIDLE PATH

WINDING up the jungle trail to the famous Citadel of La Ferriere—gigantic fortress built by the Black King Henri Christophe. It rests like the prow of a ship on the peak of a mountain three thousand feet high near Cap Haitien in Haiti, visited weekly by 16-day cruises from New York. Today's adventurers—mounted on sure-footed little horses and mules—follow the same trail made by the slaves who carried bricks and cement up through the jungles to build the fortress—a thrilling trail shaded by gorgeous tropical plants and trees, skirting the edge of deep chasms choked with jungle growth and presenting marvelous vistas of the island and harbor.

Stopping along the way for their black boy guides to bring down coconuts of coconut milk from the trees nearby, the riders, after a 2 hour climb reach the Citadel which was built large enough to provide quarters for 10,000 soldiers and suites for the royal family. After a picnic lunch served in one of the gun rooms, the modern explorers, accompanied by a well-informed lecturer, Professor Luis Mercler, climb towers and roam through gloomy dungeons, inspect cannon and treasure chests, investigate reservoirs and bake shops and the Black King's tomb, crawl to the edge of 200-ft. walls multiplied in altitude by 2000 feet precipices to glimpse the wonderful panorama unfolded below—an experience to be duplicated nowhere else in the world.

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201,314 lbs.; Irish potatoes, 896,690 lbs.; prunes, 127,582 lbs.; raisins, 10,746 lbs.; and rice, 146,956 lbs.

Total number in the First district who received assistance in the form of foodstuffs and household goods from the warehouses at Windsor was 13,744 persons composing 3,550 families.

A State-wide total of 161,169 people were given aid through the eight warehouses in the four North Carolina districts, with the district totals set at: first, 27,191; second, 47,491; third, 34,446; and fourth, 52,041, Langston said.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS

The Winfall Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. W. D. Rogerson on Monday afternoon, Sept. 26th, with Mrs. E. N. Miller, president, presiding. The meeting opened with the song "Love's Old Sweet Song" and the Collect was repeated in concert. At roll call the members answered with the number of jars canned. After the business session, Miss Hamrick read a poem, "The Sticker." She then discussed planting and arrangement of shrubbery.

Mrs. Joseph Winslow, Mrs. Dennis Winslow and Miss Virginia Winslow were judges in the Ball contest. Mrs. George Roach won first place, and Miss Mary Elizabeth White, second place.

During the recreation period a contest was enjoyed with Mrs. Joseph Winslow winning the prize.

During the social hour the hostess served grapes and apples to the following members: Mesdames Clyde Layden, Kenneth Miller, Effie Miller, Alvin Winslow, Jim Lowe, W. D.

WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Fisher and children, Hudson and Bobby, of Holcong, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Winslow.

Miss Miriam Lane, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lane.

Emmett Winslow and Miss Martha Perry have returned to Washington, D. C., after a few days' visit with Mr. Winslow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Winslow and children, Selma and Ann Elizabeth, of Elizabeth City, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Winslow and Miss Edith White.

Lucius Lane, of Benson, H. E. Lane, of Tyner, Mrs. Singleton Lane and Mrs. Henry Lane, of Hertford, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Winslow on Sunday.

Willard Baker, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker.

Mrs. Lucy Lane, of Tyner, Mrs. E. L. Chappell and Mrs. Edwin White, of Belvidere, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Winslow Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Winslow and Miss Sallie Riddick visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hannah, in Suffolk, Va., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Winslow, of Norfolk, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Winslow on Sunday.

Miss Lucille Lane is visiting relatives in Norfolk, Va.

CHAPANOKE NEWS

Miss Waverly D'Orsay left Wednesday for E. C. T. C., Greenville, to resume her studies.

Miss Doris Miller, of Winfall, was the overnight guest of her aunt, Mrs. Bertha Whitehead, on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy and daughter, Janet, visited friends in Hertford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Asbell and children visited Mr. and Mrs. James Dail, in Chowan County, Sunday afternoon.

J. W. Boyce, of Hertford, visited John Asbell Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy were in Elizabeth City Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stallings were in Elizabeth City Saturday night.

Mrs. Irma D'Orsay, of Elizabeth City, visited her daughter, Miss Waverly D'Orsay, Monday night.

Mrs. C. P. Quincy was in Hertford shopping Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Bertha Whitehead and her daughter, Al, and C. A. Ownley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, at Nixonton, Wednesday.

C. P. Quincy motored to Windsor Wednesday afternoon.

Fiddlers Convention
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NOTICE

Advertisement of delinquent taxes due the Town of Hertford will be made on October 7th. Sale of property will be on October 31st (Monday). Please come forward and avoid expense and embarrassment.

Also all Poll Taxes must be paid or I shall be forced to levy.

Town of Hertford

W. G. NEWBY, Clerk

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Tom Perry's Service Station Fred's Place
One-Stop Service Station