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## The World Grows Better

The temperature of the world has been steadily rising since the turn of the century, says J. B. Kincer, of the United States Weather Bureau. He says this has been such a persistent trend as to suggest that the idea of stability of climate needs some revision.

This is an important observation if it represents the beginning of a gradual increase in the heat of the world. Is it possible that the world is in the beginning of a heat wave that will reach new highs and, possibly, vitally affect climate all over the globe?

Mr. Kincer says that the changes to which he refers have been world-wide in scope, with records showing that there has been abnormal warmth in the last two decades. Thus, he lends weight to the theory, often heard, that the winters are growing milder and that the climate of the earth is actually different from what it was a generation ago.

## Farm Income Gains

The people who write for the newspapers are cheering up the farmers with the news that agricultural income, this year, bids fair to excel any recent year, with the possible exception of 1937.

It is about the same as reporting that the temperature of a patient has dropped from 104 to 103!

Farm income in the United States is running this year about eighty per cent of parity and parity gives the people on our farms, slightly more than one-fourth of the population, less than one-seventh of the national income.

Frankly, there is no magical method to restore prosperity to the nation's farmers. It will be a matter of some years, at least. Meanwhile, the national economic machine is out of balance and the entire country continues to suffer.

## An Important Distinction

The recent indictment of the nominal head of the American Communist Party, Earl Browder, turns the spotlight upon the contrast between two ways of life and two habits of thought.

Browder has been indicted for traveling to Moscow on forged passports, an act which he frankly admitted in sworn testimony before the Dies Committee a short time ago. Now he is about to stand trial, protected by all the Constitutional right that guarantees any citizen of this country, no matter how heinous his crime, a fair hearing.

Picture a similar situation if it had occurred under one of the systems under which these protections do not exist, and towards which Browder, if he had his way, would willingly drive this country. The victim would not receive an open and fair hearing but a star chamber proceeding, and as soon as the admission was drawn from him that he had used forged passports, the firing squad would be trotted out to do its work.

Yet, in this country where the rights of the individual are so jealously guarded, the followers of the Communist chief are even now complaining that he is being persecuted merely because he is a Red.

We trust—indeed, we know—that Browder will have his Constitutional right to a fair trial. But it is important to make the distinction, so frequently and easily neglected by the enemies of this country as soon as they happen to step out of bounds, between the just protection of citizens and their "right" to violate the country's laws in the interest of undermining the very Constitution to which they so brazenly appeal.

## What Other Editors Say

### Religious Freedom

From the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel

Another blow has been struck for religious freedom by the United States circuit court of appeals which ruled that school children do not have to salute the flag if such action is contrary to their religious belief.

The children involved were expelled four years ago from a Minersville, Pa., school when they refused to salute the flag because they are members of a religious sect which believes that it is sacrilegious to pay tribute to any earthly thing. The court held that the right of religious freedom stands above everything else.

It is interesting to note that the opinion was given by a judge who is an Episcopalian and concurred in by another Episcopalian judge and a Jew. One can well imagine how important it would seem to a Jew to uphold the right of religious freedom, when in other lands his race has been a victim of religious intolerance.

No matter how much at variance a man's religious beliefs may be with that of the majority of his fellows, America concedes him the right to that belief so long as no criminal acts are committed in the name of religion.

It is doubtful if compulsory tribute to the flag could be upheld constitutionally, even if the religious question were not involved. It is a pretty, patriotic gesture, but one that does not necessarily inculcate a love for the flag in those that make it. Patriots are not made by compulsion.

Children should be taught to respect the flag. They should learn flag etiquette. They should know why the flag, as a symbol of what others have fought for, should be respected. But the ends of patriotism are not served by forcing a salute.

## The Low Down From Hickory Grove

With the war crowdin' even the divorces and murders out of the news, it is not so hard to savvy why we don't pay too much attention to Uncle Samuel when he borrows another 10 or 20 million just to pay interest on other money which he borrowed before.

Borrowin' money to pay interest on other borrowed money, brother, that is borrowin'.

How Uncle Samuel manages to keep out of the calaboose, while the SEC puts other persons in, for too high financing, it is kinda mystifying.

But most of us, I reckon, we are kinda like the young duck when he graduated there at the Champaign and Urbana University. On the day he graduated the Professor said to him, young feller, you are now finishing here and there is just one thing you do not know—you don't know yet, that you don't know anything.

I guess maybe one of the things the Professor had in mind, it musta been politics.

Yours with the low down,  
JO SERRA

# Two Sides To Every Question by Lytle Hull

### WANTED—A GREAT STATESMAN

Great statesmen are often the cause of the world's troubles and likewise have been, and can be, the cure.

A Talleyrand in France—since the end of the World War—a Disraeli in England, a Machiavelli in Italy, a Metternich in Austria and a Stein in Germany would have recognized, and headed, the danger in which another great war would place Europe and would have avoided the risky venture upon which it has now embarked.

These men, through individual greed—or let us call it patriotism—might have played recklessly with pawns but would never have risked the checkmate which faces the countries of Europe if they expose themselves, through exhaustion, to the now obvious menace of Bolshevism.

By now everyone is aware of that great danger. Anyone can visualize a half starved Germany falling easy prey to any promise of peace. The old slogan of Capitalistic and Imperialistic War will fall on fallow ground. The fallacies of Communism will be ignored by a desperate people, and the great German nation of eighty-six million normally sane

inhabitants will become part and parcel of the greatest menace which civilization has ever known.

On the fringes of this dread morass will stand the small Balkan nations—Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece—to the south. To the north the Baltic and Scandinavian nations—Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania; Norway, Denmark and Sweden. To the east little Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. Southeast a strong Italy and farther on a weakened France and England; then Spain and Portugal. A powerful array militarily.

Today—if it were consolidated into one fighting force—all the balance of the world could not hope to defeat it; but four years of disintegrating warfare will change the picture drastically.

The people of the war-torn nations might resist the insidious ideology of Bolshevism but would the wormout soldiers of those nations be willing to fight another war against a Russian and German army? The German soldier would no longer have the chance to refuse; he would do what his master, Russia, told him, or face the firing squad.

Three or four years of exhausting war between Germany and

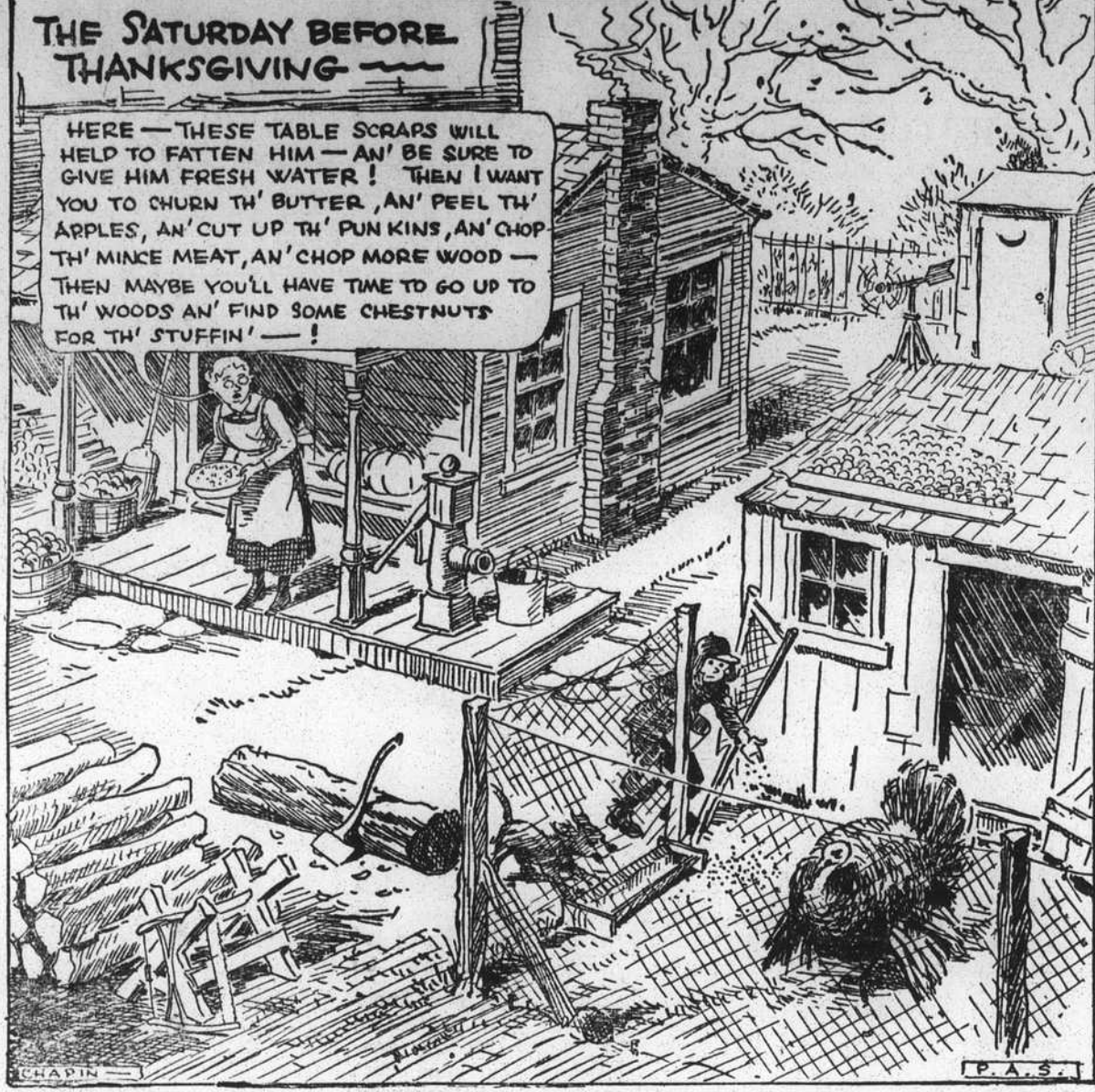
the Allies is possibly what Russia has planned. No matter which side begins to weaken first, Russia, by some means, will probably bolster that side. She has already fooled Germany into starting the war and is even now making deals with England to encourage that nation. She is no longer even subtle, and therein may lie her weakness. She seems to feel too certain of her prey and it is there, pray God, that she may overplay her hand.

Europe is waiting for a Talleyrand, or a man of equal statesmanship but more altruistic tendencies. She is teetering on the edge of possibly a hundred years of dark future and many believe that her people would welcome a reasonable armistice and that her troubles and questions could be satisfactorily worked out under the guidance of some great statesman.

There is, at the moment, a deadlock, not only physical but moral. Each nation is convinced it is fighting for a just cause. Each nation would like the other to give in and void the awful outlook ahead. Each nation CAN give in a little and the war CAN be stopped.

Germany makes peace moves but stipulates her own terms, England and France will not accept

## Memories



# Weekly Washington Merry-Go-Round

(Trade Mark Registered)

by Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen

### British Taking Seamen Off U. S. Ships; Some Even Naturalized Citizens; WPA Sees No War Boom; Relief Demand Greater Than Any Time Since 1937; Government Experts Explain How To Buy, Cook Your Thanksgiving Turkey; Trailer Census Will Be 1940 Problem; Here Is Townsend Plan's Payroll.

Washington—European censors have concealed the fact, but the British have been taking seamen off American vessels in much the same manner as they did during the War of 1812.

Usually the men removed from U. S. ships are Englishmen who have taken out their first American naturalization papers, and therefore are in a betwixt and between category of citizenship. In one or two cases, however, the British have removed men who claimed to be fully naturalized American citizens.

Ambassador Joe Kennedy, in London, has not considered these cases good grounds for protests to the British Government. Kennedy was once chairman of the Maritime Commission, and as such advocates full American crews on all American vessels. Therefore, he has taken the stand that when the British remove partially naturalized citizens from U. S. vessels, they are indirectly helping to increase the number of full-fledged U. S. sailors on the high seas.

Note—Under the new neutrality act, no more American vessels will visit British waters.

### No War Boom

WPA officials have so far seen no evidence of a war boom or any other kind of boom.

They assert that clamor for federal relief, both from individuals and localities, is greater now than at any time since the 1937 slump. They now have on file more than 2,500,000 applications for work-relief jobs; which is 700,000 more than the total on WPA rolls last month.

Further, WPA officials expect this demand to mount as cold weather increases. In anticipation of this, they purposely held down relief quotas during the last quarter in order to be able to expand in the winter months. The quota of jobs under which WPA will operate for the remaining eight months of the current fiscal year, unless Congress soon reopens the purse strings, follows:

November	2,000,000
December	2,300,000
January	2,400,000
February	2,400,000
March	2,200,000
April	2,000,000
May	1,800,000
June	1,500,000

This schedule will give a monthly average of 2,000,000 employed. Administrator Harring-

those terms and have more or less outlined their demands. There is a middle course—there are several middle courses—but someone must step to the front and point them out. Someone must take the initiative and it must be someone whose power is sufficient to command attention.

In all the world is there no man great enough to save Europe from the awful scourge of Bolshevism?

ted with flour. Savory stuffing depends largely on seasoning and the bread that goes into it. Onion, pepper, salt, parsley and chopped celery are a tasty combination. Sage, thyme and celery seed are strong and should be used cautiously.

The experts warn that bread should be dry, but not stale. It should be picked apart lightly so that it forms crumbs rather than soggy balls.

### Roasting

Best oven temperature for roasting is around 300 degrees. For smaller birds a little more heat, about 325 degrees, is desirable and for large ones a little less, around 275 degrees. Whatever temperature you use be sure that it is kept constant from start to finish. A young turkey, between 10 and 14 pounds (undrawn) requires three to three-and-a-half hours to roast.

Baste and turn the turkey every half hour. In turning, the breast should be kept down as much as possible so that the white meat will not get done ahead of the dark.

If you prefer to brown the turkey first, put it in a hot oven (450 degrees) for the first hour. If an older turkey, place a lid over it after this initial browning, but young birds should be cooked uncovered throughout. To tell when the turkey is done, insert a fork or skewer into the thickest part of the breast and thigh. If the meat is tender and the juice not reddish, then the roasting is finished.

### Townsend Payroll

In response to numerous inquiries asking what were the salaries received by Townsend officials, The Washington Merry-Go-Round has procured from Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the movement, the following salary facts—Dr. F. E. Townsend, salary as president of Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc., a non-profit organization, \$300 a month.

Dr. F. E. Townsend, salary as publisher of The Townsend Weekly, owned by him and a profit enterprise, \$300 a month.

Robert Townsend, son, treasurer of TNRP, \$300 a month.

L. W. Jeffery, vice president, \$300 a month.

Harrison Hiles, trustee, Foundation, \$300 a month.

Baxter Rankine, director, \$340 a month.

Glen Wilson, Educational Dept., \$300 a month.

E. J. Speake, Educational Dept., \$200 a month.

Davis Olson, bookkeeper, \$340 a month.

Boyd Gurley, editor, Townsend Weekly, \$500 a month.

H. Goss, assistant editor, \$240 a month.

Dan Romaine, publicity, \$180 a month.

Dr. Townsend stated that the \$300 a month he draws from the Weekly is for paying his extensive traveling expenses. Also he states that the earnings of the Weekly go into promotional work for the Townsend National Recovery Plan, and that last month he transferred \$10,000 from Weekly profits to the TNRP account. He retains ownership of the

Weekly, Dr. Townsend explained, "in order to control its policies." In the early days of the movement there was much internal strife among officials over policies and management. Townsend finally reorganized the set-up and vested control largely in his own hands.

### Kellogg's Pact

The Kellogg-Briand peace pact is suffering death pangs somewhere between the Siegfried and the Maginot Lines, but the name of its American author is sacred to an enthusiastic group of young boys who debate world affairs in a Washington school.

Kellogg's widow has endowed a debate room in the St. Alban's School in memory of her husband. It is especially built to resemble a Senate Committee room, with a horseshoe desk for committee members, a "well" for the witness, and all the familiar appurtenances.

The boys meet in this hall to hold mock hearings on pending legislation and to debate international affairs. Some day maybe one of them will write a new peace pact which will last longer than Kellogg's.

### Self-Reformers

William S. Farish, dynamic president of New Jersey's Standard Oil, ran head on into an unexpected squall while testifying before the monopoly investigating committee.

Farish was contending that business did not need government supervision because it always was on the alert to clean its own house. Just then Willis Ballinger, scrappy brain-truster of the Federal Trade Commission, broke in.

"The record doesn't show that," he declared.

"What I said," persisted Farish, "is that inefficiency and misconduct or wrongdoing in corporate management finds its checks and its critics a little quicker than it does normally in any other realm of activity that I know of."

"Well, if that is so," retorted Ballinger, "how do you explain the fact that Mr. Richard Whitney was not removed from the New York Stock Exchange until the Government completely discredited him? And as I recall, the Chase National Bank did not remove Mr. Albert Wiggin until the Government completely discredited him. I think that also was true of Charles Mitchell of the National City Bank, and Eugene Grace is still with Bethlehem Steel. And although Standard Oil did oust Mr. Stewart, Mr. Doherty and Mr. Sinclair, who were sort of particeps criminals in the matter, were not removed. I just wonder when this theory of yours is going to work?"

"I don't propose to go into that argument," said Farish. "You have mixed up a lot of things in that statement. Some of them I question."

"That's your privilege," replied Ballinger, "but I think it is very pertinent in testing your theory." He proceeded to recite a list of recent sensational probes of business.

Apparently Farish had all he wanted of this rough going, because when Ballinger finished the oil magnate said, "All right, sir; you are entitled to your opinion."

### Capital Chaff

Boss of German propaganda in the U. S. (his official title is director of the German Library of Information) is Heinz Heller, member of the staff of Dr. Goebbels. Thirty-one, blue-eyed and dapper, Heller says he likes this country, but misses the year-round German opera. . . The 1940 census will include Alaska, Samoa, Guam, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and various army

set up "people sources" last year 1930 census these outlying territories had a population of 2,151,023. . . Although he opposed prolonging the special session, Senator Charles McNary, brainy Republican floor leader, is remaining in Washington to keep an eye on Administration foreign policy.

### Merry-Go-Round

Recurring reports in financial circles that the SEC has dropped its case against the Gianninis, leading California bankers, are without foundation. Real inside is out foundation. Real inside is that SEC investigators still are working on the Giannini books and public hearings will be resumed in December. . . The SEC isn't the only government agency crossing swords with the Gianninis; the Treasury and Justice Department also are pressing cases. . . Senator Burt Wheeler is trying to woo Townsend backing for his presidential aspirations. L. W. Jeffery, vice-president of the Townsend Organization, is friendly to the anti-New Deal Montanan and works closely with Burke Clements, Wheeler's manager.

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Tom—"Was it a big wedding?"  
Tim—"Yes, I got in line twice to kiss the bride and nobody noticed it."