

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

Arnold, battling with O. P. M., declares sulphuric acid pool violates anti-trust laws...

WASHINGTON. — Thurman Arnold, the assistant attorney general with such zeal for trust busting, is battling with OPM and the war department again on a question involving national defense, and personal feeling is running very high.

This is not the first time Arnold has injected himself into a situation involving an army and navy plans since William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman were put at the head of O. P. M., but it may easily be the straw that breaks the camel's back...

Thurman Arnold for various officials concerned with the defense setup are getting ready for a showdown with the President as to whether he will call Arnold off or not.

The present row is over sulphuric acid, vital to the manufacture of explosives, but also to steel and fertilizer. The army, navy, OPM and manufacturers had worked out a pooling arrangement which was highly satisfactory to all concerned until Arnold heard about it.

He insisted that this arrangement was in conflict with the anti-trust laws, and threatened to prosecute the companies concerned if they attempted to operate under it.

Arnold could not see why it was necessary, in order to get production of sufficient sulphuric acid quickly, that there should be any pooling agreement. He wanted open competition in its manufacture.

He insisted that he had gone very carefully into the pooling agreement as proposed, and that he calculated this pooling agreement would cost the farmers of the United States \$8,000,000 a year.

This is vigorously denied by the army, navy and OPM experts, but some officials are saying that even if it were true it is a very trivial matter.

They insist that \$8,000,000 is nothing on a \$30,000,000 national defense program, which will be slowed down if this carping about the pooling agreement being a violation of the anti-trust law continues.

Consider Lowering Income Tax Exemptions There is a strong disposition on Capitol Hill not to lower the income tax exemptions, despite the pressing need for every dollar that can be raised.

Moreover, the treasury scale of tax increases is accomplishing the ends always desired when most people advocate reduction of exemptions without doing it.

The treasury has so coldly stepped up the percentages, and at such comparatively low figures, that this objective is no longer important.

Americas Hold World's Future, Industrialist Says

Wenner-Gren Urges U. S. To Assert Leadership In Realm of Ideas.

NEW YORK.—(Western Newspaper Union.) The future of the world lies in the future of the Americas, and all the means to provide freedom and progressive democracy for the rest of civilization are available right here in the Western hemisphere...

Wenner-Gren, whose previous relations with the press have been featured by consistent Swedish riches, started on his rise to commercial methods 33 years ago.

Rescued Athenia Victims. A year ago Wenner-Gren made news when his yacht, the Southern Cross, rescued 376 stricken passengers at the scene of the torpedoed Athenia tragedy.

In his significant message to the Americas, the tall, handsome Swede, erect and Nordic for all his 59 years, struck an earnest note.

He pointed out, "no matter what the course of the war, European countries are undoubtedly due for years of economic and cultural depression, their emergence from this depression dependent largely upon the way of life in the Americas."

New Incentives Needed. "Americans," he warned, "can no longer afford to live snugly in the stuffiness of a rich national prosperity."

Improved Conditions Become Widespread



Improving conditions in the U. S. during the month of May are indicated by the above map. Farm income is slowly but steadily rising.

By L. G. ELLIOTT, President, LaSalle Extension University

The influence of rising pay rolls in industry continues to be reflected in increased purchasing power of consumers. Production of factories is 20 per cent higher than a year ago, and retail sales are up about 15 per cent.

The beginning of the new growing season finds farm conditions favorable. Good crops are anticipated, and prices are expected to average higher than last year.

Honored for Rescuing Athenia Victims



The Canadian government has presented a bronze plaque to Mr. Axel Wenner-Gren (left) in recognition of the rescue by his ship, the Southern Cross, of 376 survivors of the torpedoed Athenia.

ly said, "It has been vaguely rumored that I am in some way of other sympathetic with the ideologies which are now dominating most of the continent of Europe."

"Americans must realize that it is not enough merely to try to preserve what is now held. They must establish new incentives. For instance, in their own hemisphere, they cannot let the share-croppers in North America and the forgotten peon populations of South America



The duke of Windsor joins Mr. Wenner-Gren at the dedication of a new lobster cannery in the Bahamas which was established to provide employment for the natives.

remain at miserable starvation levels, if only because these are fuel for subversive fires. The peoples of the New world must reach out towards new heights in health, housing, employment, interchange of ideas, practical techniques and cooperation.

Explains International Views. With regard to his international status, the retired millionaire frank-

Experts Predict Aircraft Engines Of 8,000 H. P.

DAYTON, OHIO.—An 8,000-horsepower engine for an airplane—Fantastic? Not at all!

It may be several years away, but army air corps research experts at Wright field are already looking forward to the day when airplane power plants, delivering four times the power of the big 2,000-horsepower engines now being tested for the nation's newest warplanes, will be ready to go on the test stands.

New power plant test equipment now being assembled at Wright field has been designed with this goal in mind, and when the big engines are ready, as engineers are confident they eventually will be, the equipment here will be heavy enough and strong enough to perform the necessary tests.

Present-day engine developments are along two lines, the radial air-cooled type and the liquid-cooled type. Huge frontal areas of the air-cooled engines interfered seriously with clean aerodynamic design, whereas the liquid-cooled engines had far less frontal area to buck the air streams.



WRIGHT A. PATTERSON (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

ONLY SIX WORDS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL PLATFORM TO THE VAST MAJORITY of the American people—democracy, our American democracy—represents more than a way of life, more than a philosophy of government.

When we apply democracy to ourselves as individuals, we more often think of the opportunities offered by that American system, than of the privileges provided by our form of government, and to us they are associated, if not synonymous.

I should like to write the platform for both major political parties and could put it all in these six words: "Maintain Democracy and the American System."

GIVE THE FARMER THE HOME MARKET TODAY WE ARE IMPORTING millions of pounds of beef and millions of bushels of corn from Argentina.

Before the present war in Europe began, we were buying millions of pounds of pork products from Poland that we might sell to Poland the products of American factories.

Instead of giving to the American farmer his home market, we make of him a charity subject by paying him for not raising food products we can buy elsewhere.

USUALLY THE WEATHER IS A BIT UNUSUAL FOR YEARS A FRIEND has written me of the glorious climate of California. I spent three months in that climate this winter and have listened to his frequent explanations of how very unusual the climate has been, more rains than the state had ever known before.

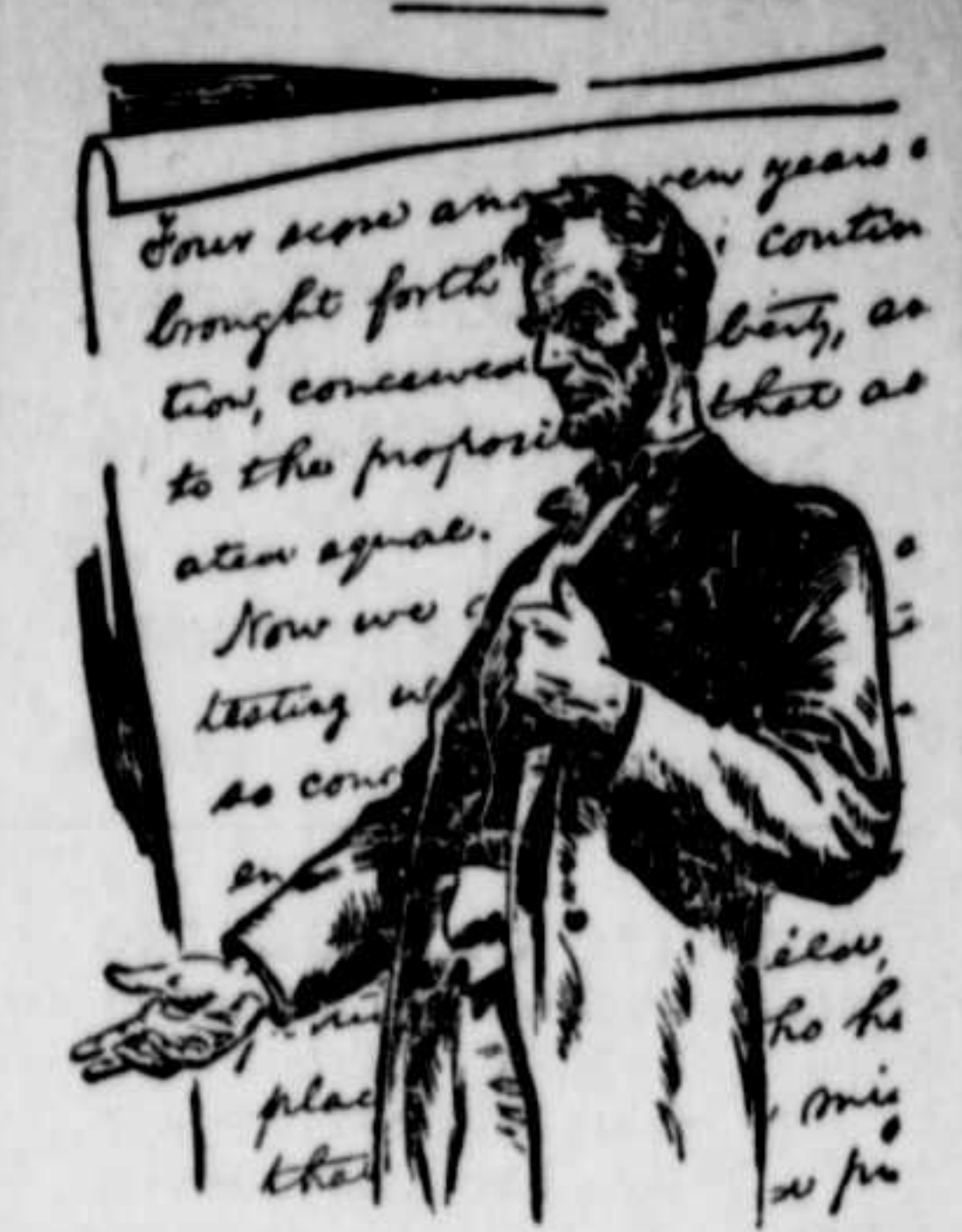
I have been in Florida during a period of unusual weather conditions, colder than was ever known before. I have been almost suffocated by heat in the hottest weather Minnesota ever experienced.

WHAT TO RAISE TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS in increased sales for each year would mean a total of 1 1/2 billion dollars. That represents the amount of agricultural products we are now importing from foreign lands which can be, and to some extent are, raised in this country.

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"THE world will little note, nor long remember what we say here..."

The Gettysburg address, in Lincoln's handwriting, is one of our new set, "Three Great American Documents..."

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ESSO REPORTER NEWS

Table with columns for station call letters, time, and price. Includes stations like WJZ, KYW, KDKA, etc.

Faulty Memory Every one complains of the badness of his memory, but nobody of his judgment.—La Rochefoucauld.

DUSTINE 25¢ Powder advertisement with product image and benefits.

Shorn Sheep Many go out for wool, and come home shorn themselves.

ARE YOU BLUE? RED CLOUD BERRIES advertisement.

Mind's Image Conversation is the image of the mind.—Syrus.

KILL ALL FLIES DAISY FLY KILLER advertisement.

Big Returns Economy is a great revenue.—Cicero.

Miserable with backache? DOAN'S PILLS advertisement.

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MODERNIZE advertisement about remodeling a room.