The Curbstone Diplomat

By WILLIAM S. COLLINS

Is the United States going to war? This is a question that vitally concerns every American and especially the male citizens between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one. Think what war would mean to these last mentioned.

First, a nice holiday spent on a camping trip at Camp Meade or some other well equipped camp. Clothe food and everything furnished free and besides imagine getting paid thirty dollars a month. What could be softer than this. The boys from Kent County would have to be careful though when they received their pay, that no gypsy girls were around. Kent countians have developed a weakness lately for turning their money over to the gypsies.

After the pleasant camping trip there would be a free trip to California. Would you prefere to go by the Canadian Pacific or the Southern Pacific route? Who would not like a trip to California; the state with the wonderful climate and movie stars. Think of a date with Gloria Swanson and Clara Bow.

Of course, pleasant as California would be, the show must go on you know and so we would have to sail for China. Tours could be arranged with Cooke or the American Express. Think of it, a free trip across the Pacific Ocean to China.

In China there would be one or two unpleasant things to overcome. There is no prohibition law there and gambling and other forms of vice go on. But before leaving the United States we could all sign the new pledge just issued by the W. C. T. U. This is accomplishing wonders. People after signing this pledge walk the straight and narrow. Maybe we could convert the Chinks to prohibition and give them the thrill of a speak-easy.

Most everyone loves to hunt and in China we would be equipped with guns and ammunition by Uncle Sam and sent on a hunting trip. It is open season on Japs now with no bag limit law. Of course with so many soldiers hunting, care would have to be taken against hunting accidents. The danger is really small though when you consider more people were killed in Kent County on one drinking party than were killed from the same county during the World War.

When the Japs began to thin out and we were tired of China, Uncle Sam would have us brought back. At Frisco you could expect cheerful faced, Andy Mellon, to meet us at the dock with the bonus checks all made out. From Frisco on to Washington where we would get a speech of appreciation from President Hoover. Preference for government jobs would be given us like they were after the world war (?). Then on to Detroit where we have conferred upon us the degree of "Imps of Hell." Finally "Home Sweet Home." Our jobs would be filled by the younger generation and the women, so we would not even be forced to work.

What would war mean to the home folks. Bands playing and committees formed to raise money for the liberty loans. Again, when the money was collected, watch out for the gypsies. The money would be easy to raise this time on account of "Continued Prosperity;" so more time could be spent at the bonfires and banquets. Think what an excuse this would give the men to go out at nights.

The women would have a chance to be patriotic by picketting the White House and other government buildings, like they did during the world war. Maybe they could tack a couple of more amendments to the constitution by these methods. This time they could prohibit the use of the filthy weed and stop the ponies from running.

Maybe the war would help us of Kent forget that the panneling was moved out of the Abbey.

The war will be a cure for all troubles and offers an opportunity for all.

A member of the town council wants it clearly understood that the town does not intend to replace the mule team with a motor truck. One member of the council made the suggestion that when the truck was not being used, no money would be spent for gas; while the mules demanded their meals regularly. He was overruled in the matter by the others because they stated that the mules could do a greater variety of work, which was necessary and that a motor truck could not replace the mules. Due to old age., the town is considering in replacing the present team with a younger and more ambitious pair.

Times must be tight. The Fire Company did not clear as much as $60 dollars on their play presented this week. The doll given away by the ambulance committee cleared fourty dollars.

The Baltimore Museum of Art seems to have plenty of money, paying several thousand dollars for the panneling and floor out of one room of the Catlin House. Maybe some of us Eastern Shoremen can sell ourselves to the zoo over there. All the publicity that has been given us Shoremen recently, we should certainly prove an attraction.

Yuell Lee on his way from the Towson jail to the death-house at the Penitentiary, said to Capt. Burns of the Baltimore Police Force, "Well Capt. Burns I guess we will meet again in heaven," Capt. Burns asked Lee "What makes you think you are going to heaven."

D. A. R.'S ENTERTAINED

The London Bridge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was entertained January 28th at the home of Mrs. C. S. Church, Georgetown, Maryland. Nine members and one visitor were present.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Alice Turner Wiest, Miss Elizabeth S. Bottomley, Regent, presented to the chapter a blue print of the original grant of land known as London Bridge.

The following members were elected to represent London Bridge Chapter at the Continental Congress to be held in Washington in April:

Delegate—Miss Elizabeth S. Bottomley, Regent.

Alternates—Miss Marian E. Caldwell, Vice-Regent; Miss Esta V. Harrison, Mrs. C. S. Church, Mrs. E. R. Morris, Mrs. Arthur Cleaver, Miss Mildred Newton, Miss Mary Caldwell, Mrs. Harry I. Hoyle and Miss Mildred Hoyle.

TWO FIRE ALARMS THIS WEEK

Thursday night the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., was called to the farm of Mr. E. R. Anthony in Queen Annes to extinguish a fire in the tenant house. The chimney was on fire and showering sparks on the roof. The house fortunately had a tin roof otherwise it would probably have burned down. Colored people occupy the house.

Friday noon the siren sounded but news came the fire was out before the fire trucks left the house. The fire broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thawley on High St., but they managed to get it under control.



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OUT OF THE DARK

The tall gates of the mountain swung
On silver hinges of the dusk and dew,
Soundless as meadows when the winds are still,
To let a little star come through.

The brown earth, seeking in the dark,
Found in its hands beside a rivulet
A little seed that, warmed by earth's shy touch,
Crept to the sun—a violet.

Out of the night the evening star,
The violet from friendly dark of earth:
Out of the dusk of life, its murk and mist,
Love and beauty come to birth!

ARTHUR WALLACE PEACH

War, and rumor of War! how the thought fills every one's heart with dread. Such a little thing brings about a war. It is said that the beginning of the bitter feeling that finally brought on the war of 1870 between France and Germany began when the Empress Eugenie and her court ladies with their small dainty feet, laughed at the large clumsily shod feet of Frau Bismarck, thus irritating the war lord of Germany. Just before the worlds war every one was busy talking about settling all disputes by arbitration, and the European women had declared that they refused to raise children to be food for cannon, when a shot fired in little Serbia was heard all over the world and the greatest war ever fought was the result. Oh let us have peace. Let us have peace.

Last week Miss Susie Hill visited the office. She was looking so well and bright and told us what interesting work she is engaged in. Miss Hill was the Home Demonstration leader in Kent for some time and then she resigned her position and went to Washington College. Since her graduation she has been up in the Berkshires in Massachusetts, engaged in the same occupation though now she has supervision over work in three large towns with eight assistants under her. The tasks are all planned out for them and she finds her duties a real joy.

Have you an income tax to make out this year?

Income Tax Mother Goose

"Mary had a little coin—
It wasn't very much;
But everywhere that Mary went
Somebody made a touch.

Then Mills and Mellon came along
And made her troubles end;
For since she met those boys she has
No money she can lend."

Do you worry about Vitamins? In the olden times when such things were unknown many lived long lives. Who was the oldest man? Methusalah. He lived to be nine hundred and seventy-two years and never gave vitamins a thought.

"Methusalah ate what he found on his plate,
And never, as people do now,
Did he note the amount of the caloric count;
He at it because it was chow.

He wasn't disturb, as at dinner he sat,
Destroying a roast or a pie,
To think it was lacking in lime or in fat,
Or a couple of vitamins shy.

He cheerfully chewed every species of food,
Untroubled by worries or fears,
Lest his health might be hurt by some fancy dessert—
And he lived over nine hundred years!
So many answers were received."

He had just signed "A Hog" on the hotel register. "Why, said the pretty Clerk, "Don't you sign your full name!" "My first name is Adams," grunted the man.

A shy young lady was sitting next to Bishop Tuttle, whom every one loved and revered. Now the bishop was slightly deaf and the young lady felt it was her duty to entertain him.

Seeing some bananas passed she seized the opportunity to start conversation. "Do you like bananas?" she said. Pardon me but what did you say?" asked the Bishop.

"I asked if you like bananas?" replied the young lady blushing furiously. The bishop pondered a moment then answered, "It is a curious question but I have always preferred the old fashioned night-shirt."

FIREMEN PRESENT SHOW

ATTENDANCE SMALL FOR TWO NIGHT PERFORMANCE

The musical comedy, "Sixty Miles An Hour" presented by the active men of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company at the Old Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, was a greater success from a standpoint of entertainment than it was financially. The attendance was poor there being only 418 seats occupied during the two nights performance. The theatre is capable of seating 750 for two nights.

The show was generally considered to be very good and the performers are to be congratulated.

To Show Films Of Geo. Washington For School Pupils

Three Separate Shows Are Planned

Scholars To Have First Call On Tickets

The Kent County Board of Education, through Louis C. Robinson, County Superintendent of Schools, and Miss Esta V. Harrison, County Supervisor of Elementary Schools, has arranged to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington by the showing of a series of four moving picture films, depicting "George Washington, His Life and Times," at the New Lyceum Theatre on Monday, February 22nd.

The four films to be shown, "Conquering the Wilderness," "Uniting the Colonies," "Winning Independence" and "Building the Nation" will be given three separate showings on that date beginning at 1 P. M., 2:30 P. M. and 4 P. M. Tickets will be sold for each show separately and be good for that show only.

It is the hope of the school authorities to have every school child in the county see the pictures and with that idea in mind special regulations for the hours of dismissal on that date have been arranged.

The tickets will at first be offered for sale to school teachers, pupils and parents or guardians of pupils through the principals of the various schools. Any tickets not disposed of in these channels before Tuesday, February 16, will be offered for sale to the general public at the following places: Hynson's Drug Store, Millington; Dunn's Grocery Store, Massey; Church's Filling Station, Galena; Kelley's Store, Kennedyville; Medder's Store, Still Pond; Owen's Store, Betterton; Stam's Drug Store, Chestertown; Bramble's Store, Fairlee and Durding's Drug Store, Rock Hall.

In an effort to simplify the selling and to make the hour of attendance as convenient as possible for the greatest number of pupils, the tickets will be distributed among the schools as follows:

Tickets for the 1 P. M. show will be allotted to the Chestertown Elementary School and the Chestertown High School.

Tickets for the 2:30 P. M. show will be allotted to: Millington Elementary, Millington High, Sassafras, Galena Elementary, Galena High, Golt, Rock Hall Elementary and Rock Hall High.

Tickets for the 4 P. M. show will be allotted to: Massey, Chesterville, Cherry Lane, Morgnec, Locust Grove, Kennedyville, Still Pond, Betterton, Lynch, Janvier, Worton, Hanesville, Flatland, Fairlee, St. Paul, Piney Neck, Skinner's Neck, Swan Creek, Cliffs and Pomona.

STILL POND

Miss Lucille Parr is spending this week with her cousin, Miss Anna Bowers.

Little John Ben Robinson has been quite sick this week.

The Ladies Aid Society held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday afernoon with Mrs. Elmer Atwell. They will meet next month with Mrs. Wm. Anderson.

Locust Grove Talent will give their Play "Fingerprints" in I. O. O. F. Hall on next Friday evening, February 12th for benefit of Still Pond Sunday School.

The devotional service of the Epworth League will be lead tomorrow evening by Miss Dorothy Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bidwell, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent last week end with Mrs. Anna Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Norris have returned home after spending several months with their daughter at Wildwood, N. J.

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

Monday, February 8th—Cliff Girls' Club at school house after school. Doris Legg, President; Ruth Legg local leader.

Tuesday, February 9th—Betterton Women's Club. Mrs. Elmer Thomas, President. Lesson II. Care of the Garden and How to Control Insects.

Wednesday, February 10th—All day meeting of Women's Club at Galena, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Demonstration food—What is in the Can you buy. Also lesson II—care of Garden and How to Control insects.

Mrs. Julian Cochran, President.

Thursday, February 11th—Rock Hall Women's Club at Mrs. Orin Downey's at 2 p. m. Care of garden and control of insects. Mrs. Frank Urie, President.

Friday, February 12th—Chestertown, Fairlee and Quaker Neck Flower Project Demonstrator Training meeting at Mrs. Jane Chaires at 2 p. m.



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$35.00 Enamel Kitchen Cabinets	$22.50
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20c Flower Sifters	10c
20c Heavy Dust Pans	10c
20c Steel Frying Pans	10c
20c Enamel Sauce Pans	10c
20c Gray Agate Dippers	10c
20c Heavy Dripping Pans	10c
20c White Enamel Cups	10c
10c Toilet Paper, 1000 sheets	5c
5c Toilet Paper, roll	2c
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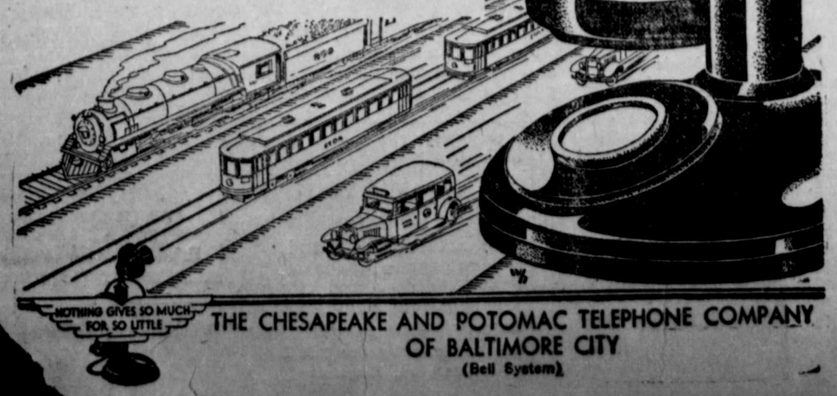


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