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ARMISTICE DAY

Twenty-two years ago, on November 11, 1918, the whole world was filled with rejoicing. The war was over! An Armistice had been agreed upon between warring nations. Four years of bloody warfare had come to an end.

More than eight and one-half million young men were killed in the great World War.

Add to the number killed the tremendous number of wounded, of men reported "missing" whose fate has never been certain, and there is a total of more than thirty-seven mililon of vigorous youths whose lives were lost or their physical bodies injured in that terrible four years of war. Is it any wonder that among those who went through it there is a burning zeal for peace?

And yet today, the same nation—Germany—that precipitated that great war, because of her greed for power and conquest, starts another holocaust laying waste to country after country, gradually spreading until it may again envelop almost the entire world.

A "war to end war," was the slogan of the World War. How foolish it sounds now. All the sarifice of human lives has not taught nations yet that war never settled anything.

And what of Hitler and his War Lords; upon whose shoulders rest squarely the blame for this second World War. Is it any wonder they are the most universally despised group of men who exist today, and who some day will be brought to an accounting.

FIGHTING FIRE FOR DEFENSE

The National Board of Fire Underwriters, the organization which represents all of the principal stock fire insurance companies of the United States, has established a War Department Advisory Bureau of Fire Protection in Washington. The bureau, which is attached to the Consturction Division of the Quartermaster General's office, will cooperate with the War Department on all matters involving fire prevention and protection.

This action was taken at the request of the Quartermaster General's office, which wrote that it "desires to obtain the advice and assistance of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, under procedure somewhat similar to that adopted during the World War. . . .If such a system can be worked out at this time with one or two qualified experts from your organization assigned to this office and other experts selected by you assigned to the various construction projects, you will be rendering a signal service to the Government."

The importance of fire prevention to national defense is clear. When fire strikes, the best laid plans may be ruined. One great fire might put an essential factory out of operation for many months. National defense calls for the coordination of all the production, transport and distribution facilities of this country.

THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 21 IN MOST STATES

Thanksgiving Day is essentially a harvest festival and owes its origin to the Pilgrim Fathers, having been first observed in 1621 in Massachusetts Colony by suggestion of Governor William Bradford, Due to efforts of Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, first uniform celebration asa day of national thanksgiving was proclaimed by President Lincoln in 1863 and from 1864 to 1938 (except 1865) last Thurs. in Nov. was proclaimed annually by President as a day of National thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving turkey will be eaten this year on Nov. 21 in 32 States and on the traditional last Thursday (Nov. 28) in the other 16 States. This represents an increase in number of States adopting third Thursday in November, designated by President Roosevelt, over last year. In 1939, 23 States observed it on third Thursday and two States observed both dates. States which will stay with tradition and observe the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day this year are: Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Iowa, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, and probably Maine.

JAPAN, MEXICO AND HEMISPHERE DEFENSE

By J. E. Jones

Washington, November 4---Mexico seems to be dizzily following Mr. Finnegan's train in its "off agin, on agin, gone agin" gyrations. First the cry was "Mexico for Mexicans." Under its inspiration Mexican politicians for years robbed American citizens right and left, wholesale and retail. And all the time she professed love for Uncle Sam and all his nephews.

Next, Mexico sells 20,000,000 barrels of grabbed oil to the dictator nations of Germany, Italy and Japan. . . . . oil which even today may be instrumental in helping Germany to keep her bombing fleet busy in striking at Britian's civilian population. More lately Mexico contracted to sell 2,500,000 barrels of the grabbed oil to Japan, a substantial part of which has been delivered through the Panama Canal while Jaapan makes noses at Uncle Sam.

Apparently the Washington Administration has not learned of this yet. We say "apparently" because it seems worried only about the Burma Road situation in far off Asia but does nothing about preventing Japanese shipments of this vital oil through the Panama Canal. Mexico and Japan are worried for fear that it will stop their racket. How to get a cheap and sure method of delivering this grabbed oil to the Japs troubles both of them.

Since two heads are better than one, Japan and Mexico got theirs together a few weeks ago and revived a concession on 250,000 acres of prospective oil bearing lands in the vicinity of the fabulously rich Poza Rica oil fields. This concession was first made in 1937 but it had lain dormant until the middle of last month. Then they pulled it out, dusted it off and told the world that Mexico no longer was for Mexicans; instead it now is "Mexico for the Japanese."

While all of this was being done Mexican New Dealers were busy in Washington pulling strings to get a $50,000,000 loan with which to renabilitate and triple track the 186 mile railroad across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and to build a pipe line alongside it. Such facilities would permit Mexico to transport to the Mexican Pacific port of Salina Cruz cheaply and uninterruptedly all oil she has contracted to deliver to Japan.

The idea was excellent but the money was lacking. So under the guise of hemisphere defense her politicians pressed Uncle Sam for a loan. This pretense required more than words to give it substance. So Mexico gave it substance by reporting that it had cancelled the Japanese lease. And she further announces that she no longer will sell Japan scrap iron. Can it be that the oil refineries and other equipment on the stolen properties are stripped of all their steel? Or can it be that Mexico's politicians are willing to forego possible profits of a few hundred thousand dollars from the sale of scrap iron for the prospect of getting $50,000,000 of U. S. taxpayers' money?

These are interesting questions. But a major question in connection with the recent Cardenas profession of loving Uncle Sam is whether or not Mexico yet has cancelled her contract to deliver 2,500,000 barrels of stolen oil to Japan.

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A Little Honeymoon

The Automobile Manufacturers Association has promised the National Defense Advisory Commission that the facilitiies of motor manufacturers wil be available to help the airplane procurement program speed airplane production, and supply the Defense Commission the tools to do it with. That opens up a tight bottle-neck.

Commissioner Knudsen expressed thanks and appreciation and added that he considers this to be "a security."

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Fishy Women

Different licensing systems of the States and the Federal Government dig extra dollars out of private pockets, and at the same time make it easier to secure statistics. The Department of Interior in Washington reports that women are plunging into the sport of fishing and that they increased in numbers approximately 300 per cent during the past year. The figures show that there were 220 thousand licensed women anglers. Now, wouldn't you like to know how many fish they caught?

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Five Thousand Bad Men

Congressman Martin Dies, famous for the discoveries of the Dies Investigating Committee, has been in Detroit where he claims to have discovered that there are five thousand centers, who are liable to blow the lid off unless the Government takes more adequate steps "to handle the situation." In answer to the claim of employers who say "they cannot fire some of these saboteurs because of the National Labor Relations Board" the Congressman declared: "We may ahve to have a showdown on that."

PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

The problem of assuring safety for drivers and pedestrians on State highways faces additional complications, in the opinion of the members of Governor O'Conor's Maryland Traffic Safety Committee, due to the imminent departure of some thousands of our young men; members of the National Guard, the Naval Reserve, and the draft contingents, for training.

In studying the State's impending loss in man-power, as related to Traffic Safety, Isaac S. George, Chairman of the Maryland Traffic Safety Committee said:

"The question of what will happen to Traffic Safety within the next few months when several hundred thousand young men will leave their homes and occupations for a new environment, is a major problem in the minds o fall safety-minded citizens. One significant thing to keep in mind is that the men who go, will take their Safety Training with them. The experienced truck driver and the careful chauffeur will not leave their safety habits behind them when they put on a uniform.

"While these already trained, are leaving their homes, what about those who remain behind; those who must take the wheel from now on?"

The Governor's Maryland Traffic Safety Committee warns that all will have a very definite responsibility while a new group of men are becoming accustomed to driving. As Mr. George points out: "When we meet or see a truck approaching, we must realize that the driver may be new at the job, that the regular driver may have been conscripted.

"Another vital point for consideration is that the son who has been doing the night driving for the family, may now be working for Uncle Sam, and probably a younger brother or sister, with limited experience, may be the family chauffeur. It may be that the new driver is not so sure of himself as the lad who has been called to the colors, and it will be important that we take nothing for granted on the highways, and play safe at all times by observing every traffic regulation ourselves."

"Still another angle being stressed by the Traffic Safety Committee, is the importance of avoiding accidents in order that the wheels of Defense keep turning. At the recent convention of the National Safety Council it was pointed out that the United States Army is vitally interested in safety from the standpoint of congestion. A traffic accident, for instance, could hold up an entire line of army trucks which might be moving over a single lane road.

"It will be the duty of all Safety Organizations and leaders to meet the challenge of the times by striving as never before to reach the goal of an acident free America, and to fulfill the larger part safety inevitably will play in aiding the Federal Government and other agencies engaged in national activities."

FARM CHANGES IMPENDING

Important technological developments in years to come are reasonably certain to lead to several primary changes in American agriculture, says a special committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that has been studying this question. These changes include a continued rapid increase in the adoption of tractors, especially the small ber tires. A further use of small combines, corn pickers, and other harvesting and tillage equipment operated with tractors is also in the picture. There will be a rapid extension of rural electrification Administration is continued as in 1940. Other changes include a slow but constant improvement in the productive efficiency of livestock, and progress in the correction of nutritional deficiencies and in disease control. A tendency toward considerable increases in corn production is apparent as a result of further adoption of hybrid seed. Some increase in the production of wheat an doats is likely as a result of wider adoption of new disease-resistant varieties.

Blessed are the lazy. When they sit down to worry about their troubles, they fall asleep instead of going crazy.

Some people are disappointed by vitamin pills because the thing they are trying to cure is age.

They Bought A Gold Brick

THOSE wealthy individuals who head large Eastern corporations and who were the financial angels of repeal must have had many bitter moments since 1933.

Fletcher Dobyns, now retired but long an eminent lawyer, studies the people and the motives in his "Amazing Story of Repeal." Dobyns definitely charges certain of the nation's very wealthy men with sponsoring lawlessness and crime during 1920-1933 to bring repeal of prohibition.

The cream of the jest is that their sole original purpose in bringing back the liquor traffic was the belief that liquor taxes would make it possible for the federal government to decrease income taxes.

To reduce their own taxes, they were willing that a "poisonous narcotic again be peddled in the market places," according to a recent review of the book made for National W. C. T. U.

In 1933, they settled back hoping for a life with reduced income taxes! How bitterness must have gnawed at their hearts in the years since 1933! Especially just before March 15 of each year as they signed their income tax returns at new, higher rates!

Hurts Employment.

Some persons thought resumption of brewing and distilling under repeal would do much to lessen unemployment, but no such effect has resulted, the Newburgh, N. Y., News commented recently.

The newspaper referred to figures cited in a Newburgh address by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, New York W. C. T. U. president, showing that if money which has gone and is going into liquor were diverted to general industry employment would be several times greater.

The article continued:

"There is another point to be considered. When a person spends money for a useful manufactured product, such as a car, radio, refrigerator, or piece of furniture, he has the use and enjoyment of such an article over a long period. But money spent for drink is money that brings no return at all, leaves nothing in the hands of the purchaser, satisfies an appetite only temporarily, and may do actual harm."

MARYLAND 4-H CLUB TEAMS WIN AT NATIONAL SHOW

Maryland 4-H Club teams made quite a name for themselves at the annual National Dairy Show, at Harrisburg, Pa., this year, when they placed first and fifth respectively in the demonstration and cattle judging contests.

The Maryland dairy demonstration team was awarded first place in the Eastern Section. It was composed of Frederick Kretzer and David McKee, of Washington county, and demonstrated the fitting calves. The team won the right to represent the State at Harrisburg by winning first palce in the State elimination contest at the Maryland State Fair in September. Coaches were Harry W. Beggs, Assistant County Agent in Washington county; and John A. Conover, Specialist in Dairying for the Extension Service.

Each boy will receive a $250 scholarship for use in any college or University. This is the second year that a Maryland team has won the demonstration contest at the National Dairy Show. Last year the team was composed of Earl Ussel and Vernon Bolte, of Baltimore county, and both boys used their scholarships at the University of Maryland.

The other Maryland team to win this year at Harrisburg was the dairy cattle judging team, which was awarded 5th place in the dairy cattle judging contest. Michigan won first place and teams from 28 States competed.

The members of the Maryland cattle judging team were: Edwin C. Fry, Montgomery county; Webster MacCartee, Howard county; John C. Robert Kahoe, Harford county. H. C. Barker, Specialist in Dairying for the Extension Service, coached the team.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Christmas Seals are now being prepared to be mailed all over the state for the Thirty-fourth Annual Christmas Seal Sale conducted by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

This year's Seal is a picture of three children singing Christmas carols, voicing the spirit of joy and thanks for good health.

Felix Lewis Martini, of Los Angeles, is the artist who designed the Seal. It will be used all over the United States and Alaska.

The Seals are in bright colors of red, blue, yellow and green. They are in sheets of 100, and support the work of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association.

Sales at canteens in U. S. military posts are now averaging $10 every minute.

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FEEDING CONQUERED NATION UP TO HITLER

If Germany will properly distribute the food supplies available in Europe, there will be no starvation on the continent this winter, evidence presented by the English reveals. The fact that Hitler has the reserves to feed both Germany and the conquered nations was brought out in an answer to demands by former President Herbert Hoover and others in the United States that food be sent through the British blockade to avert famine in Europe.

The English admit that the winter will bring suffering to thousands of subjugated people—even to German civilians. But they reason that Hitler made himself responsible for these people when he conquered them. England cannot relax the blockade, for such an action would immeasurably strengthen the enemy.

Much of the continental food supply goes into German war production. It is estimated that a million tons of potatoes have been used to produce fuel alcohol, milk is used for casein, and fats go into the production of glycerine and nitroglycerine.

Most of Hitler's conquests were made under the name of "protection." Yet Holland was looted of 90 per cent of its butter reserves in a week. Denmark's pigs and poultry are being slaughtered, canned and sent to Germany. Norway's entire catch of fish is reported seized, while Belgian farmers received notice that a large percentage of grain and livestock would be taken over for the good of the state. The western grain reserves of France, confiscated by Germany, yielded 2,000,000 or more tons of food for the Nazi army.

In the face of these facts, it seems extremely unlikely that any plan to ship food to Europe, as suggested by Mr. Hoover, would prove acceptable to England. The alternate suggestion is made that England and the United States get together on a plan to ship reserves to the continent as soon as the war is finished.

The future of agriculture in a warring world presents a complex question. Great markets have been lost. Others have been dislocated. Old economic standards are in a state of violent flux. The wisest man can no longer tell what tomorrow will bring.

Here is where agriculture's greatest economic weapon, the farmer-owned, farmer-controlled marketing cooperatives, can provide a service of unpredicted importance. They can watch and analyze the trends, and they can move swiftly to adapt themselves to great changes. They can do a vital job in helping shield the farmer from the economic storms that are mounting in intensity thruout the world.

PARENT-TEACHERS CONGRESS

The annual convention of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held at Frostburg, Maryland, November 7 to 9. "How Maryland Serves Her Children" has been chosen as the general theme for the parley. This convention will mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the parent-teacher movement in Maryland.

STOLEN TRUCK RECOVERED

A truck, bearing Delaware license tags, was recovered by Officer Coudon Reynolds Friday morning in the vicinity of Main street and Landing Lane, Elkton.

The vehicle was the property of the Wilmington Y. M .C. A. and had been stolen from the neighborhood of Eleven and Washington in that city. The theif or theives had operated the truck by changing the ignition wires, not having had the key.

"YARD STICKS" FOR LABORATORY TESTS

The development of "yard sticks" for the measurement of the effectiveness of tests made by medical and public health laboratories--public and private--scattered throughout the State, as aids to physicians and health officers in the diagnosis and control of disease, is an important part of the program of the Maryland Association of Medical and Public Health Laboratories acting in cooperation with State and Baltimore City Health Department.

In accordance with this arrangement, a preliminary check up of the procedure followed in the various laboratories in the tests for syphilis, was made last year, and a second survey is now under way, under the sponsorship of the Bureau of Bacteriology of the State Department of Health. It will be completed in December and a list of approved laboratories in the Counties of Maryland will be published about the middle of April.

In announcing the arrangements for the survey, Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Heauth said that legislation enacted at the last session of the General Assembly requires all diagnostic laboratories operating in the Countries of Maryland to be registered with the Department and employers the Department to establish minimum standards for laboratory procedure.

"There are over sixty institutions of one sort or another in the counties," he said, "in which medical or public health laboratory work is carried on. Laboratory services for, or by, these institutiions range from a few very simple tests to highly complicated ones. Interest in the standardization and improvement of these services brought about the organization of the State Association of Medical and Public Health Laboratories.

"Laboratory procedures used in examinations for syphilis have been selected for the check up at this time because of the wide incidence of the disease, and because such tests constitute a very important part of the State program for its control or prevention. Approximately 59,000 specimens were examined in 1939 in the laboratories of the State Department of Health for evidence of syphilis. This total was supplemented by the examination of many other specimens in the private and institutional laboratories.

"Standards of performance in making such tests have been established by the U. S. Public Health Service, and the evaculations will be in accordance with these standards. All laboratories in the counties which meet the requirements will be approved by the State Board of Health."

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