

A Fresh Note In Diplomacy

WALDO RUSSELL, of Hollywood, is a young man moved by the instincts of the young, wise to the free and easy ways of the movie capital, and sublimely international in his attitude toward the ladies...

ladies, Russian or otherwise, it merely details his life as he is protected by diplomatic immunity. The Russian Government thunders that he is an ordinary 'hooligan'...

The Strike Cure Is Bitter Medicine

HISTORY hasn't much to say about the strike wave, but what it says is forceful and very much to the point. Its dictum is not that the warfare ends when the great unions have won new contracts...

In 1920 the wave petered out, almost as if an all-powerful dictator had crushed labor and hushed its voice. There was a dictator, and it was the sharp depression of the early twenties. Overright jobs became scarce...

That's a pretty elementary business, but it's about as far as you can go on the record. The strike fever will continue now as before, so long as the labor supply is short and costs are high...

So in these times, when perplexed citizens are wondering why strikes will ever come to an end, they can reflect uncomfortably that they surely will, but only when depression comes again...

A Man Who Survived His Era

BOTH TARKINGTON is dead? Do you mean the man who wrote Penrod and Sam had been with us all these years? It couldn't be...

know how to evaluate this loss? No one knows, we suppose, what the youngsters are reading nowadays—if they are reading—but they surely haven't been turning the dog-eared pages with trembling hands...

No, the Booth Tarkington who has left us might have written Monsieur Beaucaire, and Alice Adams, and The Magnificent Ambersons, as they said. But surely it was not he who blew life into Penrod, Sam, and those who walked the pages of Seventeen...

The most significant line of his matter-of-fact biography shouted that he could win no success at letters until he turned to the everyday Indiana landscape around him...

Another Voice

A Week To Try Men's Souls

TOM PAYNE, writing in 1776, of the American crisis with Britain, wrote a line which has become hackneyed with use...

great as is the loss, it is not crippling if the week brings release from strife and gives Americans the green light for one year...

If, on the other hand, contracts are made, the life-blood of the nation will be made to circulate faster within an hour after the labor shortage has been relieved...

A strike for prettier teachers at a Chicago suburban high school brings to light a part of affairs. Seems none of our present day young love Algebra I for itself alone.



Is The Conservative South A Myth?

(Excerpts from Mr. Carlson's article in the current Virginia Quarterly Review. Mr. Carlson is Professor of Political Science at the University of Florida and Chairman of the Social Sciences at the University College. Recommended to us by Henry Wallace.)

DURING the Presidential election of 1944 there was more than the usual amount of speculation about the possibility of a conservative South...

Franklin D. Roosevelt at Chicago in 1932. In general, Southern leaders and the Southern masses were strong for Roosevelt's nomination...

In the 1890's, the Populists sought to unite poor whites and poor blacks in a common protest against economic exploitation. The Populists sought 'political equality' for the Negroes...

NEW LIBERAL FORCES

The forces which will make the South even more liberal in its voting are gathering strength every day. What are they? When the fundamental issues are raised in an able and attractive way...

POPULISM WAS POPULAR

In some areas of the South, Populism spread like a prairie fire. In others, the small farmers and poor whites bared within the Democratic party and gained control of the party organization...

THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper...

Samuel Grafton

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Drew Pearson's Senators Easy On Few 'Club' Members

WASHINGTON ONE of the most absurd traditions of the Senate is that every Senator protects a fellow member of the 'club'...

future trading on the cotton market. All sorts of Senatorial favors leveled at all sorts of people—except by Senators at Senators.

Cotton-Trading Senators

THAT explains the fact that no Senator so far has breathed a word regarding two colleagues—Bankhead and Elmer Thomas—who have been trading on the cotton market either directly or through their families at the same time they have been making speeches opposing restrictions on cotton speculation...

Coal Talks

PRESIDENT TRUMAN made a desperate appeal to the patriotism of the opposition and John L. Lewis before their negotiations finally blew up. 'We are facing a terrible crisis,' he said in his private session with both sides at the White House...

The Food Conference

WASHINGTON IN Paris a conference widely heralded has failed. In Washington a conference is about to open. It is expected to fall through—may have consequences more far-reaching than the Paris conference was about boundaries, maps, the commission on the raw material of life itself...

another food survey should be made in September, after the new harvest is in. When that survey is completed it will be possible to tell how much power over export foods the new commission should have...

The failure of Paris can be likened to a time bomb. The explosion will occur five, ten, fifteen, twenty months, of course. In the meantime the politicians of the world are waiting to detonate that bomb. Failure at the Washington conference will mean an explosion next year in starvation, breakdown, chaos...

DEADLY PERIL

Here is the deadly peril they foresee unless agreement can be reached on an authority. A commodity speculator operating in a scarcity market will force an inflation that will be impossible to know before. Prices of basic foods will skyrocket everywhere if speculators have a chance to compete in the market...

There are numerous signs that this speculation is already begun. It is not only here in this country, 'Shrewd traders everywhere are counting on a killing. For at least five years, it's bound to be a seller's market. They are counting on it as the British buyers had control of the Brazilian rice crop and were hoarding it...

BLACK MARKET NETWORK

In Europe, black market operators have built a network across the continent. In many instances through former Fascists who see a chance to get rich in the new world...

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national, 'one world' kind of independent citizen, who tries to put in his own little bit of 'supporting the decisions of the U. N.' finds that he has been put on the back and made the supporter of the decisions of one or two groups of politicians...

TWO WORLDS

The independent who has embraced U. N. because he has truly believed in it, has found that it has split, like an amoeba, into two worlds, and that he is only embracing one of them...

When the independent citizen turns up his nose at the party for help, he receives little for the difference between them on foreign policy. The Democratic Party has become a bit more internationalist, but that's all. The Republican Party has a bit less so; and both seem on the verge of almost formal acceptance of the movement...

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Time up for one of the other, and to sing and shout for it, while perhaps a useful and commendable activity for other people, will not solve the problem of the uncommitted man. He is in a state of alarm; and so he flounders. He has not yet done so, but he is on the verge of doing so. He has a feeling that there has been a deep de-institution of world order...

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