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Whistle And She'll Come To You—BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER

Spoiled Broth

By Hugh S. Johnson

DO YOU want to know what the matter with things in Washington is? To many it is "spoiled broth." For example, here are some scraps of official orders or announcements from the labor division, Office of Production Management, announced in a new and concentrated approach to the problem of filling skilled labor and other shortages.

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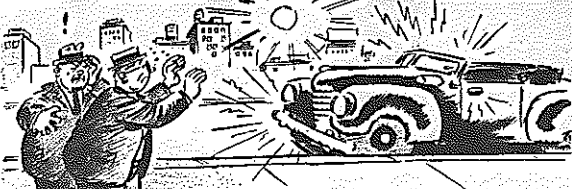
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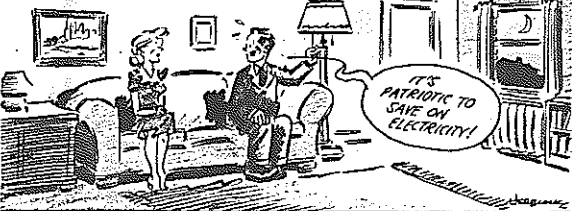
12. Members United States Civil Service Commission.



LESS GASOLINE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO SAFETY AS WELL AS DEFENSE



A LITTLE LESS CHROMIUM MIGHT BE EASIER ON THE EYES, AND



IT'S PATRIOTIC TO SAVE ON ELECTRICITY!

Stranded Industries

By Raymond Clapper

WE HAVE to expect that in the midst of booming defense business, some industries will be in distress. The whole nation is being urged to conserve and war production, and that means some industries will be left stranded.

The aluminum industry is one of these. Its business is practically gone because it cannot obtain aluminum. One of the main problems of this industry have been thrown out of work. OPM has been in conference with the industry to find ways of quick conversion of these idle plants to defense work.

That is a sample of what will occur in many other parts of Washington there is a housing shortage. In some other localities, not heavily swollen by defense workers, the real-estate business is hit because of difficulty in obtaining materials and because of the hesitation of people about buying houses.

GOVERNOR PROTESTS FURTHER CUT IN AUTO PRODUCTION

The Governor of Michigan is protesting to President Roosevelt against reducing automobile production beyond the 20 per cent cut already asked. He says a further cut would create large unemployment, besides depriving Michigan of millions of dollars in revenue from automobile production.

OPM has been fearful of creating unemployment. That is one reason it has not curtailed civilian production as rapidly as some have thought advisable. Leon Henderson, price administrator, believes curtailment should go faster. But he recognizes that this will produce unemployment. In fact he foresees that before long there will actually be an unemployment problem created by the curtailments resulting from defense work.

When?

We Narrowly Miss a Bad Unconstitutional Fix

That gasoline tank truck which ran into the store building at the corner of Trade and McDowell this morning had caught on fire, spilling thousands of gallons of liquid flames and had consumed not only the store building but, in all probability, the frame buildings for the rest of the block.

And if among the hundreds of spectators who would have gathered around had been the former Judge Frank King of City Recorder's Court, who declared unconstitutional an ordinance to prohibit the transportation of inflammable petroleum products through the city except on certain outlying routes and under certain regulations.

We do not believe we could have revealed from jibing at Judge Sims, however much respect we may have for his opinion, that the configuration being there was obviously unconstitutional, that therefore the firm should know it and the people whose homes were burning down should stay right where they were until the Supreme Court had had a chance to pass on it.

Fortunately for all concerned, the 4,000 gallons of gasoline in the wrecked tanker did not catch fire. Some of the gas in the auxiliary tank leaked out, but the firm wanted it away, kept an essay eye on the dangling electric wire overhead, blocked off the street and held their breath. No configuration this time, although the escape was too close for comfort.

But there will come a time, measles, for you cannot trifle with flame-throwers without ultimately getting burnt. And how many structures and how many persons this great fire consumes will be for the rates to decide.

The plain fact is that unless you have children you want to send to the City schools, you can live just outside Charlotte at a good deal less expense than if your property is on the City tax books.

The inequality of the situation is clear: taxpayers inside the City limits are paying, in part, for benefits and services which accrue to those who are technically non-residents but who have nearly equal advantages and since there appears to be no chance of property-owners voting themselves into the City, they may only recourse would be to the 1943 General Assembly.

Early To Bed

Who Opposes Daylight Saving Plan and Why?

Considerably more than a century ago an American named Benjamin Franklin quipped: "Early to bed and early to rise; makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

Yesterday Franklin Roosevelt asked Congress for power to put "Poor Richard's" axiom into the law of the land. President Roosevelt wants to set clocks ahead as much as two hours in some instances. This daylight-saving program is being advocated not as an approach to health, wealth or wisdom. The New Deal took care of those items long ago. Mr. Roosevelt wants Americans to use the sun more and electric lights less for illumination. Current is needed for defense industry, especially in the extraction of aluminum by the electrolytic process.

It was to have been expected that those Congressional smart alecks, who automatically oppose every move the President makes, would crack wise. Republican Senator Herring said: "Farmers know you can't get a hen to lay an egg by advancing the clock."

This brand of uproarious humor indicates that it is a great deal more difficult for a hen to lay an egg than it is for a Senator.

And Senator Nye: "I wonder what the President is going to want to control next. The simplest way to train an hour of daylight is to get up an hour earlier in the morning." Which, of course, is precisely the purpose of the President's daylight saving proposal.

We do not recollect a more innocent, or less partisan proposal ever having been made by President Roosevelt. The character of the opposition to it is purely personal spite directed at him. It indicates that there is a group of men in Congress who are out to oppose any measure, without regard to its essential nature because of antagonism toward President Roosevelt. These men will bear watching.

Who Is the Boss of Defense Production?

And get a load of this as an example of who is the boss in the Office of Production Management and—directing production for defense work—this is a detail of what is going on in the office of the chief of defense production.

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Fight Or Die

A Poll on Entering the War Comes Ten Years Too Late

By a 2-1 margin, the voters in New York State oppose America's entry into the war. This is the conclusion of the New York Daily News after a state-wide poll of public opinion.

Presumably, the Daily News supposes that the American people, or at least those of New York State, may choose between war or peace. Unfortunately, however, it is not as simple as that. Adolf Hitler declared war upon the United States long ago. The events that followed his rise to power have been merely the fulfillment of this declaration. He summed the situation up admirably when he said there were two worlds, his and the democratic world, and that one of these worlds was to be destroyed and submerged by the other. This was the decision. It was Hitler's, not ours.

The only matter left for us to decide is whether we will submit to Hitler's subjugation or whether we will reply to his challenge in the only language he understands—military force.

At Once

Let the President Keep Our Army Ready to Fight

Without further bickering, Congress should give President Roosevelt power to keep draftees, guardsmen and reservists in the Army for the duration of the emergency. It is imperative that this be done at once, for if Congress hesitates the whole Nation will be imperiled. The national safety will be jeopardized against the better judgment of both the Army General Staff and of the majority of the American people.

General Marshall, Chief-of-Staff, has made it perfectly clear that continuing service of the three classifications mentioned above is absolutely necessary if the Army is to remain effective. Demobilization of our armed forces will be disastrously weakened and diluted by untrained replacements.

It is necessary only for Congress to declare that "the national interest is imperiled." The Selective Service Act specifies that if Congress so declares, the President is authorized to keep draftees in service for the duration of the emergency. Reservists and National Guardsmen may likewise be kept where they are needed—in the Army of the United States.

The people must not permit their representatives to let them down in this fearful hour by pretending that they have a prior faith to keep with the men called into service.

A Tight Fit

Charlotte Growing? It's The Same Size as in 1928

Friday property owners in an area northwest of the City have not only failed to extend the city limits of that municipality to include their holdings. The proposal appears to be certain of passage because a majority of the freeholders in the section already have petitioned the City Council and the county Board of Commissioners to extend the city limits to take them in.

We cite this instance of a nearby city extending its limits as evidence that it's still being done.

Charlotte last extended its corporate limits on January 1, 1928. While the city boundaries of the City have not been extended since then, the City itself certainly has. In any number of places we can drive through a thickly settled residential area, half in and half out of corporate limits. In the absence of a marker, the eye cannot detect where the city stops and the county begins.

There are advantages and disadvantages in living just outside the city limits. One is that the former must outlast the latter. The residents of these communities would have long since petitioned for inclusion. If there has been any clamor for inclusion, we have not heard it.

The Queen City's Hope Chest

No. 1—An Uptown Theater-Auditorium
No. 2—A Separate Court District
No. 3—An Uptown Rest Room
No. 4—Street-Widening

The Queen City's Hope Chest is a list of projects that the city is planning to undertake in the near future. The list includes a new theater and auditorium, a separate court district, a new rest room, and street widening.

Letters to the Editor: Give Us Cheer, Kind Clergy

Editors, The News,

Mr. Bow Church of Charlotte had a very interesting letter in The News recently about some ministers blaming Providence for the calamities befalling the world. I remember back in 1928, in the Presidential election, some preachers urged the city of Rome and the Roman Catholic Church to elect Mr. Hoover. Well when it seemed as though starvation had set in for the world, they said the Lord was punishing us for sin.

They said in the first World War that old Emperor William of Germany was the instrument of Providence to punish the world. The Kaiser did have enough of old Queen Victoria's English blood to have some respect for the common decency of life. But he died on the scrap heap. As for the Austrian Emperor, Hitler, I don't think he will ever reach the scrap heap when he falls from power and loses his German body guard.

France fell because she became too soft and pleasure-seeking before the onslaught of hate and lust for revenge and conquest that was in Nazi Germany. France's great leader, Clemenceau, died and there was no one to take his place. England might well have fallen had it not been for the fiery energy of Winston Churchill.

I think the preachers should give us some encouragement instead of croaking like Poe's Raven. Here are a few verses from John Greenleaf Whittier's immortal poem "The Christmas Goodnews," that is light on this discussion:

Who tethers the Eternal Thought?
Who calls the spheres amiss?
The Lord is God He needseth not
The poor device of man.

I see the wrong that round me lies
I feel the guilt within,
I hear with groan and travails
The world's distresses.

Yet in the maddening maze of things
And tossed by storm and flood
To no fixed hope my spirit clings;
I know that God is good.

Not mine to look where Cherubim
And Seraphs may not see,
But nothing can be good in Him
That will be in me.

The wrong that pains my soul
I dare not throne above,
I know not of His hate—I know
His goodness and His love.

—G. N. RAMSEY,
Route 4,
Lincolnton, N. C.

Army Gets B. B. Machine Gun

Business Week

In the natural course of events it's the Army of the Navy that develops a new weapon, and the Navy, which promptly turns up with models or adaptations of the weapon in their shooting galleries. But this time, it happened the other way around—and Army and Navy fliers can now practice bombing down enemy airplanes with a compressed-air machine gun which a Navy official first saw in operation at the New York World's Fair.

The gun was invented by Paul W. McClellan of 1326 Gladys St., Long Beach, Calif., and originally it was made to operate under a low air pressure because exact shooting was not one of the requirements of connections at fairs—but even at low pressure the gun proved out such a stream of lead shots that the Navy was impressed. After both the Army and the Navy showed an interest in the gun, McClellan began to work on increasing its fire power as required for official use and developed a way of piping air to a number of guns through heavy rubber tubing from a big compressed air cylinder like those used in service stations. This brought the pressure in the guns up to 500 pounds, so that a touch of the trigger brought an almost solid stream of B.B.'s from the muzzle—about 1,500 a minute.

Army officials, immediately impressed with the accuracy of the gun in tests, ordered a trial shipment of 140, to reach army gunners at Langley Field here properly to test its shooting range.

Economy of operation was the main reason for the Army's purchase. The B.B.'s which are just the same kind that kids buy for their air-soft—cost about a cent a hundred and probably they could be bought much cheaper than that.

What Is "Ability" Worth in Politics?

Charleston News and Courier.

South Carolina should send to the United States Senate an "able man," said a politician the other day. Who is an "able man"? What is "ability"?

In North Carolina Josiah Bailey is a man of distinguished ability, with the reputation of the two Virginians the strongest intellect of the South. He is a man of "nob" Reynolds he might be no match. So the Bible of Mississippi it usually too much for men of the stamp of the late "Pat" Harrison, and in a primary contest would have been too much for the late L. Q. C. Lamar or J. Z. George.

The plain truth is that an intellectual man or woman is not representative of the democratic "rough" masses voting in primaries. Your average Senator or Representative in Congress is an ordinary sort of man, and your average newspaper man in Washington laughs at him.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

And they rehearsed the things how he was known of them in that he appeared to the boys, and the breaking of the bread.— Luke 24:35.



"Don't make so much noise when you come in, Grandma; we young people need our sleep!"

SOME DISLOCATED WORKERS WILL FIND NEW JOBS

In many instances the difficulties will be temporary. After a pause some kind of defense work will be found to take up the slack.

British officials have struggled with the same problem. At first the British Government moved slowly to a broad unemployment program that would result from curtailing civilian manufacture abruptly. The Government tried to work out smooth changes in that there would be no interim unemployment. But this was found impossible, with delays to work out a smooth changeover, time was lost in defense production.

Finally it was decided that the best thing in the long run was to take a brief period of unemployment in some industries and get on more quickly to a new work to take up the displaced workers were reabsorbed. Their advice to us is to do the same. If it is deemed wise to cut automobile production more drastically in order to save materials and release machinery for defense work, that cut it. If some industries are temporarily thrown out of work, they will in time be re-employed in defense work. This is the hard way. But the British say they have been able to find no easy way, and that it is better to create a temporary relief problem than to let defense lag while civilian production goes on.

As Leon Henderson has said, you can't have bombs and business as usual.

SOME BUSINESS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO EXPAND

But there can be an offset. Certain civilian industries, which do not operate at the expense of the defense program, can be encouraged to expand. They can be assisted in many ways by the Government. There is no reason why the food industries should not continue to expand during this period. They draw little upon essential defense materials. Undoubtedly some luxury industries could continue, where they are using materials and skills not directly usable in defense work.

There is room here for Government planning and encouragement. Defense is essential. But also it is essential that we not unnecessarily create at the same time domestic crises or stranded communities. Many eyes will be watching in making this decision. There is no need, however, of breaking eggs that won't be needed in the omelette. It will make our economy healthier and obviate new relief burdens if we can cushion the shock of any retreating in pushing defense work, but by moving in promptly to attend to the casualties that are left behind.

Visitin' Around

Second Hand Signs (Roland Beasley Jr.)
Monroe Journal

Sunday night on a quiz program the question "Can a mirage be photographed?" was asked and was answered in the negative. The questioner said that was wrong, that anything that could be seen with the eye could be photographed. The Government that "you can't see pink elephants, and what not, I'd like to see a photograph of that."