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First Things

The Senate Rejoins Some Good Advice

Senator Prentiss Brown talks like a patriot. "I believe the Congress and the President are headed for a collision," he said in the Senate yesterday.

The on-coming collision, though it may be averted, is backed up by more evading than a couple of branches of the Government. For the executive represents Labor, and the legislative in its present mood represents Agriculture.

Under the circumstances, however, and the circumstances have been long evolving as plain as a nose in anybody's face, Senator Brown is right. This is no time to haggle over the equities as between group and group.

Double Play

Two Famed Soldiers To Fight For Army Relief—and Jacobs

Secretary of War Slimson, a proper man, never seemed more proper to us than yesterday when he professed "shock" over the arrangements for the Joe Louis-Billy Conn fight.

The mere announcement of the fight was bad news to some Americans, who thought our fighting men should be busy with other jobs.

The Proof

British General Reveals U. S. As Teacup-Tempesters

If you can remember the furious battle which raged over the relative merits of the Springfield and Garand rifles some two years ago among Army, Washington and civilian experts, you will be able to smile at the little story from Egypt.

This week, near Cairo, Britain's General Alexander, and a Britisher in Rome, held the first Britisher in the North African theater to test the American Garand. He said only, "I've never seen one."

a repaired U. S. tank—and he took it to the range. He scored five bullseyes.

One wouldn't expect generals to be headstrong with the arms of privates; but this one had no trouble. Assuming that our boys can shoot as straight as General Alexander, our future in infantry battle seems fairly bright.

No Thanks

New Republicanism Coded by Four Dolts and Diehards

A ten-point program of policies and principles—in effect, a bid for support in the election—was put forward and adopted this week, "almost unanimously," by the Republican side of the House in Washington.

The single most definitive measure taken up by the 77th Congress, a vote against which is now clearly established to have been simply inexcusable, springing out of either stubborn parliarchy or doltish folly, was the bill to extend the required service of selectees from twelve months to thirty.

And between those whose anti-Russian feelings are trying to hamper any real alliance with Russia, and those whose anti-British feelings are impelling them to throw monkey-wrenches all over the place, we are in a fine way to losing the war.

Now the presumption that Britain has no alternative course than to fight together with us is utterly false. Every great power has alternatives. And Britain, in particular, has always had an alternative.

Hope of Kansas—Yes Wigglesworth of Mass.—Yes Robson of Kentucky—Yes Dirksen of Illinois—Yes Carter of California—Not Recorded

The thing that is war has stalked again into Buckingham Palace to haunt Britain's Royal Family, and this time it is a crime that there's no Shakespeare alive to chart the chronicle of the new, by-darkened houses of Windsor.

All unnecessary lights are out. Corridors will be dark, most rooms very dim. And no central heating, no lighting of fires allowed. Never a fire in a bedroom but by physician's order. Many a cold death upon the floor, and a lot of hot water; if they need it hot, they'll trek to the kitchens for it.

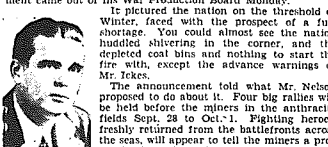
Oh, It's A Snug Little Island! A Right Little, Tight Little Island.—THOMAS DIBDIN.

While Lewis Smiles

Bands Play For Miners, U. S. Shivers

By Paul Mallon

NELSON said he was going to be a hard man. In accordance with this policy, a somewhat tough-sounding announcement came out of his War Production Board Monday.



These gala affairs will be held in Scranton, Wilkes Barre, Hazleton and Pottsville, the "Army-Navy Production Board." This was the encouraging picture presented to the public, and it seemed to be a foregone conclusion that the miners would be held before the miners in the anthracite fields Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

A Pennsylvania friend of mine happened to see the announcement and sent it to me with a note which told a startlingly different story.

Here is an example of typical meaningless bullsh*t. "As a Pennsylvania hard-coal cracker, I know the miners are working only five days a week, probably, in part because the operation of the anthracite mines is controlled by executives, like the idea of rationing production. If the Government wants more production, why doesn't it make the miners work six days a week?"

Principles For Us

A War Of Coalition

By Dorothy Thompson

I THINK it may be presumed that the British follow the American press and that from week to week responsible persons in England carefully read clippings regarding "American public opinion" as thus expressed.

Now, what can they conclude from what they read? They can conclude that large portions of America consider that the British Empire is finished, and that these same people are unyielding in any re-organization of the British world that leaves Britain a world power.

Both on the right and on the left two groups are growingly articulate. Those who apparently see in the war an opportunity for a new, expansive American imperialism—at the cost of the British—and those who—usually with the most primitive knowledge of the factors concerned—are bent on aiding and abetting rebellious movements throughout the British world.

Now, the presumption in all this is, apparently, that Britain needs us but we don't need Britain. When Theodore Dreiser says in Canada that British haven't done anything but borrow our money, our tanks, and our planes, he does not mention the fact that the British war industry at this moment and for months past has been much more efficient than ours, and that the British losses—I mean losses from the British Isles—are much greater in date than those of any other country except Russia.

Now the presumption that Britain has no alternative course than to fight together with us is utterly false. Every great power has alternatives. And Britain, in particular, has always had an alternative.

It seemed incredible. Nelson tough. A hard Winter ahead. A fuel shortage that is the prime subject of national discussion. And the miners working a five-day week. I called the best coal authority here and asked the explanation of this obviously erroneous information from my friend.

"It is true," this authority told me. "It's worse than that. The mines are not only working a five-day week, but a seven-hour day, a total of 35 hours a week. And this is the situation not only in the hard coal regions, but in the bituminous fields as well."

"Well, John Lewis, the head of the union, will not let the men work over-time, even upon payment of time-and-a-half, unless there is an emergency."

"Oh no. Lewis means the kind of an emergency caused by a fire in the mines, or a break-down, or something like that."

"Then why in heaven's name, or Roosevelt's, does the WPB hold rallies? Why doesn't it tell the miners to go to work?"

The answer came promptly: "Mr. Roosevelt does not want to tangle with Mr. Lewis, who, as you may have heard, runs the coal industry. At least that's my personal opinion. Certainly, nothing has been done along that line."

"The rallies are designed to make the miners work harder during this fuel shortage that is the prime subject of national discussion. The only sign of an excuse was the report that fuel stocks are not low, but this is denied by the WPB clamor for more coal (they would not be holding rallies otherwise), and, anyway, Winter has not started yet."

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much good because production already has stepped up to 12,500,000 tons a week, which is greatly above last year. There is no shortage of coal supplies."

There then is an entirely different picture, a little confused in one corner perhaps, as to who is responsible, but clear and indisputable as to all basic facts. Mr. Nelson tough, big rallies where Army and Navy heroes, who have risked their lives at the front, go pleading directly to the miners to increase production—but apparently not the work week.

The nation facing a fuel shortage so dire that Mr. Lewis and all the other Government officials say citizens must cover influenza or colds and risk their lives by keeping their houses cooler, burning 25 per cent less fuel, and the miners, apparently all hard and soft coal miners, working a seven-hour day and a five-day week.

But worst of all, the authorities here, the tough Federal authorities, who are telling everyone they must sacrifice, who have unlimited powers to put some people out of business and other people in business, and to make people go cold, so stultified by the unions and Mr. Lewis that they have to go begging through proxies of war heroes to lessen the national want of fuel.

If there are any valid excuses, I was unable to find them. The only sign of an excuse was the report that fuel stocks are not low, but this is denied by the WPB clamor for more coal (they would not be holding rallies otherwise), and, anyway, Winter has not started yet.

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"I could take you to lots of dances and movies if Dad would increase my allowance, but every time I mention it he gets all excited about inflation!"

Helter-Skelter

Crash Coming

By Raymond Clapper

IF THERE seems to be an unusual amount of criticism in what I have written recently, it is not because I am in a capricious mood. Nobody can watch the progress of our war effort without feeling deep pride in its spectacular results.

General Hershey has his orders to produce a certain number of men for the Army. The other officials has his orders to produce a certain quantity of his war equipment. Who is to decide whether several thousand men working in these plants are to be held on the job or be taken into the Army? Nobody has authority to decide now.

General Hershey was asked by the Tolson Committee whether selective service was answerable to the Army or to the Manpower Commission in such matters. General Hershey said that was something that had not been entirely figured out. He said co-operation had worked successfully so far. But General Hershey said that if the time came when he could not carry out the directives of the Manpower Commission and at the same time provide the armaments with the men they called for, he did not know what the answer would be.

Chairman McNutt of the Manpower Commission gave the same reply in substance. He said he did not know the answer to the question that baffled General Hershey.

Riddle of the Year

By Herblock



Visitin' Round

Off to the 40-Hour Week (Memphis Journal) It has been quite a while since I have written to the Journal. But I don't fail to read all the other writings. I guess I will have a little more time now as the rambling rain is just about over. I often think of the little verse, "Man works from sun in sun but

Today's Bible Verse

A thread from his garments would be ransom for a kingdom now. We have learned to appreciate and love him. Let us not dishonor him by neglecting his teachings. That would be worse than ignorantly dishonoring his garments: When they had crucified him, they