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A New Note. Mediation Board Reverses Its Policy, Turns Down Labor.

The Defense Mediation Board's rejection (unanimous except for two CIO members, who got miffed and resigned) of John L. Lewis's demand for a union shop in the captive coal mines, was a mark a sharp right turn in Federal labor policy. There is evidence to support that supposition.

Not more than two months ago, the Mediation Board upheld in principle the insistence of a CIO union for a closed shop. As a result was recommended in a Federal settlement of the strike at Federal Shipbuilding & Drydock's great yards at Kearny, N. J.

In the Keany strike, as in the captive coal mines strike, the union shop demand, not wages, hours and working conditions, was an ending wedge building, like the captive coal mines, was a subsidiary of U. S. Steel. Federal Shipbuilding would have declined, in all probability, to institute the closed shop on its own account, but for fear that it would be using an ending wedge.

A complete reversal of the policy is made emphatically clear in the Mediation Board's rejection of Lewis's demand for a closed shop in Big Steel. The decision was to refuse it at all costs. Costs turned out to be the taking over of the yards by the Government.

One Error. But It Cost Hitler More Than He Can Pay.

From Archangel to Leningrad, from Leningrad to Moscow, the needle-line Russian snow drives down like a curtain, ending the first act of one of the bloodiest tragedies of all history. It is the story of how one man, Hitler, was haled into overconfidence by his intended victim, a Georgian named Dukashvili. Their stage names are Hitler and Stalin.

The others—the millions of Slavs and Bavarians, Mongols and Austrians who screamed their last moment of agony on the vast stage—they do not matter. They were little human lives, cheap like kopecks and pennies, to be spent wherever there was a kilometre to be gained, a bunker to be held. They were not worth burying; the snow was charitable enough to cover them.

The drama is not yet finished but the first act has lasted almost five months. It began as who read about it on June 22 with Hitler's sudden attack upon his old comrade, Stalin. Hitler struck first and explained, as is his wont, later.

The march of the German armies has no precedent. The task is to safeguard Europe and Asia. On July 3 Hitler announced the first of his 'slaughters'—500,000 Red Army troops butchered on the central front. The next day a captured German officer told the Russians that the Nazis would 'do first with the Ukrainians in ten days and then in London in August.'

Russian guerrillas began to prowl behind the lines. Neutral sources on July 26 estimated combined soldier-civilian casualties at 3,000,000. On July 31 Hitler's headquarters reported that the fall of Leningrad was imminent. On August 6, with great fanfare of trumpets, the German radio quoted the High Command as boasting that the 'entire Russian field army had fallen victim to the Wehrmacht.'

By mid-September, the German people were told that big news was on the way, was advised to be patient. It meant while the German High Command announced that it was preparing for a winter war.

It was on October 3 that Hitler broke his three-month silence to declare, positively and finally that Russia had been completely beaten, that she would never rise again. But he made one significant admission:

'We were not mistaken' except that we did not know how far the preparations [by Russia] were against us and how closely Europe escaped Bolshevism. Now look! Peckers—and how prophetic!

Shortage In Metals?

By Hugh S. Johnson

MR. Knudsen is reported to have said that more than 50 per cent of American industry will be engaged in defense. He is not wrong. He is not even a little bit wrong. He is not even a little bit off. He is not even a little bit out of his mind. He is not even a little bit out of his senses. He is not even a little bit out of his wits. He is not even a little bit out of his brains. He is not even a little bit out of his heart. He is not even a little bit out of his soul. He is not even a little bit out of his body. He is not even a little bit out of his mind, body, soul, or heart.

ONLY ONE-FOURTH COULD. In the first place only 25 per cent of these 100 factories were entirely adaptable to defense work. 62 per cent adaptable only in part and 12 per cent not adaptable at all.

PRODUCTION TO INCREASE NEXT YEAR. Next year the defense requirements will be 20 per cent more than this year. From these figures it is clear that the production of domestic non-defense production or excluding exports to countries other than Britain and Canada, 65,000,000 tons.

TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT IT. A good deal of evidence points to sharp-drops in copper and zinc supplies were available, just where it is most needed, and when it is most needed to begin jumping up and down and raising Cain about it.

But Only for the Duration, Mind You. A civil servant (British) wanted to say that women might come to the front in the war. This is how he said it: 'In common with other Government departments the inland Revenue are requested to make it known to women members of their staff and to all women in charge of district and other offices that in present circumstances they are not permitted to wear any part of costume for official business.'

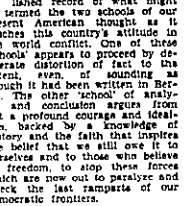
Senator Soaper Says! In New York, the Albany Times Union reported that several votes for councilman. Are we to understand the GOP is standing in a small way?

Another of those epoch-making. Morgenstern, and his non-defense economy plan, versus Bolshevism. In the big gray best classic.

A biologist who has long studied the species thinks women are in a small way. It is not known what provoked this outbreak of sarcasm.

Col. McCormick's "Slander"

By Amy C. Bassett (Our Yankee Correspondent)



Col. McCormick

THERE lies before me the published record of what might be termed the two school of our British opinion. It touches this country's attitude to the world conflict. One school appears to proceed by deliberate distortion of fact to the detriment of the other school in Berlin. The other school of analysis is based on a knowledge of the facts and the faith that takes the belief that we still are in it ourselves and to those who believe in freedom to stop these forces which are now out to paralyze and wreck the last remnants of our democracy.

MCCORMICK ANSWERED BY WILLIAM AGAR. I refer in the first instance to the article published by Col. McCormick, and in particular to the leading editorial in that paper for Oct. 14, 1941.

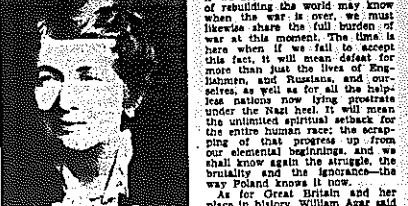
THE OTHER line of reasoning is that which is advanced in an editorial, on Nov. 3, by William Agar—editor of the 'Louisville Courier'—and in an editorial before the Canadian Club in Montreal.

Col. McCormick's editorial refers, in the beginning, to the London Sketch which had advised that we should prepare for the idea that the war can be won without the shedding of American blood. It is a long and very many good Americans in the last year, a least, the editorial goes on to say that 'Not only present needs but the history of the last two years leaves us cold to this British call for American blood.'

TEMPERATURE RISES AT BELGIAN INSULATION. The field temperature craters, however, and it is not a little place when this same editorial implies and insinuates that King Leopold and his Belgian staff were branded by the British on the Belgian coast at the time of the British evacuation at Dunkerque.

For those who know the history of these days, all this is sheer tommyrot, but it happens that a 2000 many people, reading The Chicago Tribune and its family chain of anti-British papers, may not remember the very important fact that the Belgian Army was nowhere near the coast when it surrendered, nor did the evacuation of this army ever become a factor in that debacle.

ATTEMPT TO ALLEVIATE THE BEARING PUBLIC. But if this was not slander enough—the same paper goes on



William Agar

rating has always been there, and if we are to share in any future of retribution, we must know when the war is over, we must likewise know the full scope of our responsibilities. The time is here when if we fail to accept this fact, it will mean defeat for more than just the lives of England, and Russia, and our people, but the lives of the entire human race. It will mean the annihilation of the scrapping of that progress up from our ancestral beginnings, and we shall know again the struggle, the brutality and the anguish—the way Poland knows it now.

As for Great Britain and her place in history, William Agar said that it can be true whether one likes it or not. The British or whether one does not like it or not.

BRITISH TRADITION AGAINST VIOLENCE. There are only two or three main ideas in this speech. One is the tradition of free world which are worth considering very seriously. One is the tradition of the world, has exemplified and the what I call 'conservative theory of history' the web of history woven without a veil as for all the tremendous picture that has been spread before our democratic eyes: 'Change and change' as Mr. Agar points out, 'great creative, great dynamic change have come through through and through the Empire and the various constituent parts of the Empire with out anything that anyone could call a revolution without the violent overturning without cutting through the web of history.'

It is this 'web of history' that Hitler resents and would destroy through and through. It is this 'web' in the strength which can defeat him. It is our strength, our tradition, our faith, our freedom, and it may now be added that the American action is beginning to leave a great part of this American continent in a state of chaos.

Britain's Bren Gun. The New York Times. Wherever British troops have fought, the Bren gun played the role of defeat or paved the way to victory. It was the Bren gun, mounted on special carriers, that drove the Italians out of Libya and helped to drive them from Philippe. So far it has proved the most useful ground weapon the British have. What is the Bren gun?

The Bren gun is the best machine gun in use today. It is the invention of a Czech, Vladislav Holak, once a humble ordnance fitter, but now a wealthy man. The name Bren is a combination of the first two letters of two cities, Brno, the capital of Moravia, where the weapon was first produced, and England, where it was first manufactured in England.

Great Britain began testing the gun in 1932. The tests took almost three years. One test was to fire the weapon until it was red hot, throw it into cold water and re-

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT. This gives you balance, direction, impulse in life. Such a life cannot fail. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matt. 6:33.

Campfire Pep Talk. WINTER IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS! IT'S INVIGORATING!



Just For The Ride? (Boone's Neck Item. State Post Pilot). Herbert Robinson and wife had a very pleasant trip to Virginia. Mrs. Robinson went with them.

What's Bally? Got That Bamboo? (Bally Camp Item. Lenox News-Topic). Mr. Charlie Bolick of Bam moving back into his home here.

Repeating A Blunder

By Raymond Clapp



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A BRITISH Day found the Atlantic engaged in an old naval war with Germany. The British fleet was out to sea. The German fleet was out to sea. The British fleet was out to sea. The German fleet was out to sea.

EVERYTHING WE FOUGHT FOR WAS LOST. On the Monday morning of 22 years ago, President Woodrow Wilson, in announcing the Armistice, "everything for which America has been accomplishing has been accomplished."

The military victory was complete. The Kaiser had fled. The German army had surrendered and the disarmament. The German was taken over by the British.

The victory was frittered away. Allied controls which had enabled three winning powers to co-operate military, economic, financial and social activities were abandoned.

WILL WE REPEAT THE TRAGIC MISTAKE? We are in such danger of repeating the tragic mistake. President has echoed some of the general Atlantic charter about the justice to all nations after the war.

But even that big gift, of Abbott Laboratories to Zenite Products Incorporated, comprising their great motor companies, chemical and amusement industries, would have left him still owing \$10,361,000.

Apparently, even if we socialized our biggest businesses and even if we got going pretty fast on our small ones, socialism in the United States would start with a deficit.

put into operation the most kind of collaboration with Great Britain, Russia and China. This ship covers military weapons, raw materials, pooling of shipping facilities. When the neutrality bill passed, the neutrality bill was more powerful to affect the life of the world than any other ever has had— including Hitler.

LEND-LEASE POLICY DEEPLY ENTANGLES US. We are deeply entangled in Lend-lease policy. Congress has President Roosevelt power to do what countries are to help the war to our arsenal, to our shipping, financial and our supplies.

It is this bill used only to deflect Or will the American present this time that our power to bring some kind of order into affairs? Mr. Roosevelt is doing about it. Some officials see that but others don't. They say, don't annoy us by bringing up such questions.

The result is that we are slipping war on the same old plank-chassis that made us the loser in every and the prelude to annihilation.

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