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National Problems

Inseparable From the Local Welfare

January 31 marked the end of an era. On that day the great Detroit automobile factories turned out their last cars. The next day marked the beginning of a new era. The motor plants, working on a 24-hour-day basis, began the tremendous job of switching to war production. There is a striking symbolism in that change. The automobile industry is a magnificent example of free enterprise at work to improve the standard of living, and to give the public a better product for less money. But the arts of peace must take a back seat now, and the arts of destruction hold the center of the stage.

What is taking place in Detroit is taking place in all the other industrial areas of this country, in a thousand-and-one different kinds of industry and business. The American production machine is unequalled. Its potential arms capacity is greater than that of all the other powers combined. But we are starting to use this machine at a very late date. Our enemies have a long head start on us. While the democracies were giving their energies to bettering the lot of the people, the total states were devoting theirs with ruthless single purpose to the creation of armies, navies and air forces. The most valuable commodity in this war is time, and we must make the most of it, stinting nothing, now.

The series of disasters which have taken place in the Pacific, are a grim testimonial to more than 20 years of blindness, inefficiency and wishful thinking on the part of this country, England and other democracies. So far as the fighting quality of the United Nations troops are concerned, we need have no qualms. It is a fact that in every instance where those troops have met the Axis troops on anything resembling even terms, they have emerged victorious. The tiny Dutch navy and air force has inflicted blow after blow against a Japan which is infinitely stronger in every military branch. Empire troops in Malaya took a heavy toll of an enemy which greatly outnumbered them and had virtually complete mastery of sky and sea. A relative handful of American and Filipino soldiers under the great General MacArthur have held off a Japanese army estimated at more than 200,000 men, and they have done so with almost no hope of relief or aid. The tragedy is that MacArthur and other leaders were given so little to work with.

Now there has been some re-organization in government, designed to give it flexibility and speed. Donald Nelson is using the vast powers conferred upon him to cut out dead wood and clear the way for swift and decisive action. Industry is confident of its ability to do the job, no matter how long and arduous it proves to be. As Raymond Clapper recently wrote, "I have talked with executives of the chief automobile companies and I haven't heard a defeatist word. They are making it a matter of personal and firm pride to demonstrate that in war production

they can astonish the world just as they did in automobile production." That confident attitude extends throughout all industry.

One of the most difficult jobs for the immediate future will be to mobilize small factories for war work. It is much easier to produce the peace-to-war transition in gigantic industries with their great staffs, endless facilities and vast resources of capital and talent. But there are thousands of small plants which can make needed parts, and which possess machine tools and other equipment which must be utilized. Past efforts to do this were ineffectual. Now a new division has been established by Mr. Nelson to deal with this problem and much is expected.

Home Medicine Cabinet

In a government bulletin the following suggestions are given concerning the essential articles which should be kept in the family medicine cabinet:

Tannic acid jelly for burns; a pain-reliever, such as aspirin; a remedy for faintness, such as aromatic spirits of ammonia; baking soda, to be used as an emetic or relief from indigestion; a mild laxative; bandages and sterile gauze in sealed packages; adhesive tape; a thermometer; scissors; and tweezers.

Only tannic acid jelly should be used for burns. Under no circumstances should a greasy or oil ointment be used, as it may later have to be removed by a physician, and its removal is a dangerous and painful process.

Aspirin, in 5-grain tablets, is a good drug for the relief of pain, but it should be used in small doses and should not be taken too frequently.

For faintness, aromatic spirits of ammonia is recommended. It should be purchased in small quantities and kept well-stoppered, because it evaporates quickly when exposed to air.

Bandages, gauze, and adhesive tape should be purchased in small quantities and kept covered or sealed against dust and dirt. These items, used in dressing of wounds, should be on hand in a variety of sizes to take care of several possible needs, from cut fingers to more serious injuries.

Baking soda is useful for relieving indigestion; taken freely, it is good as an emetic to stimulate vomiting. Mineral oil and milk of magnesia are the safest laxatives. These are the only two items recommended for the relief of constipation.

In the process of transforming your medicine cabinet into a weapon of civilian defense, you may find it necessary to discard some of the accumulated pills and nostrums of past years. Remember that tragic things have happened to the youngsters who played doctor with drugs found in the neighbor's rubbish. Find a good safe way of disposing of the discard so that they may not fall into the hands of children.

Last year's residential building was the largest since 1929, and total construction was the largest since 1930.

A Chicago man who was found raising his hat and trying to flirt with wax models in a department store window was arrested and fined for drunkenness.

Cinching A Job

A few years ago, at the age of 79, Thomas F. Ryan died worth many millions of dollars. In the meantime he had given away a lot of money also. But, so far as the main facts of his life are concerned, they do not differ greatly from those of other poor boys who have risen to wealth and power.

A little story is told, however, which may give some insight into the manner in which young Ryan got his start toward great riches. His first job was with a Baltimore dry goods store, where he was hired for \$3 a week and told to report for work the next morning. Now, he was in earnest about that job and didn't want to take any chances on letting it get away from him, so he said to the boss: "If you don't mind, I'll start right now without any pay for today."

Needless to say he made good on that job, and two years later, at the age of 19, he obtained employment in Wall Street. At the age of 23 he became a member of the New York Stock Exchange, from which time his rise in the financial world was rapid and he became one of America's richest men.

Doubtless his remarkable success was due to the spirit which he displayed in cinching his first job—his willingness to "start right now." A good many boys of today might emulate that spirit with profit to themselves.

Geographical Notes

Few of us know much about geography, except in a most vague way, and this being the case a little inquiry into the latitude and longitude of various places often reveals facts which are somewhat surprising, as a few examples may illustrate.

We think of "sunny Italy" as a warm, southern country, yet Rome and Chicago are in exactly the same latitude. Other pairs of places of equal latitude are Paris and Quebec; Berlin and Attu Island, Alaska; New York and Istanbul; Florence, Italy, and Toronto, Canada. Venice, famed for its canals, is in the same latitude as Montreal.

In the matter of longitude, also, our casual impressions often might be found faulty. A classic example, pretty well known by this time is that the Pacific end of the Panama Canal is farther east than the Atlantic end, owing to the peculiar curve of the isthmus.

Due to the eastward sweep of South America's western coast, we find Santiago, Chile, to be 200 miles farther east than New York. Reno, Nev., is farther west than Los Angeles. Washington, D. C., is due north of Nassau, Bahama Islands.

A good many persons, when they first heard of it, were surprised to learn that Tokyo, Japan, is some 1,100 miles farther east than Manila, Philippine Islands.

An Army school to train enlisted men in retreading and recapping tires has been established at Akron, Ohio.

Instruments to equip more than 100 new Army bands are being purchased by the Quartermaster Corps.

Remember Pearl Harbor!

Origin Of Insurance

It is almost impossible to realize the importance of the various forms of insurance in the modern world, in which policies are available to cover almost every conceivable form of risk. The amount of insurance of all kinds in force has increased amazingly in recent years.

By far the oldest form of insurance is marine insurance, whereby owners of ships and their cargoes are indemnified for losses resulting from the perils of navigation. It was originated during the Middle Ages and the oldest known document concerning marine insurance is an ordinance of Barcelona, Spain, dated 1435.

Insurance was introduced into England in 1547, when a patent to conduct an office was granted by Queen Elizabeth to Robert Chandler. The earliest life insurance policy is said to have been issued to one William Gybons of London in 1583, although earlier marine policies sometimes carried insurance on the lives of the owner and captain of the vessel.

In the United States, life insurance had its beginning with the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund of Philadelphia, founded in 1759, and still in active business. Life insurance as conducted at present, however, did not begin until 1842, when the New York Mutual was incorporated, shortly followed by several other companies which are still in existence.

The United Nations are cooperating to effect transfers to the American forces, of men who enlisted under foreign flags before we entered the war.

Trading a gift pony for a cow and continuing to make profitable trades, Jimmy Hare, a Sylacaugo schoolboy, accumulated \$300 with which he bought defense bonds.

The structure of hailstones is alternate layers of snow and ice.

Tire rationing rules have been amended to permit clergymen to buy new tires.

A student at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., asked to name two ancient sports, replied: "Anthony and Cleopatra."

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Illinois State Capitol News

Persons who desire forest tree seedlings for reforestation and erosion control purposes, are urged by Livingston E. Osborne, Director of Conservation, to send their orders to the Division of Forestry which has an ample supply of forest tree seedlings. This stock is available from State tree nurseries at prices ranging from \$3 to \$4 per thousand.

Illinois motorists can obtain road condition information from district highway offices at any hour of the day or night, according to Walter Rosenfeld, director of the Dept. of Public Works and Buildings. The highway department maintains district headquarters at Elgin, Dixon, Ottawa, Peoria, Paris, Springfield, Effingham, East St. Louis, Carbondale and Chicago.

Soy bean production in Illinois in 1941 reached a total of 49,128,000 bushels compared with 34,912,000 bushels in 1940, the Illinois Cooperative Crop Reporting Service reports. The average yield was 21.5 bushels per acre compared to 17.5 in the preceding year. Total acreage devoted to soy beans was 2,285,000 in 1941 compared with 1,995,000 in 1940.

Champaign county led the state in production, and Vermilion county was second.

Elmer Ellsworth A Bright Star In Illinois History

One of the first heroes of the Civil War was Elmer Ephriam Ellsworth, who once studied law in the office of Abraham Lincoln, the Illinois WPA Writers' Project declares.

Born in New York state in 1837, Ellsworth came to Illinois before he had attained his majority and began the study of law in Springfield. He took an active part in politics and at 22 became assistant paymaster of the state. He was brilliant, eager, honest and attracted people to himself.

Forseeing the clash between the states he moved to Chicago where he organized the Ellsworth Zouaves. In this he displayed remarkable military genius. So splendidly trained did this company become that its execution of military maneuvers amazed those who observed it in action.

In 1860 when the Zouaves had attained a high point of efficiency Ellsworth resigned his command and returned to Springfield where he resumed his study of law. When Lincoln went to Washington for his first inaugural Ellsworth commanded his special guard of honor.

He was colonel of a regiment of Zouaves during the war between the states, and was killed while heroically tearing an enemy flag from the entrance of a hotel in Alexandria. So great was the affection for him that a wave of indignation swept the country and awoke the people to the bitterness of the struggle before them.

Paper Shortage Acute In Civil War Days

In these days when conservation of war materials is paramount, it is interesting to note the substitutes used in their manufacture in Civil War days, says the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. Up to that time paper was made almost exclusively from rags. With the advent of war came an acute shortage of fabric material in the north. Garments were not so hastily discarded. Rags that had been thrown away were used to make bandages for wounded soldiers. Paper prices soared. Manufacturers began experimenting with substitutes and soon were making good paper from straw, hemp

and corn husks. Prices dropped almost as quickly as they had soared. From the successful use of these substitutes emerged the use of wood pulp.

Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. Is the Governor of Illinois liable to impeachment?

A. He and all civil officers of the State are liable to impeachment.

Q. By whom are impeachment proceedings preferred?

A. By the House of Representatives.

Q. By whom must an impeachment be tried?

A. By the Senate.

Q. Has a Governor of Illinois ever been impeached?

A. No.

Q. Has the Governor any control over the expenditures of other State officers?

A. Yes. Through the executive budget and his veto power.

Q. May the Governor require reports from other State officers?

A. He may require information in writing from them concerning the affairs of their offices.

Q. By whom are the officers in the Civil Administrative Code offices appointed?

A. By the Governor.

Q. When was the Civil Administrative Code passed by the legislature?

A. 1917.

Q. What new department in Civil Administrative Code was created by the legislature in the last session of the General Assembly?

A. The Department of Public Safety.

Q. What divisions are under the jurisdiction of this new code office?

A. Division of Correction, Supervision of Parolees, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Highway Police, Crime Prevention, and Fire Marshal.

War Emergency Created Great New Industry in '63

Ability of the American people to adjust themselves to a war emergency was illustrated during the war between the states, reports the Illinois WPA Writers' Project. Louisiana was the principal source of sugar. The war cut off the supply. Illinois farmers began to grow cane from which sorghum molasses was made. Then someone discovered that a fine quality of sugar could be made from beet roots. To Peoria in March, 1863, came a business caller from New York, to investigate the advantages of Illinois land for the production of beets. Named Have-meyer, he was the son of a former mayor of New York. For at least a half century that name has been one of the greatest in the world of sugar.

Mesdames Ruth Henson, Anna Laverick, Maude Anderson, Eva Boyd, Tillie Schumacher and Anna Seeds were guests of the W. C. T. U. organization at St. Joe, Wednesday.

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Long View News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stout spent last Sunday in Chicago.

Mrs. Ova Martinie was hostess to the United Brethren Ladies' Aid Wednesday afternoon.

James Warnes entertained the C. E. young people at his home Monday evening. James Hagerman was lesson leader.

H. H. Jarman arrived home Tuesday from Maywood, Mo., where he was called by the illness and death of his father, William Jarman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kalk were here from Westfield Wednesday afternoon calling on relatives and friends. They will move in about two weeks to their new home in northern Illinois, near the Wisconsin line.

A two inch snow visited this locality Tuesday.

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