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Whom The Gods Would Destroy.

There is a quotation that reads, "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." On Sunday of last week, reports of the dastardly attack of Japan upon the United States made many of us believe that Japan had gone completely mad. Events of this week confirm that belief, but the Japanese are not the only ones, they are but working under a long, well drawn plan in which Hitler, the madman of humanity, has had a hand. He, too, has declared war upon the United States.

Now another world, a world renowned for its love of peace and beauty and the democratic way of life, a world that has in the past lifted pilgrims to Heaven for divine truth; a world that has given man high great ideals; a world that has given mankind truth and hope and freedom—is stabbed by three power craving, diseased nations. It is not Japan alone that has gone mad, they have but copied the madness of Germany and Italy. It must be remembered "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." Destroy ... That, and that alone, must be the ultimate ideal of this war. When the United States and Britain and their allies have destroyed these diseased, decadent nations and their horrible ideals, the destruction must be complete, final. Never again must they lift their ugly heads to strike at free men.

Every heart in America today is torn by the thought of suffering and death and horror that must, it is inevitable, be carried in this war. That is of little consequence, however, because Americans know that there is but one way of life in the world, there is but one form of government, that is worth living and fighting and suffering and dying for. That form is as free men! Our forefathers believed it; we believe it. That heritage today is stronger in the hearts of Americans than ever before.

Don't Listen To Rumors.

One of the greatest mistakes anyone can make during such a critical time as the present, is listening to wild rumors. In the next few months there will be many rumors spread some by hysterical, non-thinking citizens, and others by the enemy. Discount all such rumors. Be patient and wait for the official communications of our government and official sources.

One of the greatest weapons of modern warfare is the spreading of rumors, thus creating confusion among the citizens of the country. By remaining calm and obeying orders of your government without panic, you will be conducting one of the greatest battles of the entire war.

A calm, determined people can not be defeated!

Christmas.

There have been other years of war and disillusionment, of bitter toil and sorrow, of spiritual torment and of despair in the centuries that have passed since the first Christmas brought its message of peace on earth and good will to men.

There have been years when, as now, plow shares have been hammered into swords, when people have glared at each other across frontiers with fear and hate in their eyes, when the Four Horsemen have been thundering down the wind, striking terror to the hearts of men.

There have been years when men of little faith have witnessed the recurrent manifestations of hope and have called it folly.

But the promise of peace on earth, nevertheless, remains today a sustaining force in the lives of men everywhere. Just as that first Christmas in Bethlehem continues to be the source from which springs the eternal hope of a better and a brighter day.

The festival commemorating the wonder and the beauty of the Christ child's coming in that night of glory nearly two thousand years ago will stir the hearts of men throughout the world. Under the cruel new order in Germany, where once the day meant so much, on the deserts of Libya and in the snow-covered steppes and plains of Russia, in the islands of the Pacific, where the grim business of human destruction goes on space, in Poland, Belgium, Holland, Norway and France, this festival will not pass without stirring at least a fleeting tender emotion.

This circumstance in itself speaks eloquently of the impress made upon the age by the events of that night in the Judean hills when Mary, for whom there was no room in the inn, sought refuge in the stable, where the Redeemer was born.

There are cynics and protagonists of the new paganism who protest that the birth of the Prince of Peace has lost its meaning, that the world is in the midst of a madness dominated by power and hatred and there is no place for tenderness and love, for faith and hope, for mercy and charity. These say that the teachings of the First Christian have become an outworn creed and that the world can never return to them.

But never were foolish men more tragically mistaken. Everywhere today, even among some people whose hatreds have plunged the world into war, there is revulsion from war's folly and horror. And everywhere there is raising hatred of war's heartless authors, who are certain in due time to be overtaken by just retribution.

War today is a blight upon the world which would seem to provide substance for pessimism, but while there is a revolt against war and while men are determined that it must not be accepted forever as the only available means by which nations can adjust their differences, the war lords cannot claim that they have achieved their objective.

This Christmas of 1941 brings a new challenge to those who have faith in the Eternal Verities to save civilization from its destroyers. The Star that guided the Wise Men to the stable outside the inn where the Child and Mary and Joseph, the oxen and the cows, the sheep and the shepherds were gathered, still shines.

And while it shines there is always a basis for hope that a luminous peace will live and the goal of permanent peace will one day be achieved by men of good will.

When Winter Comes.

Few persons would choose winter as their favorite season of the year. In ancient times, before the stars had been mapped and the orbits of the planets had been charted down to marvels of accuracy, the withdrawal of the sun in colder latitudes was a fearsome thing to behold. Probably the old sun worshippers thought that the god which they believed dwelt in that fiery orb was displeased, and some of them feared he would never come back.

But today man knows that he will come back and it can be predicted with accuracy just how far he will have moved northward from today, and when his glorious rays will again awaken the earth to life, and the joyful time of spring.

The snow and slush and ice of winter in the north are not viewed with joy by old folk. The chilly winds strike to their bones, and many of them flee to warmer climates. Youth does not worry about winter. In all the colder latitudes, it has its jolly sports of skiing and skating and coasting and many other pastimes besides. Winter sports across ring with the happy shouts of the young people who feel invigorated by the cold and frosty air.

One reason why winter is unpopular is that during that season many people live under unhealthful conditions. Temperatures in houses are too high, and the stuffy air is baked until the delicate membranes of nose and throat are well dried out and ready to welcome every germ of the cold and influenza that comes within reach.

One way in which to keep well is to spend as much time as possible out of doors. The human body was not designed to be shut up in overheated dwellings.

Paragraphs.

Old Man Winter may postpone his arrival, but when he makes his appearance everyone knows that he is here.

If Santa Claus doesn't bring Hitler anything, perhaps it will be because Old Kris doesn't deal in gifts that would be appropriate.

The havoc now being wrought by the Japs will be eclipsed when bombs start raining on Tokyo, a "city" of hundreds of huts. Whatever the thing is that has kept the British from bombing Rome will not apply to the Jap jackals' capital.

Men just turned twenty-one are preferred as drafees, and at that who are among men turning fifty-one, wouldn't like to be twenty-one.

Emily Post says if you have a step mother you should try to like her, and Papa says, "You will have a step mother and like it."

The speaker always feels that he will forget something he planned saying and the audience always fear he will forget that he was asked to say just a few words.

Most youngsters think cake is made merely to provide some place to put frosting.

Lots of writers dwell in attics because few of them can live on the first stories.

Isn't it remarkable how salegirls can smell a piece of ribbon and tell how long it is?

A lot of people sing with feeling—but not for other people!

WAR NEEDS MONEY

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT S. ALLEN

HIDDEN TREASURE

With American industries crying for war materials, the government has finally got around to seizing a giant horde of semi-manufactured war materials originally intended for the conquered countries.

Tons upon tons of steel bars, steel rods, steel sheets, slug plates, tin plate, copper wire were ordered by Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Belgium, some of it three years ago. It has been in warehouses and idle freight cars ever since, despite the scarcity of raw materials and despite the fact that some industries are even closing for lack of them.

Why this horde of priceless materials remained untouched for so long is a mystery. But the secret is first, procrastination; second, the red bureaucracy; second, the fact that owners of these materials, who were holding them for higher prices, did not tell about it.

The old Export Control board under Gen. Russell Maxwell, who is now devoting his abilities to the Near East, did nothing about this treasure horde. But now Henry Wallace's Economic Defense board is finally moving in.

A small haul was made earlier this year in Holmes, N. J., of aluminum and other materials, but the coming seizures are on a far greater scale. Of one commodity alone, tin plate, there will be 100,000 cases, or 15,000 tons, taken from three areas, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

The total haul of all commodities will be between 20 and 25 thousand carloads, which, at an average of 40 tons to the car, means over a million tons.

The Economic Defense board will use only $200,000 to finance the requisitioning of all this material, the value of which runs into many millions. Most of it will be sold and sold again on the same day, so the $200,000 will be merely a revolving fund.

INTERNED ITALIANS

One of the Italian ship officers in detention at Fort Missoula, Mont., wrote his wife in Italy a letter which U. S. officials are sure will never reach her.

The letter will get to Italy, all right. Mail is still being exchanged regularly between the two countries. But authorities are certain that the officer's letter will not get by Il Duce's censors, for, in bluntly, battered, war-weary Italy this poignant message would not be "good propaganda."

This is the reason:

"We left Philadelphia for the city of Missoula," wrote the husband. "The journey lasted three days and three nights on a train and was a real pleasure. We did not lack a thing because we traveled in a Pullman. At meal times we hurried to enter into a dining room and at night into a dormitory. The rooms were magnificent.

"I can tell you that for me the journey was one I had dreamed of for years and now it came true. As I always said, this place is beautiful, all green with woods and surrounded by hills. The air is fine and healthy, my appetite very good and the food abundant and exquisite.

"We do not lack milk, butter, meat, bread, vegetables, fruit, sugar or coffee. When I am eating I always think of you, who are perhaps without. We do one can complain about the guards. They treat us with every respect and consideration.

Note: To Americans the effusive description of the food as "abundant and exquisite" is interesting, because the alien prisoners at Fort Missoula are fed straight army fare. In quality and quantity their rations are exactly the same as those of U. S. soldiers.

SCRAP IRON TO JAPAN

For years, the heaviest foreign buyer of U. S. scrap iron was Japan. Despite much public protesting, the state department permitted Nippon-ese militarists to import huge quantities of this vital strategic material. At New appeasement chiefs are coming home to roost.

With defense production swinging into full tilt, the U. S. suddenly is confronted with a serious scrap shortage. For various reasons, defense chiefs are saying nothing about the situation. But it is very acute. A number of steel makers have privately reported curtailed production schedules in the offing because of inability to obtain needed supplies of scrap.

One important plant executive went so far as to describe his condition as "almost desperate."

CAPITAL STAFF

Everyone is getting increased wages, except the poor postman. The cost of living has gone up but he can't strike against the government.

The army air corps is wind-tunnel testing a new single-engine fighter plane that will do 512 miles an hour, 190 miles faster than any other plane in existence. All the bugs have been eliminated from the plane except one—finding a pilot who can safely fly a plane at that terrific speed.

Use Newspaper Advertising

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 24, 1891

Postoffice at Millersburg burned Monday night. Most of the mail was saved.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jno W. Day, of Crayton, on the 10th, a daughter.

Movement launched to have new charter granted Carlisle, changing it from a sixth to a fifth class city.

Married—Miss Maud Walden and Mr. Leroy Wills, both of this county, at the home of the bride on the 17th—Miss Alminda Flora and Mr. Jesse E. Ewing, both of this county, on the 17th—Miss Torla Bowles and Mr. Henry Binchin, both of Crayton, at Aberdeen, Ohio.

For the second time within the past year, Elder Reeves, evangelist of the Methodist churches in this district, is reported to have died in Ky., he was leaving the Millersburg church Sunday night he was struck in the back by "several eggs."

Died—Mrs. Caroline Brady, 78, widow of Mr. Bernard Brady, on the 21st—Mrs. Presley Ham, 58, at her home near this city on the 22nd—Mrs. J. A. Robinson, 57, at her home in Lanesburg on the 19th—Mr. Mitchell Grimes, 68, at his home on the 19th—Mrs. Mrs. Timothy Minihan, Sr., 65, at her home near this city on the 23rd.

40 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 26, 1901

Uncle Billy Wills run over by horse driven by Ed Knox Saturday night and badly bruised.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crockett near Berson, on A. O. —To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reed, near Mizanda, a daughter.

Explosion of coal oil stove sets fire to the residence of F. H. Henry Sunday afternoon. The blaze is extinguished before much damage is done.

Died—Miss Joanna Lann, 22, her home near Blue Licks on the 23rd—Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Denny Cameron at their home near Miranda on the 19th—Mr. Ledford Campbell, 34, at his home near this city on the 20th—Rev. George W. Crumb, 70, at his home at Miller Station, on the 20th.

Married—Miss Emma Barber and Mr. Frank Lynam, both of this county, on the 25th—Miss Stella Lynam and Mr. George Miller both of the county, on the 21th—Miss Bertha Brinegar and Mr. Robt Daniel, both of the county, on the 24th—Miss Alice Daum, of Cynthiana, and Mr. Everett Lynam, on the 24th—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Peterson, of Covington, on the 18th.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 22, 1921

Married—Miss Mattie Barnes and Mr. Ollie Rigg, both of the county, Monday—Miss Vivian Harney and Mr. Otis Wagoner, on the home of the bride near Hooktown, Thursday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scott of near Miranda, on Wednesday, December 14, a daughter—Jessie Evalyn—To Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cannon, on Cane Run, on Friday, December 16, a son.

Died—Mrs. James Watson, 34, at her home near Ellisville, Friday, Mrs. Glenn Ewing, December 15, at Mayo Brothers hospital—Mrs. Mayme Ross Ingels, 28, at her home near Cynthiana Sunday morning—Mr. W. E. Shankland, 68, at his home in the Myers vicinity Sunday—Mr. Isaac Wills, 91, at the home of his son, F. W. Wills, in this city, Sunday, after a long illness

Maritime Commission Sets Ship A Day Goal

Ships being constructed under the Maritime commission's augmented shipbuilding program are scheduled to slide down the ways this month at the rate of one a day, the Commission reported recently. "A ship a day" was the goal set last February when the augmented shipbuilding program was inaugurated, and with that goal now being reached, the Commission is planning a further speed-up in launchings.

The seeding of barley in Hancock county increased 300 percent this year. Some of it will be used as a green manure crop but most of it will be threshed.

"An Editor's Random Thoughts"

Editor's Note: For several years readers throughout the State have asked for reprints of the brilliant editorials written by the late Warren R. Fisher. With this in mind, and, believing that many would enjoy again his editorials, we are presenting reprints under the head used by Mr. Fisher on many times, "An Editor's Random Thoughts." We will try to pick each week one editorial by Mr. Fisher which we believe you will read again with joy, one in which you will find all the beauty of Kentuckiana.

For the first time in many years the hope that is signaled to the gray skies of late February from bed-burning fires on countless Kentucky farms is being realized in the greater being paid for White Burley tobacco. Between the realization of that hope and the bed fires that warmed the chill earth of early spring and the reception of the seed have come days of toil and sweat, weeks of anxiety, as the sun blazed and no rain fell, weeks of green leaves turned yellow in the scorching heat, weeks of and more work until the crop was housed, then foreboding of the proper curing and again work, the skies once more grey and icy winds rattling the windows and sucking at the glowing stores of countless stripping rooms. The cycle ends as it began, with toil. Stripping, tying the hands, grading—work-enamled fingers flying, the tricks of the trade, faster, faster, tying, grading, stripping, tying, the hands, the tricks of the trade, faster, faster, spud among so was up up up down down up up before Christmas. For painted with the price be good, will gladden the hearts of little children, new dresses may come out of the treasured hoard, some of the color and joy of Christmas to the little house on the hill.

Tobacco, sure is a weed
And 'twas the devil sowed the seed

So ran an old jingle of early days. But you couldn't convince one of those Kentuckian these days of mounting prices, when the auctioneer's chant is sweet music to ears long unused to such a lilting, Kentucky majesty had ought to do with the sowing of the seed now matured and reposing on nearly its final resting place, making the air redolent with an aroma peculiarly its own.

OTHER EDITORIALS

THE FOE IS THE WHOLE AXIS

(Louisville Times)

Formality of war declaration by Germany and Italy against the United States alters little the material situation except that when bombs began to drop on Pearl Harbor

It does, however, make no significant change of supreme importance. It clarifies the thinking of many Americans especially of the isolationists who seemed disposed on Monday to regard Japan as the sole belligerent to be disposed of.

Since Sunday most there has been complete unity on the issue raised by Japanese bombs. Today's unanimity solidify that unity against the entire Axis. Hitler and Mussolini today drove home the message of which Japan had been entrusted to make preliminary dilivery.

Their war declarations bring reality to war as they have existed for some time.

If the United States were neutral in the conflict, it ceases being so after Pearl Harbor.

The small arms, ammunition and field guns which Britain rushed to England at a moment when it lay helpless truly represented the difference between that victory for the Nazis would be destructive to the United States.

As far as Hitler is concerned, his declaration double-loss reflects action upon himself. Public consumption he has allowed himself to be goaded (by John Cudahy and others) that he had no designs on the United States. But he only talked vaguely. In December, 1940, when he told a group of manufacturers that Germany and the United States represented two different worlds and that one or the other must ultimately prevail.

As to which will prevail, the people of the United States are soberly confident. The organized international gangsters, as Secretary Hull describes them, banded together for world conquest, have raised a challenge that the United States and her allies will meet, no matter how long and hard the way.

THE DEMOCRACIES SUFFER MORE SERIOUS SETBACKS

(Courier-Journal)

"We have suffered a serious setback," President Roosevelt told the American people on Tuesday, referring to the Japanese bombing raids on Honolulu and Manila. Hardly had he ceased speaking than he suffered another serious setback. The Prince of Wales, flagship of the British Eastern fleet and one of Britain's most up-to-date battleships, was sent to the bottom off the eastern coast of Malaya where the Japanese were jaunty, tempting to land an expeditionary force and the powerful battle cruiser Repulse was sunk in the same vicinity by Japanese bombs. What happened at Pearl Harbor happened off Malaya, some distance north of Singapore, and the combined American and British naval strength in the Pacific was materially reduced. In less than a week Japan had destroyed more capital ships of its enemy than Germany had destroyed in more than 26 months.

But this does not mean that the Japanese are supermen. It does not mean that the battleship has been rendered obsolete by the airplane. In strict blitzkrieg fashion Japan sought to wipe out American and British naval superiority in the Pacific as its one desperate chance of winning the war. It used the bombing plane as its most effective weapon. The result was the serious damage was done in Pearl Harbor as was done in Malaya Bay a year ago and the British suffered much the worse for it as they suffered off Crete. In other words battleships are vulnerable to air attack where they are closely confined or where they are within striking distance of air fields on land. The attack on The Prince of Wales and the Repulse probably was made from Singapore, at the Southern end of Indo-China. But the battleship has not lost its usefulness. Because of its wide cruising radius it is essential to any naval power.

This is not to disparage the fighting ability of the Japs or to belittle the losses incurred by the United States and Britain. The Japs are fighting with suicidal fervor. They realize that as sin they must win in short order; to lose they must lose their dream of dominion over the Orient. But time is on the side of the British-speaking nations. The damage done can be repaired. The setbacks suffered can be made good. They therefore have steeled themselves for a long struggle and are not deterred from the job at hand by reverses however great. The Japanese bombers have scored the first successes. Our flying fortresses are yet to take the field.

In this connection it is well worth remembering what Joseph Stalin is reported to have said when the unbeaten German war machine was sweeping over the Russian border. "There is no invincible army," remarked the ruler of the Kremlin "and there never was one." In such a spirit of determined courage and self reliance we can regard the defeats of German and Japanese invincibility.

In 1912 tuberculosis killed one person every three and one-half minutes. Today, tuberculosis kills one person every eight and one-half minutes. Christmas Seals have helped in the saving of lives that these figures represent.

NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Jesse Davis, 58, farmer, of near Albany, died Thursday of a fractured skull, suffered when a car struck him as he walked on a highway near Glasgow.

C. Gran Graham, 77, for many years bookkeeper at the Bank of Commerce, Lexington, died Thursday morning at the Good Samaritan hospital.

John W. Moore, 64, former member of the House of Representatives from the old Third Kentucky district, died Thursday at his home at Washington after a prolonged illness.

Charles Edward Noman, 70, real estate agent, died at his home in Lexington Thursday. He was a native of Henderson county, and had lived in Lexington for the last fifty years.

Two prisoners in the city jail narrowly escaped asphyxiation and possible burns Thursday afternoon when they were removed from their cell after the straw mattresses on their bunks had become ignited.

Chester Terry, 31, Ashland, who apparently hadn't read the morning newspaper, was given some new tires for sale at $5 each at Grayson Thursday and got himself into a "peck of trouble."

Kentucky and Indiana highway officials plan to confer soon on a proposal to construct a bridge across the Ohio river at Brandenburg to facilitate troop movements between Fort Knox and Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Mrs Frances Gamble, 21, Paducah, Thursday pleaded guilty to aiding in the escape of her husband, Novice Lee Gamble and another federal prisoner from the McCracken county jail September 20 and was held for action of the federal grand jury.

The season's largest tobacco crop of burley went over the breaks in Lexington Thursday when the 18,045-pound consignment grown by the Penn Brothers of Fayette county was sold for $65,961.12, at an average of $36.44 a hundred weight.

Stabbed critically with pocket knife in an argument over the price of a sandwich at his Big Apple roadhouse, Clarence Black Thursday was taken to a Frankfort hospital. Carl Trent, distillery employee, was held on a charge of malicious cutting with intent to kill.

Development of a new airplane motor that is being designed to consume less gasoline and have a different type of valve construction, is proceeding satisfactorily at the University of Kentucky College of Engineering, it was disclosed Friday.

Dr. Henry N. Sherwood, central figure in a long controversy involving Kentucky Baptist, will lose his position as president of Georgetown College in June.

The school's board of trustees voted at a meeting in Louisville Friday to make a change in the three-vote margin.

Louisville prepared to hear evidence during the week ahead taken into custody by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. District Attorney Eli H. Brown III said a five-man board of lawyers would be set up to hear evidence against the aliens taken into custody.

Kentucky's future road construction will be subordinated to military needs for the protection of our freedom and the certain defeat of those who challenge our security, state Highway Commissioner J. Lyter Donaldson announced late Wednesday.

H. V. Bastin, superintendent of Ormsby Village, Friday said John R. DeMoisey, new superintendent of the Kentucky House of Reform at Greenhill, should be protected from political interference and allowed funds to employ competent assistants.

Oft-repeated statements of M. Whitney that the truck load limit of 18,000 pounds eventually would drive him out of business were recalled at Frankfort Wednesday in connection with announcement that the Hayes Lines, Matson, Hi Jus Express and the Whitney Transfer Co., Bowling Green for $300,000.

University of Kentucky trustees at their quarterly meeting Thursday accepted "with appreciation" a grant of $40,000 from the General Education Board of New York for study of utilization of forest resources in Eastern Kentucky and one of $4,000 from the Republic Steel Corporation for study of steel products and biproducts' uses.

The U. S. Army Medical Examination Board examined 159 men Monday and 167 men Tuesday at Somerset.

A. F. L. and C. I. O. labor leaders took steps Friday to insure a steady and strong flow of supplies from defense industries in the Louisville area.

William C. Stiles, 58, land owner and capitalist who owned the Stiles Coal Company, died Friday at St. Joseph Infirmary, Louisville.

Lieut. Gov. Robes K. Myers, chairman of the Legislative Council, estimated Friday that it would cost $3,000,000 to rebuild and modernize Western State Hospital for the Insane.

Women are eligible to become commonwealth's attorneys, Assistant Attorney General Guy H. Herdman said Friday, provided they have practiced law for four years.

Industrial alcohol manufactured for national defense purposes under a government contract was held exempt from Kentucky's production tax by Franklin Circuit Judge W. B. Ardery late Friday.

Joe E. Robinson of Lancaster as Democratic House floor leader and E. C. "Lige" Moore of Liberty for the Senate floor leadership were the Administration choices announced by Governor Johnson Friday.

Senator Alben W. Barkley and Senator Albert B. Chandler accompanied Thomas Rhea of Hopkinsville on a visit to President Roosevelt at the White House Friday. No statement was made on the outcome of the meeting or the discussion.

Approval of purchase by the National Forest Reservation Commission of 2,157 acres in Kentucky's "gap" land for addition to Cumberland National Forest, was announced Friday by the Department of Agriculture's forest service.

The five per cent blanket increase granted Wednesday in county real estate by the State Tax Commission, and a number of new buildings added approximately $621,653 to last year's assessment, according to Tax Commissioner W. A. Lenox who completed the recapitulation.

Representatives of Georgetown College campus organizations met Friday afternoon to determine what action the student body will take regarding the decision of the college board of trustees not to re-employ Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood as president of the college after June 1.

Rural Electrification Administration on Wednesday made allotments totaling $308,000 for three rural power cooperatives in Kentucky. They are Meade County Rural Electrification, Jackson Purchase Rural Electric Cooperative, and Green River Rural Electrification Cooperative.

The State Legislative Council stamped approval on the recommendation for the State Defense Council recently recreated by a defense council created during the World War. The appropriation estimate of one of the state's general fund and $25,000 spent at the governor's direction.

Secretary of State George Glen Hatcher announced that the official vote count on the amendment authorizing additional state financial aid to poorer schools was 312,986 to 53,924 in favor of the amendment. On the amendment permitting counties to install voting machines 176,596 voted in favor, 70,017 against.

A 23 year old negro girl, Deloris Orear, of Mt. Sterling, with three of her companions in overcoats stormed into the Clark County jail Thursday night and in a trembling voice announced that she was ready to enlist. She said, "I'm 24 years of age and in good health and I can do anything anybody else can do." She maintained she wanted to start right from cooking, sweeping, washing or fighting.

The Court of Appeals Friday ordered Kenton County Clerk Sam Furste, against whom it had upheld defalcation charges, to vacate his office December 16.

Charles H. Bigh, Bristol, Va., has filed suit in Fayette Circuit Court for settlement of a partnership he said was formed in 1929 by himself, E. S. Mayes, Washington County and the late Howard K. Bell, Lexington, for the purchase of development of water and power plants in southern states.

Dispelling The Fog

By Charles Michelson Director of Publicity, Democratic National Committee

Gloomy folks who always anticipate the worst are worrying many week ahead that in this world will find itself when the World War is over.

Some of them visualize a Communist-dominated Europe, nothing ahead but international chaos and anarchy, with universal bankruptcy as an accompaniment.

However, none of these Jeremiahs has any constructive suggestion as to how this universal disaster can be averted. Exception perhaps should be made to this general statement on behalf of the isolationists, who, incidentally, are the direct of the melancholy prophets. They dream, or affect to dream, that if we lock ourselves up in a war-proof compartment, Hitler and Tojo will have, allow Japan to dominate the Pacific to the extent that Hitler permits, if that somehow we will escape.

Actually, when Hitler and Hirohito are destroyed, as they must be destroyed, life on this planet will go on pretty much as it always has.

From the fall of Rome, or possibly an even earlier date, history records the prevailing attitude of the pessimists at critical times, that the old habits of life are gone forever. Every time, after a relatively brief period of confusion, peoples have resumed the business of living. Industry has been restored, individual as well as national ambitions have promptly arisen, and individuals and countries have resumed their devious plottings and plannings for their own advancement.

As far as America is concerned, we will emerge the most powerful nation in the world. We will have spent a lot of money, but our cities will not have been destroyed, our manpower will remain practically intact, and the only serious problem we will have to consider will be to contend will lie in the realm of the mechanics required for turning our industrial plants from war status to the world's arsenal to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of our industrial system.

The towering government debt means anything but national bankruptcy. Pretty nearly all the billions that we will have expended in arming the world in a power-mad monster were spent right here in America. The government may feel poor but the people, who are the government really, will be as rich or richer than they were before.

When it comes to remaking the maps for the continents overseas and to inventing new the lines of foreign commerce and that part of Hitler's concent of our headache will depend very largely on the wise and patriotic manner of dominating power.

There will be among us, however, a vociferous group of isolationists who will advocate that we let Europe and Europe welter in its extremity and there will be clamorous demands that we want to go as far in the other direction and want to spread isolation perfectly indefinitely.

We have frequently heard the old World War slogan, so far as our participation in it was concerned, that those who use this description are balancing with a fine degree of hope of twenty-odd years ago that there would be no more wars.

Undoubtedly, the period of peace would have been immeasurably extended had the victors of the first World War checked the rise of Hitler and Mussolini. Germany became the most formidable war machine in recorded records. But after all, twenty years of peace was eminently worthwhile. That period sufficed to raise the United States of Reform at Greenhill, to a greater wealth, and to the establishment of new liberties. In that period we were able to check and overcome the worst effects of depression we had ever experienced. The American standard of living went up and up.

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In any event, the immediate worry is not what is going to happen two, or five, or ten years from now, but the job to which the democracies have committed themselves. That job is to break down the Axis and all it represents. And the sooner that job is finished, the nearer we will be to normalcy.

Demonstration Of Pork Cutting Scheduled

According to announcements from the County Agents office a Pork Cutting Demonstration will be held in the office, Friday, December 19th. Mr. Grady Wood, of the Agricultural Extension Service, will give instructions. Mr. Verna Stone is furnishing the carcass for the demonstration.

Besides the demonstration on the modern method of cutting pork Mr. Sellards will discuss meat curing and preservation and the best methods of making sausage.

Every farmer is urged to attend. The County Agent expresses appreciation to the Stockyard management for the use of their facilities for the demonstration.

Hunter Warned Not To Shoot At Wires

A warning was issued to all hunters in Kentucky by S. A. Wakefield, Director of the Division of Game and Fish, against the firing of guns at telephone and electric wires and especially those wires carrying East Texas in Washington County by firing the charge of a shotgun into the cable.

The wire, which swung to the ground when it had been broken, carried 33,000 volts, and the shock from a power-mad monster were spent right here in America. The government may feel poor but the people, who are the government really, will be as rich or richer than they were before.

When it comes to remaking the maps for the continents overseas and to inventing new the lines of foreign commerce and that part of Hitler's concent of our headache will depend very largely on the wise and patriotic manner of dominating power.

There will be among us, however, a vociferous group of isolationists who will advocate that we let Europe and Europe welter in its extremity and there will be clamorous demands that we want to go as far in the other direction and want to spread isolation perfectly indefinitely.

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