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ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT

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Iron-Steel Development Probable for Puget Sound

DEVELOPMENT of an iron and steel industry on Puget Sound now seems possible as a result of studies made by Prof. Joseph Daniels of the University of Washington College of Mines recently made public by the Department of the Interior.

Professor Daniels has pointed out that the country's large steel mills are located in sections where there is an abundant supply of coking coal. Washington has the only large supply of coking coal in the West.

Further interest is attached to this information by another announcement of the Department of the Interior. This was to the effect that chromite, source of the chromium used in the manufacture of high grade steel and plating metals, can be mined on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.

The United States consumed about 660,000 tons of chromite last year. Less than one per cent of this total was produced in continental United States. Turkey supplied about 70,000 tons.

The growing demand for more steel for warships and other defense products will necessitate a larger supply of chromium than was on hand last year. The presence of this ore in some abundance as close by as Alaska would be a further inducement for development of a steel industry on Puget Sound.

Change of Commissars

MOSCOW reports that Stalin has got himself a new commissar of armaments. B. L. Vannikov has been abruptly replaced by Dmitri Ustinov. The change coincides with revived rumor of possible clash between Russia and Germany.

Reason officially given for removal of Vannikov is "failure to cope with his duties." That might mean anything. The commissar of armaments is supposed to keep all Soviet armed forces supplied with everything they need for a real shooting war.

It cannot be any easier for a Soviet commissar of armaments to cope with his duties to anybody's satisfaction, while dealing, as he must, with inferior materials and inferior craftsmanship.

Fretful Criticism

THE morale of the British people, we are told, is holding up. Even so, it must now be more marked for stolidity than cheerfulness. There's been little enough to cheer them of late; and the increasingly fretful tone in House of Commons is not surprising.

So far the government has had reasonable answer for every question, though seldom with report of results such as the British would like to hear.

It is easy enough to say that Britain might have spared herself much effort and saved many lives by keeping away from Greece and letting Hitler have Crete for the taking. Nazi forces proved overwhelming, to be sure; but no resistance which inflicts heavy losses upon the enemy and materially retards his progress, can be called wholly futile.

In war, each contender must face the fight where others take it. In Greece and Crete, Britain had no choice. There was nothing discreditable in British performance.

Patience Exhausted

TWO Japanese are under arrest in California, charged with conspiracy to obtain defense information for use against the United States. Held also under technical arrest is a former yeoman of the United States Navy; but he is hailed as the hero of the plot, credited with "luring" the Japanese along until the evidence seemed sufficient for the G-men to move in.

No one can tell how this case will hold up in court; but if the government makes anything of it, the way may be opened to considerable action along such lines. Meanwhile, others may take warning.

There isn't a doubt that agents of foreign governments are in the market for confidential information about American defense plans. There isn't a doubt that many aliens and natives on the ground are eager to conspire against the United States. This first case happens to involve Japanese.

It must seem quite flagrant to our authorities. They have long been patient with underground activities of agents of Soviet Russia, Germany and Italy, as well as Japan. Maybe a general change of attitude impends.

SENTENCE SERMONS

- THERE IS NO REASON WHY... -A man cannot live a great life on a small income. -A man cannot begin his day by respecting himself. -A home should not be a refuge instead of an arena. -A city should not be laid out for its children rather than its factories. -The people who make the wars should not be expected to fight them. -A book has to be read just because it is printed. -The churches should not start the peace movement among themselves.

PRIVATE LIVES By Edwin Cox

CHIRP! CHIRP! LACKING A HEARTH, NOVELIST FANNIE HURST STILL KEEPS CRICKETS IN HER APARTMENT - IN A GLASS-ENCLOSED HOUSE, SHE PREFERS THEIR MUSIC TO ALL THE CANARIES SHE'S EVER HEARD. NOT UNTIL THE ARMY TOOK HIS HORSES DID FRANCE'S GEN. WEYGAND DECIDE TO 'MECHANIZE' HIMSELF. THE OLD SOLDIER LEARNED TO DRIVE A CAR AT 72! FAVORITE ORDER OF G-MAN J. EDGAR HOOVER AT A CERTAIN BROADWAY RESTAURANT: RAW MEAT AND ONIONS.

New Deal Partisanship on Labor Issues Revealed in All Its Bad Effect on Nation

WASHINGTON, Thursday, June 12.—There can be little consolation anywhere that the United States Army had to be used to break down a mass picketing line in a labor dispute. Nor can there be any comfort for anybody in the continued operation of any industrial plant after a strike by order of the War Department. The various states of the union do not possess adequate police forces to deal with mass picketing and the militia of each state is now absorbed into the federal army so that the home guards are not sufficient in most instances to deal with strike disorders on a large scale.

Britain Cannot Win Unless U. S. Fights; Why Doesn't F. R. Tell Nation These Things?

WASHINGTON, Thursday, June 12.—The worst defects of the President's policy of limited frankness with Congress and the people were luridly displayed by Ambassador John G. Winant's visit to the capital last Saturday. In the course of a round of calls, Winant dropped in to see Vice President Henry A. Wallace. Wallace invited Walter F. George, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and two or three other senators to have a talk with the returned ambassador about conditions in Britain.

Patriotism Lasts Longer Than Do Man's Muscles

NEW YORK, Thursday, June 12.—The proposal by Brigadier General Hershey that 27 be made the top draft age is nothing more than a recognition of the old politico-medical truth that a man keeps his patriotism long after he does his muscles. When a man hits 30 and up, the fact that he salutes the flag doesn't necessarily mean that he is the best one to defend tanks yet no one has ever developed the proper set of muscles for driving a tank by singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

THE Army has figures showing that men drawn from the age group ranging from 18 to 25 are much more fit for military service than those drawn from the 26-to-35 bracket. These figures are on paper but the Army could back them up by living figures in the active ranks. If you happen to live in New York you don't have to go outside of view of the skyline to study the Army's frustration in trying to make top-class soldiers out of men who had to drop out of the last class reunion parade because their feet hurt.

The Pillow Cost Two Bits; Produced a Bad Headache

CHICAGO, Thursday, June 12.—Having to see a train about some matters of trifling but vexing import, I entrained last night for Chicago. In my day I have moved between two given points by virtually every form of transportation from airplanes to snowshoes, but this was my first time on one of those sit-up-all-night-and-save-money trains, a method of travel to which in the following few paragraphs I shall address myself. In the first place, mine was an aisle seat. This was very annoying, on account of I had to look from the window and treat my eyes to the passing landscape. When one sits on the aisle in a train his view is restricted to the pattern of the aisle carpet or to the sign-up front which announces that smoking is not permitted in this car.

THE NEIGHBORS By George Clark

Illustration of a man and a woman in a room. Caption: "Well, it took us years to get in with them. I hope it doesn't take that long to get rid of them."