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This Isn't Europe; Be Sane In Family Food Purchasing

FTER a careful scrutiny of the whole food situation in this "commissary of the democracies," the Washington Chain Stores Association admonishes that extreme care must be exercised to prevent artificial shortages, causing discomfort with little or no excuse."

And the association strikes a reassuring note when it declares that as far as its investigators can learn, "there are no real shortages, now or in early prospect, except in a few items, most of which we can dispense with as unimportant, or for which we have entirely adequate substitutes."

The admonition and the assurance should be hecded. The country has abundant supplies of meat, wheat and most of the canned vegetables. We have a year's supply of tea, nearly a year's supply of cocoa and more than two years' supply of pepper. Latin America has adequate reserves of coffee.

The stores of poultry, dairy products and fresh fruit and vegetables are such that consumption of these commodities may well be increased.

There is every reason why Americans should continue normal buying. That is officially urged. It is in excited, panicky buying and hoarding of food that danger lies, rather than in the likelihood of actual shortages.

Button, Button

VIGILANCE of the Better Business Bureau has saved the American people considerable money which they might otherwise have lost through misrepresentation, chicane and fraud. In every community which sustains the bureau, practitioners of bunko have found the going hard.

right in the public statement that all these at the same time acquiring an honorable vobuttons lately on sale, bearing all sorts of cation that might stand them in good stead defense, war and so-called patriotic legends, are private commercial ventures that have no direct bearing on the national emergency. The advice to buy defense stamps or give the money to the Red Cross, rather than invest in buttons, is sound.

None-the-less, some will regard this as an invasion of one of the most cherished privileges of the American people. There has long been in this country a considerable devotion to insignia for personal adornment; an instinct to advertise one's membership in an organization or one's attachment to a cause.

In times of political contest, the button business expands to prodigious dimensions; the output is enormous; and the market is increasingly brisk right up to election day.

Button producers, like other manufacturers, are in business to make money. In the circumstances of the day, it may be well to remember that whatever money they make will be largely diverted, through taxation and otherwise, to war purposes. They may even buy bonds and give aid to the Red

Worth More Than Money

DASSING one appropriation bill after another to pay for necessities of war, mem-

Senate and House investigating committees recently reported a number of cases wherein profits of contractors seemed large out of all proportion to actual costs. It was also reported that some contractors had deliberately run up costs to make it appear that profit margins were no more than reason-

There was much of this, far too much, in the scurry of belated preparation for World War I. The cost-plus system then in vogue was an incentive to greed that some contractors didn't try to resist. The more anything could be made to cost, the greater the profit at any percentage. Certainly Mr. Nelson's new board has ample powers to prevent recurrence of such abuses.

But the time element must not be overlooked in this business of production for war. Time just now is more valuable than money. There must be a distinction between high costs and excessive profits. Speed of delivery is vitally important. The sooner we have that new battleship or that new flying fortress it is not too soon to plan for amendment of the better. Profiteering can be prevented; the constitution, so that in future we may but if money will accelerate delivery of war retain in county office any person in whom equipment, it should not be spared.

Something Worth While

A SEATTLE woman has made a valuable and constructive suggestion. She proposes that the art of weaving be extensively taught in the state's penal and corrective in-

The inmates, she points out, would thus learn to make and operate their own looms And the Better Business Bureau is quite and weave the cloth for their own clothing,

It would have a further value. Weaving is a pleasurable occupation; it encourages satisfying creative faculties and could have a tendency to put maladjustments in personality out of mind.

Doubtless the new administration of the state's penal institutions will give the suggestion careful consideration in planning a rehabilitatiye program.

that watch in revising his timetable.

Collier on the certainty of re-election. They as serious as represented. "can't be beat," because no one is running

THE fleet was scattered on December 7. Some against either of them. Another four-year term for each is in the bag.

This comes to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Collier in token of appreciation of services rendered. of the Pacific Fleet to mobilize. These are orders At the same time it reflects the good judg-ment of the people of Seattle. These city Admiral Kimmel will be welcomed by the latter officers are not unopposed because there officers are not unopposed because there is no one else in town who would like to other to pay for necessities of war, members of Congress are beginning to call for measures to restrain excessive profit of private producers.

It is due to conceded among naval men, many of whom are connected among naval men, many of whom are pointing out that it was the business of the Army to protect against air attack and that the concentration of the fleet in Pearl Harbor was a policy vate producers. fidence would be futile.

This very simple process of keeping good men in public service should be extended to THERE are, incidentally, many comments heard to men in public service should be extended to all elective offices. We have particularly in have been removed from his command and Admiral mind the offices of county government from Kimmel substituted; and that when the vacancy was which, as now required by the state constituAdmiral Snyder. tion, incumbents must be ousted after two successive terms. No matter how well they may have served, they cannot be re-elected.

King County, and no doubt other counies of the state, are due for changes in county government the people have no wish to make. Valuable county officers come to the end of their second terms this year. They cannot be candidates to succeed themselves in the November election.

offices, nor in state offices, with the single When asked "how come and why don't you put exception of the state treasurer, who is limit into government war securities?" the answer ited to one term; and, by the way, this limitation might well be abolished.

offices as a result of the next elections; but to keep my family off the bread lines." the public has come to have confidence.

A Wounded World Needs Services of Young Women

ANTED-50,000 young women to enroll in this country's schools of nursing. This is the appeal of the Nursing Council of National Defense and, locally, of the State Nursing Council for Defense.

Thousands of nurses will be needed for Army and Navy hospitals. They will be needed paper money—which is the only kind we have. They to safeguard the health of America's migrant population of defense workers. They will be needed are already good as collateral for loans up to par—100 cents on the dollar. be needed for medical service in the event of air attack and other emergencies. After the war, they will be needed in great numbers to help in the immense task of reconstruction

and healing for this wounded world.

Under the leadership of the State Nursing Council for Defense, various nursing organizations are working in a student recruiting program to assure a steady supply of new students in the nursing schools.

In another phase of the program many Scattle women former graduate purses. have

In another phase of the program, many Seattle women, former graduate nurses, have bearing no interest (currency) or your interestenrolled in "refresher" courses. They are brushing up on new developments in nursing so bearing bonds?" that they may take the place of younger nurses who are called into the Army and Navy

Young Seattle women will do well to investigate this summons to patriotic service. It offers them an opportunity to prepare themselves for a profession which now is more important to the world than ever before in history.

any new orgy of closing banks. Part of the security against that is also its almost unlimited power over the value of money and the privilege, already dis-



MAINSTAY OF SINGER GLADYS SWARTHOUT'S TRAVELING WARDROBE : THE 12-FT. LONG GOLD SCARF THAT CAN TRANSFORM A PLAIN DRESS A DOZEN DIFFERENT WAYS, BESIDES SERVING AS SASH - OR TURBAN.

THAT TEMPERAMENTAL ITALIAN GENIUS, GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO LIKED TO HAVE ROSE

PETALS SCATTERED ON

THE CARPET OF HIS STUDY.

FRAGRANCE - BY REQUEST

By Edwin Cox

Follow-Up Inquiry on Roberts' Report Likely to Wait for More Peaceful Days

fleet of the United States mobilized on November 26 or in the eleven days thereafter if the Navy Department considered the situation between America and Japan to be on the edge of war?
This penetrating question is being asked by naval

Napoleon's watch has been sold at auction in Paris. Too bad; Hitler could have used delicate relations with Japan, but there was always the caution expressed to them that the Navy must take no steps to offend Japan or to produce an

They Can't Be Beat

FRIENDS have been congratulating City Comptroller Thomas and City Treasurer

Collier on the containty of replection. They as periods as represented.

ships were on the West Coast in what might be termed recreational journeys and some were en-

points to be thoroughly explored.

That there are two sides to the story is generally

and not by Admiral Kimmel.

questions, and yet in naval circles, there are all sorts of reports to the effect that President Roosevelt himself had a hand in selecting these high officers at Hawaii and in resolving the conflicts of view as to whether the battleships of the fleet should be concentrated in Pearl Harbor.

logically take up the errors of omission and commission by everybody who had anything to do with naval policy. It would appear that such a courtmartial or inquiry during the war period would op away from their duties.

favorable opportunity may be the best way, provided steps are taken promptly to correct the errors that known to have been made.

ONE of the things Congress can do at once is to provide the Navy with a general staff. Under the present organization, the eight bureau chiefs report to the secretary of the navy. Also the so-called "General Board" is only advisory and not an operat-

ing body. But while an operating staff for the Navy to help Admiral Stark is essential, so is an operating chief for General Marshall in the Army. If a record of what both General Marshall and

Admiral Stark have had to do in the past few months were compiled, it would be found that they do not have time to administer their respective dearmy or expanding Navy and still give thought to overseas operations day by day and hour by hour.

The lessons of the Roberts report are numerous.

If they are taken to heart, the country will benefit by it; but with Army, Navy and air forces still oper-

IF a court-martial is held or congressional inquiry is to follow through on the Roberts report, it must

difficult to conduct without taking active officers Postponement of the whole inquiry to some more

ating independently under a vague formula of

This Is War! Stop Worrying About Hurting Jap Feelings

L OS ANGELES, Friday, Jan. 30.—Speaking strictly as an American, I think Americans are nuts.

Twenty-four hours in Los Angeles have

We are at war. California is our key state, not only because of its airplane industry, but because its shores offer the most logical invasion

point.
So what does the government do about the tens of thousands of Japanese in California? Nothing.
The only Japanese apprehended have been the ones the F. B. I.

actually had something on. The rest of them, so help me, are as There isn't an airport in California that isn't flanked by Japanese farms. There is hardly an air field where the same situation doesn't exist.

They run their stores. They clerk in stores. They clip lawns. They

are here, there and everywhere.

You walk up and down the streets and you bump into Japanese in every block. They take the parking stations. They get ahead of you in the stamp line at the post office. They have their share of seats on the the stamp line at the peak bus and street car lines.

THIS doesn't make sense, for half a dozen reasons. How many American workers do you suppose are free to roam and ramble in Tokyo? Didn't the Japanese threaten to shoot on sight any white person who ventured out-of-doors in Manila?

So, why are we so beautifully courteous?

I know this is the melting pot of the world and all men are created equal and there must be no such thing as race or creed hatred, but do those things go when a country is fighting for its life?

Not in my book. No country has ever won a war because of courtesy, and I trust and pray we won't be the first one to lose one because of the lovely gracious spirit.

ecause of the lovely, gracious spirit.

Everywhere that the Japanese have attacked to date, the Japanese population has risen to aid the attackers. Pearl Harbor, Manila. What is there to make the government believe that the same wouldn't be true in California? Does it feel that the lovely California climate has changed them and that the thousands of Japanese who live in the boundaries of this state are all staunch and true Americans?

AM for immediate removal of every Japanese on the West Coast to

a point deep in the interior. I don't mean a nice part of the interior, either. Herd 'em up, pack 'em off and give 'em the inside room in the badlands. Let 'em be pinched, hurt, hungry and dead up against it. Sure, this would work an unjustified hardship on 80 per cent or 90 per cent of the California Japanese. But the remaining 10 or 20 per cent have it in their power to do damage—great damage—to the American people. They are a serious means and we can't tell me that are ican people. They are a serious menace and you can't tell me that an individual's rights have any business being placed above a nation's safety.

If making one million innocent Japanese uncomfortable would prevent one scheming Japanese from costing the life of one American boy, then let the million innocents suffer.

IN an earlier column I protested against American soldiers in Honolulu giving military burial to a Japanese soldier. There were some readers who kicked me around in letters for such an attitude

There are sure to be some Americans who will howl and scream at the idea of inconveniencing America's Japanese population in order to prevent sabotage and espionage.

Okay, let them howl. Let them howl timber-wolf type. Our government has told us we face war. All-out war. It has told us that we are up against the roughest days in our history. It has demanded of us sacrifice and sweat and toil and all the other of Mr. Churchill's raphic words.

That's all right, we will answer. But let us have no patience with

the enemy or with anyone whose veins carry his blood. Let us in this desperate time put first things first. And, who is to say that to the men and women of this country there is anything that

Personally, I hate the Japanese. And that goes for all of them. Let's quit worrying about hurting the enemy's feelings and start

Motorcyclists Show High Percentage of War Effort

NEW YORK, Friday, Jan. 30.—Everybody takes the motorcycle for granted as one of the accepted mechanical means of transportation, but did you know that there are only two companies in the United States which manufacture them? It surprised me when I heard it from a group of motorcycle men

who were having a fan fest in the Revere room of the Hotel Lexington the other day.

With war upon us, the motorcycle takes on even greater signifi-

cance, and I learned that motorcyclists have been among the first to offer their special services to the victory effort.

OUT of 40,000 Americans who are members of the American Motorcycle Association, 8,000 have joined the armed forces—a very high There are 850 motorcycle units organized throughout the land today

for the purpose of carrying dispatches and doing whatever else they required to do in the civilian war effort, such services being The entire resources of the motorcycle industry are now wrapped

do not have time to administer their respective departments, perform the many functions of contact up in the effort to meet Army requirements. The motorcycle, usually with Congress and domestic phases of their work, such as the mobilization and equipping of a draft cars, is actually a combat unit today. It is equipped with guns, and still give thought to motorcycle units ride into battle, roaring along with the tanks.

HOLLYWOOD and the War:

With the entire world a battlefield, the picture-makers of Hollywood are having some anxious moments, not only because their world of it; but with Army, havy and air forces still operating independently under a vague formula of "mutual cooperation," there must be further risks in store for our troops and sailors.

An example is Dorothy Lamour's new tropical romance which will store for our troops and sailors.

reach the theatres under the title "Beyond the Blue Horizon." that isn't what it was originally called. Its title was "Malaya"—which was all right for a sarong girl a couple of months ago but is too serious a matter for romance now.

THOUGH Wilbur Macey Stone is dead, his famous museum home in East Orange, N. J., probably will be preserved, at least for a time, so that interested people will be able to see his unusual collection of toys, paper dolls and children's books—probably the greatest collection of its kind in the world.

It was 35 years ago that Stone went to East Orange from New York and bought the rambling 25-room house which at the time of his death the other day was filled with his collections. Dolls, toys and children's books appealed to him, he explained, so he collected them. His collection has been referred to by other hobbyists as priceless, yet its actual value is said to be slight.

THE NEIGHBORS -:-By George Clark



"Why don't you start walking to the station every morning? That would build your heart up without wearing your tires down.

There's No Escape From Burdens of War: So Everyone Better Begin to Do His Bit By BRIG.-GEN. HUGH S. JOHNSON-

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 30.—I know people not a few—who have been changing their bank accounts into paper currency and putting the dough in safe-deposit boxes. Figures on the extent to This couldn't happen in private business.

We have to make no such changes in city

This couldn't happen in private business.

The provention of the extent to which this has gone on are not complete and are very indefinite, but the indications of money "withdrawn from circulation" show that it is not insignificant.

"If worse comes to worst, the market value of government bonds will melt away. The banks have so much invested in these securities that they will It is too late to prevent changes in county be unable to pay their depositors. I want to save

THIS is as absurd as even the raven's foolish hoard of tinsel and other bits of bright but useless junk. It used to be one way to escape when most American paper money was redeemable in gold, and its bonds had to be paid in gold. That was before this administration sequestered all the gold, withdrew it from circulation, and made

all its outstanding obligations payable only in exactly the same kind of green paper that these hoarders are figuratively putting in a sock.

This government can't allow the banks to break If any such decline in the market value of government bonds were threatened, the government would simply make them payable in par in the same kind of

IT is true that they pay a very low rate of interest, but when the holder of these government bonds

but a zanie could hesitate over that Nobody but a zanic could hesitate over that choice. For that reason, there will be no selling

aid depressing the value of government securities Of course, the government cannot afford to have

cussed, of making all the bonds held by the banks redeemable at par. THUS a situation is already created where the hoarding of paper currency doesn't make sense. safer and more thrifty way to use private money

which is not immediately needed in business or

other enterprise is to buy these government secur-Nearly all the old dodges and escapes from inflation are closed and sealed. One was to buy real estate, commodities, or common stocks with the idea that, as the value of money declined, the price of these would go soaring. You could sell out at the

peak and save your fortune in your profits.

Now most commodities are subject to consumption, and "fair compensation" which must be paid is pretty likely to yield no great profit.

FURTHERMORE, as to both common stocks and commodities, we are weaving a tax net around profits. If inordinate gains are made in this way, the government is likely to take most or all of them. Finally, real estate is just a target for local taxation. Those taxes must be paid in cash on the barrel-head. If they are not paid, due to mounting taxes and declining business, there is a tax sale and

My conclusion from all this is that there are no clever little schemes to avoid the burden of this war and that the safest course to invest surplus money

Sentence Sermons

IT SELDOM PAYS-

-To argue with an angry man. -To stoop to the level of an unscrupulous

enemy. —To make important decisions late a

night when weary. -To fight for small causes and keer great causes waiting.

-To be in a hurry about a decision of lifetime.

-To compromise in cases in which there is no doubt.