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ISOLATION?

We of the United States today look out across the Atlantic eastward and smile in benign security from our "protective" backward curtain. We are invaded by a rather backward curtain in obvious conquest and the invader's neighbor-nations are in a stew as to what to do. Nations are saying, "America, lead us your influence in helping us out of this disgraceful and unethical conquest," and we, America, are saying, "No, thank you. We are not concerned."

And, to justify our reply, we add our gratitude that we are not of that European breed and assert that because we are "isolated" we will not have to pay any heed to war outside these United States.

The sooner America realizes the fallacy of this reasoning and turns to a more truthful consideration of the situation, the sooner will we be in a position to negotiate for real peace and security.

In the present development of civilization, any European nation which spreads to a combat of more than two nations will and, in fact, cannot help but involve those other nations that consider themselves a part of this world.

For proof of that statement, consider the first World War of 1914-18. Many even today hold that we could have kept out of that conflict by attacking further into our shell of isolation. That is an untruth.

Twentieth century life is not lived by each nation of the world living on to itself alone. With the present state of civilization, that is impossible. Each nation that considers itself at all "modern" is dependent upon every other nation for life and subsistence. No nation, not even our own, can live without the favorable cooperation of the other nations. That is the obvious but unaccepted key to the entire situation.

If it were possible to draw an economic map of the world, we would not see a number of self-sustaining nations with evenly balanced production and consumption, and equalized capital and credit; we would see the nations of the world inextricably bound together by an utterly confused maze of invisible threads—threads of commerce, of industry, of transportation, and communication, of money, not most important of all, of credit.

Warfare of necessity strains and sometimes severs these invisible bonds that bind us all so utterly to each other and all are brought into conflict in an attempt to reestablish the channels of commerce. It was this which brought us into the last War. True our international commerce suffered in most fields, but our lifelines of finance to which we are bound are extended not only throughout our own country, but also to foreign countries as well. And their lines extended to our nation, in return, American banks and money systems branch out to every important foreign nation, and through them our economic life-blood flows. We fought the last war to prevent the cessation of the circulation of that blood; and we will fight in the next war for the same reason.

Today the majority believes that we are as well isolated as the South Sea islander who knows no one outside his own island. That would be true if we lived in the primitive stage that he enjoys, but obviously we do not. Our life is a complicated manner of living from which we cannot escape, even if we so desire. Words refuting this complicity cannot effect this fictitious escape.

The way out? For every nation to realize and make proper adjustments to meet ever-changing conditions. If it is economically imperative that Italy have a room for her increased national life, the solution is not war, but the provision of that land by those nations that have more than they need.

Utopia? Of course. Eventual solution of war and living depends upon a Utopian scheme of international understanding. It means the subordination of national pride and interests to the common good of the world. Final solution of world peace revolves upon the universal substitution of "welfare" for "warfare."

A SUGGESTION

We wonder if the freshmen of the Junior College realize and appreciate the fact that they are College students. The differences between high school and college as to curriculum, policies of the institution, rules for class attendance, study methods and social activities are many.

After a period during which the freshmen has had an opportunity to adjust himself to a changed system of education, he is expected to realize his new responsibilities and to accept them accordingly.

Although many freshmen do make the necessary adjustments quickly and soon act as if they were full-fledged college students, there are those who either find the adjustment to college life have not realized that they need to make one.

This matter of becoming a worthy college individual is called to the attention of the freshman not in an attitude of criticism or of sarcasm but in an attempt to aid him in deriving the fullest benefit and enjoyment from his college life.

We are fortunate in this College to have a system wherein many matters are voluntary while very few are compulsory. Such a system is an ease and amiability to our college life which is not possible under stricter systems.

But no benefit can be gained from this system if it makes for laxness and lack of responsibility on the part of the student or if he abuses the privileges of such a system.

Our system allows the student to depend upon himself and to develop his individual initiative. This, of course, requires effort.

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—F. L.

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

Again it is Armistice Day the anniversary of a European war which has been called peaceful because it began when the nations of the world chose to abandon explosives in favor of economic warfare for its duration.

Today President Roosevelt will ask the country to "place a ban on war." In doing so he will meet with widespread approval and applause. There will be few who disagree with the few of the more thinking pacifists will trouble their minds to wonder just what the President means and it is doubtful if the President himself will be among them.

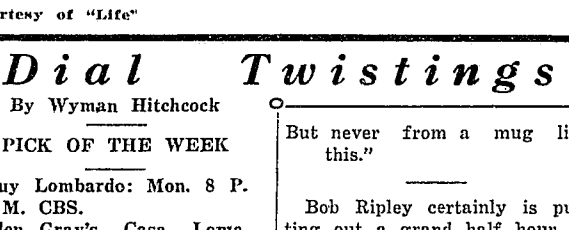
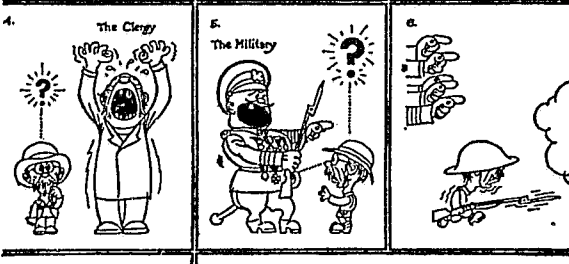
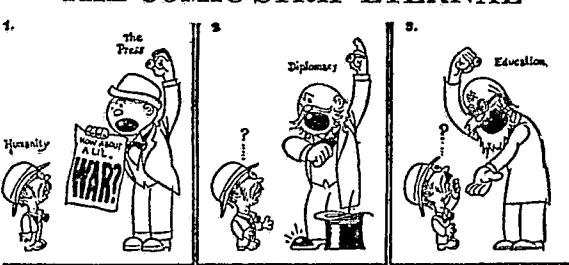
A few will ask how a ban can be placed on war. They will find that the president Wilson thought he knew when he fought the League of Nations. They also will find that, on the basis of subsequent events, he was providing the large powers of Europe with a supervening instrument for their own selfish ends.

In the interests of peace President Roosevelt is probably content to add a few more degrees centigrade to the temperature of public pacifism, but everyone else knows that the effect can be swept away over night or even subverted into the very opposite channels of its former purpose by a man's notice. Concerted effort can swing public opinion in any direction at any time on such emotional topics as peace and war, and yet the President is depending on it now.

To censure the President for not being more constructive in furthering the possibility that he is doing all he can know how. But when the American Legion, that instigator of blind Americanism, that political juggler without equal, also makes vociferously not the forces of peace, then a new significance in the status of peace today gains weight. Peace is becoming the olive branch, it is saved in gestures of exploitation. In the midst of it all, it is difficult to believe that the world is anywhere nearer a peace of any permanence than it has ever been and no intelligent observer can find evidence to support such a theory, especially among the nations of Europe, where Machiavellianism is individually and openly the very principal of the peace conference. What is left, is hope—hope and the horror of war.

—The Daily Princetonian
Editorial, November 11, 1935

THE COMIC STRIP ETERNAL



Country of "Life"

Dial Twistings

By Wynan Hitchcock

Guy Lombardo: 8 P. M.
M. CBS.
Glen Gray: Casa Loma
Orch.: Tues. Thurs. 9 P. M.
M. —CBS.
Ray Noble: Wed. 9 P. M.
M. NBC.
Hit Parade, with Fred Astaire: Sat. 8 P. M. NBC.

Have just been looking over some of the salaries that your favorites get for putting on their act each week. Fred (Top Hat) Astaire is reputed to be receiving \$8000 per week on the Sat. night gig.

Harry Conn, Jack Fenno's pun producer, says that he was doomed . . . When a teacher once asked him where was the capital of the U. S., he answered "In Rockefeller's pocket . . ."

Deane Janis, songstress of the Carmen ravens, started her career in Hal Roach's studio. Reports from St. Petersburg, former Trojan penman show that Hal Kemp is a favorite of the North. (The remarks of certain people around the college would lead one young lady to believe that he is now going to St. P. J. C. who was personally introduced to Mr. Kemp this summer . . . Amund seems to like him very much.)

Grace Moore will be absent from the microphone for several weeks due to illness. We will miss her. . . The Highways of Jazz is to begin a new series in January with a new cast in the neighborhood of \$10,000 a broadcast.

Al Goodman, who recently announced that he is looking for new operetta, claims that he is the dumbest fan letter ever received. The writer said: "I should like to have a chance on your program. I can sing very good voice. I am a telephone operetta."

Books, Men and Things

By Gloria Cherry

GEORGE ARLISS

Admirers of George Arliss and his art will find a very delightful book in his autobiography, "Up From Bloomsbury." At a n y people are not aware of Mr. Arliss's splendid career as an actor, before his more recent work in the more popular and remunerative field of talking pictures. He made his first stage appearance at the age of 19, in 1901 with Mrs. Patrick Campbell's company. Some years later he played with Mimsy Maudslayi in the role of "Becky Sharp." And still later, he became a star in the play called "The Devil," a detailed study of the one which offered opportunity for his peculiar talents.

ALUMNI NOTES

Miss Frances Smith, class of '30, is now attending Hunter College in New York City.

Three former J. C. students and members of the M. D. club are now proud fathers. They are: Bob Merdith, '33, now living in Tampa, Calvary Shelton, and Don Rogers, '34.

Helen Young, attending F. S. C., has been recently appointed assistant manager of the Florida Planibus, student newspaper.

Bruce Smith, '34, is studying architecture at the University of Florida. He was recently elected secretary and treasurer of the newly formed Camera club.

This Collegiate World

(By the Associated Collegiate Press)

Give the college editors of America their way and President Roosevelt will be re-elected without turning a wheel.

Or so it appears from a recent magazine study of political attitudes of collegiate scholars.

Four hundred and eight editors for Roosevelt, 52 for Borah and 28 for the publisher.

The vote by the same editors for political parties was 380 for the Democrats, 183 for the Republicans, 45 for the Socialists and 10 for the Communists party.

What! A communist student editor! How does he get away with it?

Mr. James Wechsler, last year's editor of the Columbia University Spectator, has just published a new book entitled "Revolt on the Campus."

In the first pages of the story, Jim tells of the death of the old era in college when pajama parties, midnight ducklings and such like pranks occupied the minds of college students primarily.

Then he shows the change to move serious thinking.

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It was just as they made it over the White House wall that the secret service men pounced upon them and shook them and their teeth chattered and they suddenly became sober.

What the bad word, bad word, are you two doing here? they demanded angrily.

Bill and John then painfully, then one of them found

FACULTY OPINION

By Prof. Walter E. Erwin

Last week on my way to town I saw the familiar figure of Dr. W. G. Walker, the oldest living graduate of Columbia University, enjoying the sunshine from the environment of a green bench. I sat with him and he told me of his days at the annual banquet of a green bench. I sat with him and he told me of his days at the annual banquet of a green bench.

And from the Morton Collection:

"An awful lot of girls are asked to me."

"Boy they must be an awful lot."

The Moberly Mirror offers this hint.

"How do you play hockey from a correspondence school? I send them an empty envelope."

Diner: Here, waiter. I've found a hook and eye in this coat.

Waiter: It's part of the dressing, sir.

The Miami Hurricane goes philosophical on us and right smartly too.

Some people that have crust and not well-bred. It just took more dough to raise them.

Prof. Mr. Jones, I hate to tell you but your son is a moron.

Jones: Where he he? I'll tell you young man to join a fraternity without first consulting me.

A thousand cords at the Montana State University are praying that the Quetzils win a football game. The Tannan of Spous, woman's organization, has decreed that no woman shall use cosmetics on the campus until their team brings home a victory.

While a college or university education may be neither a road nor an easy road to a career of high achievement, there is no reason that it should be a dull one. Life in Junior College is definitely organized so as to make it interesting, stimulating and enjoyable. Let us hope that we may honor the anniversary of the graduation of some of our honor men and women graduates from our own Junior College.

At the conclusion of their fall football schedule, the University of Southern California football team will journey to the Islands of Hawaii to compete with two of the major island opponents during Christmas holidays. The team will be accompanied on their trip by a party of about a hundred alumni.

Maybe it's the truth. Columbia University students were surprised to find out just what was the public's opinion of them. A Columbia reporter asked people on the streets what they thought of college students. Five out of six people considered them to be loafers.

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