

The Other Chap Says Something—

WAR AND ITS PROFITS
According to a financial writer in

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The Philadelphia Inquirer, the United States Steel Corporation, in the three years prior to the war, earned for its stockholders \$180,000,000. In the first three years following the war it earned \$284,000,000.

But in the three war years, 1916, 1917 and 1918, it earned \$621,000,000. In order to prosecute the war during which this corporation—typical of many others—collected up such abnormal profits, the United States Government borrowed of its people some \$14,000,000,000, the interest on which will add to the burden of taxation for many years to come.

That the war might be fought to a triumphant conclusion, the United States Government suffered some 4,500,000 young men. Of these 120,144 gave their lives for their country, and 190,000 suffered wounds. Of these, 100,000 were maimed. The war was a tragedy for those from whose homes and families this heavy contribution for war was drawn no statistics are available—nor could be made understandable.

Under existing laws and practices there is no reason why a steel com-

pany, a ship-building company, a packing company, or a machine-building company should not triple or quadruple its profits in time of war. The law, which, as its practitioners boast, is no respecter of persons, sees nothing wrong in a condition which sends a boy to suffer in the trenches while it sends the profits of the makers of the barbed wire on which he may be impaled soaring beyond the dreams of avarice.

Hitherto there has been no thought of the injustice of condemning one group of citizens to the trenches while it sends the profits of the makers of the barbed wire on which he may be impaled soaring beyond the dreams of avarice.

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Nothing in the world can do so much for peace as this measure. The universal draft is the greatest sturdy peace measure of all time. Out of our greatest sacrifice we have taken our greatest lesson.—Christian Science Monitor.

ANOTHER STATE SECRET

Setting up a one-man grand jury that operates in secret to evaluate a cement plant that operates in the open and is supposed to keep books that are open to the public is a new development in the business of government. Yet that seems to have happened in Jackson, Mich. Governor Groesbeck was much vexed with Mr. Edward Frensdorff, of Hudson, for saying that the Chelsea cement plant, for which the state is now paying \$500,000, was offered for sale by the late Mr. Nathan Potter for \$90,000 in 1922. He called Mr. Frensdorff "cowardly" for publishing Mr. Potter's offer.

Mr. Frensdorff was also called before the one-man grand jury in Jackson, presumably to tell in secret what he knew about the Chelsea cement plant. What he told the one-man grand jury he is not permitted to divulge, but it is still permissible for him to speak outside the grand jury room and this is what he says: "What Governor Groesbeck thinks of my cowardice does not interest me, and probably does not interest the public. The point at issue is the value of the Chelsea plant which he is buying for the state. Is he brave enough to open the state's books and disclose the facts about that transaction? I challenge him to do that. A cement plant, like any other plant, is worth just what it will pay dividends on and no more. The Chelsea plant never paid a dividend in its entire history. It was a pile of junk when the state took it over."

If the legislature of Michigan had any gizzard it would ignore the star chamber procedure at Jackson and institute a legislative inquiry into the Chelsea transaction with the doors wide open to the public and the press, and the books and the records of the plant on the table. If we must have a one-man government in Michigan we ought to know how it is spending our money.—Detroit Saturday Night.

ALEX AND-WILD ELSE

It is recorded that when Judge Vincent M. Brennan was examining Mr. George Peterden for citizenship the following colloquy occurred:

"Q. What does the government of Michigan consist of?"

"A. Alex J. Groesbeck."

"Q. Doesn't anyone help him at Lansing?"

"A. No, he runs the state all alone."

The judge rejected the candidate on the ground that he needed about six months more to study his staff, but we respectfully suggest that in all fairness the judge should tell the candidate just wherein he was wrong. He is not likely to find out elsewhere.—Detroit Saturday Night.

Arthur Brisbane, noted editorial writer, says:

"The most useful, earnest body of men in the nation are the editors of country newspapers."

"The pathetic fact is that they would be highly prosperous men if business and advertisers realized the truth that the country newspaper, in proportion to its circulation is the best advertising medium in the country."

This celebrated writer expresses a truth which is being realized more and more by progressive merchants of the small towns.

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Following the resignation of R. C. Fowler as secretary-treasurer of the Birmingham Boy Scouts, Fred W. Johnson was officially appointed to serve in that capacity and has accepted the office. Mr. Fowler explained that business kept him from devoting sufficient time to the Scout work.

ANNEXATION ELECTION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the Township of Troy and the Village of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that at the Spring Election to be held on Monday, April 5, 1926, there will be submitted to the electors of said Township and Village the question of annexation of certain territory to the Village of Birmingham.

To the Board of Supervisors of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

We, the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 278 of the Public Acts of 1909 entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation of the Village and for revising and amending their charters and the Acts amendatory thereof, respectively represent as follows:

1. Each and all the signers of this petition are qualified electors and reside within the Village of Birmingham and Township of Troy, which said Village of Birmingham and Township of Troy are to be affected by the change proposed in this petition.

2. Four petitioners severally reside within said Village or said Township at the address set opposite their respective names.

3. Not less than 75 of the undersigned petitioners, numbering collectively more than 100 petitioners, that each and all of said petitioners are qualified electors residing within the Village of Birmingham.

4. According to the last preceding United States Census the population of the Village of Birmingham was 16,991, the population of the Township of Troy was 2,500. The undersigned constitute more than one per centum of the population of said Village and Township by your affirmative action on this petition.

5. Your petitioners pray that the part of Troy Township, Oakland County, Michigan included in the following description, viz:

The E. 1/2 of section 30, Town 2 North Range 11 East Troy Township, Oakland Co., Mich., described as beginning at the S. E. corner of said section 30, thence North along section line 2475.7 ft. more or less to the east 1/2 corner of said section 30, thence westerly along E. and W. 1/2 Sec. line 2583.3 ft. to the N. and S. 1/2 section line, thence southerly along N. & S. section line 2480 ft. to the South line of said section 30, thence easterly along south line of said section 30 2588 ft. to point of beginning. Containing 160 acres more or less to be detached from the Village of Birmingham.

6. Hazel E. Lawler, Clerk of the Village of Birmingham, do hereby certify that I have examined the list of signers on the attached petition for the Village, and find that 75 signers are registered voters of the Village of Birmingham.

(Signed) HAZEL E. LAWLER, Village Clerk.

December 5, 1925.

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(Signed) GERNER M. MILLER, Township Clerk.

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