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How Wars Are Started

Do you think that you, or your son, will become embroiled in another war? Do you think that some day, from the calm and quiet of your own little family circle, the power of your national government may be taken out and say: "By the way, we have fought the enemy of Death by the lot. You will have given your life gloriously for your country."

Do you think yourself removed from the possibility of being sent to such slaughter? Then please recall, as of your eyes scan daily news reports of international difficulties, the solemn words of that great writer, Mark Twain, which he placed in his book, "The Mysterious Stranger," even before the World War. Cut Twain's lines out and place them where you and your family may read them often—for they reveal how innocent youth are sacrificed on fields of battle:

"There has never been a just one, never an honorable one, on the part of the invader of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful—as usual—will shout for the war. The pulpit will warily and cautiously object—at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, earnestly and indignantly, 'It is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it.'"

"Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will outshout them, and finally the anti-war audiences will thin out and lose popularity. "Before long you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers—earlier—but do not dare to say so."

"And now the whole nation—pulpit and all—will take up the war cry, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open. "The women will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is innocent; every man will be glad of these convenient soothing fables, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will be and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception."

"Out On A Limb"

A New Jersey chap, sitting on an oak limb, began sawing away at it, finally getting almost through. His saw did not finish the task because the weight of the sawyer, being located on the wrong side of the saw, caused the limb to crack down, sending said sawyer 20 feet to the ground. Since so many limbs are cut 20 feet to the ground, perhaps the sawyer may be excused for actually "being out on a limb."

Lacy's "Brain Trust"

Judge Arthur J. Lacy, Democratic candidate for Governor, proposes a "State Brain Trust," to assist in solving the problems of Michigan. It would be non-political and would be composed largely of the distinguished and able citizens who could be induced to help guide and yet who would contribute largely of their time, their thought, suggestions and counsel, in the creating of a comprehensive, co-ordinated and progressive program for the improvement of the state and local governments, and to promote the general welfare of the people," states Mr. Lacy.

Time Dissolves Hatreds

Time kills all things—that's a truth which impresses itself upon people as they taste life's bitter and sweet experiences. Less than a score years ago Hindenburg was wholesomely hated by the Allies, including the United States. Hindenburg's military genius was the enemy; thousands of American soldiers swoop steep in France because Hindenburg's strategy swept them off their feet with weapons of death.

Fanatical Drys Will Not Bring Prohibition

We observe that some of the highly paid professional drys are trying to place present candidates for Governor, not of both major parties, on the spot in regard to their attitude toward restoring prohibition. This newspaper has fought valiantly for prohibition in years gone by, and now stands for honest-to-goodness temperance. But we are very, very certain that true temperance will never be attained by such fanatical "paid drys" as the Rev. D. M. McBride, superintendent of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, and the fanatical attempt of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League prematurely to try to legislate prohibition back on the statute books. And we shall oppose, as strenuously as we can, any attempts on the part of restoring an impossible prohibition by professional drys. The value of temperance, and its enduring quality, depends upon the far-lying education of the public to the evils of liquor; true temperance can only come by educating people to stay away from the availability of those human evils that as yet cannot be hidden away.

We admit that the present demoralized status of government, following destructive brawls, etc., etc., is a situation that should be remedied. But in the hysteria for a cure we trust that the sincere leaders for temperance will not try to provide a legislative cure—all that may become worse than the disease—which a great extent prohibition did become. Complete restoration of the moral and human goal, worthy of striving for by all would be truly happy and contented. We shall always hold that to be the truth. But let us not, in our zeal for reform, pay too much dumb allegiance to fanatics of a type who use to face the realities of life, and instead are governed by their own emotional imaginations and their own selfish desire to "make good on the job."

Smith's Trickery

Strategy and trickery pervade much of human activity. Especially is it observable in politics. That's why Johnny Smith, of Detroit, has entered the field against Groesbeck. Smith is the tool, we are told, of Frank McKay and former Governor Fred W. Fitzgen, both of whom are especially for Frank D. Fitzgerald. You may recall that Green got Judge Jeffrey elected and strategic position four years ago, to cut into Groesbeck's natural Wayne County votes. So long as Michigan's Republican Party is dominated with such selfish and hateful motives, it will not be long until it is in the hearts and minds of the great majority of taxpayers, and it soon deserves to be driven by a mercenary politician, capable, of course, but one who plays the game with every trick known to expediency and personal selfishness.

It is unfortunate that the field was not left open to Fitzgerald and Groesbeck, both of whom have had considerable experience in State affairs. That Fitzgerald approved of Johnny Smith's entrance into the present Republican primary goes without saying—for he is depending heavily upon Green and McKay for support. We have always liked "Fitz" as a man, but we are disgusted with this Johnny Smith trickery.

For State Representative

Among the various qualifications necessary for efficient and resultful membership in any Legislative branch of government, is that of knowing parliamentary procedure and the methods of committee work. Coupled with personal ability and an understanding of the problems of government, such Legislative knowledge is invaluable "to get things done." Many outstanding characters have been elected to State legislatures or Congress, because they were not able to get along on actual committee work, and that is where most of the effective achievements of a Legislature are accomplished) never did "get very far."

So it is with unusual interest that voters in the Second Oakland County Legislative District of Michigan have their attention attracted to Walter G. Stanley, of Pontiac, who seeks to represent the voters in that area in the House of Representatives at Lansing. He is now campaigning on the Republican ticket, and will be voted on at the September Primary.

Mr. Stanley long has been an active observer of politics and government. He has been a resident of Oakland County for 13 years, and is thoroughly acquainted with its various needs and problems. He is a well acquainted in many sections of the State. If elected, he ought to be able to conduct himself at Lansing with ability and credit to the voters who sent him.

All of Us

By Marshall Maslin HOW DO YOU THINK? IF YOU THINK in Time you're probably making a mistake. But if you think in Deeds, you're getting some. Most of us, nearly all the time, think in terms of time. Today's Tuesday. Tomorrow's Wednesday. Saturday will be here soon. And from Saturday afternoon to Sunday we'll be free to "do as we please" have, but succeeds in getting an enormous amount of rest of the year is just putting in time. And if that's the way we live, we are not happy. We may pretend we are, but we really aren't. We're just fooling ourselves, and wasting the mass of our lives... We have not got one life and we use it foolishly.

Birmingham Business Leaders

Advertisement for Mathew Cammarere, a tailor shop. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man in a suit and a speech bubble saying "LOOK BOSS, ANOTHER BIG JOB! TAILOR SHOP". Text includes "SERVED HIS APPRENTICESHIP IN ITALY LEARNING THE HISTORY AND BACKGROUND OF TAILORING BUSINESS" and "MATHEW AS SEEN ON PARADE WITH THE LEGION'S DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS".

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

of Long Ago Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO Wish some roller skating rink man would strike our town, pitch his tent and give the boys a girls a chance to glide on wheels, a while.

Library hall, with its numberless annexes, begins to look like a "litter" whigger.

Cyrus Jarvis' new house is rapidly approaching completion and stands right up with any of the best in the neighborhood. For sale please read cut.

From the Utica Sentinel we learn this is the way Dr. at Big Beaver leaves his office by announcing to the public that "I am out riding with my girl; I will be back in a little while."

Milford village mourns over the fact that she has possessed of an unlimited number of hoodlums, thugs, rowdies, loafers, etc., who make life miserable for the community.

FIVE YEARS AGO A boy who found a novel way to "hitch a ride" endangered the lives of 20 persons when our automobiles crashed Sunday on the Maple road west of the village limit.

Twenty-Five Years Ago The happy family of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. O'Brien were made up of three children, a son and two daughters.

One Minute Pulpit The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.—Micah 6:9.

Advertisement for WABECK STATE BANK. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man and a speech bubble saying "PEOPLE'S COLUMN". Text includes "Six candidates for Congressman from this district have been announced, including George A. Dondero, of Royal Oak, who asks re-election." and "WASHINGTON IS WORKING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING; FOR THE DISCOURAGEMENT OF SECURITY INVESTMENTS THAT PROMOTE BUSINESS PROGRESS; FOR RESTRICTION OF THE MARKETS IN WHICH INVESTMENTS ARE BOUGHT AND SOLD."

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MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

Jest For Fun "You say you served in France?" said the restaurant manager as he sampled the new country sausage.

"OH, THEY'RE NOT HOME, AND I MUST FIND A TELEPHONE!" It's inconvenient and often embarrassing to use a neighbor's telephone frequently. But it would be serious... perhaps even tragic... should sudden sickness, fire, accident or other emergency occur while the neighbors were away, and you could not reach a telephone promptly.

Why continue the inconvenience and risk of being without a telephone of your own? Telephone service costs only a few cents a day. Call, visit or write the Telephone Business Office to place an order. Installation will be made promptly.

Patient—The doctor I had did nothing but listen to my heart-beat. Doctor—Yes, I can see your chest has all the earmarks of a dirty duck. —Arizona Kitty-Kat