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Our World Is Just As Good As The Individuals In It

The average person, at times, stops to ponder on the problems of life and very often arrives at a conclusion that would lead to considerable improvement if it was logically followed through.

We listen to a great deal of the Eccentric and try to give too much attention to the perplexing mysteries of the universe and the manifold misbehavior of mankind.

There are many men and women who swing through life with the idea that there is nothing to bother about, that what is will always be and that somehow the family will take care of itself.

There is no magic formula for accomplishing this. Each man and woman, each boy and girl, have different problems and must arrive at the goal through various methods.

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For one and one-half years of actual fighting the nation paid out \$26,250,000,000 during a period that did not end until the signing of a peace treaty in 1921.

The end is not yet in sight. Death benefits, military and naval insurance, hospitalization, the bonus and vocational training continue to require a huge sum annually and the threat of a general service pension indicates vast payments for untold years.

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Some of President Roosevelt's most ardent Democratic supporters in Congress are opposed to his Supreme Court plan, holding that it is the start of what may become a dictatorship.

NINE MILLION PEOPLE are starving in China, say news reports from that ancient country. With so much of our life spent, why then are we not doing more of intelligence with which to balance it?

AMELIA EARHART, of the indomitable adventurous spirit, may again try for a world flight. She wants to be the feminine Lindbergh.

Let's Fight Specific Enemies

The crusade against communism, fascism and otherisms, suffer from a lack of definite definition.

There was a time when opponents of almost anything hurled the charge of "socialism" against it and people shuddered.

Our own position is that truth is mighty hard to ascertain in regard to events in this country, much less in other parts of the world, and for that reason, we want particularization of denunciation in regard to the issues may be understood.

Efforts ARE BEING MADE in London to get 22 countries to agree upon sugar tariff rates and prices.

Let's hope they treat the public sweetly in the price as well as the taste of their product.

Are You Volunteering Help For Your Own Community?

There are probably many residents of Birmingham and vicinity who are anxious to undertake something for the good of their community.

As a rule these individuals plan to give a generous donation to some worthy cause one of these days, when they have leisure to spare.

There is a way, however, for intelligent people to build up their section of the world without waiting on their leisure. First, every individual can live the life of a good citizen, doing his or her share in the development of those things which mean progress and advancement.

If every inhabitant of this area would consciously donate five or ten hours of time, each month, to public service there is no telling what could be accomplished.

The results might not be spectacular but they would be effective. To often, we fear, individuals hesitate to render service where they want it to be outstanding.

While the Congressmen are ironing out the wrinkles in their effort to prevent everything that can be done, this nation will not be able to keep out of a general war.

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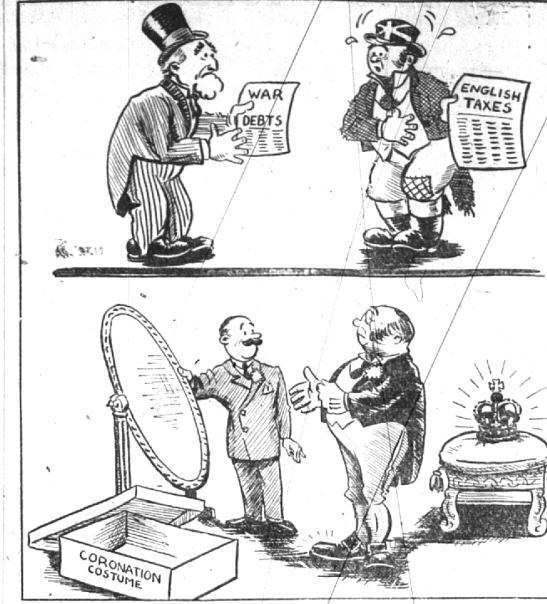
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"CLOTHES MAKE THE ENGLISHMAN" or "FROM RAGS TO BREECHES"



'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

No Compromise. It has been brought to my attention that I do not give President Roosevelt and me, so-called New Deal, credit for the good things that they have done.

Such criticism is, I suppose, not intended to be invidious, but it is in the mind of some of my many admirers that I have hurt the New Deal.

By the way, has anybody noticed any credit coming from either the President, Mr. Farley or their hordes of puppets towards their opponents?

No Political Disputes? The political disputes of today are not a literary or academic debate, they are a struggle between the ancient oriental idea of personal government by a powerful central ruler and the only real constitutional peoples government left on Earth.

Every new dollar's worth of gold and silver the government buys it must issue notes to the banks to get cash to pay for the gold and silver.

Why don't they stop buying gold and silver? If they do, gold and silver will drop in price and the price of everything else will follow suit and give us another panic.

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WASHINGTON LETTER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT New Deal's Youth Program Now Designed to Help Farm Children

WASHINGTON.—Whether or not the proposed farm tenancy bill passes Congress, this generation of sharecroppers profits from the paternalistic profits of the New Deal, the National Youth Administration has plans for their children to lead a fuller life.

Directing its efforts to the estimated 3,000,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who were on relief in the spring of 1935, the NYA already has spent all but \$25,000,000 of its \$1,000,000 grant.

The new program for the benefit of sons and daughters of farmers is not designed especially for the children of sharecroppers, but it is expected that many of that group will take advantage of the opportunities offered.

After these buildings, for which the college provides the materials, will be turned over to the institution with the agreement that they will be maintained as co-operatives for later NYA students.

The only qualifications for study under this plan are the needs of the individual boy and girl, backed by the opinion of the local NYA agents that they are capable of handling the opportunities. Those who are eligible will get their training in the agricultural field.

The straight trail is lost beyond the month of 1936, it is said to expect that the world can obtain its full economic momentum.

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The Other Chap Says - - -

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Franklin D. Roosevelt. The principal danger to modern civilization lies in those nations which largely because of the armament race are headed direct toward bankruptcy.

Marvin H. Greger, president, American Society of Newspaper Editors. Few editors would wish to see newspapers reach such power as to be able to control elections.

Henry Ford, auto maker. The unions were created by Wall Street to bring about control of labor.

Joseph Wedgewood, British M. P. Every time Britain shows fear it invites another kick in the pants.

Kenneth Collins, Department Store executive. I see the gambling spirit creeping back into American industry.

Harold B. Butler, director, National Labor Office, at Geneva. As long as the fear of war is

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