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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have new value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of the paper.

Despotism Of An Uncontrolled Labor

Today, more than at any time in their long history, the trade unions of the United States are finding this out.

In the long run, of course, the whole cause of labor is going to be hurt. For a despotism headed by a mad King, or by predatory capitalists.

Here is a statement made by Matthew Well, vice-president of the A. F. of L., showing the trend of labor unionism in the United States today.

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It has certainly gone a great way in its effort to control and direct the activities and functions of trade unions.

Discussing the general situation in the country along with the Well observation, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch offers this summation:

We sum up: Two great dangers confront labor in the present state of affairs in the United States.

The first is that by failure to accept a fair measure of responsibility, labor is forfeiting the public sympathy without which it cannot hope for progress toward its legitimate aspirations.

The second danger, that the constant extension of government paternalism in the field of industrial relations is a help-

ful this may seem to labor at the moment, but will cripple and ultimately extinguish the freedom of labor unions.

Which do the unions want: the democratic freedom they now enjoy to use their economic power in the pursuit of their aims, or control by a Washington bureaucracy?

The following statistical comment on the financial condition of the United States Government speaks for itself.

An Editorial In Red

The first column of figures shows the steady increase in the National Debt since the year 1911 and the second column shows the increase in the amount of interest on that debt which the taxpayers have to meet.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Public Debt, Interest. Rows from 1931 to 1938 (estimated).

The gentlemen in Washington who hand out the power to tax and spend saved us the trouble. They are welcome to the credit for it.

Blames The "Average" Driver

There is undoubtedly much truth in this assertion. Almost every driver knows that it is wrong to pass another vehicle on a curve or when ascending a hill, but the tendency to take a chance often overtakes our caution.

There are occasions when even the best drivers find themselves in an unexpected tight place and hence little sense in deliberately inviting such an emergency.

Dirigibles Again

Both will use helium and the English maintain that new quantity production of this non-inflammable gas is obtainable in the empire.

Whether zeppelin service across the ocean will prove profitable is uncertain although there are some special experts who think that it will.

An Epic Of The Frozen North

A few weeks ago an Arctic hurricane cracked the ice, which had been about ten feet thick and a mile and quarter in diameter.

Whether the rescue had arrived to save their party or to see them snatched out of sight could only be certain when rescue was completed.

Whether the scientists drifted more than a thousand miles. Their mission had developed intricate facts for scientists, among them the faster rate of drifting.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatories need not give their names and addresses.

To the Editor: President of a Parent Teacher Association I received a marked copy of the Magazine 'Character', edited by Dr. J. M. Artman, who is Chairman of the National Parent Teacher Association.

The question raised in this article is: 'Is the Parent Teacher Association to be a Legal Adjuvant of the School, or the Greatest Folk Movement in the United States?'

I should like the magazine to the Library, where it will be available to all interested.

Here are a few excerpts which I found thought provoking: 'The answer to that question means much for the future of the United States. This organization has 2,000,000 members in the U. S.'

'Does man exist for government or government for man?' 'Does man exist for the machine or the machine for man?'

'Each for all and all for each' is to be our philosophy of living, or is it to be 'dog eat dog?'

Dr. Artman thinks the National P. T. A. 'the most POTENTIAL public opinion-forming group in the United States today.'

Other excerpts follow: 'And what is the choice? The organization "must" be legally attached to the school, or to the parent-teacher organization to develop the movement of the people in the community, free from all overhead direction to develop the public opinion that the schools, or any other phase of our collective life need.'

This writer, (Dr. Artman), considers the P. T. A. as the most promising folk movement ever developed in this country.

Would like if you would put this letter in your letter box column.

To the Editor: The re-enters of Birmingham Commissioner Packard introduced this ordinance, Commissioner Hull.

To the Editor: Every advance move among the nations of the East is one step nearer to the Battle of Armageddon.

To the Editor: These world conditions which are so full of evil and darkness, and which are so full of hope and light.

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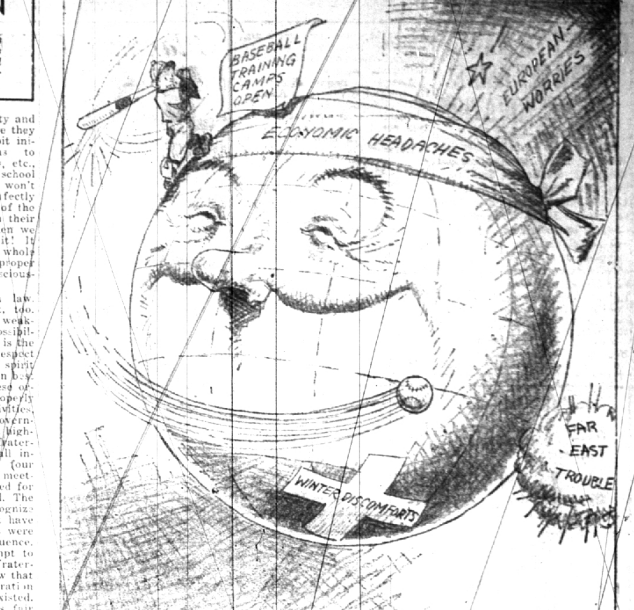
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THE BRIGHT SIDE



My friends are inviting despatches. Yours very truly, H. Ross March

March 5, 1938 Editor The Eccentric: Please accept the thanks of the District Committee for the fine publicity you gave Birmingham Scouting during the annual Boy Scout Anniversary Week.

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