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

(Editor: The Editor: Bill Bryce, publisher of The Grand Ledger Independent, last week published the results of his research into the history of the many wars that have infested the earth...

Not Worth Bones of Michigan Soldier

World's populace in a high state of anticipation and fear about the imminence of war. For two weeks mothers have wondered when their sons would be shouldering a gun...

The miracle of radio has kept the American people informed of the events as they have happened—dynamic, thrilling and exciting...

We can hate Hitler and sympathize with John Bull. We can hate a brotherly affection for the Englishman and an irritated sorrow for the German who is the "victim" of his blood-thirsty leader...

American interests abroad? Of course they are manifold and involved. Of course the Morgans, the du Ponts, the Rockefellers and their foreign investments are a serious concern...

And just why should we be so aroused—have we a new, a different situation here? Is Europe plunging into the first war of all time?

1708 Sweden invades Russia 1716 Austria and Venice war on Turks 1716 Sweden invades Norway...

1717 Turks defeated at Belgrade 1722 Afghans conquer Persia 1727 Chinese of Polish succession 1734 Austro-Sardinian war...

1737 Austria and Russia war on Turkey 1739 Persia invades India 1749 Anglo-Persian war 1749-1754 Prussian-Austrian war...

1750 French revolution 1751-1781 American revolution 1757 Anglo-French war 1758 war of Bavarian succession...

1759 Anglo-Spanish war 1763 Anglo-French war 1763-1765 English war against England 1767 civil war in Poland...

1768 Russo-Turkish war 1772 partition of Poland 1775-1781 American revolution 1779 Anglo-French war...

1779 French revolution 1792 French war with Prussia and Austria 1792 Russia invades Poland 1793 French war with England, Spain and Holland...

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1878 Anglo-Afghan war 1891-1892 Chinese war on Chili 1882 Anglo-Egyptian war 1884 Franco-Chinese war...

1885 Serbo-Bulgarian war 1890 Greek-Turkish war 1896 Spanish-American war 1900 Boxer rebellion in China...

1901 Anglo-Soviet war 1904 German war in Southwest Africa 1912 Balkan war 1914 Russo-Turkish war...

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1921 Chinese war in China 1936-1937 Italian-Ethiopian war 1937 Greek rebellion 1937-1939 Spanish civil war...

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Happenings of Long Ago

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Historic Hoaxes

By Elmo Scott Watson. A POLITICIAN is always willing to oblige a constituent, else he's no politician...

They would indeed! One of them wired, "It is a pleasure to testify to the career of that sturdy patriot who first planted the ideals of our country..."

And then their faces grew exceedingly red when it was revealed that there never had been a real Hugo N. Frye...

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Superintendent Charles W. Cranford is the question of whether work is to be started this year or early next year on the completion of the Woodward Avenue through Birmingham...

George Raynale enjoyed a dog bite last week. The bite wasn't any more painful than the cauterizing of the wound which his father did right away...

A nice, big rain storm preceded clouds of dust, sticks and dirt. When several high government officials in Washington during the Hoover administration received a letter from Ithaca, N. Y., they were glad to comply with the request in this regard...

Arnold Shukofsky, chairman, American Federation of Teachers' Academic Freedom Committee, said: "Academic freedom has been under unusually severe attack in the last twelve months..."

Harold D. Wright, first U.S. Commissioner of Labor, in 1886: "The day of large profits probably is past..."

Francis Boas, scientist and educator: "If democracy is to succeed, our whole body politic must become saturated with the idea of intellectual freedom..."

Louis Johnson, acting Secretary of War: "We are no longer fought by armies, but by nations in arms..."

Pius, XII, Catholic Pope: "Nothing is lost through peace; all is lost through war..."

Leopold, King of the Belgians: "Public opinion is yielding more and more to the idea that we are fatally and completely committed..."

Burton K. Wheeler, U. S. Senator from Montana: "Whether we're drawn into the next war doesn't depend on legislation; it depends on the intelligence of the American people..."

Vacation Spots: Suggesting: Pigeon Rock, N. C.; Embarras, Minn.; Zircow, Ariz. and Varetion, Cal.

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New Words For Old: Universal studio: state where armies of tourists have gandered celebrities at their meals, is closed to the public—From Variety.

Finally, However, It Melts: A lot of people like to see the snow fall, because it's a pretty but after a week or more of snow on the ground it becomes tiresome—The Martha's Vineyard (Mass.) Gazette.

Advice: Seaman Sam says: "If you want to remember things, tie a string around your finger. If you want to forget things, tie a rope around your neck"—L. S. S. Melville Job Order.

The English and Awful: Test made with awfuls found in the turn-ups of a fisherman's trousers having an important part in a Grimsby robbery charge—From the News of the World.

An Expert: The greatest world problem is said to be that of distribution, and nobody knows it better than Santa Claus—The Louisville Times.

We Know, We Know: A great many women are taking up the law, says a bulletin from an eastern college. And probably an even greater number are laying it over—The Bay City Times.

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Random Remarks

Albert Forster, Nazi leader in Danzig: "Our hour is approaching..."

Martin Dies, chairman, House Committee on Un-American Activities: "I am going to keep politics out of the hearings and keep them strictly non-partisan..."

Wendell L. Wilkie, utility head, receiving check for \$44,728.30 from David Lillenthal, TVA: "This is a sure lot of money for me..."

Micah: Fearless Crusader

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Sept. 17. Text: Micah 3:1-12; 6:8-8

MICAH is the author of one of the most concise and practical definitions of religion ever given. It is the closing sentence in our lesson: "He hath showed mee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God..."

IN addition to being a great and clear-seeing idealist, Micah was also a mighty prophetic preacher, speaking out plainly and fearlessly against the evils of his time and bringing the responsibility for them home directly to the rulers of the nation. He charged against them that they had no regard for justice. He accused them of hating the good and loving the evil. He asserted that they were destroying the life of the people, using the terribly realistic words in verse three of the lesson about "eating the flesh of my people, and slaying their skin from off them, and breaking their bones, and crushing them in pieces, as for the pot..."

Are these words of Micah too strong for today? They are, if we would apply them to all, for there are many among our rulers and leaders whose hearts are genuinely for the right and welfare of the people. But they are not, if we have in mind self-seeking politicians and crafters who have been so numerous in our social and political life and whose chief concern has been their personal gain and aggrandizement, regardless of their trust and of what happened to others as a consequence of their betrayal of their trust.

Someone has pointed out that Micah was a prophet because he exhorted men to live righteous lives and because he preached the beauty of holiness and love. It was when he as-

signed a boomerang to a man, labeled "BOOMERANG" and "GREAT BRITAIN".

Congressional Comment by Representative Dondero

A Tax Comparison: Based upon a study made by the United States Department of Labor, the National Consumers Tax Commission reports that those earning about \$1,500 a year actually pay an approximate 18.500 a year income, or about \$190.00 a year, in hidden or so-called painless taxes.

The National Consumers Tax Commission comparison is prepared on the basis of the following: Annual income \$8,500.00 Exemptions, assuming the taxpayer is married, has two children, \$3,300.00 Less earned income credit, \$850.00 Net income subject to tax, \$4,350.00 Normal tax 1% \$43.50 Estimated hidden taxes, \$1,500.00 Total tax \$5,850.00

Housing Records: The following table prepared from data contained in a Department of Commerce report, shows the number of one-family units built during the periods 1923-1928 and 1929-1938.

Table with 2 columns: Period, Number of units. 1923-1928: 814,000; 1929-1938: 827,000; 1939-1948: 894,000; 1949-1958: 1,028,000; 1959-1968: 1,175,000; 1969-1978: 1,486,000; 1979-1988: 1,590,000; 1989-1998: 1,528,000; 1999-2008: 1,275,000; 2009-2018: 1,327,000; 2019-2028: 1,223,000.

An Appalling Total: Figures just published by the International Labor Organization at Geneva, show that in 23 countries strikes cost the United States \$24,407,000 working days. This amounts to about 67,000 years. Strikes in the United States cause a loss of 25,000 years, or 37% of the working time lost because of strikes throughout the entire world.

Here's How: A New Jersey man joked with doctors who were about to amputate his hand. We do not understand this at all unless it was a joke. He would have signed the check with... The Detroit-News.

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