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Birmingham's First Civic Loyalty Day

Saturday, September 16, 1939, will undoubtedly go down in Birmingham's history as a day when practically every local public official, aided by nearly all groups and organizations in this community, merged their desires and efforts to make our citizens mindful of the value of living in a typical American city...

No one can prophesy the eventual good that will come from this Civic Loyalty Day. Though it lasted but nine hours in actual activities, the days that preceded its staging were days that bent the thought of the community upon the program's deeper theme...

Too, Civic Loyalty Day has spread beyond the boundaries of Birmingham. Many other newspapers in Michigan have commented upon its community value...

The Eccentric is grateful for the privilege of playing a part in originating and shaping Civic Loyalty Day's program. We pledge our continued co-operation and interest in every possible manner to make Birmingham an ideal American community...

The churches of the world are institutions of man, designed to help human beings towards perfection... Supporting The Churches Intelligent men and women, for hundreds of years, have supported the church of their choice...

It is rather important for American citizens to realize that, except in several countries in Europe, the church has not been a source of retarded development and growth...

During the World War, as E. Guy Talbot, of San Francisco points out, there were 39,362 children who were killed in battle...

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Public Problem No. 1

IT'LL BE A RELIEF TO START WORRYING ABOUT FUEL BILLS! WAR AFFECTS U.S. EMERGENCIES PROCLAIMED... AVERAGE CITIZEN

The contest between the Ford Motor Co. and the national labor relations board may finally turn on the question of free speech when of course it ought not to be that at all... It ought to be a question of whether the Ford employees have been accorded their right of self-organization and, if not, whether the government can obtain for them these rights.

This perversion of the case is due once more, as so often, to the labor board's habit of over-reaching itself. Instead of sticking to the labor problem presented in the Ford factories, it is likely to come into conflict with the Constitution.

Mr. Ford has talked freely about unionism, in his own publications and through interviews with the press. He has said that he does not believe in union organizations and that a man is better off outside a union than inside one...

These observations about unions constitute coercion in the view of the national labor relations board. It orders Mr. Ford to cease and desist from going into print on the subject. Mr. Ford replies that this is abridging free speech.

On a straight issue like this, Henry Ford will appear to have the better of the argument and the NLRB will seem to have embodied a fatal flaw in its decision. For a board to do that is not to serve labor.

The board might have discussed this question profitably. It might have pointed out that outspoken utterances by an employer are likely to influence workers, induce in them at least some of the elements of fear, and therefore are to be repressed.

Having said this, a wise board, we think, would have added that Mr. Ford is guaranteed free speech and that this guarantee cannot be abridged. There would have been criticism of the Ford practice, but there would have been no drawing off toward a side issue, no shifting the blame on the NLRB in supposed to protect workers in their right of self-organization...

Unfortunately, wisdom is the last thing to be expected of the national labor relations board. It has allowed its examiners and the way who heard the Ford case was one of them, to show bias and personal feeling in the hearings. It has placed itself in the position of being an organizer for certain types of union rather than a protector of workers in their right of self-organization...

Fortunately for the children of this community, there seems to be little occasion for any Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. If we understand the word cruelly in its usual sense...

The day of barbaric and unusual punishment has passed for most children in this nation, although occasionally one hears of incidents of cruelty towards children that are shocking to all of us. However, parents do not come to their obligations to children when they refrain from inhuman action toward them...

There is much for all of us to learn in child nutrition and child psychology, in understanding the normal development and growth of little bodies and the appreciation of the importance of providing tiny souls with ideals and aims that will make their lives fuller and perhaps more glorious...

We purposely do not call attention to such evils as child labor, the mishandling of children who clash with the law, the care of foundlings or the special treatment required for the physically afflicted and feeble-minded. Rather do we refer to the normal child in the average family where father and mother, busy with their own cares and problems, are apt to pass up those that seriously affect the lives of their little boys and girls.

Given average physical and mental inheritance, such a normal birth, there is no reason why proper parental care should not develop the average baby into an adult, fitted to assume a place in the social and industrial life of the nation. There is no reason for a normal baby not to have a normal growth, excepting sometimes the carelessness and neglect of parents, who should know better.

Congressional Comment

Representative George A. Dondero

A Statistical History of American Wars: Including the War for American Independence, the United States has participated in seven wars and in these wars mobilized in excess of 4,000,000 of its citizens. The statistical history follows:

Table with 2 columns: War, Number of soldiers mobilized, Killed in battle, All other deaths, Total deaths, Wounded.

War for American Independence: mobilized 395,000, Killed in battle 7,000, All other deaths 79,000, Total deaths 86,000, Wounded 6,000.

War of 1812: mobilized 527,650, Killed in battle 1,477, All other deaths 28,123, Total deaths 29,600, Wounded 30,000.

Indian Wars, 1790 to 1898: mobilized 130,000, Killed in battle unknown, All other deaths unknown, Total deaths unknown, Wounded unknown.

War with Mexico: mobilized 107,631, Killed in battle 1,649, All other deaths 12,896, Total deaths 14,545, Wounded 3,933.

Civil War (Union Army): mobilized 2,128,948, Killed in battle 110,970, All other deaths 249,458, Total deaths 360,428, Wounded 275,175.

The International Uniform Sunday School Lesson for Sept. 24: Text: Isaiah 7:14; 9:1; 11:1-5.

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A generation ago critics were deeply in controversy over events which these prophets foresaw specifically: Jesus of Nazareth and the foretelling of His coming and of events which were to take place centuries later...

As we read these prophecies in the light of the story of Jesus of Nazareth and see how essentially his coming and all that he said and did fits in with what the prophets foretold...

It is only as we live in the spirit of that prayer and seek to fulfill it in our daily lives that we can have the reality of his great Messianic vision.

In these days when so much racial and religious conflict is in the world few are in Christendom, however they may differ concerning the fulfillment of the prophecy, must find common ground in living for the glory of it and in seeking to establish the Messianic kingdom, which is the kingdom of love and righteousness and truth.

Random Remarks

Henry Ford, auto-maker, asked if he was being reincarnated: "Most of us do if we'll just be honestly frank about it."

Gerard P. Nye, U. S. Senator from North Dakota: "We can do out of war if we will break the possibility of selfish profiteering by Americans from other people's wars."

Booth Tarkington, 70-year-old author: "Writing is made out of cobwebs and after you are through, what is there to look at?"

Victor Fassoon, British Far East Capitalist: "Many of the things that the Japanese are doing at China are patriotic Englishmen and Americans would probably do in the same position."

Robert Taft, U. S. Senator from Kansas: "Every dictator in South America is planning to visit the United States to pick up some of the millions lying around loose."

Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese general: "We believe no friends will abandon or betray us while we ourselves remain sound and upright."

John Nance Garner, Vice-President: "America is in a position to exert a decisive influence on the world without resorting to war."

Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, Great Britain: "I am a man of peace to the depth of my soul."

E. C. Johnson, U. S. Senator from Colorado: "Congress has passed no permanent solution to the unemployment or the farm program."

Chandler Gurnsey, U. S. Senator from South Dakota: "I feel that Congress does not need a vacation at this time."

Clyde M. Reed, U. S. Senator from Kansas: "If there is such a thing as so important a nation as the United States of America being neutral, I am in favor of it being so."

Dorothy Dix, newspaper columnist: "Civilization is responsible for husbands being afraid of their wives."

Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary: "The threat of military force is holding the world to ransom."

Happenings 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 Sept. 26, 1889 Prof. L. W. Watson pleased a small audience at the Grand Hall last Friday night with his wonderful musical talent and comic songs and farces. He deserves a full house in any town.

We are informed that Mr. Wilson's well cost a trifle over \$200 instead of the price we mentioned last week. This is a pretty high price for a well, but nevertheless the family are proud of their water supply which is abundant.

We beg leave to advise our readers to be sure and not forget to see the Panorama of the Battle of Gettysburg, while in Chicago during the Exposition. It has the advantage of the low rates and see Gettysburg. There is no picture in the world of Gettysburg; no other picture presents the scope of country or gives such a thrilling representation of a battle, no wonder it is called "Chicago's Pride and Greatest Artistic Attraction."

Mrs. E. H. H. married the home of her parents on 24th street, Detroit, Miss Etta Miles to Mr. Lincoln Gell of Waukegan, Ill. The bride and her presents were valuable and numerous and many Detroit people congratulated her on the occasion.

Twenty Five Years Ago Sept. 25, 1914 Three British cruisers with a total of 2,300 men on board and two German submarines whose complements were not known in London were sunk early Tuesday morning in a determined battle in the North Sea.

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Humor (English) An animal trainer claims that he has taught a dog to read and we've got spelling bees, too.—Punch.

What Is Middle Age? Middle age is the sudden realization that the "young married set" means one other word.—H. V. Wade in the Detroit News.

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Dog Track Terms A racing greyhound with early speed is known as an ankle burner, and when he quits he is said to reach for his hat.—Toronto Star.

Jittery Foxes The Essex fox only moderate sport after meeting at High Bolling on Saturday when, after a wild night, foxes were difficult to find.—Foxhunting Notes in the London Times.

Philosophical Note Downy says that when you start a conflagration we either "set it on fire" or we "set it on fire." We never "set" a "fire" and we never "set" a "far."—Fayetteville (N. C.) Observer.

Safe Topic Russian scientists announce that the warmer the weather. The way things are going in the U. S. S. R. these days, it is a pretty sound idea to talk about the weather.—The New Yorker.

No Distinction Failing to get a low license number for his automobile, a New York Democrat bolts the party. With a box-car figure like 78548, one might as well be a nobody or Republican.—Detroit News.

Saving Wild Life Conservation of our wild life was doing well at the writing. On the opening day of the season in Pennsylvania, six deer escaped with their lives, while hunters were mistaken for them.—Detroit News.

Then And Now The Spanish-American War forty years ago cost the United States only \$381,000,000. But life then was not so abundant as it is now.—Minneapolis Journal.

Wap and Character "The Walter Lippman writes on 'The Making of This War.' Walter should be given a medal of discovery by the National Geographic Society, as it is certain that no one else ever discovered 'character' in any war.

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