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Why the Peace Pact Failed About twenty years ago, Aristide Briand proposed a Franco-American treaty to outlaw war between the two countries.

The Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed at Versailles on August 27th, 1928. It was ratified by the United States Senate on July 24, 1929 and by most of the leading countries of the world.

The Pact of Paris, as the Kellogg-Briand Pact is often called, failed to prevent war. It did not stop the invasion of Manchuria in September, 1931, the subsequent attack upon Abyssinia by Mussolini or the infamous aggression by Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito that developed into World War II.

Because the pact pledged the signatory powers to renounce war as an instrument of national policy and because of the subsequent outbreak of repeated conflicts, there can be little doubt of the failure of the pact to prevent war. The undoubted fact that it espoused a high expression of morality between nations does not justify its failure or the undoubted tendency of the Western democracies to accept as a fact what was stated, in solemn form, as a theory.

The defect in the pact, which made its failure inevitable, was that there was no force back of its principles. Proclaiming a moral law, which men as individuals largely accepted, the agreement between the nations took no cognizance of the possible rise of the wrong-doer. There was implemented no combination of power to punish aggression. This was the failure of the pact; while creditable to the ideals of its progenitors, it was not creditable to the practical sense of the nations involved.

The general principle of the Pact of Paris, outlawing war, is contained in the Charter of the United Nations, adopted at San Francisco. It served, to some extent, as a basis for the Nuremberg trial. The prospect of success for the United Nations, however, rests, not upon the proclamation of a general moral principle, but upon the practical arrangement that is being attempted. This is designed to give the United Nations an international force, able and ready to interfere in the officious plans of future aggressors.

Communism is not a political party; it is a way of... of, not of living, according to American standards—rather, it is a way of drab existence. The conditions of life in Russia prove this... these are the "standards" allowed by the Stalin gang. Communism, a la Soviet, is bloodshed and revolution; that's its menace to American free men and women.

Erosion People who have wondered why the ancient powers of the earth suffered collapse will find their answer in a recent remark of Clinton A. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture.

Calling attention to the fact that half of this country's farm lands have been seriously injured by soil erosion, which is estimated to cost the nation close to \$4,000,000,000 a year, Mr. Anderson states that China, Babylon, Greece and Rome, once great powers, had their downfall because of soil erosion.

This is an interesting statement and emphasizes one that is just as important. A conservation expert recently declared that the civilization and existence of the human race absolutely depend upon the few inches of top soil on the earth. Erosion is the process by which nature destroys the top soil and thereby the fertility of the land.

Parents of young people who are greatly concerned with the type of moving pictures that are exhibited, seldom bother to investigate the form of literature that is being pandered to the community through the sale of various magazines, etc.

It would be an eye-opener for some of our mothers to take an afternoon off and read some of the rot that is being sold under the guise of romance.

So Henry Wallace wants "to make the Garden of Eden bloom again!" Well, Henry did pretty well with hybrid corn in Iowa—which is reason for so many of his "Utopian Flowers" to look and sound corny, perhaps.

Oh, if only the flowers that one buys from a seed catalogue would duplicate the printed colors and descriptions of it!

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Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 28, 1897

The 23rd annual meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society will be held in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol at Lansing, commencing Wednesday, June 2, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m., standard time, and continuing through next afternoon of Thursday, June 3.

Mr. Cawert—"Good-by, love, in case I am really prevented from coming home to dinner I will send you a telegram." Mrs. C.—"You need not trouble to send me one. I have already taken it out of your pocket."

Birmingham is a paradise for all maid otherwise known as unclaimed blessings. Nearly all now have a steady "feller" and are marrying off just as fast as the parsons can get around to tie the knot.

The latest report now is that Skinny Davis is married and that he was fortunate to marry a Walden lassie.

Geo. Sha's new house, Wood ward avenue, is rapidly assuming magnificent proportions and when finished will be a beauty and one of the best homes in Birmingham.

We have just received a large lot of men's fine suits, 550 in number, which have been placed on sale at \$10.00 and \$12.00 each. They are exceptional quality of material, correct as to style, fully tailored, and equal to or better than the \$15.00 suits sold by others.

20 YEARS AGO May 28, 1927 Among the various phenomena of Springfield, unchronicled, the most neglected has been that of the high-pressure salesmen and salaried men at present in Birmingham and its vicinity.

The progress of Michigan women in practical government is indicated by the numbers now favorably in public office, compares favorably with the records of other states, judging by a survey just completed by the League of Women Voters.

No Use for Horses, Springfield Mechanic Devises New Mode of Transportation. That is said to be the first heading about automobiles ever to appear in a Michigan newspaper.

5 YEARS AGO May 28, 1942 Birmingham's Class B State Championship track team includes Fred Goetz, Dick Charleston, Ralph Penney, George Sterling, Bud Murray, Jo Armstrong, and Dick Henkins.

Opposition to the new central junior high at Barnum School was voiced Tuesday night when a delegation presented the Board of Education with petitions bearing 469 names, asking a reversal of the plans and the chance to vote on the matter at the June 8 election.

A second candidate, George W. Mullin, of 947 Madison avenue, has entered the fray and will oppose the incumbent, Ernest W. Southam, secretary of the Board of Education and a member of the past three years.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE. Detail having been made in the necessary legal conditions of the mortgage made by Roseland Park Realty & Investment Company, a Michigan corporation, to The Mortgage and Contract Company, a Michigan corporation, dated February 28, 1944, recorded March 2, 1944, in Book 1897, pages 1942, Oakland County, Michigan, Record, which mortgage is now due and payable to The Mortgage and Contract Company in New York City.



Oakland County RED CROSS NEWS

Mrs. T. W. Eustis, chairman of home service of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, announces that 2,055 individuals have contacted the two chapter home service offices during the past month for various types of service.

Included in the types of aid given was assistance to war brides, veterans, active servicemen and small number of civilians for whom no other agency was responsible.

The local chapter and the Oakland County Juvenile Court recently cooperated in bringing a veteran's infant child to the county from another state.

The local chapter secured permission from Oakland County to transport the child here after which the outstate chapter sent the baby by plane, accompanied by a Red Cross worker.

Mrs. Eustis has recently received word that the service of acquiring to foreign countries, as continued following the war, will be resumed.

Installation of 3 Special Sewers Will Be Very Expensive

While plans for reconstruction of several sewers in the Birmingham Forest Hills Subdivision are progressing, a new plan which would include special sewer connections for three residences in that area has been formulated.

These three properties would need deeper separate sewers for their use, at a total cost of \$2,650 in addition to the present estimated cost of new sewers in that area, he said.

Speed Father—"Daughter, isn't that young man rather fast?" Daughter—"Yes, but I don't think he'll get away."

Aftermath The closet's full of dresses. My wife of shopping thrills. The store was full of brand new styles. My pocket's full of bills.

Much has been done in this and other countries and the Red Cross will make every effort to give effective service. A total of 25 volunteers have been on duty in the two chapter offices.

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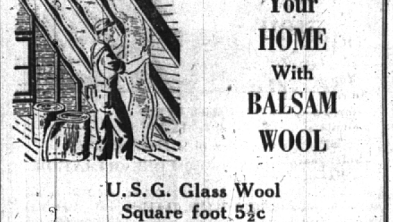
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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



PICTURE OF THE WEEK: This is Cape Kwinda on the Oregon Coast and it has lent itself to some very nice midrange. See how the triangular shape of the promontory keeps interest in the center of the picture where the waves are breaking? An exposure of 1/1000 second, using a lens of 56 mm. of aperture, leaving a feeling of getting power. Study your waves while before you shoot them and get them at the height of their action. A K-C filter was used in this picture; the film was Superpan Supreme.

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