

Editorials

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"War Is a Racket"

(Christian Science Monitor) "For long years I have known that war is a racket, but I never faced up to it until I saw the clouds gathering again."

"Out of war a few people make huge fortunes. Nations acquire additional territory (which is promptly exploited by the few for their own benefit) and the bill is public shoulders the bill—a bill that renders a horrible accounting of newly placed gravestones, mangled bodies, shattered minds, broken hearts and homes, economic instability, and back-breaking taxation of the many for generations and generations."

"In other words, the soldiers give not only their lives but a large part of the pitiful wages of their sacrifice to help carry on war. There is no doubt the biggest part of the bill. But a tremendous fall on any war nevertheless falls on all classes of society. Despite the impressive authority with which many of war's spokesmen defend it as a means of national expression and an ennobling influence, the authority to get at the facts about it and to think them through have realized that war can never do anything but impoverish and degrade."

Please Be Temperate

(Kansas City (Mo.) Times) "If there's a sobered group in the country now, it ought to be the repealists. Indirectly, it ought to be every other group that has been guilty of promising a sudden, vast reform, a new day and all that."

back-to the usual sum; it may even exceed previous figures. ... The repealists promised temperance. It certainly has not come, if arrests for intoxication and for drunken driving are any indication of conditions.

The "Take-A-Chance Club"

(Anonymous) You won't find the address of the "Take-A-Chance Club" in any telephone book or city directory. It has never been in a club house. But a good many thousands Americans belong to it—though they wouldn't admit it—and no "fraternal" organization in the world exacts such high dues.

The ritual of the club runs something like this:

"I will always take a chance when driving my car. I will cut corners and drive on the wrong side of the road if I happen to feel like it. I will make a regular habit of passing other cars on hills and curves. I will always drive faster than road conditions warrant, and I will be especially careless when it is raining or snowing and visibility is poor. I will not make regular inspection of my car's lights, brakes and steering. I'll take it for granted that they are good enough. I will make no effort to learn the traffic laws of my state and community, and if I do happen to discover some of them accidentally, I will break them at every opportunity. I'll let the other driver watch out for me as well as himself, and I'll act as if the highways and streets were my personal property."

"I'll pay no attention to traffic lights and stop signs and I'll do my best to practice none of the courtesies of the road. The members of the "Take-A-Chance Club" follow this ritual to the letter, and the result is that each year some 30,000 people are needlessly killed in automobile accidents, and property is destroyed to the extent of \$1,000,000,000. Are you a member of the club?"

Cleaning Up the "Popular" Song

(Christian Science Monitor) Commendable is the decision by a committee of dance orchestra leaders to censor their own music. From the offerings of the music publishers this committee of five will cull suggestive titles and "from popular songs and send them back to the publishers to purify. If the publishers disregard this suggested reform, the committee will reject the music for themselves, cooperating orchestras and the radio."

There is a sounder and shrewder reason, perhaps, why the music publishers will comply with the new code for decency. It is better for the pocketbook. The music publishers depend upon the most popular dance orchestra leaders for popularizing their songs, thus slicing a stream of dollars into their treasuries. A Whiteman, Vallee or Lombardo espousal of any of their latest song creations means much, and these dance bandmen are even impugned by the publishers and their agents to play the latest music. The music publishers cannot afford to censure the popularizing of their songs, and the dance bandmen evidently feel they cannot afford to risk estranging the public.

WALLED LAKE

Mrs. Mae Rhodes

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alvey spent Monday in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wixom and Frank Carrier are driving new Fords. Arthur Beagle visited his sons in Pontiac the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bohart Cowan and son, of Rochester, spent the week end with Mrs. Cowan's sister, Mrs. Harry Avey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. L. Trenton called on Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Alvey, Saturday.

Mrs. Florence Drummond is caring for Mrs. Arthur Avey.

Little Beverly Shepard was taken to Troy Thursday after spending five weeks at the home of Will Hoyt.

Mrs. Glen Lewis and family of Ypsilanti spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Buffmeyer. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moss spent the latter part of last week with friends in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray and family spent several days touring through the west.

Mrs. J. Taylor of Detroit is visiting at the home of her son, J. L. Taylor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Barnes of Brighton were Sunday visitors at the home of Elmer Buffmeyer.

H. G. Roach and family attended the Roach family reunion near Birmingham Sunday.

Arthur Wimmer started excursions to the hospital at Northville Friday for a fonsil operation.

Miss Catherine Fox of Oswego has returned home after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Harry Avey and family.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Welfare are glad to hear that they are improving from their injuries received in an auto accident. Both are in an Ann Arbor hospital.

The ball game between Birmingham and Walled Lake, played on the school diamond Sunday resulted in a score of 7 to 2 in favor of Walled Lake.

Tom McCoy of Shreveport, La., and Miss Ernestine Burns of Tulsa, Okla., were visitors at the Alvey home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Provia and Mr. and Mrs. Will Parmenter, all of Pontiac, were Sunday callers at D. L. Bentley's home.

Earl Baumgartner of Hudson spent the week end with his wife who is making an indefinite visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Green and Family of Keego Harbor spent a few days with Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jeanotte.

Arthur Wimmer started excavating Monday morning for the building which will house a new bakery and restaurant.

Mrs. G. Thompson and family motored to Homer Saturday to spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Buss. Mr. Thompson flew over in his plane Sunday morning, returning Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley left Wednesday for Albion where they joined their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Strait and will spend several days touring the upper peninsula.

CLARENCEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, Mrs. Mertie Pratt and son Donald of St. Johns, and Miss Alice Grace of Leslie, were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aldrich.

Mrs. Ora Sealey and two children of Philadelphia, Pa., have returned to their home after spending their vacation with her sister, Mrs. Hontz of St. Francis St., Old Ferry, who recently underwent a major operation at Marine Hospital is convalescing at his home on Bretton Road.

Mr. Ronald Bever and daughter are spending a week at Flint, the guests of Mrs. E. H. Hughes.

Miss Kathryn Rubert, who has been spending the summer in Detroit, has returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rubert.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Zingleman and family spent Sunday at Runyan Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hallock and family who have been vacationing for the past two weeks at St. Clair Flats, have returned to their home on Dresden Boulevard.

Honoring her husband's birthday anniversary, Mrs. Walter Phipps entertained at a dinner party Sunday evening at their home on Middle Belt Road. Covers were laid for Mrs. Ada Rose Walker, Mrs. Robert Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phipps, Jr., Harry C. Chatman, and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fierick and family of Rosedale Park.

Jack Bell, of Rockwell Avenue returned from a week's vacation spent with W. Snyder of Detroit.

Medames Vivian Holly, Maurine Ahrens, Helen Ely and Miss Betty, the four daughters of Mrs. Elmer Dohoney, spent Tuesday with their mother in celebration of her birthday. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent in viewing moving pictures taken by Mrs. Maurine Thomas during the past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and daughter Mildred, former Clarenceville residents, are attending the Century of Progress at Chicago.

The Waack family reunion held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Waack, at Richmond was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waack, Mr. and Mrs. George Waack, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Waack, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waack, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Waack. Dinner was served after which the afternoon was spent in reminiscing and playing games.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Knight, who attended the Grace family reunion Sunday, stopped over to visit with Mr. and Mrs. David B. Robb.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ernest and daughter, Marion, were dinner guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. Barber of Purling Brook Road.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Webster and son Charles, were Sunday guests of Mr. George Cook, Sr., of Tuck Road.

Mrs. Clarence Billings and family, Mrs. J. Livingston, mother of Mrs. Billings, her brothers, Noble and Willard, and sister, Mrs. Geo. G. Hinkle, spent Wednesday at Bello Isle.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dohoney entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Lane and Mrs. Spencer over the week end, the party attending the

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