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WAR MOTHERS KNOW

IT WAS more than a statesman who said: "We must see right done in the world if we are going to have peace in the world."

"Ten to fifteen millions of the best young men in Europe were slaughtered. Is that to be repeated?"

"It is for your Nation and ours to unite that there may sound through the world the angels' song of peace on earth, good will toward men."

The price of world peace is occupying the earnest thought of Lloyd George, who spoke in Indianapolis as an evangel for "Lloyd" justice to Germany.

How to prevent war is the world's big problem.

Who pays the price?

The youths who go forth to the battlefield, leaving the comfortable fireside, the wife, the sweetheart, the loved ones at home—they have paid it in blood.

The industry of a nation is turned from productive into destructive efforts.

Billions are poured into the slaughter of human beings.

Who pays?

Ask the War Mothers of Indiana as they meet today in this city. Many of them can tell you who have paid in long years of devotion and care from the time the baby first opened its eyes to look into the mother's happy face until the time the message came of his death in some cantonment or in France.

Peace! While Lloyd George made his appeal for it in Indianapolis, two Indiana Senators had preceded him with similar pleas.

Happiness of mothers knows no party, no greed, no government.

The appeals of Senator Ralston were echoed by Senator Watson. Former President Wilson's plan for a League of Nations was followed by the late President Harding's World Court proposal.

Mothers—they pay the price. Bitter tears have fallen for every bullet fired in war.

Little wonder that the entire world turns in its efforts to prevent the annihilation of mankind. Gases that literally wipe out thousands unprotected; airplanes that drop destruction and death upon entire cities; electrical bolts that can be propelled through the spaces of the heavens to massacre millions—all these are stern possibilities that the world must face in a future conflict.

The War Mothers must be supported in the common cause of world peace.

CELEBRATING NAVY DAY

THE people of Indiana will celebrate Navy day, Saturday, Oct. 27, sixty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt.

School teachers have been requested to co-operate by acquainting pupils with the history and accomplishments of our sea force.

It is not the aim to acclaim our navy as an instrument of war. Rather its service as an apostle of peace is to be emphasized. For it is not in war alone that the American navy justifies its existence.

Its very presence on the seas is an assurance of safety to commerce, the lifeblood of our nation. It guarantees to every American everywhere the protection of his rights and privileges as a citizen of this republic.

And its mercy is unbounded. Twice within the year it has carried relief to foreign lands and ministered to the homeless and distressed. It carried the American flag with cargoes of food and medical supplies first into flaming and Turk-ravaged Smyrna and later into shaken and quivering Japan.

The selection of Roosevelt's birthday as Navy Day is in tribute to the former President's service in aiding to raise the first arm of our national defense to a position of equality with the greatest in the world.

CHEWING GUM AND FAME

A FUNERAL was held in Indianapolis Tuesday for a man of whom the world heard little.

And yet to Asa M. Fitch, pioneer chewing gum manufacturer, is due a part of the happiness that millions in America have derived out of a mere combination of wood pulp and palate teasing flavors.

Personal happiness appeals more to the average man and woman than most of us realize.

And that despite the fact that Americans are the most idealistic and sympathetic to others. Indianapolis' donation of nearly \$60,000 to earthquake sufferers in far off Japan proves that.

Since 1892 Mr. Fitch lived in Indianapolis. Had he the advertising genius of William Wrigley, you probably would be chewing Fitch's Finest Fruit Flavors today.

Chewing gum is only a recent invention. The death of one of its pioneers, although unobserved by the world, is a milestone in the progress of luxuries and conveniences that bring pleasure to millions.

"OUI, NOUS N'avons Pas de Bananes." What is it? Only what the French have done to that dumgasted song.

GASOLINE at 7 cents in San Antonio, Texas. How could the Alamo be better remembered?

LONDON doctors are threatening to strike for more pay Jan. 1, but the lawyers are satisfied. The latter get all there is to be got, as it is.

IT IS reported that Ford is to build air "Lizzies" to cost not more than \$1,000 each. Maybe she'll go, Henry, but do you have to get out and crank her?

IF THAT town keeps on borrowing money from him, Mr. Ford may be compelled to take Detroit for debt. Then he'll be sorry.

SENATOR KING of Utah is another one back from Europe. He says American manufacturers and farmers must be ready to market their products no matter what develops in Europe. It took Mr. King only three months to learn this, but he worked hard.

WILSON DAM 55 PER CENT COMPLETED

Government Will Complete Muscle Shoals Project Regardless of Ford Offer.

To answer the question that every one is asking, "What is this Muscle Shoals proposition of Henry Ford's that they are talking about again?" Robert Tally of this paper's Washington staff, who wrote the articles giving the bare facts about the power project. Here is the first article:

BY ROBERT TALLY

ASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Regardless of whether Henry Ford gets Muscle Shoals or not, the Government is going right ahead to complete the greatest man-made water-power project in history.

Approximately \$102,000,000—nearly \$1 for every man, woman and child in the nation—has been spent there already, and many more millions must be spent before the job is done. When finished, it will be capable of developing about 1,000,000 horse-power from water alone. Until this day, however, not one ounce of water-power has been developed.

There are three things the Government can do with gigantic enterprise:

1. Accept Henry Ford's offer.
2. Pursue Government operation.
3. Sell it or lease it to the Alabama Power Company or a similar organization.

Started in 1915

Work on this vast power project, started originally in 1915 as a mere aid to navigation on the Tennessee River, is in progress there today. Forty-one hundred men, under the direction of the Army's chief of engineers, are continuing the work on Wilson dam under the year-to-year continuation appropriations doled out by Congress.

This Wilson dam, now 55 per cent completed, will be the largest in the world. To visualize it, picture a wall of masonry three-quarters of a mile long and as high as a twelve-story building.

It will require 1,266,000 cubic yards of concrete. In comparison all other construction work pales. The Aswan dam in Egypt, now the largest in the world, required but 1,179,000 cubic yards; the Roosevelt dam in Arizona, only 344,000 cubic yards.

There are two other dams contemplated for Muscle Shoals but each of these is smaller.

The Tennessee River begins near Knoxville, Tenn., winds southward through the northern part of Alabama, turns north again and empties into the Ohio River at Paducah, Ky.

Fall of 134 Feet

Amid the shoals that block navigation in North Alabama, nature has offered marvelous opportunities for water-power development. There, in a distance of thirty-seven miles, is a vertical fall of 134 feet.

The aid-to-navigation program blossomed into a power project and when the war came on and the cryng need for nitrates developed, President Wilson developed Muscle Shoals into a great nitrate plant. Utilization of water power was far too distant for the short time available so two large steam plants were hurriedly built. One of these began turning out nitrates about the time the war ended; the other did not progress quite so rapidly.

For a year or more after the war, all work on the great dam was stopped and there was talk of junking the costly project. Within the last three years, however, Congress has provided drizzling year-to-year appropriations for continuing the work.

Steam Plant Leased

Meanwhile, the 90,000 horsepower steam plant at Nitrate Plant Number 2 has been leased temporarily to the Alabama Power Company. The rest of this big nitrate plant and all of Nitrate Plant Number 1 stand idle.

Today, with the future of Muscle Shoals still undecided, a vast water-power enterprise that threatens to revolutionize industry and promises to create a new industrial empire in the South is dragging its slow course toward an uncertain future. The bustling "city-that-night-be" is a city of wartime houses, practically empty and rotting in the rain.

Family Fun

The Sap

"Just to think, John! First utter drabness, then the working of the sap, and finally the gorgeous tree—splendid in its multitude of gold and crimson glories! How like our lives!"

"How like, indeed, my dear! You the gorgeous tree, and me the sap!"—Judge.

Boys Disprove It

The theory that boys are descended from monkeys has received an ugly setback. A Philadelphia gentleman possesses a monkey who washes himself with soap and water.—Punch.

Familiar to Father

"I see they have machines now that can tell when a man is lying. Did you know that?"

"Know it? Good Lord, man, I've been married to one for the last ten years."—Judge.

The Shamed Tramp

"Fancy a big strapping fellow like you asking for money. You should be ashamed of yourself!"

"I am, ma'am. But once I got twelve months for taking it without asking!"—Pearson's Weekly.

It Cools Hubby Off

"What do you do when your husband complains about his bills?"

"Threaten to wear some of my last year's dresses with short skirts!"—Judge.

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