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Small Price for Peace . . .

Twice in this century the United States has gone to war when it appeared as if rival states had become threats to the security of this nation. Undoubtedly we would become embroiled in a third World War to prevent any power from dominating the world.

When Molotov walked out of the recent Paris conference the world was automatically split into two camps. Machinery was set in motion which could bring about a holocaust incomparable to any dreamed of by man.

As yet Russia is not strong enough to constitute a serious threat, but there are three economic changes which could easily force a Russo-American war that would be hard for the U.S. to win.

If the U. S. dropped into another economic depression similar to the last one, and because of internal unrest, became so weakened that Russia could safely become more aggressive.

If the Communists got control of China and India whose teeming millions are crying for an economic savior. (However, we need not worry too much about this because it would take a number of years for these countries to become strong enough industrially to be a threat.)

If the Communists got control of Europe. In this event Russia might well be ready for war in less than ten years.

The latter change is the problem facing us today. The purpose of the Marshall Plan is to keep the Red flag from flying over Europe.

In three sessions of the present Paris

Third Party Threatens . . .

Today many are attempting to minimize the possible threat of a third party being organized in these United States. Although a third party has yet to become a reality, there are many in various parts of the country who are doing more than merely think about it.

When Wallace made his recent tour through the country, he was dismissed as being a "rabble rouser", and of little political significance. However, when reports began to pour in as to the huge crowds attending his speeches, some of the politicians he was mentioned as a possible head of a third party, their interest was replaced with concern.

The history of the rise and fall of third parties in the United States is interesting. Probably the most outstanding example of the part played by such a party in an election was in 1912. Theodore Roosevelt had broken with the Republicans and formed his own group, the "Bull Moose" party. Consequent-

Rationing Your Time . . .

There is probably no more vital ingredient to success than the intelligent use of time. The man who ends up on top is invariably the one who has made time serve him usefully throughout his career; the ne'er-do-well is the one who has flitted away his most precious commodity.

Time is the "stuff life's made of", an asset we all have in common. Even though each of us is allotted a different life span, we are all the trustee of twenty-four hours each day. What we do with this priceless time each day will determine our place in the years to come.

Not without good reason, then, does St. Paul counsel us to "buy up the time"—put it to work, make it pay dividends.

In a world where tangible things seem so transient, and material possessions so quickly pass away, our time is the one thing

Ad Scare

We suppose this is another one of those stories proving that gasoline and liquor do not mix. A chap we know in Los Angeles has a house on top of a hill with a large window looking out over the whole city.

One night he had a group of people over and that evening, it just happened, the Mobilgas blimp was flying around with its electric spectacular of the Flying Red Horse. Well, one of the ladies, who'd been going after the Martini rather strenuously, picked the wrong minute to look out the window.

She saw a red horse flying through the sky, jumped up, dropped her drink, shrieked, and keeled over.

conference a Cooperation (steering) committee was formed. The functions of this committee are to direct the study of Europe's needs and to appoint various sub-committees to work in conjunction with it. These sub-committees are to make detailed examinations of major phases of European economy (food, fuel, transportation, power, and steel). They will submit their reports to the Steering Committee late this summer. On September 1, the Steering Committee will submit for Washington's approval the final blueprint for the new path to peace.

If we are to lead Europe out of chaos down this new road to security, Congress must appropriate at least 15 billion dollars, which is the figure arrived at by State Department experts. However, many of our short-sighted congressmen have been contemplating a 7 or 8 billion dollar slash when it goes to a vote. If this happens, the Marshall plan will be a failure. It can not possibly work without sufficient funds to back it. The absolute minimum is 15 billion dollars which is to be spread over a seven-year period. U. S. financial and technical experts will be able to examine how the money is spent so that it will not be wasted as was much of the 20 billion dollars we have poured into Europe since V-E Day.

Although this is a large sum of money, it seems very infinitesimal indeed when compared with the 350 billion dollars it cost us to win the last war. Another war would cost much more than that and could easily mean the end of our economic system.

Yes, even our civilization. So, all in all, a mere 15 billion dollars is a small price for peace.

by this lined up in the race for the Presidency—Taft of the Republican party, up for reelection; Wilson of the Democratic party; and Roosevelt of the "Bull Moose" party.

Though Wilson polled the most electoral votes and won the election, Taft and Roosevelt, together, got most of the popular vote. This is very significant when one realizes that Roosevelt had formerly been a Republican. Had the Republicans been able to compromise their differences that year it is possible there would have been a Republican

candidate should see the organization of a third party in this country next year, it is conceivable that history might repeat itself. A recent Gallup poll indicated that only 55% of the people in the nation favored the present policies of President Truman. A 5% margin is not a very healthy one when you have a moderately strong third party running loose in the field.

Anything might happen.

which cannot be destroyed—at least, not without our consent. Even in an age where everything is taxed, no similar levy has been placed on time.

The secret of a full and happy life is in rationing one's days and hours. Intelligent planning of time will play in tangible, material form, and leave ample time for leisure and recreation. Proper amounts of time for work, study, and the pursuit of livelihood must be the backbone of any time-apportioning program, but due allowance must also be made for recreation, culture, and social activities, so as to provide balance and satisfaction.

So while we are making better use of our time, let's snap out of our morale slump! War was exciting, and under its stimulus we found few limits to our capacity.

Somehow it's the busiest people who seem to be getting the most out of life.

Check Before Using . . .

An article in the current "Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association" recommends a medicine as "Preventive of Naturally Occurring Enterhepatitis of Poults." Poults are young turkeys and the disease is more commonly known as blackhead.

The medicine is diisobutylphenoxysthioethylidimethylbenzylammonium chloride.

On its masthead, the Atalla (Alabama) Etowah News-Journal, a weekly, carries this line: "The only newspaper in Alabama printed in an alley." Its office is on Folsom's Alley.

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By Wilma Arnold
Reader's Adviser

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MIRACLES FROM MICROBES by Samuel Epstein and Baryl Williams, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1947.

As Pasteur, Koch, and Ehrlich gave their names to medical history, so in this generation are the names of Dubos, Fleming, and Waksman destined to become inscribed on the pages of any future recounting of the hopes and the despair, the sacrifices and the struggles which have forged the story of human healing. These are the men whose names have become the milestones in the road to streptomycin, the new drug which is so accurately a "wonder drug" that leading pharmaceutical companies today are spending more than \$12,000,000 in plant equipment for its manufacture.

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THE SANTA FE TRAIL by the Editors of Look, Random House, New York, 1947.

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ment, drama, and action, of courage and endurance.

To recount the opening of the West one has but to follow the great trails, but their panorama is too sweeping to be covered in one volume. This book, therefore, is focused on the Santa Fe, with all its color, romance and adventure. In text and picture it thrillingly revealed its significance as an important part of the whole westward movement. The author presents his story from the point of "then" and "now". Today, he says, the Santa Fe Trail is a highway of steel and concrete. The creaking wagons that rolled painfully over the plains have made way for flashing trains, planes and autos. Although in most places the ruts of the trail have long since sunk from view, those places where they remain still grip men's imaginations, and the story of THE SANTA FE TRAIL, from its small beginnings to the vast development of the present, is a thrilling chapter in the story of the West.

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Don't Try to Be Neutral In 'Big D' or 'Cowtown'

By Vick Lindley

Never visit Dallas or Fort Worth without making up your mind how you stand in the famous feud. You can't be neutral. Trying to keep on the fence while in either metropolis of North Texas is like trying to keep out of an Irish war.

The only institution that has been able to hold a reasonably neutral attitude for any length of time is North Texas Agricultural College, a branch of A. & M. This school is located in Arlington, just half way between Cowtown and Big D. Result? Both cities disclaim it as too near the other, so NTAC goes its way, undisturbed.

No one knows exactly how the feud between the two cities started, but it is no secret as to who keeps it going. Whenever relations between these towns on the upper Trinity get too peaceful, Amon G. Carter pours oil on the smoldering bonfire. It is his chief joy to rib Dallas. And as he is

sole owner and publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, he has a mighty weapon with which to belabor his down-stream neighbor.

Dallas is too dignified a city to carry its end of the feud properly, so Carter has to work overtime keeping complacent Dallasites from forgetting to fight. But a few stings from Carter have a powerful effect. The patrons of Gotham-on-the-Trinity gather at the Dallas Athletic Club and prepare counter-blasts. The feud is revived, newspapers all over the country run colorful squibs on the

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