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FORESIGHT NEEDED TO WIN THIS WAR

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UNLESS YOU KNOW THESE THINGS YOU ARE NOT EDUCATED

The definition of the word PROGRESS is—to go forward.

To go forward one must look ahead.

To look ahead requires foresight.

Nature's microscopic designers, builders and operators, the MEN-ORGS. put their magnifying glasses (eyes) in the front of the human machine so it could look ahead. Had they intended it to look behind they would have set the eyes in the back part of the head.

So, the only natural activity for progress is FORESIGHT.

The only reason that the human race has made any progress here on earth is because every once in awhile some fellow with foresight has looked ahead and then deliberately forced the rest of humanity to follow him forward.

Necessity is the stimulant of foresight that drives the forerunner into action.

When abundance comes in at the door necessity and foresight flies out of the windows.

Once upon a time there was a young pugilist who acted as sparring partner to a Champion. He was penniless, lean and hungry looking while the Champion was rolling in wealth, luxury and fat.

The young sparring partner felt positive that he could whip the Champion but did not want him to know it so he allowed himself to be punched around during their exhibition practices.

Later this lean young upstart challenged the luxury fat Champion for a fight and then proceeded to knock him down in all parts of the ring and then to take his place as Champion.

That was but an oft repeated case in which over-abundance having created over-confidence and self-importance was knocked out by the newer action of necessity and foresight.

During the year of 1907, the writer owned and managed a League Base Ball Club. He employed none but promising young players for his team who did not drink, smoke, gamble or dance around nights. He told them that they were engaged to play ball and nothing else. He told them that they must play together as one team and not as a number of individuals, each for their own glory. He told them that they were to use foresight and out-think their adversaries.

Before the season started, the expert base ball tabulators pre-

judged the writer's team to finish the season as tail-enders, because there was not a well known star among the entire list of players. BUT, that well trained team of youngsters out-played every one of the other teams of self important stars and finished the race in first place. The old favorites were completely outclassed and displaced.

Now, just what happened to that champion prize-fighter who was rolling in wealth, luxury and fat; and just what happened to those teams of self satisfied Base Ball stars with bad habits and individualistic cravings also happened to many over-stuffed nations during the past few thousand years—they were torn from their luxurious perches and forced from their top positions by well trained upstarts who had used foresight to adopt newer plans that outclassed and displaced their antiquated methods.

So we find such a state of affairs existing upon earth today. The leading nations, in the fullness of their abundance and bad habits, have been attacked by lean and hungry nations of barbarians who have been preparing for many years past to catch them off balance, whip them and take possession of their lands and wealth.

So far the barbarians have shown most of the foresight and have obtained most of the success in this WAR FOR LOOT and those nations fighting against dictatorship and slavery will have to introduce some genuine forethought and newer methods if they intend striking the final knock-out blow that will decide, for the present, who are to be the Earth's Champions among nations.

Those in control of these Democratic and freedom loving nations were forewarned many times during the past decade that the blood-thirsty Dictators were preparing to war against them and particular attention was called to the necessity of newer methods being adopted in order to assure quick defeat of the barbarians when thus attacked.

But those in the top positions of these Democratic nations had previously been successful through the utilization of old time methods and they scornfully laughed at the newer plans suggested by the foresighted ones because such things had never been heard of before.

Therefore no real progress was

made to safeguard the freedom loving people of the world against the onslaught of the barbarians who were adopting the progressive plans that were first offered to the Democratic nations by their foresighted thinkers.

Those entrusted with the protection of the free peoples did not even consider the simplest forms of self defense when they were pointed out to them years ago, not mentioning anything about the greater methods of natural forces that could be used to stop the barbarians from even starting to attack them.

Limited space will permit the mention of just a few forewarnings offered by the writer during the past which if they had been followed would have saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of brave and freedom loving men who went forth and stood the brunt of the attack from the overwhelming forces of barbarians who have struck them down at all points of the Earth's circumference because they lacked adequate means of defending themselves.

In the year of 1909 Alfred W. Lawson wrote in his magazine FLY—Vol. 2, No. 1, Page 6, among other things, the following:

"It appears to be the general opinion that flying machines for all time to come will resemble the little toys which recently flew around the race course at Rheims.

"Few people are able to realize that the present aeroplane is but the germ of the real flying machine of the future, which will be as vastly superior in construction and carrying capacity as a modern battleship is to a canoe.

"Eventually machines will be constructed which will carry thousands of tons of freight or passengers. These machines, however, will not have wings or planes of any kind but will be manipulated by certain natural forces."

In the February, 1913, Congressional record, pages 3354-3355, over 29 years ago, Alfred W. Lawson in his message to Congress, among other things said:

"With Germany enjoying a great fighting fleet of air cruisers and America without an air fleet this country in case of war with Germany, would present about as pitiable a sight as that presented by savage tribesmen who undertook to fight with bows and arrows soldiers with their up-to-date quick-firing guns.

"Now, if Germany could blind

us with a rain of fire and explosives from above today, Japan could do the same thing tomorrow. The Japanese fleet could lay off any of our western coast cities from Seattle to Panama and by utilizing the very latest up-to-date aeroplanes could fly over our ports and fleets as though they never existed."

Thus, Alfred W. Lawson positively showed his foresight in the year of 1913 and this great nation positively proved its hindsight in the year of 1941.

In the New York Herald of January 26, 1913, there was published the following:

"In an open letter to Congress, Alfred W. Lawson, Publisher of Aircraft, one of the foremost advocates of aviation in this country, calls attention to the lamentable and dangerous position of the United States in the advance of the new science of flight.

"Mr Lawson states that the time has now arrived for this nation to start the construction of a great aerial fleet both for offensive and defensive purposes. In fact, in view of the great progress of other nations along these lines further delay on our part must be considered little short of criminal negligence. Delay is jeopardizing the best interest of our people and of the army and navy in particular. For every year we delay now two years will be required later to overtake the nations who now lead us, and who are increasing that lead with every setting of the sun."

On August 7, 1914, the New York Herald in large typed headlines said:

"WHICHEVER SIDE CAN DRIVE ENEMY'S DIRIGIBLES AND AEROPLANES FROM THE SKIES FIRST WILL HAVE TREMENDOUS ADVANTAGE IS THE OPINION OF ALFRED W. LAWSON"

"The outcome of the great European struggle is likely to rest with the air fleets of the different countries contending, according to Alfred W. Lawson, the editor of the Aircraft Magazine, who recently furnished the United States War Department with a table of figures which showed the aerial strength of every nation in the world. This is so he says, for the reason that no land or sea manoeuvres can be accomplished successfully so long as aeroplanes and air ships are able to take observations out of each of the enemy's guns and report back

either by wireless or by fast scout machines just what is being done."

In the year of 1940 the BENEFACTOR, Vol. 2, No. 14, said:

"Military Airports with their hangars and runways should have all been built underground many years ago," Alfred Lawson said.

"It will be the height of mismanagement and hina-sightedness for those in charge of military plans if they do not attend to this at once.

"Failure to plan and construct underground airports throughout the American hemisphere now will mean quick destruction of hangars and aircraft equipment when the hordes of flying demons arrive to capture America.

"It is criminal negligence on the part of government officials entrusted with the protection of the people and their properties not to prepare adequate defensive methods to save the inhabitants from being ruthlessly destroyed by bombing explosives."

In the 1940 BENEFACTOR, Vol. 2, No. 14, Alfred Lawson also said:

"So, if in the future, Europe and Asia combine to send millions of wrecking machines overhead to either enslave or annihilate the American people, we should not just match them at their own bloody game. We must be ready to stop them before they can get anywhere near the Western Hemisphere.

"Therefore magnitudinous defenders, such as mankind has never known before, must be erected to engulf these demons and force them to destroy themselves before they can reach our shores or harm one of our innocent children.

"However such stupendous contrivances will take considerable time to make ready and will require a large number of our most progressive thinkers to do the detail designing and engineering and supervising under the direction of the natural mechanic who understands the plans."

In the 1940 BENEFACTOR, Vol. 2, No. 16, in an article entitled, "SALUTE THE FLAG," Alfred Lawson wrote:

"So if we do not strengthen ourselves with advanced weapons and methods now then, when we are attacked in the future, millions of Americans will be slaughtered through the ignorance of our present hind-sightedness just as the people have been slaughtered in Europe because of the hind-sightedness and inertia of those who lived before them.

MAIL THIS PAPER TO SOME SOLDIER, SAILOR OR AIRMAN

"Yes I say with emphasis. that the New World must prepare to defend itself against the onslaught of barbarians from the old world with entirely new means of self-defense whereby we can stop them before they can reach our Atlantic or Pacific shores."

The proof that those men in top positions of the Democratic nations lacked foresight is amply shown in the preceding articles that were published many years ago. Such lack of foresight is what gave the barbarians their tremendous jump forward at the start of hostilities.

These eastern nordes were trained to fight and nothing else. They were taught to fight together as a whole body and not as single individuals.

They were prepared for all emergencies and their plans to attack the Democracies were made many years before the war was started.

They were taught and trained to win a war as baseball players are taught and trained to win a ball game.

A nation cannot win a war without trained soldiers, sailors, airmen and engineers according to present methods any more than a baseball team can win a league championship without trained players.

Therefore, according to present methods of warfare, in order to defeat these barbarians, Americans must be trained as fighters and fight together as one collective body.

They must punch the enemy as well as avoid his punches. They must adopt offensive methods as well as defensive ones.

According to newspaper accounts of the war to date there have been more airplanes destroyed while setting upon the ground than there were destroyed while fighting in the air.

Had those in charge of such things put their hangars underground, as they were advised by this writer to do many years ago they would have saved this country in money value of the destroyed airplanes upon the ground enough to pay the cost of building underground hangars, besides having the airplanes to fight with instead of having heaps of useless hulks to groan over.

Had the top-notchers taken seriously the message to Congress by this writer in the year of 1913, when it was actually shown how America would eventually be attacked from the air by both Germany and Japan, and prepared for such an emergency, the Pearl Harbor catastrophe would never have happened.

In 1918 the writer gave plans to both the U. S. War and Navy Departments for the construction of Airplane Carriers. These Airplane Carriers were to be stationed every fifty miles across the Atlantic Ocean for airplanes to land upon and fly from that would enable a thousand a day to be sent across the Atlantic Ocean by their own power direct from American factories to the battlefields in Europe.

One of the high navy officials laughed good naturedly when the plans were first mentioned to him. He asked: "How could an airplane be made to fly upon or from an ocean going ship when a raging sea tipped its ends at an angle of 7° to 80 degrees?"

The writer told him that airplanes would not fly to and from Airplane Carriers under such conditions but only when the weather was favorable for it. Even then, however, the high official claimed that Airplane Carriers could not be made practical.

At a social gathering in New York in 1910 the writer was introduced to the Secretary of War by the hostess who told him Mr. Lawson was going to show the Government how to build flying machines that would defeat the enemies of this country in case of war.

This secretary, whose offices, no doubt, were adorned with the pictures of warriors squatted upon horses took one quick glance at the writer and suddenly

turned on his heel and strutted away with a contemptuous look upon his face but without uttering a solitary word.

This country must put men of foresight in the highest positions in order that the Western Hemisphere will stand in the front ranks of progress and keep in a position where our Free American Government cannot be blasted to pieces by the looting barbarians of the Eastern Hemisphere.

So if this war is to continue several more years it is time to use foresight and plan the improved methods that will be necessary to finally win.

Of course, our high officials who are in charge of the war today are not responsible for the lack of foresight shown by our high officials who were in charge of affairs yesterday. But they are certainly responsible for their own

lack of foresight today if it is the cause of tomorrow's failures.

Yes, we are to blame for tomorrow's catastrophes if we do not use foresight to prevent them today.

BUT, as great humanitarians are always willing to sacrifice their physical bodies for high principles, if necessary, and as I believe that there have been developed in the Western Hemisphere a sufficient number of such super-quality beings to safeguard the higher principles of the FREE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT I feel confident that when this war ends the STARS and STRIPES will still wave with dignity and honor and will then stand upright as the emblem of true liberty that will be maintained by that greatest of all principles JUSTICE FOR EVERYBODY HARMS NOBODY.

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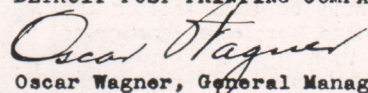
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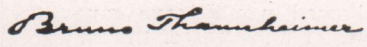
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Yours very truly,
DETROIT POST PRINTING COMPANY

Oscar Wagner, General Manager.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this Second day of April, 1942.

Notary Public
Wayne County, Michigan.
My commission expires June 15, 1943.

MAGNITUDE

It isn't within the power of posterity to repay ALFRED LAWSON for giving to the world PENETRABILITY.

It isn't within the power of posterity to repay him for giving to mankind LAWSONOMY.

It isn't within the power of posterity to repay him for building the AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY.

Here is a man who doesn't want pay for his work anyway. He believes that the talents GOD gave him free should be given to the world free and not be sold for his own gratification.

He believes in giving everything to the world and keeping nothing for himself. He believes in giving more to everybody than everybody gives to him.

He has set an example for others to follow whereby he gives everything to everybody and takes nothing from anybody. So today he is voluntarily a man without money or property.

The book LAWSON - AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY BUILDER, shows how ALFRED LAWSON led in building the AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, from 1908 to 1931, for which he received — NOTHING.

Officers of the DIRECT CREDITS SOCIETY know that ALFRED LAWSON led in the building and operating of that organization since 1931, for which he received— NOTHING.

It is known that ALFRED LAWSON established the great educational "BENEFACTOR" in the year of 1934 and built up that periodical to the largest circulation on earth within eight years, for which he received— NOTHING.

The happiness derived from a work well done, however, far outweighed all wealth that he could have acquired by working for personal gain instead of working for everybody's benefit.

FACTS

1908—Alfred Lawson established and published the National Magazine "FLY" for the purpose of educating the public in his plan to found an AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY.

1908—Alfred Lawson coined the word AIRCRAFT and used it in an editorial on page 5 "FLY," November, 1908, issue. This word he trade-marked for his later magazine AIRCRAFT in 1910 and then put the word into Webster's Dictionary in 1912.

1908—Alfred Lawson sent a letter to every College President in America offering to start a class by mail in Aeronautic Engineering, free of any charges. He received just one answer, as follows: "Any Balloonatics showing themselves at this institution will be put in a place where they will be well guarded."

1909—Alfred Lawson wrote in an editorial in "FLY" that, "even a scientist will acknowledge flying possible when discernible to the naked eye and five years later there will be none left who will claim it IMPOSSIBLE, unless he is a resident of the tree tops in Central Africa."

1910—Alfred Lawson established the world's great Aeronautic Magazine "AIRCRAFT" in New York. During that year he helped organize the Belmont flying meet at which time he made his first airplane flight seated upon the wing of single seater Curtis machine piloted by Bud Mars.

1911—Alfred Lawson helped to organize the International Aviation Meet at Chicago in which President James E. Plew wrote him as follows: "It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the International Aviation Meet Association, by its Executive Committee, has spread upon its records a formal vote of thanks to you for the co-operation and assistance received from you in connection with the recent International Aviation Meet at Chicago."

1911—The book AIRLINER, (page 41) credits the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as being the first Institution to teach Aircraft Engineering to its students. It also credits Alfred Lawson with having recommended for its first Professor of Aerodynamics, Albert Adams Merrill as well as having recommended to that progressive Institution that the time was ripe to start such a course.

1912—Alfred Lawson edited the "GLOSSARY OF AVIATION TERMS" for Webster's Dictionary.

1912—Alfred Lawson was elected first Vice-President of the Aeronautical Manufacturer's Association.

1912—In an editorial on page 292, "AIRCRAFT," Alfred Lawson stated that there would be battles in the air "just as soon as two such nations as France and Germany or Germany and England decide to go to war."

1913—Alfred Lawson was Pilot for both Deperdussin and Bleriot Monoplanes as well as the Thomas Flying boat with which he distinguished himself as the first New York Air Commuter by flying from Seidler's Beach, N. J., to the foot of 75th St., New York City.

1913—Alfred Lawson's Aeronautical Message to Congress was published in the February Congressional Record on pages 3354 and 3355. It was the first document of its kind in history.

1917—Alfred Lawson built his first aeroplane for the United States Army at Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was a training plane which he flew himself.

1917—Alfred Lawson designed a steel Armored Battle Plane to be flown close to the ground for trench, infantry and cavalry fighting. This machine was fitted with six machine guns located so that one or two of them would be firing all of the time from any angle the ship would be flying. He requested that the War Department allow him to build one or two of these machines for demonstrating purposes, but his drawings were returned to him with the remark, that "it is impossible to build a steel armored plane capable of rising from the ground."

1918—Alfred Lawson invented the TRANS-OCEANIC FLOAT SYSTEM for airplanes to fly from America to Europe, which he gave to the U. S. War and Navy Departments, together with his first design of an Airplane Carrier.

1919—First Trans-Atlantic Flight in history was made by six U. S. Navy men according to Lawson's Float System.