EDITORIALS

UNITED WAR FUND, 1945

The man who can hear or read of the misery now being experienced by and in immediate prospect for the people of the war-devastated countries of Europe and Asia is indeed a tough-minded character. The war is over-the fighting part of it: but the human wreckage of the war is strewn all over the face of the earth. This winter millions are doomed to suffering greater than that which they felt while the war was in progress; belligerent nation susually manage to feed their fighters workers who support them, and furnish them some kind of shelter and warmth.

Now in most of the countries that fought on either side, as well as in those which were occupied by the enemy, the pale horseman rides unchecked. The innocent and the helpless, those who suffered under the heel of the ruthless aggressor from outside, and those who from choice, ignorance, helplessness or delusion followed the men who were going to refashion the world to their own pattern - all are in the same leaky, drafty boat. castaways with little or no hope.

To paraphrase the well-known passage, the sins of the rulers are truly visited upon the children (and the old women and men, and the mothers, and all). But vengeance belongs to God, and not to us. It is ours to succor human misery wherever it ex-

It is positively startling to realize how like we in this favored land may be to the rich man in the parable, as we fare comparatively sumptuously, while the hollow Lazarus eyes of Europe and Asia look in out of their drawn and sunken faces. As we look forward impatiently to the end of rationing, the reduction of taxes and the raising of wages, they face actual starvation and freezing from which our crumbs might rescue them.

The United War Fund this year gives us an opportunity to do something effective about our Christian and human obligation to share with those abroad, as well those at home. It is still a "war fund." because the war is not over, (even though the shooting is), so far as its results in human misery are concerned; and it will be over for many, many months to

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This is no time for dimes and quarters, or even grudgingly-parted-from dollar bills, given by those who could afford more. And who cannot?

Our own home welfare work which depends on the United War Fund is no less important than it ever was, and there is much still to do for our service men and those being released. These, combined pearances. with the needs already described, call for a generosity unprecedented. It may be offering of thanksgiving, that we, thru no merit of our own, have been spared what so many have suffered, are suffering,

REVOLUTION IN COTTON CULTURE?

The new cotton picking machine has arrived in North Carolina, and is being given a thorough trial. Last week the state Commissioner of Agriculture, Kerr Scott, presided over an "official" demonstration at Red Springs of a machine owned by a corporation of which state Senator Pate is the president.

who have seen the new machine in operation report that it is quite prac- ta'en.

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ticable. In many respects it seems to be equal or superior to hand labor, and picks as much cotton in one hour as a good field hand can harvest in a week."

With this greatly superior capacity, if the machine proves satisfactory in other respects, it may well bring about a revolution in cotton culture. Along with its Tarheel twin, tobacco, cotton has remained among the few of the great staple crops to be crops primarily of the hand and the mule. As it has influenced the organization of the agricultural economy of this and other southern states to a tremondous degree. Sharp and far-reaching changes in manpower needs will inevitably result from the success of a mechanical cotton picker; and there will be other changes not so immediately obvious.

Without doubt farm tenancy in cotton areas will be reduced, at least as regards sharecropping, and may be all but climinated with the invention of a satisfactory cotton chopper. A profit will be possible at lower prices, as costs of cotton raising will be reduced. Mass production on huge corporation owned farms with few huworkers may result.

Whatever else may be true, there is no question that the machine will be adopted if it serves its purpose. There is no stopping technological change. The price at present is high — \$5,000 — and few will be brought at that price, nor even if the price is cut in half as production costs of the machine are reduced, as is predicted. But it will not be necessary that each colton farmer own an individual machine to cause it to be widely used. At present the company now demonstrating the machine in Red Springs is offering to "custom pick" cotton for other farmers

If the machine can perform, it is here to stay, and grow, and become a revolutionary factor in the cotton economy.

RAPE IS THE CRIME

Rape is a terrible crime, and granting that capital punishment should ever be inflicted, there is no more appropriate place to apply it than to the rapist. This is so not because society should be avenged on the culprit so much as because the rapist is likely to be either so depraved or so ruthless and untamable a person as to be dangerous to society.

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> Especially is the above true since all the machinery of justice through the courts is kept entirely in the hands of those who are likely to judge the issue with a strong bias where the accused is a Negro and the alleged victim white, instead of the system working for the protection of society against the real menace of the rapist, it often operates rather to make an ordinary felony, except when the racial taboo is involved, and occasionally doubtless to make the death penalty mandatory on simple accusation when the accuser is of the right color and the accused the wrong one

GOLDEN GLEAMS

No profit grows where is no pleasure -Shakespeare

I built my soul a lordly pleasure-house wherein at ease for age to dwell.
I said, "O. Soul, make merry and car-

Dear soul, for all is well."-Tennyson

We, by our sufferings, learn to prize our bliss.



"The crushing monster is active again!"

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By C. L. HALLIBURTON

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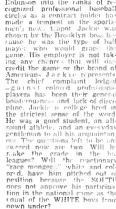
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And we say "Good enough.

Lest We Forget.



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But thanks to the Christian religion and the democratic ideal, all of the white race have not allowed themselevs to remain in this primitive state of brutal hatred and aggression against a down-trodden people. Otherwise we would all still beheld as slaves or long ago have been destroyed by the forces of hate hurled against us in the deep South.

The better element of the white race wants a better world to live in, and they have worked hard and unselfishly to make the world better. They know that there is a God and that he is the God to the strong of the strong with the world better. They know that there is a God and that he is the God to the strong with Him about the darker races. They stooned allowing the lower elements to lynch them and whip them and onslave them. They even allowed them to build better homes. And learn how to read write, and become religious so that they could settle up with God too, and maybe even go to heaven after they die.

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Holy Spirit acompanied the preaching (Matt. 28:20), and if governed those Christians who made up the Church (Zeh. 4:6). A sharing of possessions which is a form of communism led to jealouses, squabbles and ultimate dissolution, even though, the preacher's helpers — Deacons came as an outgrowth. There is this to be said: The spirit which prompted the sharing, should characterize the church today — spiritual fellowship — a desire to help others.

the necessry strength to overcome many, yea, all of the ills which beset this old world. Paul recognizes the evil of the human heart and the temptatoins which will drag us down, but in his espisite to the Phillipines he says: "I can do sill things through Christ." Phil. 4:13). Then too, there is strength which the individual member enjoys when in true fellowship with God and his brother (Phil. 2:1), And in I John 2:14-24 the base or source and the manifestation of Christian fellowship in the Church is LOVE for one another.

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