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Will cotton ever be so scarce that you can't veil a metropolitan murder in mystery?

No wonder people are more poised than ever before. With the FDIC, you can't lose your balance now.

Yes sir, the Yanks are coming, which means that all those yellow jerks better take notice.

Hits Little Man

It is reported that Congress is being flooded with communications from retailers throughout the country, requesting that the general price freeze order be reopened to public hearing to review the disastrous situation facing thousands of stores.

One can sympathize with the point of view of government officials who believe that the most stringent possible measures are necessary to prevent a ruinous price inflation. But it is becoming evident that the price freeze will literally dislocate and destroy a large part of the retail business of this country unless adjustments are made to take care of the very wide lag that has long existed between wholesale and retail prices.

The merchants who are writing Congress and the OPA are not asking for big profits and a chance to profiteer. They are simply asking the chance to price their goods at a level which will return them sufficient profit to stay in business.

If the current order stands as issued, merchants will have to replace stocks at present wholesale price levels and sell them at the prevailing March retail levels. That means that the sale of many items would be made with no profit—and that the sale of some items would have to be made at an actual loss.

It is difficult to exaggerate the potential effect of this on the country. The small store will be hit hardest and will go to the wall first—large retail organizations, with capital behind them, can last longer and can better adjust themselves to changing conditions.

Shaking Public Morale

ONE cardinal principle of our kind of government is that public officials should treat the people with perfect frankness. American citizens are entitled to all the facts, except those which constitute actual military secrets.

The American motorist is completely up in the air as to the future of car transportation. He has heard countless varying reports. He has read conflicting statements after conflicting statements from high Washington officials.

way will produce a tire that will keep the cars rolling, etc., etc.

The citizen is lost in a welter of confusion. He doesn't know whether he is going to have gas or even a car next week or next month or next season.

The American people don't want to be pampered. They are sending their boys to war and financing its cost to preserve liberty at home. They don't want to be treated like children.

Bonds Fight The Axis

The American people will decide whether or not the nation will be forced to adopt and accept compulsory purchasing of War Bonds.

Some may wonder why the government can't pay for the war simply by selling more bonds to banks. Secretary Morgenthau recently pointed out that excessively heavy bank purchases are inflationary.

Increased purchasing power combined with a decreased supply of goods is the certain road to disastrous inflation.

Civilian Defense

Civilian Defense is a phrase about which we have heard comparatively little since the first days of the present war.

Unfortunately, this does not mean that there is no longer a serious need for this type of training.

We do not know where the program of civilians bogged down—whether it was caused by their indifference, or by their leaders' inactivity.

And the best remedy we can think of is to get the Civilian Defense program back on the right track and keep it rolling.

Shears And Paste

BETWEEN CHINA AND PERU

As to the matters, which President Prado discussed with President Roosevelt, a very shrewd forecast was made by Dr. Samuel Johnson two hundred years ago.

SOME LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

In contemplating rearrangements of trade routes that airliners might bring about transportation experts have become aware of such things as that Chicago may prove closer to Europe than New York.

THE HOME FRONT

This is another one of those times, and they will come increasingly, as we get further into our victory stride, when we might be tempted to relax.

But it would be the most damaging sort of folly if this pride in past achievement were to bring about any lessening in our combined effort—in our united fight.

After a little more than six months of war we are turning out ships and weapons at a rate that must give Hitler and Hirohito nightmares.

There is a cloud on the production horizon. There have been such clouds before that they will come again before we win.

This cloud is the growing shortage of metals and materials. The shortage of metals threatens to close blast furnaces which work for war and every blast furnace shut down means fewer steel plates for cargo vessels.

Here are some of the things we may expect in the coming months, some of the ways in which we will be asked to change our lives so that war industry may have materials and there may be the means to transport them.

These things we must not do— we must not hoard food, we must not buy too much food at one time, we must not waste food.

We won't have to ration clothing this year—at least it doesn't look that way now.

ted women's footholds are the bottoms of women's rubber galoshes with rubber dots in them for decorative purposes.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, June 17.— Signing of a grand alliance between this country, Britain and Russia may have world-wide repercussions, but it cannot overshadow the concerns of our lawmakers and policy-drafters as to the effect of war edicts on the people's thinking.

Legislators from states where no gasoline rationing has been felt are praying that the collection of rubber scrap will warrant the indefinite postponement of gasoline restrictions in these areas.

Optimistic estimates are to the effect that the salvage campaign now underway will uncover between one and two million tons for the scrap pile.

The House Committee on Ways and Means is about to report a tax bill which hits the pocketbook of nearly all wage earners.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS --- W. B. Kaziah, who was bit by a snake week before last, and by an alligator last week, started off this week by being kicked by a horse...

while government fiscal experts insist another two billions must be provided from taxes. The House will attempt to force the Administration to decide whether a general sales tax is necessary to make up the difference.

In order to still the protests from small plant operators and employees, the Congress has enacted a law setting up a new Federal agency to encourage the distribution of war contracts.

Watch the label on your paper. The disciples made a gallant response to the command of their Lord. They were to "tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high."

Sunday School Lesson

By GROVER C. PHILLIPS BENNETT, N. C. (Lesson for Sunday, June 28, 1942. Text: Matt. 28: 16-20; Mark 16: 14-20; Luke 24: 49-53).

After His resurrection Jesus gave His disciples a great commission. Instructing them to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"

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The task Jesus committed to the early disciples has not been finished. For nineteen centuries individuals have caught the spirit of the Master and, being responsive to the challenge of His message, have ordered their lives by

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