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### Second Front

THE second front has long been the biggest military question—and it is getting bigger fast. The plain truth is that a serious cleavage is developing between Soviet Russia and the balance of the United Nations. The Russians definitely feel that they have borne the brunt of the fighting long enough, and that it is now time for England and the United Nations to do something concrete and effective.

Wendell Willkie's recent visit to Russia was obviously made for the purpose of finding out just what Soviet military and governmental leaders are thinking. Mr. Willkie had long audiences with Stalin and Molotov, and with a number of high-ranking Russian Army men. He made a visit to the front, and talked with rank-and-file Russians. So it is highly significant that he at once issued a statement in which he advocated the establishment of a second front "at the earliest possible moment that our military leaders will approve." He then added that some of these military leaders may "need public prodding."

The attitude of the Russians is certainly understandable. The Russian people, military and civilian alike, have made sacrifices that deserve the adjective "incredible." According to Moscow accounts, the Russian Army has suffered 5,000,000 casualties in killed, wounded and missing. Sixty million Russians are in areas which at present are occupied and controlled by the Nazis. Aid from the United States and England has fallen short of the total which was anticipated, and Russia has a terrible lack of food, clothing, fuel and other necessities. The Germans, pursuing their policy of extermination, have deliberately killed tens of thousands of Russian men, women and children. In some sections, Russian authorities have found it necessary to condemn part of their own population to slow starvation, in order to provide sufficient food for fighting men and necessary factory workers. The courage of the Red Army is a beacon light in the long and bloody history of war. Never have there been finer and more desperate stands than those made by the Russians at Sevastopol, Rostov, Stalingrad and elsewhere.

At the present time, according to the best estimates, Germany has about 100 divisions on the Russian front. In the opinion of Russian experts, Germany would have to divert 30 or 40 of these divisions to the West if the United Nations would open a second front in Europe, using the British Isles as the base of operations. And if that happened, the Russian experts conclude, the Red Army could stop the Nazis and eventually defeat them. But if the Germans are left free to throw all their power against the Russians, the Red Army may be eliminated as an offensive force. In that event, Germany, possessed of almost limitless resources, could launch an irresistible offensive against England and the United States.

American and British Army heads openly advocate the second front. It is no secret that a very large percentage of the American soldiers now in service are being trained for fighting of the commando order. No responsible man now advocates a purely defensive war—all are convinced that only the continued offensive can bring eventual victory. At the same time, the difficulties that lie in the way of the second front are very important. The cost in troops would unquestionably be terribly great—raids such as that made against Dieppe have proven that German defenses in Europe are first class. The problem of supply from the U. S. to England is extremely difficult—to maintain the vast numbers of troops who would be engaged in the second front offensive, would require a veritable bridge of ships across the Atlantic. And on top of that, it takes time to give troops the kind of rigorous training that is vital to a successful invasion of German-held Europe.

These are but a few of the tremendous issues that bedevil the High Command.

It is to the credit of the Generals who make military policy that they do not want to open a second front until they feel that the engagement can be won at a minimum cost in men. At the same time, it is obvious that the collapse of Russia would be the worst possible calamity that could happen to the United Nations. Russia alone has really held the Germans in big actions, and made Hitler pay an awful price in blood and material for the victories he has gained. Russia alone has shown that she realizes precisely what total war means. Russia alone has given her resources and her energies without hesitation or limit. And Russia has received mighty little help from her Allies, despite all the brave words that have been said in her behalf. Russia knows that men and guns, not conversation, win battles.

### NOT EXACTLY NEWS

We heard this week that Corporal Harry L. Mintz, former Register of Deeds, has been made a Sergeant in the Army Air Corps. Miss Esther Edeen, formerly a member of the USO staff here, has been made senior hostess at the East and Front St. USO Club in New Bern. We learned from the same source that both her parents were Salvation Army officers.

Rob White is figuring definitely on putting in some bowling alleys at Shallotte this month. Herman Stanaland has a one-legged colored man working for him who turns out more work than any other helper he has. What's more, this fellow operates on an artificial leg of his own making, and this nothing short of remarkable, since he lost the limb above the knee.

Thomas Russ is the latest fellow we know in the county to develop the saddle horse fever. He wants to go to every saddle horse sale he hears about now. . . . Yankee, the stylish Irish setter owned by Mrs. L. C. Fergus, has been crowded out of the back seat by the new Doberman that Doc acquired last week.

Personally we think that Harry James lacks somewhat of filling the shoes of Glenn Miller on the cigarette show. We don't specially appreciate music that features trumpet in every number. . . . We have had the very best evidence possible that Frank Rabon has killed at least one buck this fall.

"To Be Or Not To Be," starring the late Carol Lombard and Jack Benny, will be the feature attraction Monday and Tuesday at the Amuzu Theatre. . . . A couple of guys here got a couple of goats last week. They (the goats) are registered Nubians, and when the crate came it was discovered that it had been used to make a pig shipment to W. D. Lewis at Winnabow. A check-up revealed that Mr. Dun had purchased the mother of the two do several weeks ago. He not only is a milk-goat owner, but is a booster of the breed and declared Sunday that he wouldn't sell his animal for \$100.00.

We think the late H. M. Shannon would be mighty proud of his younger sons, who have done the work in remodeling their house near the edge of town. From what we learn, Bobby Shannon was head carpenter on this project. . . . Thanks to the people who were nice enough to say that they missed seeing this column last week. Circumstances beyond our control prevented its publication.

### The Doctors' Burden

At the rate our doctors are now being drafted or are enlisting for duty on the far-flung battlefronts of the United Nations, we are going to be faced soon with a shortage of medical men in Columbus county as well as in the rest of the country.

Such a shortage, without the co-operation of the people of the country, is going to work a tremendous hardship on the few remaining physicians left behind to take care of the ills which might befall the people on the home front.

The people themselves can contribute immensely to the position of the family doctor if they will only try.

Physicians who are doing the work of three men will have little time to devote to the treatment of minor aches and pains which so often beset us. We're going to have to content ourselves with home remedies for lesser disorders.

This is not to say that any person who is really ill will not get medical attention. Where a doctor is needed, there will be a doctor available, we may be sure of that fact.

But the whole idea of this editorial is to impress upon the mind of our general public the tremendous burden which is being placed on the doctors of this country, and to see if we cannot contribute something toward making this burden a little lighter.

In peacetime, it's all right to indulge ourselves in the luxury of imaginary ills, but there's no time or place for them in this emergency.

Wonder if each WAAC will be given a rolling pin—woman's handiest weapon.

## WANT ADS

**HOME BARGAINS** — They are scarce, but we have a few ranging in price from \$800. to \$8,000. Outstanding among them is one of 10 rooms with hardwood floors, two baths, large lot and choicest location. This is a real home, or two separate apartments that will yield above 20% income on the investment to buy. A-1 condition throughout, and priced at only \$4,250. Also several excellent buys in Brunswick County farms with good homes and outbuildings. H. H. Thomas, Southport, N. C.

**FOR SALE** — Two medium-size Marsh Ponies. One 5, other 3 years old. Della Cox, Howells Point Road, White Bolivia, N. C. R. F. D.

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## LEGALS

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE** — Under and by virtue of the decree in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, N. C., in an action entitled Mary G. Edwards, Administratrix vs. Anna Leonora Edwards, et al., dated October 13, 1942, and approved by the Judge of said court, the following described real estate is hereby given to the undersigned Commissioner being therein commanded will re-sell the following described real estate at the Court House door at Southport, N. C., Wednesday, October 28th, 1942, to the highest bidder for cash, subject to the approval of the court, the following described lands located at Bolivia, Brunswick County, N. C., bounded and described as follows:

**BEGINNING** at a stake in the edge of W. B. and S. Railroad right of way, runs thence with a ditch north 62 degrees 12' west 130 feet to a stake at a ditch, thence with said ditch north 23 degrees 30' east 170 feet to a stake, thence north 62 degrees 15' west 27 feet to a ditch thence with said ditch north 16 degrees 41' east to a stake, thence north 5 degrees 15' west 200 feet to a stake, thence south 58 degrees 45' east 550 feet to a stake at a ditch and in A. B. Mercer line, thence with said ditch south 35 degrees 30' west 60 feet, thence south 36 degrees 30' east 110 feet to the W. B. and S. (Rail Road) right of way, thence with said right of way about south 12 degrees 30' west to the BEGINNING. Containing acres and being the lands described in first tract, third tract, fourth tract, fifth tract, also a small portion on south end of tract two as recorded in Register Book No. 50, page 120.

And being the same land conveyed to the late Dewey L. Edwards by A. R. Edwards as recorded in Book 57, page 508, Brunswick County Registry.

This October 13th, 1942. C. ED. TAYLOR, Commissioner

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**MORTGAGE SALE** — By virtue of power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Eliza Jane Gause to W. F. Cox and A. P. Rogers, dated Sept. 30, 1938, due and payable Sept. 1, 1939, recorded in Book No. 65 page 259 records of Brunswick County, De-fault having been made in the payment of same we will on Monday, October 12, 1942, at or about 12:00 o'clock Noon at the Court House door in Southport, North Carolina, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following lands:

**TRACT No. 1:** Being Tract No. 3 of the Wilma V. Thomas property as shown in map recorded in Book 25, page 462, records of Brunswick County. Said tract contains 52 acres.

**TRACT No. 2:** Being Tract No. 7 of the Wilma V. Thomas property as shown in map recorded in Book 25, page 462, records of Brunswick County. Said tract contains 75 acres.

**TRACT No. 3:** Being part of Tract No. 4 of the Wilma V. Thomas property as shown in map recorded in Book 25, page 462, records of Brunswick County, containing 31 1/2 acres, more or less and more fully described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the north side of the highway leading from No. 5 School house to Old Fredell and being the southeast corner of Tract No. 4 of the Wilma V. Thomas property according to the above said plat and runs with the north side of said Highway and a line of said tract, north 85 degrees 45' west 374 feet to a stake; thence north 40 degrees 35' east to a stake in the northern line of said tract; thence with said line south 72 degrees 38' east 3507 feet to a stake in the northern line of said tract No. 4 and in a line of tract No. 5; thence with the eastern line of tract No. 4 and the western line of tract No. 5, south 48 degrees 35' east to the beginning, containing 31 1/2 acres more or less.

Posted this 8th day of September, 1942.

W. F. COX AND A. P. ROGERS, Mortgagees

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