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TOP 'O THE MORNING

ty buys, The dangers gather as the treasures rise.

Johnson-In an Old Book.

WHERE'S WILHELM?

The Hohenzollerns are worried. They have not heard recently from the head of the family, WILHELM II, former kaiser and exile at Doorn since the World war. As the fighting in the Nazi-Dutch campaign, which ended so quickly, reached Utrecht, close to the kaiser's retreat, his safety is teared for. Wouldn't it be ironic if he had sought refuge in Eng-

ROTARY STARTS SOMETHING

The Rotary club took an encouraging step on Tuesday when it adopted a resolution endorsing re-opening the shipyards and proposed a joint drive of all civic clubs to win approval for the movement in Washington.

It is the Rotary's idea that a committee visit the national capital and enlist the cooperation of Senators REYNOLDS and BAILEY have been shot in Greenfield lake, that plants for the movement and otherwise stimulate in- in Greenfield park have been stolen, and, to cap terest in it so effectively that Wilmington will the climax, has in his possession a gig recovagain take its place among the country's ship- ered at the lake spillway. He asks public as-

In view of what other communities have and points out that Greenfield park, with its done in this line, it is not hard to believe that the city's progressive people will lend a hand in any way they can. For it must be acknowledged that, with the possible exception of greater commerce through the port, no single police. Every law-abiding citizen has a reproject could do so much for the progress and economic security of Wilmington as a busy to the last fish in the lake, the last tree or

The need for cargo and passenger ships is increasing with every additional day of war- right to intervene when vandals are at work, fare in Europe. There is already strong complaint that vessels are lacking to transport such commerce as the war has left. If the interruption continues, and becomes worse, as it is likely to do, the world will be hard pressed to conduct exchanges in goods essential in the ordinary affairs of life, not to mention the movement of supplies needed by the nations not excluded by our neutrality act. Every day the war continues the opportunity in shipbuilding becomes greater.

If America can become the chief source of new ships, there will be a great national ad- asks itself: Why should not Wilmington send muniques help us in that respect. German come vantage therefrom, And if Wilmington can its school choir away for concerts too? participate in the reviving industry, Wilmington will go ahead just that much faster. Apparently all that is needed to bring this about it a concerted, united effort by all business and civic interests.

WAR DRAWS NEARER

THE occupation of Holland by the Nazis, with the threat to Britain that conquest brings, centers American thought more than

ever on national defense. The President frankly says it is not of particular consequence now how money for it is raised; stronger defenses are needed and must be provided. The machinery for raising the fund can be set up in a variety of ways, but what the machinery is, in the final analysis, is a minor consideration. Mr. ROOSEVELT never spoke truer words.

For the present, with the war two thousands miles away, there may still be placid souls among us who see no danger. But, in very sooth, it is nearer our shores than we can contemplate in comfort.

The Nazi peril, through the surrender of The Netherlands, is only a half hour by air from London. A Nazi spokesman has said that we may look for attack on England next. It is altogether probable that while the land battle is in progress-the greatest in history, most observers believe-a great battle will be launched by air and sea against Great Britain. And because of their superiority in the air, the Nazis will have great advantage, with strong probability of success.

Should England fall, and it would be folly of the deepest sort to believe that it cannot fall, the British possessions would fall too. And we must not forget that Great Britain possesses territory right at our doors. Not only Canada is British territory. There are the Bahamas too, and they are but little further from our shore than is Holland from England. They would make a magnificent air and navy base for HITLER.

No wonder the President takes off his coat and goes to bat for defense. He told reporters at his Tuesday conference, and told them cor- Hoopskirts First rectly, that whether the money comes by borrowing, raising the national debt limit or by taxation is a minor matter; it must be forthcoming, and promptly.

defense tax, as a means of bringing home to so on. every person the peril confronting the nation. A correspondent recently proposed a defense stamp, to be used on all mail matter in addition to the regular postage. There is much to recommend the suggestion. It would no impose a great burden on anyone and it would mendous total of ten billion, cited by the Star's correspondent, could quickly be financed by

But, as the President says, the means is of

CARLELESS CYCLISTS

While Chief ROURK is cautioning cyclists to have bells on their machines at all times and if he warned young riders to discontinue their It is not an infrequent thing to see groups of Government Letters." school children extending three deep from the curb and riding none too close at that.

slow traffic stick to the left, leaving the right of the roadway to faster moving vehicles. By revolution will get 'em yet, this means there is less peril of accident by either rear-on collision or by sideswipe. Cyclists would improve their own situation and that of motorists paralleling them if they remembered this rule and put it in constant practice. If this were the custom, and not the exception, they would not spread out toward the center of roadways and imperil both them-

Granting that children, by reason of their immaturity, enjoy exceptional privileges and should be guarded by adults in all perilous situations, it is still a fact that by disregardnecessary hazards and should be restrained in the interest of safety.

Parents have a duty here, no less than the chief of police. A little discipline at home would help. And discipline is a matter of training as much as of punishment.

STOP THE VANDALISM

Commissioner Wade has evidence that trout istance in stopping these forms of vandalism, magnificent lake, is for public enjoyment, not public defacement.

Surely, all forms of vandalism there should stop. It is not enough to put the job up to the flower in the park, is preserved.

And every law-abiding citizen has the legal The common law extends the police right to every citizen. Here is one time when every citizen should exercise his authority as a

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Durham is sending a children's choir to Augusta. Georgia, for a church concert, to be followed by another in an Augusta school.

After hearing the chorus at Legion Field during the recent May Festival the question

Should such a trip be promoted the benefits would accrue to Wilmington no less than to except that they tell us that slaugher of the the participating children. Surely, Durham greatest magnitude is going on, and the side we dren's choir is concerned, than Wilmington. the fortunes of war,

But perhaps Durham better understands the

value of exploitation. Wilmington has good reason to be proud of its school singers. It would be a fine gesture of appreciation to give them a chance to display their talent in another city.

WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

WASHINGTON, May 15-James F. Grady, a quiet-voiced fellow with wavy, pepper-and-salt hair, has started a revolution that's spreading to every government department. Before it's over, it probably will create more good will than all the pork barrel, relief and federal aid programs ever conceived.

What he's doing is showing the federal agencies how to streamline their correspondence; how to take out stuffed-shirt expressions, delete the \$5 words, and turn out letters and sound like a pat on the back rather than the pompous high-handedness of some minor official who's so self-important he doesn't realize the taxpayer butters his bread.

Scarcely A Day

If you think this isn't important, ask your congressman. There are 2,300,000 pieces of government mail pouring out of Washington every day and it's estimated that 1,000,000 of these are personal letters. There isn't a day that government officials con't get complaints.

Often, it isn't the employe's fault, as in the case of the home owner who went into hiding when told his loan was to be reamortized and nearly fainted from relief when he found he was to be given 20 years to repay instead of ten. After three years of working with government agents, Grady finds that even before any instructions in letter-writing have been given, their letters stack up favorably with those of most private industries.

Yet, in one department alone, he found examples of letters that were contradictory, insulting, commanding, impertinent, weakly apologetic, arbitrary, offensive, insincere, grudging, critical, petulant and indifferent.

One of the first things the letter writers learn is to ge rid of the "hoopskirts:" "Your letter was duly received. . . . We beg to advise that. . . . As of even date herewith. . . . Your letter of the 15th instant, ultimo, proximo. . . . I This appears a proper time to levy a direct beg to hand you herewith. . . . " and so on and

> economy, but he doesn't emphasize that. In one ago it was possible for practically agency a survey disclosed that letters cost 75 cents apiece to prepare and mail. If this average holds for the 1,000,000 a day that go out, naval yards here, to see how the that's \$750,000 a day for Uncle Sam's Washing big battleships operated, and, in ton letters. Grady became an expert on epistles by acci-

produce a great deal of money. Even the tre- dent. An administrator in a California college, he was asked to assist in organization of the Land Bank office at Berkeley when it mushroomed almost overnight from 50 to 1,400 employes. In coordinating the work, he found employes needed most some instruction in writing effective secondary importance. Defense is the principal letters. Out of the conferences came Grady's plans for training and supervision. The Land Bank governor asked Grady to come to Washington as a special assistant. That was three

Since then, the demand for Grady has been far in excess of the supply. He has worked in You have to be intimately conthe field for the Land Bank, in Farm Security, nected with the government, or the in the census bureau, weather bureau, and now army or navy to get within smelllights at night, he would lessen the hazard is launched on circuit of other agriculture deling distance of the navy yards mins to keep the average person Vitamin D either from exposure to ing distance of the navy yards will be the delication of the navy and subject and on Vitamin D engage. If the Germans can establish and of accident between bicycles and automobiles partment agencies, starting with the soil conservation division. He has lecture courses at the habit of pedaling three abreast in the streets. American University. And no is co-author with Problem: Weary, and with his Milton Hall of a book called "Writing Effective eyes red from too much reading, your closest grocery. American University. And he is co-author with

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Editorial Comments From Other Angles

GET READY FOR MORE OF IT Durham Herald

Some of the bad news the Allies and their sister would hear it, and return sympathizers will have to hear and face these home. She didn't know the name grain cereal daily. next few months is at hand. Ahead is more and of the song, or the music, but she

The commander of the Dutch army has ac- days ransacking the musical arknowledged the defeat, virtual collapse, of his chives of New York. It just wasn't ing common driving courtesy they create un- forces. German forces have slashed the country to any avail. However, Lanny went into three pieces and are fast occupying all

> If not the decisive, a major battle rages across Home." Whether the missing Belgium and France and though reports are young woman was turned in—and bed guy in town. fragmentary, the substance of all of them is tained. that the Germans are forging ahead and the Allies are retreating. That, of course, adds up to sensational German victories and say Allied defeats. German communiques speak of spectacul- collection of 48 different motion should he? There never has been ar advances and Allied communiques speak of picture - the complete celluliod and talk of "a new Wally Beery,"

No one knows, but no one would be surprised if Mussolini pitched his tent with Hitler any record of his life work to the museday, and that, much loose talk to the contrary, um. It begins, back in 1915, with would probably put the Allies in a still more a film called "The Lamb." That precarious position. Certainly it would not bolster Allie dmorale.

of the Allies and, as every rational student of inson Crusoe," made in 1932. human behavior foresaw, Americans who were complacent a few months back are now more sponsibility to see that the public's property, than a little angry with Hitler. That trend, too, is likely to increase as the stream of bad news

That doesn't mean, of course, that the fighting is all one way or that the Germans have tributed throughout the country to gang, and his movies with Marie rightly—for salvaging bad ones, won or are certain to win the war. It simply high schools and clubs, free. It particularly high schools and clubs, free. It particularly high schools and clubs, free. It particularly for contributing vastly to hit ones. means that German strategy and tactics con- happy event. sidered and the fighting capacity of the Allies faced, for the next few weeks German advances IN CARS and Allied retreats are in the cards. It means, too, and don't forget it, that the Allies are in desperate straits, are fighting with their backs to ing to his office. the wall and can yea may, lose.

All of us try, naturally, to draw some conclusion from the welter of conflicting reports we trol of the car. read. And many of us, understandably, lean our conclusions toward our wishes. Allied com-

muniques help us to look on the pessimistic side. But it is simply telling the truth to say that would like to see move forward is moving backhas no more to offer, so far as a trained chil-ward, reports now reaching us tell little about

The Editor's

LETTER BOX

ly endorse any article appearing this department. They represent the views of the individual readers. Correspondents a r e warned that all communications must contain the correct name and o'dress for our records, though the latter may be signed as the writer sees fit. The Star-News reserves the right to alter any text that for any reason is objectionable. Letters on conroversial subjects will not be published.

TO BOBBY JEWELL

From out of childhood's garden God chose the choicest flower He plucked Bobby from our midst And dark for us are the hours.

Just six short years was he lent to us A brave little soldier was he

Patience and fortitude were the les-He taught to you and me.

A smile he had for everyone

Also a cheery word

No matter how severe the pain Never a complaint you heard. Although our hearts are bowed in

grief We thank God, he is in His care For in Paradise he is at rest And no more pain will he have to

-His Kindergarten Teacher. Wilmington, N. C., May 13, 1940.

Man About Manhattan By George Tucker

NEW YORK, May. 15-Obeservation: Most of us seldom think to avail ourselves of opportunities un-A by-product of Grady's program has been til it is too late. Until a few months anyone to go all through the big some instances, even to get aboard submarines.

But most New Yorkers, used to having such things in their back yards, never gave much thought to it. But now the broadcast of ships being blasted out of the water, and coastal ports being bombarded at long range by big sea guns, has generated a desire to have a close look at such naval items as airplane carriers, submarines and destroyers. Too late: the bars are down. The chance has gone glimmering in the wind.

Government Letters."

Lanny Ross plopped down in his favorite restaurant and told of a essential vitamins will show you to worry any more." The answer of the favorite restaurant and told of a essential vitamins will show you to worry any more." The answer of the favorite restaurant and told of a essential vitamins will show you to worry any more."

What music? Well, on his broadcasts Lanny has promised half pints to two pints for child to sing requests. In his mail the ren. other morning came a letter from woman whose sister ran away from home. She was distressed. Knowing that her sister always admired Lanny, she wrote in to ask if the singer wouldn't sing a certain song, in the hopes that her quoted the lyrics. Lanny, with a couple of aides, spent the next few "Then." he said. "I did the next best thing. I sang Home Sweet went home—hasn't been ascer-

Over at the Museum of Modern Art, in 53rd street, is a most sigula collection of film. It is a biography of Douglas Fairbanks' career. Not long ago Doug died. but before he did he presented this was the first motion picture Doug ever made. And when I made it in "Twenty Mule Team," a rootin'- George "Gabby" Hayes, Joseph h never went back to the stage tootin' number, and out at the Schildkraut, Edward Arnold, Rol-Most Americans, of course, share the sadness again. His last film was 'Mr. Rob'- studio they think everything is go- and Young-what would movies be

string all these films together you would have a running, if garbled story 2,700.000 feet in length. Last wee'- the Museum announc-

to the public. And after New York busier than a one-man band. He get blamed for bad pictures, but has seen them, they will be dis- got a lift into the 10-best star the character men get credit—and seems to me this is a particularly sugar. There was one time we

decided he would dress while driv-

to pull on his shoes he lost conhurt, promised state patrolmen he of surprise.

'wouldn't use a car for a dress-

He got his shirt and socks on

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

ing room again.

School children operate the Beery is one) as the tops. argest amateur museum in the The character men, stars or fea-

HOW to EAT to BEAT the HEAT

Your Vitamins Are Just As Close As The Corner Grocery Store

B ALICE H. SMITH Nutritionist, Cleveland Health Council .

The vitamins have sort of sneak ily needs, will furnish, according tries is the prelude to an attempt

pretty healthy. And you don't need sunlight and-or Vitamin D concento look very hard for them eigher. trate, such as fish liver oil. Problem: Weary, and with his Vitamins are always on stock at

milk daily (adult), one and one body must have. One serving of green leafy or If you can afford concentrates you

vellow vegetables daily One serving potato daily. One serving citrus fruit or to- need concentrates.

nato daily. At least one other serving of fruit or vegetable daily. One or more servings of whole

meat substitute daily. These foods, plus the food normaily consumed to meet your bod-

ed up on the country. A lot of to our present knowledge of vita- ed knockout punch at Great Bris people still don't know about them mins, all the A, Bl, C, riboflavin -where to look for them, at least, and nicotinic acid necessary for Vitamin therapy, for that matter, the normal person. The adult requirement for Vitamin D is un-But enough is known about vita- known. The child must secure his dreaded "total war" is under way

"But the pills?" some persons coast they will have a pistol point ask. "It's so easy to get my vita- ed at the heart of England. Huge, The equivalent of one pint of tein, and energy, all of which the

> Moreover, it is more economical to have them in your food. can afford a good diet and if you can afford a good diet you don't

If you buy right you can lug home enough vitamins to keep the whole family healthy. That's pretty important these first hot days.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

-By Robbin Coons-

no telling about this Wallace job—and he's the same Adolphe Beery, the most troroughly scrub- who, like Beery has been well low countries.

in pictures, and yet here he is hands. Frank Morgan, turning ing a German invasion via Be today, going along at a good clip. from bumbling comedy to more gium or Holland. He never changes from the gruff, serious dramatic stuff lately, is lovable, cussed old cuss, and why insuring a new life for his career. and if there were the folks would apparently for keeps. Walter Brenprobably stay away.

pictures before. Take that last one, by a whisker or two. Akim Tam-The Man from Dakota." Not so iroff, Lynne Overman, Reginald of the Germans' grand offens hot, and not doing so well with Owen, Eugene Pallette, Donald providing their drive through the folks. But here he is again Meek, Gene Lockhart, Lewis Stone, ng to be all right again.

began to talk, and pretty soon most of them), but they get none ed it would show all these pictures he wasn't "through" any more but of the bitter pills of stardom. Stars all knew, positively and for sure, IN ACIDENTS that he couldn't go on. That was when "Viva Villa" looked like Me-MOUNT VERNON, Wash.—(AP) tro's most expensive, most colossal Late for work, Bernis Yenter flop-before they remade most of

it and bagged a super-hit. When you think of it, the Beery type of stardom is the safest. It's successfully but when he tried easier to take a slight tumble if you've tumbled before, and it's easier to climb again when no-It ran into a field, overturned body expects the climb and you're and was demolished. Yentis, un- aided by the psychological factor

> Speaking of safety in stardom, if there is such a thing in such a mercurial eminence, the evidence points to "characters" (of which

HOLLYWOOD, May 12—There's | Menjou apparently has a life-time washed up on many occasions. He He has been washed up more works around, is frequently star- high command has worked for times than any top-ranking star red, and never has time on his years to perfect plans of count

Thomas Mitchell—he's "in" and nan, who never got the girl in all They've stayed away from Beery his years in pictures, always wins without them?

If I were in pictures (and could-That's the way it's been with n't be Walt Disney), I'd choose Wally, time and time again. He to be one of those boys. They not was "through" when pictures first only draw starring checks (I mean

HELENA, Mont. (AP)-"I was

standing on a corner, a door came along and knocked me cold." That's a Butte man's story of how he got a black eye—and he's sticking to it.

He was on the curb, waiting to cross an intersection, when a car came along. A door flew open and the handle struck him and knocked him into a sign-post.

A doctor, who vouches for the story, was called to revive him.

THE ONLY WAY

Not one of the ordinary tests the furnishings from the b used by laymen to detect poisonous home of A. W. Sundgren. mushrooms is absolutely safe. The here. Out they came carrying world. Located in Washington, tured players, are the boys who only sure method is to know the heating stove, a fire blazing chest. N. C., it is known as the Bughouse. work and work and work. Adolphe various species by sight.

NAZI ARMY GETS FIRST REAL TEST BY ALEXANDER R. GEORGE

AP Feature Service Military

Writer WASHINGTON. - The Nazi whirlwind invasion of the low cour-

At last the long-delayed "bid for quick victory" and perhaps the maintain a stronghold on the Dutch

utes bombing time from The Meanwhile the Nazi chine is to get its first major to against big league military oppos

tion—large units of the tuned up French army. They Planned It So

The Germans are using the cream of their army. Seventy visions, upwards of 800,000 from line soldiers are moving through the Netherlands and in parts Belguim. Every detail of their ope ations certainly was worked with traditional German militar throughness.

have been Germany's "preferred The Netherlands and Belgius routes of attack on Britain France since long before Worl war days. The Nazis know prac cally every foot of the terral Strategic railways and highway can rapidly pour troops into the

On the other side, the Frence

When the war started last Se tember, the French began extend ing and strengthening the Magin line along the Belgian border Th wall probably is not as "imprgr ble" as the sections directly facility Germany. A "break through the weaker section may be a p gium is not permanently stalled

A Matter Of Time Allied Generalissmo Gameli should be able to put French an British forces in Belgium stro enough to give the invaders a figof World-war proportions and st keep large bodies of troops.

France. Before the lightning invasion the low countries military obs ers wondered why the Ger made so little use of their va air force. Perhaps they were ing it up for "the one big offer

The Germans probably will ! preponderance in air stre for the lowlands struggle. On other hand their gasoline su may not be adequate for a longed "all out war".

The Germans as usual seen have the jump but if the Br and French "can take it" few months without suffering feat, the tide can slowly to other way just as it did in 191

AT FIRES

KEPP, Kans. (AP)-Twas strange spectacle the volu fire laddies made as they ru lily in it.