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forces-with the unbounding determination of our people-we will gain the inevitable triumph - so help us God. -Roosevelt's War Message

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throughout Southeastern North Carolina. Modern Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

TOP O' THE MORNING What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to Him. -ANONYMOUS

Officers' School

News that Camp Davis probably will be utilized for an officers' training school comes from Washington with peculiar gratification to Wimngtonans who have seen soldiers depart in recent weeks with deep concern for the future of the camp.

The War department's general plan for increasing the Army to a personnel of 3,600,000 men is a sure sign that a large force of officers will be required. The regular Army and West Point are not prepared to provide the large number of officers needed. Nor is the Reserve Officers personnel. There must be a training school to fill the quota, and it is with sincere pleasure that we learn Wilmington is "in the cards" for its location.

Auto-Use Tax

Despite the treasury department's decision to put automobile-use stamps on sale at once it will be some days before the Wilmington postoffice receives its supply and consequently auto owners here will be delayed in obtaining them. Postmaster Wilbur R. Dosher has announced that they will not be obtainable before

It would be well for motor car owners to be on hand to purchase them as soon as they are offered, lest they be caught in a lastminute rush and compelled to spend tedious Belgium took the same position. They were time in line awaiting a chance to be served. Any one who saw the throng before the office rely on Hitler's promises for freedom from of the North Carolina Auto club during the closing days of the period for buying auto

federal government is to collect a flat tax of \$5 per year per vehicle to help meet the costs that date other stamps will be available at a cost of \$5 for the then current fiscal year.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

The Star-News is always pleased to receive tters from its readers, written for publication, at will reproduce none that are anonymous.

They will be available at the postoffice only, republics can she hope to benefit by the united and heavy penalties are provided for owners strength and resources of all. who do not comply with the law creating the

EDITORIAL

harder. With the purchase of tires next to im- the people and government into a state or false possible the prospect is that few owners will security. If this is so, it is time that some be using their cars at all by spring. One agency acquire the power to make Argentina might wonder why it is necessary to pay a see herself as others see her. For in these "use" tax for a car that can't be used. But days of lightning war, distance alone offers no there are so many more important things to security and no pledge of any sort has everwonder about, and worry over, that there is no been fulfilled by Hitler. time to waste in seeking this answer.

If this money were not raised by this means it would be by another.

To Teach Economy

Because of the serious economic situation created by the war, and the necessity of individual saving, it is obvious that every consumer must learn new ways to stretch have a real job on their hands. an eye to eliminating every unnecessary pur-

But that is not all. Such commodities as are bought must be used with the purpose of part of the foodstuffs that she needs. That making them last longer. This, to be an effect means agriculture must have incentive to work tive means of saving, must apply to every harder and produce more. article that goes into the home.

The tremendous costs of war can fall upon means by which conservation will reach new upon the success of their efforts. highs. Else the tax burden will become in-

erally to this new need for economy The Advertising Federation of America is sponsoring a campaign to teach the people how to make all articles, but particularly scarce goods, last longer and to make the process fashionable.

Elon G. Borton, the federation board's chairman, proposed the plan in an address before the Boston advertising club. The people, he said, must be educated to buy more intelligently and learn how best to use goods made of new materials not required by the war

The program, he said, "should prepare people for shortages, discourage hoarding and itself to war merchandising conditions." And carryng out the program he added that they should do everythng in their power to prevent unwarranted price increases and to work actively in finding, as well as promoting, substitute materials.

Synthetic Rubber

The fact that the country expects to be in position to produce 400,000 tons of synthetic rubber in a year and a half is consoling chiefly to auto owners with sufficient foresight to lay in a surplus of tires when the rationing period was first hinted. For the rest of the auto-owning public eighteen months is

The general impression obtains, however, that within a matter of weeks the present order congestion or car relaxed and even the jalopies will blossom

explained by the New York Times thus:

Shares of oil companies responded yesterday to the overnight announcement in Washington that the United States Government had decided to construct plants capable of producing 400,000 tons of rubber annually. The Standard Oil Companies of New Jersey, Ohio and Indiana and the Texas Company gained more than a point each. The fear that gasoline consumption would be restricted sharply because of the threatened shortage of rubber from the British and Netherland colonies in the Far East has caused some uneasiness in the oil group recently. While it will require up to eighteen months to build the synthetic plants, the country probably has sufficient stocks of natural rubber for essential purposes until the plants are in production. However, it is quite likely that the rationing of automobile tirer will be continued, but not so drastically as was intended originally. With an abundant supply of all raw materials going into the production of synthetic rubber, the quantity to be produced here is limited only to plant expansion. If the present program should not prove to be sufficient to supply the needs of the country, it is quite likely that it will be enlarged. The cost will not be so much greater since the synthetic product can be produced around 30 cents a pound, compared with the present level of 22 1-2 cents for the natural product.

Argentine Blindness

Argentina's refusal to enter any military alliances or "acts of prebelligerency" is so similar to the policy of Holland and Belgium before they were conquered one can only by a single sentence in the President's order; wonder at her blindness.

The Netherlands took the same position content to "stand on their neutrality" and

And because they refused to join England licenses will understand the advantage of being and France they were overrun by Nazi forces, bombed by Nazi war planes, conquered by These stamps are the medium by which the Nazi bandits and now exist in slavery to the shadow of ambiguity about it. Both employers and thus contribute to a feature Nazi fuehrer.

The situation may not be identical. Argneuntil February 1 the amount is fixed at \$2.09 Holland and Belgium in the January before and protects the owner until July 1 next. Upon Hitler emerged from the phoney war. The accept a "recommendation" of the NDMB is a great convenience and a great long when an employer failed to accept a "recommendation" of the NDMB is a great convenience and a great long while. of war. As the present issue is not effective tina may not be as near to falling as were Low Countries were from the Seigfried line. le promptly had his plant board's decision, on it for things she ought to get trigues me. It isn't wealth. It isn't Low Countries were from the Seigfried line.

But Argentina would do well to consider that the three Americas are definite objectives in Hitler's scheme of world conquest and that only by alliances with her American associate only by alliances with her American associate only first of the part only by alliances with her American associate changed its decision,

Argentina has long been a favorite spot for propagating Hitlerism and it may be that Thus the way of the auto owner becomes these fifth column activities have really lulled

When his chosen time arrives Hitler will strike at the Americas, and the republic which seems to be nearest Wilhelmstrasse is most likely to feel the Nazi heel first because of its isolation from its natural allies.

More Food

The agricultural marketing cooperatives

the dollar. Earnings must be rebudgeted with As Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has pointed out, we must increase our production of many foods both for us and for England, which depends on this country for a substantial

The marketing co-ops are today fighting a battle to get the consideration the farmer dethe shoulders of the people only. No other serves. They are fighting for fair prices and source of revenue with which to meet them reasonable profits. They are working to imcan be made available. If they are to be paid, prove production methods. The future welfare and they must be, the people must discover of tens of millions of farm families depends

With the aim of educating the people gen- Washington Daybook

BY JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 .- The other day a friend showed me a letter from his mother who had traveled from Chicago to the Pacific northwest on one of the country's crack streamline trains. The weather was perfect, There had been no wrecks. Yet her train was 30 hours late in arriving at her west coast

What occurred to me would have occurred to any one who heard the story and remembered 1917-'18, when wartime transportation demands caused a nightmare of congestion on American railroads which finally caused the government to take them over. Could it be plumb cold is the one that there giving advertisng men a defnite place in that the railroads of the nation again were shall be established a "Free Rucaught short?

> officials who are well on the inside of the that King Carol be the head of it. problem and their answer is a unanimous 'No." Never in the history of this country, magazines and books is even 50 they will tell you, has transportation been per cent correct Carol is a perfect better prepared to handle the demands of example of everything a ruler all-out wartime production.

In World War I, there was practically no transportation in the United States other than that provided by the railroads and inland waterways. Now, the railroads handle about 60 to 65 per cent of the intercity transportation, international ends against the dom- and land attack, the American-Fili-

The highway truckers account for some 8 per cent; the inland waterways, including the Great Lakes, about 18 per cent; the pipelines, nearly 12 per cent; and the airlines about one-tenth of one per cent.

As strange as it may seem, there are 600,000 gaged in tearing that noose from fewer freight cars rolling today than there were in 1918. Yet in 1941, the railraods were over which it has fallen. If it is to left and center are backed by able to move 25 per cent more freight, without remove the Nazi noose merely to Mount Natib, a 4,000 foot peak hortage than u rationing tires in a limited field only will be in the peak year of war production 23 years ernment Carol would give them, inate not only much of his narrow ago. Not once was there the slightest hint of we might as well take that \$59,- land front but also Subic bay. congestion like that which occurred at one 000,000,000 and store it up for a time then when 200,000 loaded freight cars rainy day or use it to build electric tains lift an even higher creast to The matter of synthetic rubber production is piled up in the eastern industrial and shipping refrigerators for the Eskimos.—

The reasons lie in the vast improvement in equipment and speed. The average freight car today carries nearly nine tons more than the 41.5-ton freight car of 20 years ago. There has been a 60 per cent increase in train should be adopted without further speed a full 100 per cent increase in tons delay. carried per train hour; a 37 per cent increase in the capacity of locomotives. In the first project is no longer open to serious six months of last year the railroads were question, but the project is now able to handle about 20,000,000 carloads of freight, nearly 40 per cent more than in the it cannt be completed in time to same period in 1938.

Editorial Comment THE NEW WAR LABOR BOARD

New York Times The Administration's new set-up for the set-

tlement of labor disputes in wartime is not a modern highway will do more reassuring. As compared with the old Natonal to bring that about than any other Defense Mediation Board, which the new Na- single thing which would be done. tional War Labor Board supersedws, there are doubtless a few minor gains. The new board. for example, may take jurisdiction of a dispute on its own motion, without waiting until the namely, that of machine tools Secretary of Labor certifies a dispute to it. America's gigantic industrial ma But the appointment of William H. Davis to chine would easily meet the Presi head the present as he did the old board is not dent's goal of 60,000 planes in 1942. a happy one. As head of the old Mediation It is by no means sure, however, Board Mr. Davis made too many errors of that such an objective can be judgment. He never recognized, to begin with, reached in view of the necessity of the cardinal importance of adopting and announcing in advance the principles upon which gets that are necessary for this of unofficial rationing of sugar to recommendations for settlement of disputes particular construction. will be based. He has never given any sign to this day that he understands the necessity

Very serious questions are raised, moreover, 'After it takes jurisdiction, the board shall finally determine the dispute and for this purpose may use mediation, voluntary arbitration or arbitration under rules established by the board." Does this sentence definitely establish compulsory arbitration of labor disputes? If it spare.-Charlotte Observer. does, it is a decision of the first importance. Can or should such a major polcy be established by mere executive order without sanc-

tion of Congress? If we are to have compulsory arbitration chants are asking that customers of labor disputes, there should at least be no carry some of their packages home and unions are entitled to know in advance of national defense. As a matter whether that is what they must submit to. of fact merchants take a loss on And if it is, it must be two-sided. As it turned small items, for the customer is me because of their intense family al Slyness." out, what the old NDMB established was acuu-unworried about that old bogie pride," he said. When his friend he promptly had his plant seized; when a nuisance. The housewife depends

BUILDING UP THE PUBLIC MORALE!



As Others Say It

A suggestion that leaves us mania" government with head-Since then, I have talked to a good many quarters in the United States and

If what we have in newspapers, should not be and Rumania under Carol was not a happy or an ef-ficient country.

doubly underscored by Tokyo ad-vices admitting the strength of his against British defenders of Singa-

The philandering playboy king defensive line. managed to exist by playing both Repeatedly tested by Japanese air estic middle of his country for a pino line still is firmly rooted There is an unconfirmed report number of years, but the end product was for it to be strangled in of the peninsula. According to

substitute for it the kind of gov- from which MacArthur's guns dom-

CONNECTING ALASKA

Congress now has before it a proposal to speed up the proposed highway to Alaska. The proposal The military importance of the

being opposed on the ground that be of service in the present war. That may or may not be true. But of its value in time of peace as well as in time of war. Alaska should be made a part of the Unit--Raleigh News and Observer

THE BIG HUMP IN 1942

Granted one assured factor, It is this year that challenges

the nation's industrialists, not next. No trouble will be met in 1943 in producing the maximum of 125,000 planes set if the hump in 1942 can be scaled.

Once this vast and powerful in-

BY 'A'NKLE EXPRESS"

With the increasing difficulties of deliveries some of the mer

Interpreting The War

Tokyo Admits Strength Of MacArthur's Line

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

The skill and daring with which role in stemming the now collap General Douglas MacArthur timed sed Axis drive toward Egypt. and executed his withdrawal on against which the enemy might Luzon into Batan peninsula is now try to repeat the technique they

Tokyo's admission. Its right flank troops. If that is true, it would The United States today is enis protected by swamps and marshadd immeasurably to the darkening liant man in his field but he is a united states today is enis protected by swamps and marshadd immeasurably to the darkening liant man in his field but he is

Southward, the Marviveles moun afford long-range gun positions. They could make water-borne attempts to outflank the defenders from the sea costly if not impossible as long as MacArthur has ammunition for his batteries and food for his men. - And there is evidence from Tokyo that he got away into Batan with all but four of his mobile guns and the shells for

130,000 rifles, nearly 700,000 rounds bruk. of ammunition, and 50 machine guns. it jabs a galling thorn into the insula. He does know that Tobruk in Libya played a vital heavily stocked.

(Wide World War Analyst)

pore. Time after time landings have been made there behind both flanks

outlook for the British at Singa-

peninsula potentially a tougher nut than its far large Malayan counter- requires. Meanwhile a man naval bombardment to bear against in every county of the country the bay coast to cover landing can get things done, is left out operations on that side. Corregidor to sell soft drinks. bars the way. High ground along Not only Republicans like the sea coast side, where Mac- tional Chairman Joe Martin. Arthur's light and medium caliber many ordinary citizens, are ask guns could be posted, tend to make when Mr. Roosevelt is going formidable naval approach to sup-use the talents of Wendell Will port a landing attempt a very cost- This war is big enough to need ly operation.

troops enough to hold his northern ed their loyalty and capac front and man both coasts against Plenty of others could be used That can be read into a Tokyo night landing sorties, MacArthur summary of "prizes" taken in the might duplicate for weeks or even Luzon campaign. They included months the British stand at To-

This may prove too optimistic an the project should be pushed to guns — but only four artillery estimate of the Batan situation. The completion in any event, because pieces. It is the big guns that writer does not know what reserves count not the rifles nor machine of ammunition and food staples are *And while Batan holds out available on Corregidor or the pened States in fact as well as in the China sea, just as British-held ton policy to keep Manila's defenses flank of the Nipponese drive down many years it has been Washing-

> cially when they have delayed in placing their orders. No merchant wants to lose customers, but buyers ought to be considerate .-Charleston News and Courier

SUGAR HOARDING Although it ranks today as a

minor annoyance rather than a the Far East Stooge Division of major inconvenience soon to be- Hitler, Inc., has opened for busicombat hoarding illustrates how unthinkingly people rush out to meet unpleasantness and thereby making a problem out of something that really isn't a problem. What, if anything, can be done

to persuade people not to play that way is beyond us. It has been dustrial mechanism of the United tried off and on in various ways States gets set for a task, it can and places since the memory of always meet it, with margins to man and never yet with appreciable success. Maybe it is useless to try and persuade people not to do what they know they shouldn't do.-Durham Herald

PROUD. BUT OF WHAT?

A pastor, new to the Harford country, was discussing his burdens with a sympathetic friend. "Harford people are interesting to asked what this great pride was based upon the pastor thought a

Is That So

By WILLIAM RITT The Japanese parliament has

just gone into its 79th ordinary session in Tokyo. In other words,

Lee Stanley postcards he hasn't heard West Coast publicity boys do any raving so far about the bomby weather.

Zadoz Dumbkopf has added his own slogan to "Remember Pearl Harbor!" It's "And Don't Forget Tokyo!"

The emperor of Japan claims he is a descendant of the sun goddess, so he shouldn't complain when Uncle Sam starts making things plenty hot for

to know whether or not those fish may bite. crafty Japanese diplomas address their imperial boss as "Your Roy- 53 YEARS IS ENOUGH

Folks in the Dutch East Indies these nights probably lull themselves to sleep by counting Japanese ship loss

Grandpappy Jenkins says he once heard of a Japanese fishing several county and state positions.

During his career he held encounted by the country and state positions are country and state positions.

Clapper

Watches Washington BY RAYMOND CLAPER WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. 14 those who read between the

Secretary Knox, in his addres the conference of mayors, answer the nation's question of the week Where is the fleet? In a word, the Secretary of S scale naval engagements in

Pacific, or a conclusive show with the Japanese navy, is near future. That should be sufficient in mation for our purposes here home. Of course we all have str personal curiosity for more det But of what use would those ser details be except possibly to

plement the information of Ja-

ese intelligence services? For our purposes we know know we have suffered a s blow in the Pacific. We are not to expect a full-scale m assault on Japanese forces in near future. We know that I thus far has advanced rape through sea and air superior We know that until we can to large numbers of planes into southwest Pacific, the Japa onrush probably cannot be stop Since we are not to expect a pr attack on Japanese forces must look to the air, and m put our effort there.

JOB MARKED OUT

What else do we need to know here at home? Nothing The job is plainly marked on It is to pump planes and more planes and yet more into the the southwest Pacific until te Japanese are driven out of the air. That job starts here a home. It is that job and a the

lot more. For there is and battle of the Atlantic, and organization and dispatch t American forces to varing parts of the world as suggested in President Roosevelt's a nual message. Winning the war is going to be the hards job this nation ever tacklet There isn't an informed pers here who doesn't realize t But here at the center

the effort we have shaky, or fused, uncertain direction lack of direction. This is have ing a befuddling effect on be whole town and likewise those who must deal with Washington in doing their w work. The place is seething with feuds and backbiting.

PROFESOR LANDIS Because Mayor LaGuardia

Mrs. Roosevelt are stubborn ting tight at the office of Civi defense, despite the appalling of satisfaction inside and outside t organization, Mr. Roosevelt make a slight reshuffle and slips in an executive officer Prof. Jams Landis of Harvard. He is a bil had no notable experience in sa Yet terrain and command of the entrance to Manila bay from Cor-The Japanese cannot bring Jim Farley, who knows the per

of those men like Farley and W Given munitions and supplies, and kie who have long ago demon great advantage in this total eff as Mr. Roosevelt is finally using Bernard M. Baruch, after

term in the doghouse.

Some fresh faces around would be a tonic relief from feuding, from what Secretary! thinks of Harry Hopkins and versa, and what Secretary We ard and Leon Henderson think each other, and all of the gouging around OPM and SP Total harmony is a futile dream but the demoralization here reached the point where it is terfering with the wholehear aggressive direction of the war effort that must be had be the short time that has been

Factograph

runs out.

The first bishop of the odist Episcopal church to dained in the United States Francis Asbury. He was be England in 1745, and came America in 1771. He rema through the Revolutionary suffered imprisonment.

As war has interfered with monopoly of French factories the manufacture of cigaret pa an American mill, first of its is now making cigaret papers home-grown flax riber.

When fish don't bite it may that the water in that vicinity tains a variety of desirable The man at the next desk wants o know whether or not those

> IN PUBLIC LIFE MAHWAH, N. J.-A-Alle

years in public life, 75-year Mayor James Devine has ret to his farm to raise flowers vegetables.

He says now, "public life is a thing for young folks, but not good for old folks'