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With confidence in our armed forces - with the unbounding determination of our people-we will gain the inevitable triumph - so

-Roosevelt's War Message

Star-NewsProgram

To aid in every way the prosecution of the war to complete victory. Public Port Terminals.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

He is dead who sees nothing to change, no wrong to make right; Who travels no new way or strange In search of the light: Who never sets out for a goal that he sees

from afar But contents his indifferent soul with things

EDGAR GUEST

Must Do More

During the first four days of the rubber salvage campaign 50 tons were collected in Wilmington. In the same period, collections in the New York metropolitan area amounted to 248

New Yorkers gave about five times as much as Wilmingtonians, which is not so hot, considering that New York's population is somewhat more than a hundred times larger than Wilmington's.

On this showing the people of Wilmington have just cause for gratification Yet we must not be content with what we have done. Rather we should find in the record incentive for do-

There is no reason to believe that the city proud of our final record only when every piece of rubber which is not serving a useful purpose has been added to the nation's pool.

It is not only a matter of civic pride that should prompt every resident to give up such be only too likely to have to put up our auto- strategic victory. mobiles until a new kind of wheel has been

For the present we are asked only to turn in our worn-out tires. Unless they create a creased and that the Russian battle may prove stockpile large enough to offset the loss in rub- the turning point of the War in Europe. This ber imports we probably will have to give up depends, of course, upon the ability of Russia's the tires now on our cars.

motor vehicles it's up to us to see that rubber Hitler's. It also depends upon the United Na- will spell victory or defeat for their forces to meet war needs is forthcoming.

A Heavy Handicap

cap upon the export and import business be- vasion of England.

tween this country and the other American

EDITORIAL

Honduras offers a fair example of the changed conditions. We are large importers of bananas from Honduras. Of course we can fight this war without bananas. Their importation is not a vital item either in our war or our table requirements. But bananas are the chief ket Honduras will suffer grievously economically. Yet it is virtually impossible to assure delivery at a United States port of a banana

This is not an exceptional case. Rather it is typical. And as protective measures have improved in the coastal areas of our own country, the U-boat warfare has increased in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, with resultant heavier shipping losses in those waters It has been a part of our plan that ships

now used to transport war materials to Old World fronts would pick up cargoes in South America on their return trip. But it has proved safer for these ships to avoid the narrow passages into the Caribbean and the Gulf. So they are coming home in ballast.

The reduction in commerce among the Americas, therefore, is working a hardship in all three Americas. An economist sizes up the

Any cut in Latin American exports to the United States may have to be met by new American assistance loans. The war has already struck heavily at the economies of many of the smaller nations south of the Rio Grande and further declines in their shipments of bananas, sugar and coffee might have a disastrous effect upon millions of persons already living at bare subsistence levels.

One Year In Russia

It was one year ago today that Adolf Hitler crossed the Russian frontier to launch his drive for the conquest of the Caucasus, with its rich oil fields, of Moscow the Russian capital, of Leningrad the northern Russian center, of all the vast natural resources and industrial production of the Soviets.

inviolate pact of friendship to which Hitler had committed himself shortly before his attack on Poland. That is to say, the thrust if protected, may safely approach to within 15 against Russia was in the pattern of Hitler's

he boldly forecast that Russia would be in the bag within three weeks-at the most six. And the magnesium in one giant burst, the bomb it must be admitted that for some days he will go out in a few seconds-perhaps 10 or seemed destined to fulfill his prophecy. Nazi legions swept ahead with blitzkrieg speed, tak- to secondary fires. ing city after city, leaving a trail of death and destruction behind, until it appeared that nothing could stand against them. But the speed ducted by the Wilmington Defense Council. was so fast, the momentum so great, that they could not fully protect their communica. tions and supply routes.

It was at this point that the Russian strategy began to make itself manifest. Leading Hitler deeper and deeper into the country, luring him further and further from his bases, makit more and more difficult for him to bring up reinforcements, great bands of Russian guerillas began to prey upon his rear guard, cut off his steady flow of supplies and munitions and slowed his advance with the single purpose of delaying him until winter should come and freeze him in.

Hitler's boast of a quick conquest was upset, for the winter, that caught him in mid-action, was so severe that hundreds of thousands of his troops perished from cold, in addition to the other hundreds of thousands who died in battle. When winter had arrived in full fury and Hitler's air force was grounded, his mechanized equipment frozen in and his troops trying to survive in such shelters as they could find, the Russians launched their great coun-

They could fight in blizzards, being hardier than their enemies. Steadily they pressed nome the advantage, regaining some of the territory wrested from them in the first headlong attack of the Nazis. Hitler's timetable went to pieces throughout the Eastern front from the Baltic to the Black sea.

The history of last winter's campaigning in Russia is well known. When spring broke, the armies of the Russian headman, Stalin were and county have been drained of all scrap stronger for what lay ahead while Hitler's rubber. Probably there are more tons in the legions were weaker, both in men and equiphands of owners than have been turned in at ment. The Kerch campaign resulted in Hitler's filling stations. We will have real reason to be ascendency, but so stubborn has been the fighting in the Kharkov and the Crimean sectors that he has been unable to capitalize it, and is today as far from Caucasian oil as on the day Kerch fell.

Steadily American and British supplies. rubber as they possess. There is a selfish rea- planes, tanks, guns and ammunition have been son, too. If the gross amount of scrap rubber pouring into Russia. Steadily the United Naon hand after this campaign is insufficient to tions' situation in the Middle East has immeet the war needs of the country, the gov- proved, so that even though Hitler is driving ernment will most certainly consider a pro- against the Russians with the total might of gram of confiscation through which we will his armed forces, he has achieved no great

It would be silly to assume that Russia and her allies are masters of the situation, but it is certain that Hitler's striking power has deallies to put into action enough warplanes and If we really want to continue driving our mechanized equipment to match the best of tions commanders being able to outsmart the Nazi commanders

When the history of this war is finally written it may be shown that Hitler made as grave Submarine sinkings in Western hemispheric an error in his war planning when he underwaters have not only disrupted our own coast- took the conquest of Russia as when he failed al shipping. They have placed a heavy handi- to follow up the Dunkerque disaster with in-

Just Goes "Glub"

Some months ago the Star, in these columns, told of experiments in New Zealand and actual tests in Russia for extinguishing fire bombs with the least possible damage to property. Both in Russia and New Zealand it was found means of livelihood in Honduras. If they are that better results followed dunking incendino longer transported to their principal mar- aries directly into water than from smothering them with sand.

> Because the Wilmington defense against fire bombs had been built around the custom in England, which was to dump sand on the bombs, and this new method contradicted the principle that water, save as a spray, only increased danger, it was considered too revolutionary to accept. But time has changed the situation. Now the OCD has put out bulletins explaining the new method and encouraging its use by American home defense forces.

The revised program follows exhaustive exeriments by the OCD, by which it has been established that the bomb merely goes "blub" when thrust into water. A twelve - quart pail well filled will do.

Furthermore, it is declared that if a householder is confronted by more than one burning bomb he may turn the hose with the water under full pressure directly on each bomb forcing them all to explode and do their damage at once. With a free-flowing stream of water in his hose he may then deal with the fire as with any ordinary flame.

The procedure is simple. If a bomb falls in an attic, the homeowner, shielded from flying particles of molten magnesium (a chair held before the face will do) can take an ordinary garden shovel and dump the bomb into the aforesaid pail of water. If he has not been forehanded enough to have water at a convenient spot in the attic (or other room) he is advised to devote his whole attention for the time being to the fires being started near by and ignore the bomb itself. While he is getting out his sand, spreading it on the floor, moving the bomb upon it, covering the bomb and finally shoveling it into a pail-as was formerly recommended-fifty fires may have gained headway. By the new method, there's The invasion was in violation of the allegedly just a "blub" and the bomb is through.

As for playing a stream of water directly on the bomb it is explained that the fire-fighter, or 20 feet of the bomb and turn the hose directly on it. The explosion will not send par-When he sent his troops across the border ticles more than 10 to 15 feet under ordinary conditions. After it has gone off, exhausting 15-and one's whole attention may be turned church.

The understanding is that the whole process will be dealt with in forthcoming lectures con-

BY JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The capital hasn't that social workers in Britain are ed with too many publicity shows. sense standard, be news that Only a few months ago two vetters and the standard of the standard o lost its sense of humor, here is, for example, the story of Leonard Herman, Department of might profit from British experi-Agriculture clerk, who for two years has been ence. He says we should keep as tion to replace the bedlam. the cause for a lot of leg-pulling among the many children in school as long agriculture experts.

Every year, the department employes get schools, should not call capable pears to have given Davis ample up a pool on the wheat referendum vote; each should expand rather than cut power. employe who participates chipping in for the down normal educational facili- But that does not necessarily privilege of guessing what percentage of the ties. Yet the board of education mean more news. It may mean farmer votes will be for continuation of the in New York City has just voted less conflict in the propaganda that wheat control program.

Last year, young Herman walked off with teachers up for service and more real information. the pot and this year duplicated his 1941 feat, estimates. In these times there is making him in all some \$40 richer. The reason considerable social danger in such time has come to tell the Avis of blurting out what might help for the ribbing of the experts if that Leonard economy, and for the sake of the some of the things we are doing. Herman is Brooklyn lad, born and reared in citizens of tomorrow it is to be They would like to see the cold Dodger town, and by his own admission hoped that the practice does not figures in some matters laid on might encourage our side and diswouldn't know a wheatfield from a Louisiana become general.— Washington the line. Several attempts have canebrake. It's just that to any one who has Post. spent his youth trying to figure out what the Brooklyn Dodgers are going to do next, figuring out what the farmers are going to do is as elementary as two times two.

One of the better yarns circulated is that ancient story haunted her. In the which Rep. Luther Patrick, the Alabaman who end she sought relief in the river was defeated for reelection tells on himself. that flowed by, and was turned in- oncile. Production men are natural- formation that the high command Explaining that while other congressmen like to a siren voice luring men to ly anxious to tell of the big things has. To really get it he must have to relax by fishing, hunting or playing golf, he their destruction. What was the that have been achieved. The tenenioys most going over to one of the radio warning she heard? Was it of a dency among military men is to he will be obliged to remain in stations and doing a little broadcasting. And day when the old city of Cologne tell as little as possible. Any scrap the dark while trying to make dethat's how come that Patrick told the yarn would itself be as a fable and of information might be pieced with cisions about the most serious

afternoon just after the house had adjourned for the day. I had what I thought was a very funny little story. I said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we passed some kind of an appropriation bill up there a while ago. I voted for it. You know how it is with congressmen, we vote a bill out today and then buy a paper tomorrow to see what it "YOU DON'T HAVE TO EX- Most of us, Dr. Steincrohn dewas, and maybe vote it back in again.

"I thought that was a pretty clever joke. But they had a record of that broadcast down in my district and they played it all over the district and on the radio until I had nightmares about it. It sure wasn't funny then."

It took a young War Production Board attor- fort, Conn., Dr. Steincrohn has unless they are actually super- he says will pull up trolley tracks conquered. ney to prove to his elders that the WPB is built himself quite a reputation as men. But most of the middlebound around with far too much red tape.

The young lawyer, disgusted at the number past forty, and with the publica- by the feeling that it is necessary of officials who have to approve every memorandum issued by the office and doubting if many of them read all the paragraphs they considerably. At that, the title is slump, that is the "beginning of initialed as okay, decided to test his theory, Into the middle of a long memo on cotton really says in the book is that cording to the doctor. duck cloth, he wrote a paragraph about Donald Duck. Fourteen officials initialed the memorandum as okay before the fifteenth detected the presence of the irritable Donald D.

QUOTATIONS

The Axis knows that the next six months For the Axis, it is now or never .- Lt.-Gen. H. H. Arnold, Army Air Force commander

making speeches .- Pilot Officer A. F. Taylor, RAF, a hero of Rostock and Lubeck.

The people of France are pratically unantmously pro-American and hopeful of a defeat
of the Axis powers.—William D. Leahy, amof the Axis powers.—William D. Leahy, ambassador to Vichy, France.

CRIMEA DOESN'T SEEM TO PAY, EITHER!



Civilian Defense **Timetable**

BASIC TRAINING COURSES Fire Defense A - Mondays at p.m., High School room 109. General Course - Tuesdays at p.m., High School room 109. Gas Defense B - Wednesdays at p.m., High School room 109. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Casualty Stations - Medica Corps, first aid assistants only. Monday, 7:30 p.m., First Presby-

terian church Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Church of the Covenant and St. Paul's Lutheran

As Others Say It

disruption of school life in Britain ships in Washington that might could be revealed then there must evils which could come from To-Washington Daybook has promoted juvenile delinquency. At any rate, William H. job as ruthlessly as it must be output of some of our plants Stoneman, writing from London done to be worth while. to the Chicago Daily News, says Washington has become clutter- should, by any ordinary common- risks" of the war on the Axis. as possible, should not close our

THE LORELEI

Lonely on her rock in the Rhine, tells us, sad in her seclusion. An been suppressed.

The Literary Guidepost

tion of "You Don't Have to Exer- for health, that stopping indicates cist," his field is likely to enlarge "giving up," that their figure will misleading-what Dr. Steincrohn the end." That is nonsense, acyou should not exercise after

Up to age of thirty, he believes, actually be better, he says, promen and women both can exercise vided you will pay attention to posas much as they choose, provided ture, You can reduce without using there is no organic reason against any of the faddish diets, too, and it, such as weak heart or an in- with no danger at all. You simply functioning 40 years, and no mat-

ERCISE!" by Peter J. Steincrohn, clares, deliberately work toward M. D. (Doubleday, Doran; \$1.50.) death at sixty-five. He thinks that THE sight of a middle-aged man there are some men who really or woman deliberately forcing him-like violent exercise at any age. self through 6 sets of tennis and to these he merely nods, mutor 36 holes of golf nauseates Dr. tering in his beard that they must Peter J. Steincrohn. Back in Hart- be prepared to wear out too early, the foe of exercise for people aged exercisers are driven to it

> Your figure, male or female will not soften and droop It will

fected lung. Moderate exercise is figure out your requirements in not harmful, he says, at thirty-calories, and eat them. Dr. Steinfive. But then one should begin crohn lists four antidotes for the to taper off sharply, and for the "disease" of exercise in middle average man the early forties age: good posture (which is a should begin a period of energy mild form of exercise), adequate subject's general health may be planned breaks in your routine perfect, but the machine has been (that is vacations) and finally a

serves care and freedom from be your age gracefully

Raymond Clapper Says: Roosevelt Appointment Of Davis Wise Choice

er there is to be any material in- Often the services are found in- these represent probably less than crease in the amount of war news sisting upon secrecy concerning a a third of Lieutenant General given out here will depend upon matter which has been repeatedly Ritchie's army, assuming it was President Roosevelt, who hitherto mentioned in print. President at least as large as the three Gerhas favored a rather tight lid.

head of the new Office of War In- matters, including production. formation, the President has made the ideal selection. He has found a man of the highest competence be very sure of his judgment as Mediterranean seem to have been and prestige. Fortunately Davis to what should or should not be here and he is therefore free of the disclosed. But when so many in It seems to be agreed that the many long-standing personal friend- the Government feel that more theless, none of the whole train of

In that respect, the President ap-

to dismiss 125 regular employed goes out but it may not mean any Some officials here believe the

> been made to do that. But there has been opposition in the military services and President Roosevelt has leaned to their view of it, as the considerations involved, know

monstrous birds ravage a land of something else by the Axis to re- and delicate matters. "I had gone to the broadcasting station one romance?-Louisville" (Ky.) Cour- veal what we do not wish to re

treme of suppressng facts that courage the enemy. That is where Davis comes in. To be effective he must know fully what is going on, know all

No layman on the outside can

whole production. In fact in some

forces and in addition the peoples

There must be some middle

ground in most of these decisions

which goes neither to the extreme

the enemy nor to the other ex-

of Allied countries.

the Lorelei sat, so Heine's poem the proposed announcements have what is coming up. If he is to make intelligent decisons he must be fully informed himself. That You have two extremes to rec- means he must have all the in-

Furthermore, unless President Roosevelt is ready to permit more graduated. to be told than has been, Davis will find himself unable after all to get out the news. These are been able to sleep should be the military matters and he can't ex- ideal airplane spotter. pect to win arguments with the military very long if the President is for keeping on a tight lid

Factographs

A man in Asheville, N. C. claims to conquer a small people than to have invented a machine which to convince them that they are as easily as a dentist pulls a tooth. He wants to use it in the salvage for victory campaign.

The radio distress signal, SOS, does not mean literally. "Save Our Souls," or "Save Our Ship." It was chosen because of the be worth saving after all those speed and clarity with which it buck teeth have been knocked out can be transmitted.

A Mauston, Wis., insurance sales ouickly goes broke at the rac man solved the tire problem. He track. now roller skates through town to call on prospects.

An "angel," in Army slang, is probably mean is that it won't anyone who buys a arink.

The notion that Negro families

have low food standards is not uprecorded by the bureau of home Goering. economics of the department of agriculture. When Negro and white families spent the same amounts the Russian front are now comof money for food, their diet rated plaingin about the warm weather same proportions.

Interpreting The War

Fall Of Tobruk May Mark Opening Of Very Critical Summer For Allied Nations

By EDWARD E BOMAR

Wide World War News Analyst The Tobruk disaster appears likely to mark the opening of an extremely critical, perhaps even desperate, summer for the United Nations cause. A preliminary to the Nazis' main

onslaught in Russia, the sudden loss of the Libyan stronghold with some 25,000 British troops inem. itably stirs uneasiness over the stability of the entire Meditar ean-Middle East flank, Sevasto. pol's mortal peril adds to the pes.

With this due recognition of the grimmer aspects of the war picture as it appears at the moment it is possible to state some guard ed reassurances as to the immediate prospects on the North African front itself

The considered judgment of competent military authorities is that despite the blow the defenders have sustained, Egypt and Sue, are probably not in great danger at present from Rommel's dirve The brilliant Nazi desert com. mander is credited with insuff cient strength to exploit his tre umph decisively against the maining obstacles.

At or near the Egyptian borde the British now hold the stronger defensive line in North Africa, in cluding presumably the Halfay pass area which last year was an Axis strong point. Obvious the British cautiously held su stantial forces in reserve while Rommel audaciously threw h entire strength into the unexpected offense. These British reserves are available to bolster the new from

Eastward from the border, the defenders enjoy shorter lines. railroad transpotation denied the

By RAYMOND CLAPPER | there is constant difference of opin- bruk brought the total captures the Imperial troops taken at To WASHINGTON, June 21.-Wheth- ion on what should be revealed. two weeks to 45,000 or more. But Roosevelt has been inclined to the man and eight Italian divisions be-In appointing Elmer Davis as tight-lipped policy regarding war lieved to have been under Rom-

It is true that the chances for a United Nations offensive in the set back indefinitely, and the bur

What has happened in Libva i output of some of our plants one of the necessary "calculated eral Australian divisions were ransferred from th value abroad without revealing our to the southwest Pacific India stronger now for the recent arriva lines of production the whole story of British armored which under might have its effect on the Axis. other happier circumstances might Certainly it would encourage our well have provided the margin of own people, especially our armed victory in Libya.

TELEVISION is going to be tough on contract bridge players. You can't play for a grand slam and watch a night ball game at the same ttime.

Bowlegs are said to be a sign of courage. Well, we've noticed most bronco busting rodeo riders have 'em. Factographs says a certain

species of ants plant their own garden. Soon, maybe, they'll get around to staging their own pic An eastern school graduate had no trouble leading his class and

succeed. He was the only student That western man who has never

being named the most likely to

Zadok Dumpkopf points ou that just when the rubber horse shoe really comes into its own we

lack the rubber. Adolf Hitler has by this time discovered that it is far easier

In view of what the British Roy al Air Force has done to that area. the Watch on the Rhine should have been an alarm clock.

The Japanese face will

The chap who plays no favorite

Hitler, according to an editorial wishes for the moon What they long before Der Fue'rrer wishes he were on it.

A person doesn't need to be an

A dispatch says the Germans of there. Our guess is that it is the heat so much as the humility