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With confidence in our armed forces — with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph — so help us God.

Our Chief Aim

To aid in every way the prosecution of the war to complete Victory.

Still Need Volunteers

Pending instructions from Washington or Raleigh, the Office of Civilian Defense will continue to function, particularly in the control room—which, by the way, has never been fully manned—despite the changes announced in the Aircraft Warning Service.

Lecture On Delinquency

Because juvenile delinquency presents a disturbing problem here, Wilmingtonians are showing deep interest in the coming lecture by James H. Hepbrun on the subject under sponsorship of the Community Forum.

Mountbatten and M'Arthur

Lord Louis Mountbatten's arrival in New Delhi to assume supreme Allied command in eastern Asia, which was announced yesterday, is paralleled by a statement by Secretary of War Stimson that his authority does not overlap General MacArthur's, which includes the southwest Pacific war theater from a line east of Guadalcanal and the Solomons.

It is not yet clear that enough warships have been released from the Mediterranean and other naval zones of operation to take a great task force across the Bay of Bengal for a landing, say, at Rangoon, but we may reasonably assume that the Burma offensive would not have been brought so near the starter's gun unless both naval and air support had been provided.

It may be said, however, that MacArthur got along very well and made definite progress while his command was woefully undermanned in all branches of the armed service.

This Burma fight must be won. On victory there depends China's greater participation in the war. The Burma road must be reopened that great supplies of war tools may reach Chiang Kai-shek. This is essential not only to force Japanese forces off China's soil but also that Chinese military manpower, adequately armed and trained, may join China's allies with full effectiveness in the ultimate defeat of Japan.

Hopefully, Lord Mountbatten will be able to retake Burma and open its lifeline to China with the same talent for exceeding expectations that MacArthur has exhibited in his zone of operations.

Plenty of Toys

Lack of critical materials and the manpower shortage are being felt in Santa Claus' workshop, but for all that the jolly old fellow expects to make his rounds with a pretty full sack on the night before Christmas. There may be about 10 per cent less, he hints, just to be on the safe side, but if all goes unexpectedly well this slack will be taken up.

Should Start At Top

The American Federation of Labor is authority for the statement that a movement is in organization, or at least in contemplation, to expand the influence of the Department of Labor by centralizing most of the agencies now dealing with labor problems.

Be this as it may, there is no doubt that the Labor department needs revamping. It has been in a muddle for a decade. But any change would be of little value unless it started at the top.

been set up to do much of the work and make many decisions she should sponsor are to be centralized, certainly no betterment can be expected if she remains at the head of the department.

We are still convinced, as we stated long ago, that a retired army general, used to establishing and enforcing discipline, is the proper person to hold the labor portfolio. But with a national election in the offing, perhaps the administration, particularly President Roosevelt, does not want strict discipline in labor.

Greater Air Strength Needed

That was a significant announcement by General Arnold, chief of the United States Army Air Forces in Seattle. The Italian invasion, he said, could not have been successful with a single plane less, and to get as many as participated into the action it was necessary to draw them from every available location.

The Italian invasion was a minor affair in comparison with invasion of western Europe. If we could barely muster enough war planes to execute the former successfully, how can we hope to succeed in the latter unless there is either a tremendous increase in plane production or fewer of the planes we manufacture are sent to other localities—Russia and the Pacific theater, for instance, where they are vitally needed?

General Arnold's revelation can only be viewed as an appeal for heavier production, and not in the United States alone but among the Allied nations as well.

Fair Enough

(Editor's Note.—The Star and the News accepts no responsibility for the personal views of Mr. Pegler, but often disagrees with them as much as many of his readers. His articles serve the good purpose of making people think.)

NEW YORK.—If any of you are overburdened with worry these days, it might interest you to know that same can be attended to promptly and neatly by a professional of long experience, meaning me. I have been in this business for about 10 years and my many contented clients have sent me very complimentary testimonials, which may be seen by appointment. No worry is too insignificant for my attention nor large enough to daunt me, and my range of topics has included the future of the Tunney-Muldoon trophy symbolic of the heavyweight championship of the world, the fairest gem in fiction's bauble, as the late Leo P. Flynn used to call it, and the security of Singapore. The last time I saw the gem in the bauble, it had been shoved back in a corner under the stairs in Madison Square Garden and I needn't tell you what happened to Singapore. I think I should explain that I do not guarantee favorable results. I just worry and the results just happen independently.

At the present moment I have many orders on hand from clients desiring me to worry over the impending coal shortage for them and I may say that, as is my custom in servicing multiple orders, I put them in a hamper and do them in a batch. It is a system not unlike that of a little boy of my acquaintance who prays specifically and by name for his parents and other members of the family, but blankets the rest of his fellowmen in a general petition. I believe the coal shortage is going to be very severe and I am really going to town on this issue, and it seems a shame that, with the case in the hands of an expert, others should waste their energies on it. They might just mess it up.

I have found in my long experience that it is possible to worry very fast and in the course of a very few minutes when I am having a real good day. I can polish off our future relations with Russia, the menace of communism in Canada, the new income tax proposals of Mr. Morgenthau, the indecency of the Wagner act and the postwar world.

I started with little bits of worries, such as flunking long division, and whether my old man would be canned in the annual pre-Christmas massacre when he was a reporter in Chicago. I flunked the long division several times and do such problems nowadays strictly with matchsticks, but my dad never was canned, so you see, while some worry is justified, much of it is sheer waste. I guess it is something like farming. You can't tell what the crop is going to be but you have to keep on trying.

Because I am an entrepreneur, as they used to call the proprietor of a peanut stand or lunch wagon back in the days of the NRA, I am able to worry long hours without interference from any government department. On a 40-hour week, I would soon be swamped with business and a very helpful service to the public would be badly obstructed. My system is to start worrying as soon as I wake up, usually about seven o'clock, and to worry from the day before, either personal or public. I next take a look at the papers and pretty soon the mail arrives, a hundred or more letters in a batch, and I then spit on my hands and really get going. My clients lately have sent me many orders for worry on the subject of a manpower shortage at a time when the union racketeers are overmanning many jobs, and wasting men, mostly dummies to be sure, on mock work; and let me say that my performance on this one has been uncommonly fast, thorough and polished but that I have had to attend to them in several huge batches.

A friend of mine, an amateur, tells me that he sets aside one hour every evening for worry but, while he is very earnest, he is after all an amateur and something of a plodder at that and I have known him to put in a whole week's worrying time on nothing but the saddest sort of worry, his insurance policy. Such individual worry is very wasteful, as you can see, when I am at your service to worry about the whole great problem of insurance in connection with inflation and estate taxes. I worry standing up, sitting down or walking and while I do not like to boast, I may say that I bar no topic. Just phone, write or wire and state your worry.

Victory is ahead, but it is the considered judgment of our military leaders that we still have a long, hard fight.—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

"SEE HERE, PRIVATE HARGROVE!"



Raymond Clapper Says: A War-Time Election Raises New Problems

WASHINGTON.—No presidential election has been held in wartime since Lincoln's day and the prospect of next year's campaign raises some new problems which already are being thought over.

Daily Prayer

FOR THOSE AMIDST BATTLE Our men are engaged in the final test of battle, fronting the foe: Lord God of Battles aid! Thou rulest over all, and maketh the wrath of man to praise Thee: so give victory this day, we humbly entreat Thee, to those who have gone forth in Thy Name to establish righteousness in the earth. To our fighting men impart the courage which is sublime self-forgetfulness. We thank Thee for their resourcefulness and valor and patient, heroic persistence in the face of the foe. Intensify, we beseech Thee, their sense of comradeship with one another, and their union with Thee. Impart skill to their hands and courage to their hearts. Grant them the spirit of obedience, even unto death. May those who fall be sustained by Thee, in life or in death. In their conduct toward a beaten foe may our men be chivalrous again.

The Literary Guidepost

By JOHN SELBY "The FBI in Peace and War," by Frederick L. Collins (Putnam; \$3). Most of us will remember that 10 or 15 years ago the kids on the corners were playing Dillinger, or Pretty Boy Floyd. And now, research down-street proves, they are either soldiers and sailors, or G-men. The change means something.

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON.—All media for the written word and the voice have before them a request from the Office of Censorship NOT to present statements on the secret of radar.

Censorship does not forbid a fact it encourages, telling the customers that the reason for the blackout is that radar has great possibilities and obviously we do not want the enemy to gain any ideas from speculative discussion in the United States.

Insistent clamoring by manufacturers and the press generally forced the Army and Navy to make somewhat last spring from their original hush-hush policy. The brief, carefully edited official announcement did little more than confirm existence of radar.

However, that disclosure encouraged growing advertisements and news stories, each a bit more revealing than the last.

But there was another reason for the blackout on radar. It stemmed from concern that the mass of publicity was placing an undue burden upon the thousands of workmen in radar, and even more secret electrical devices, who really know the still hidden secrets and have loyally kept a pledge of utter silence almost to the man for 21 months of war.

Paul V. McNutt, war manpower director, continues to adhere to voluntary procedure to supply labor for war plants. His refusal to say that compulsory legislation must be passed now coincides with views of many legislators that there are still some other things that can be done to augment the army of war workers.

The recent orders of Economic Stabilization Director James Byrnes to relieve the war plants manpower shortage on the west coast are believed to be in the nature of an experiment.

If Byrnes' plan to coordinate employment agencies, seeking service and the efforts of management of war plants succeed in mobilizing the west coast for the added burden that will fall on it when the war against Japan goes into high gear, the formula will be applied to other "tight" labor spots.

Uniformed aviation enthusiasts got some cold water poured in their dreams of post war air transportation when it was learned that conversion of the thousands of Army bombers into peacetime flying planes is considered impractical by the experts.

Army bombers, according to their designers, are so constructed that their balance is achieved by placement of guns, armor, other wartime equipment. To these ships would destroy the balance of the planes and make them unairworthy.

But there is a bright side. Already, major aircraft plants are planning rapid conversion to peacetime plane production as soon as the war ends.

Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, who likes and trusts newsmen and does not believe in hiding everything he knows under a brass hat, is letting newspapermen see a 30,000-word report containing colorful and hitherto secret sidelights on America's part in the war.

Of particular surprise to the War department's public relations branch, which has closely guarded the document against newspaper eyes, is General Marshall's disclosure that American troops are probably Air Force patrols—air stations along the west coast of South America.

Troops are stationed at strategic points in Chile, Peru, Ecuador and the off-coast Galapagos islands to prevent Japan from kicking the United States in the pants with a surprise invasion of South America, or to make a thrust at the Panama Canal.

Regulations limiting service stations to 72 hours weekly hours since July 31, 1941. They were established on a national basis February 18, 1943.

TOBACCO PRICES RALEIGH, Oct. 7.—The Food Administration said today that average prices showed a 20 per cent increase to three cents for some types of tobacco on Middle and Eastern blue-cured tobacco today, while prices being paid for Old Belt markets remained steady.

SENTENCE COMMUTED RALEIGH, Oct. 7.—Gov. W. W. Broughton today saved the life of William Vicks, Chowan county Negro scheduled to die tomorrow for the rape of his 14-year-old daughter, by commuting the sentence to life imprisonment.

As Others Say It

BOOTLEG BUTTER

The authorities in the City of Brotherly Love (Philadelphia) are reported to be hot on the trail of butter bootleggers, in their city, black market operators, with salesmen peddling butter from door to door at 75 cents a quarter pound—nearly six times the legitimate price. The peddlers, it is revealed, use eggs as a "front." Their automobiles are laden with eggs, and if a policeman, for instance, inquires what they are doing, they say they are delivering eggs, which is legal. Meanwhile, the butter, the source of which is said to be a "mystery," is kept out of sight.

Let's hope our fair city, which evidently enjoys no immunity from bootleggers of mean liquor, can manage to keep out the butter bootleggers. — Greensboro Record.

WAR WRITERS

War reporting always has been attended with danger, but never before so dangerous as in the present conflict. While a number of correspondents have lost their lives, those that remain show no hesitation, when opportunity offers, of getting the news where the news is being made.

Prime Minister Churchill, in speaking of the immense army of correspondents who move with the troops and carry their cameras into the heat of the fighting, and who produce the news of a very high quality and accuracy that fills the public press from hour to hour, paid a deserved tribute to men who have evinced a high sense of duty toward the public they serve.—New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times.

HOW HE DOES IT

James C. Petrillo levies a private tax on makers of records and collects it. He does it because he can and he can because the Congress of the United States and the executive of the United States are afraid to prevent him.—Lynchburg (Va.) News.

and magnanimous. We pray for swift and complete victory, that peace may soon come and war be ended forever.—W.T.E.