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Roosevelt's War Message.

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TOP O' MORNING (Psalm 115:3 "Our God is in the heavens") They cannot cause Him panic, Nor cut off his supplies . . Though all the world be shattered His truth remains the same . . . Though we face war and struggle, And feel their goad and rod, We know above confusion, There always will be god. Albert L. Murray, D. D.

And Then To Die

Death of Billy Southworth, Jr., in the wreck of a Superfortress that crashed and exploded at New York is similar to that of many who survived war only to die in mishap at home. Unscathed in 25 bombing missions in the war zone, he met death at home. Others have done the same. Some flyers with many missions back of them are killed in car wrecks in the United States. Soldiers on furlough die in accidents.

When the total of those who were killed at camp or other places in the United States is compiled, the count made of the victims in plane accidents at home and other listings recorded, the amount will be found very large. Perhaps it is "unavoidable", a description so often made at coroner's inquests, but it does seem such a waste.

Soldiers meet their greatest hazards in battle, of course, but many come home though only to die. It is one of the things due to the haste, the waste of war.

Servicemen And Strikes

The views of American soldiers and sailors on industrial strikes are pretty well-known. They've been expressed often but seldom as well as in the following story and poem which appeared recently in the Seattle Post-Intelli-

Right after Pearl Harbor, two buddies in navy blues out there in the South Pacific saw only "Strikes, Strikes, Strikes for more pay, shorter hours or some darn thing" when they read the newspapers from home.

One of the buddies-Ship's Cook 2/c Fred E. Truman, of somewhere in Wyoming-in one of his free moments, dashed off a poem that told his reaction.

The other buddy-CCS C. Lotti of San Ber nardino, Calif.-who felt the same way about the strikes "back home in the States" folded the clipping (after the poem was printed) in

A year later-in 1942-Truman, the author of the poem, was killed in action-on a destroyer when he was mannnig a gun.

Yesterday. Lotti, who is temporarily stationed in Seattle, read of the shipyard strike. "It made me mad!" he said last night, when he brought the copy of his buddy's poem to The Post-Intelligencer.

"Out there in the Pacific, we didn't have time to think about wages or hours. We had other things to worry about. Our lives, for instance, and the lives of those around us. We were lucky, sometimes, if we could find time to eat."

He tenderly refolded the clipping and placed it back in his wallet.

"Thank you for reading it," he said, "I just had to bring it in."

FOR THOSE WHO STRIKE

It seems so childish and so cruel, too. To call a strike, while life's blood drains away

From veins of some young boy, whose lips turn blue

Along red fringes of an acrid day. Who are these puny gnats with twisted souls, That drop their tools of toil, while some lad

Upon a reef of jagged coral shoals. Or in a jungle muck among tall reeds.

Our boys are dying there, yet human worms. Who shape the destiny of toiling hands, Dictate a strike, while in some fox-hole

squirms The lad who keeps war distant from our

Sidney Lanier

This month is the 103rd anniversary of the birth of Sidney Lanier, one of the most original and talented of American poets, a true southerner in the most patriotic sense of the word and a highly accomplished musi-

Despite the mark Lanier left on the literary life of the South, there was little observance of the anniversary. Only a comparative few remembered him, paused to recall his contributions - gifts from a genius soaring high above the sectionalism of his day-to American literature.

Because Lanier has never received the recognition deserved for his works from the public as a whole. He was not a sensationalist. He was not promoted. Rather, the early re-(Daily Without Sunday)

Months-\$1.85 6 Months-\$3.70 1 Yr.-\$7.46 in an environment, improvished by a great ception of his poetry suffered because it came When remitting by mail please use check or war, too busy trying to reconstruct itself U. S. P. O. money order. The Star News can- to extend the name of any worthy man of

letters. Every phase of life in the South was MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS destined to struggle for existence after the AND ALSO SERVED BY THE UNITED PRESS War Between the States. Therefore, its liter-With confidence in our armed forces-with ary men enjoyed little of the assistance freethe unbounding determination of our people- ly accorded those of other sections of the reborn nation. It is noticeable in his biography that his most fruitful years were in Balimore, a city whose people had more time

> His career too, was a comparatively short one, handicapped by health broken by his service from 1861 to 1865 in the war. In his memorial to Lanier, William Hayes Ward summed it up with:

for the arts than other southern communities.

"But how short was his day, and how slender his opportunity! From the time he was of age he waged a constant, courageous, hopeless fight against adverse circumstances for room to live and write. Much very dear, and sweet, the most sympathetic helpfulness he the traffic as fast as possible. met in the city of his adoption, and from friends elsewhere, but he could not command the time and leisure which might have lengthened his life and given him opportunity to write the music and the verse with which his soul was teeming. Yet short as was his literary life, and hindered though it were, its fruit will fill a large space in the garnering of the poetic art of our country."

All familiar with his life know that he was Georgian. However, he visited North Carolina many times, both during and after the war, and it is a fact little known to many Wilmingtonians that his career as a private soldier included service here. The greater part of his time in this state was in the western section, always seeking to regain his health with failure coming with his death at Lynn, near Tryon, on Sept. 7, 1881. The house in which he died has become a shrine, visited by thousands each year. Tryon itself has done much to honor and perpetuate the memory of Lanier. Its library bears his name and the Lanier club, now more than 50 years old, has sponsored many of that community's leading

Because of his love for the state's mountain country, it was appropriate that Secretary of the Interior Ickes, at the request of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, named a peak on Hannah mountain in the Great Smoky Mountain National park for

This is but one of the several means of remembering Lanier achieved through the good and persistent efforts of the U. D. C. in recent years. Today, its members are engaged in their greatest Lanier undertaking: Presentation of his name for election to the Hall of Fame of New York University. This work is being carried out well by Mrs. W. D. Lamar, of Macon, Ga., Chairman of the Sidney Lanier committee, and Mrs. T. L. Caudle, of Wadesboro, Chairman of the committee of the North Carolina division of the U. D. C. It is interesting to note that this state was awarded the prize at the general convention of the organization in 1942 and 1943 for having done most to advance the name of Lanier. All U. D. C. members who have participated, either in major or minor roles, are to be congratulated for a real service to the south and literature. Their efforts are so worthy that they deserve any assistance from outside their organization that will bring greater recognition of this outstanding poet. The goal is much too important for failure

He deserves a place in the Hall of Fame and it is time, belatedly so, that he "take his final rank with the first princes of Amer-

Proper Place

France has put 48,000 German prisoners to work at repairing the war damage they wrecked. That's justice, but that's just a few compared with the thousands upon thousands of French war prisoners and French civilians doing forced labor in Germany. The French want more, expecting to get 60,000 prisoners captured by Americans.

It seems a good idea. The Germans wrecked the country; let them help rebuild it. Let them sweat over it. It might take some of the meanness out of them. Those who would say that war prisoners who are taken by American soldiers should be sent over here to work should remember that we could get too many of them over here.

Some of them escape and a few determined Nazis could do a lot of sabotage before caught. A safe and well-fed picket walks the street- They are experts with torch and bomb. We Unfit to kiss some boy's war-shattered feet. | could get topheavy with war prisoners. There -FRED E. TRUMAN are already reports of their arrogance in pris-

on camps in some parts of the country and reports of resentment among people at their being so well fed and treated with such con-

Washington Calling

BY MARQUIS CHILDS

U. S. NINTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, IN HOLLAND-One's first close-up glimpse of this war is bound to be a surprise and shock. First of all, you are not prepared for the enormous complexity of even a small section of the front. The preconveived picture you have of lines and advances is dimmed out in the face of the mass movement that seems to be going on in all directions at once.

Apart from the GI himself and his easy, good-natured self-discipline which makes you enormously proud of being an American, the thing that has impressed me most in my brief stay up here is the scale and diversity of transport on the roads leading toward the front. It looks like a cross between a prewar week-end traffic jam and the kind of industrial upheaval that would result if you were to try to move half of Pittsburgh a hundred miles by motor transport over pitted, broken roads.

In less than fifteen minutes on a highway to the front in Germany, I counted 33 different kinds of vehicles carrying men or guns or supplies essential to the fighting.

Tank carriers, equipped to go onto a battlefield, pick up damaged tanks and bring them back, roar along the road looking like dinosaurs. They tower above the ubiquitous jeeps that flash past them on every kind of errand. Some of the tanks lined along the highway have steel blades in front like huge snow plows, which make it possible to sweep earth over enemy pillboxes. Every kind of gun is being pulled, pushed or carried. Some are moving forward and some to the rear for overhaul. Trucks seem to vary infinitely in size and type. The variety of vehicles with the Red Cross symbol is also astonishing. Besides several types of ambulances, there are special half-tracks and jeeps flying the Red Cross flag-all weaving in and out of Part of Machine

The men driving the mud-spattered vehicles that make up this unending stream look as though they were moulded into the drivers' seats, a part of the machine itself. Their set. weary faces, many grimy and unshaven, are seen briefly in the high truck cabs as our jeep swings past.

It is one of the monotonous, boring, wearing jobs of the war, this pushing of transport back and forth over broken, miry roads. The drivers must even change places with the GI road gangs working waist deep in mud and water trying to patch the worst holes.

The driver of our jeep, Private Herman E. The innate feeling of justice in of our young men. In mentioning withdrawal from Italy might be against the solution decreed by the purge which only a months, seven days a se week, he has sat behind the wheel of a jeep or staff car and he's damned sick of it. For one thing, it has become, apart from

the work of the Ninth Air Force, the German ican lines. The monotony of a driver's job occupied by the Allies, "epura-chance, or because they knew leis nowadays rarely broken by enemy strafing
Aerial observers over the front lines have
Aerial observers over the front lines have
The figure as the first wave of purge fever?
Others go farther and point out home will ever bear to return. That many or Austria. There were indications of softening of the decidence of the first wave of purge fever?

Others go farther and point out home will ever bear to return. That many or Austria. There were indications of softening of the decidence of the first wave of purge fever? one sure way of telling where enemy territory one such an erudite man that no really rich people have like has suffered, a scar made fense of long stubbornly German that no really rich people have like that went the life that we went the life that we went the life that went the life that went the life that we went the life that we went the life that we begins. On our side of the lines, you can see motor transport strung out along all roals. On the enemy side, the highways are almost on the enemy side, the highways are almost readable material to the French course and with good reason. Because the empty, and with good reason. Because the press. attacks of our Tactical Air Forces are main tained whenever even minimum weather con ditions permit, the Germans can move on the

So the brown tide of our transport ebbs back the one word headline, "epura- March 15 arouses grave fears in was chosen by the young people diate probabilities. But east a and forth through shattered villages and towns tion. of Germany. Seeing it, you understand why no modern army can carry on without fuel ital I looked in vain for the fa- of reborn democracy will animate He gave his life when this life pipelines that follow the advance. The huge miliar headline. The fact is that France's vast governmental ma-filled with the love of life. May while overhead it stands naked the stands have t volume of gasoline necessary to support this the government apparently grew chinery. movement simply could not be hauled over road and rail. Moreover, two pipelines are cases and decided that all those by the course of the purge trials sour. necessary—one for gasoline for road trans- dealing with central administra- so far: the worst off defendants Have they died in vain? "The port and the other for aviation gasoline.

armies were held up when, after their sweep istrations by March 15, and all ted in writing, their signatures afthey have died in vain or not across France, supply lines were stretched almost to the breaking point. An army today the enemy and others involving the which left no doubt about their died. If self is placed ahead of travels on those cans of gasoline you see in dumps along the highways. And the source May 1. of supply must be never-ending. -

The stream of traffic moves on through ruined Aachen. The skeleton of a gutted apartment house has fallen across the main the cabinet seems to have had cabinet's decision to end the they will not have died in vain. thoroughfare. An MP motions us onto a detour. At a depot in the outskirts of the town, the decree for speeding up and tion, however, what will happen die, we shall not sleep. trucks carrying reconditioned tires are being thereafter dropping all purging. when French war prisoners and unloaded. Out of a heavy tank, which has stopped off the highway, come the heads of a Negro repair crew.

Back somewhere-in Paris or maybe in Washington—the military have all this swirling Fremhmen, who are either prison helped in selecting conscripts for movement fitted into the vast pattern of war. They have it all recorded on paper. But being an infinitely small part of it for a moment, you feel like a bit of flotsam tossed on a flood that moves with a blind rush, without 70,000 cases had been tried, in ahead when these forced absenfriends which has come into the the Luftwaffe, as it has done per the thought of possible classics. purpose or reason. (Copyright 1945, by United Feature

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THEY SAY

We took 500 prisoners, including a 12-year-old rifleman who was shivering in his civilian pants and shirt, and we took a 58-year-old man so dumb he didn't even know what battalion he belonged to .- S-Sgt. John F. Lasky of down, aggravating an already dire should not be construed as a con-would have been to provide for the unique scattering of the Pittsburgh, Pa., at Schmidt, Germany.

stakes. If Japan is to survive and play a lead- opening moves toward new coal Harold L. Ickes said federal control law of unity, but would have dising role in world affairs, she must snatch wage demands. victory in this war.—Tokyo broadcast.

Typical of America, the Red Cross does not bituminous operators expires on strike last fall had now given as dent as one chosen "to preside" serve only those who contribute to its work. April 1-was voiced by War Pro- surance of continued work if pri- and defines preside as "to exer-It serves all, without distinction of race, creed, duction Board Chairman J. A. vate operation were resumed. or color.—Gen. Joseph Stilwell.

If we let the Japs negotiate a peace now and do not demand absolute and unconditional mediately impair steel production," headed by his chief of operations, surrender we will be committing the greatest Krug said in a statement evidently H. G. Batcheller, and made up of cators of the country who insist friends of the University from crime in the history of our country. Adml. Wil- aimed at members of Lewis' Policy representatives of the Army, liam F. Halsey, Jr.

War criminals must be dealt with because they are proved to be war criminals, not because they belong to a race led by a maniac Thursday. into war.-Henry Ward Beer, president Federal Bar Association of New York.

The surest way to guarantee a full supply of fruit and vegetables for home use is to of fruit and vegetable and do as much home can-grow a garden and do as much home can-grow a garden and do as much home can-second-quarter demands. The left a crop of fish in the furrows make what the assistant to a presgrow a garden and do as internal second-quarter demands the mand rows of the newly planted ident is called so long as his reGreensboro, N. C.

TALE OF TWO CITIES



WITH THE AEF:

France's Purge Slows Down

the alloted time.

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER (Substituting for Kenneth L. Dixon)

screamed from every Parisian government even though it is recnewspaper, virtually has become ognized that judicial machinery obsolete. Yet no one expects it will was being clogged by the inces-

highway hazards, such a safe job. Thanks to remain thus. When I left Paris Feb. 1 for a those go scot free-so the average visit to sections of Germany now Parisian asks - who either by

> sheet dailies are for space, their making money talk to judges. editors nevertheless reserved plenty of room for items to bear out mental apparatus entirely by soldier of his contemporaries, he fronts by which to measure imme

tired of prosecuting over 70,000 One thing seems demonstrated of life can never grow stale and tive officials must be finished by were the wielders of the pen. They universe will not make sense if You begin to understand, too, why the Allied Feb. 15, all affecting local admin- had no alibis. They were commitcharging treason, collusion with fixed to editorial expressions depends upon those for whom they possibility of the death penalty by attitude.

That decision satisfied exactly nobody, it seems, unless it was worries about food, shelter and a self-an ideal that was given us the government itself. But even job that he is ready to accept the some two thousand years ago—then tongue in cheek when it passed purges quickly. It's another ques- "If ye break faith with us who

The government, as well as conscripted laborers reach home Wilmington, N. C. everybody else, cannot answer the again and see men holding jobs Feb. 24, 1945 fundamental question: What will who they knew to be Vichy colbe the attitude of the millions of laborators, who perhaps even ers of war in Germany or else Hitler's war effort. have been dragged in the Reich as conscripted laborers?

ty. These figures show how tm- ties.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.- (AP) -The Luzon battle is fought for very high United Mine Workers made their negotiations. SFA Administrator have done violence not only to the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the blems against which the Germanian and the control of the control

committee gathering here for their Navy, SFA and War Manpower opening deliberations Monday on Commission. Norman W. Foy, that there was no intent or desire 2. The folly of appealing wage demands. UMW negotiations former WPB steel director, has with mine operators will open agreed to return from private af-

The contract deadline will find still mills with 3,000,000 tons of un- Victory gardeners of Omaha, which must get priority over vest when an overflow of the Mis- he posed the question, "What's in versity matters, and let it be jet second-quarter requests of the arm- souri River, in 1943, receded and a name?" What difference does it ously guarded always selves exceed estimated supply by plots.

LIEUT. JAMES B. LYNCH TO THE EDITOR:

The name of Lieut. James B. Lynch, of Wilmington, has been seems apt to be the first war mis possible is the task of completing added to the list of those who sion of Turkish forces. all cases under indictment within have died for their country, a list which holds the names of so many during the week also that a Naz mortal list. This soldier typifiest the finest things of youth-youth across the head of the Italian pen which we are realizing as never sant purge trials. Why should before is so very fine.

What we say about the one young across the wide open sweep of soldier comes from knowing him the Po valley to reach Alpine from infancy, let it be said for passes, already under sustained Altion" seemed to have reached a gal tricks, escaped being tried in every home from whence a loved lied air attack that lead into Ger-

sition than the poor in engaging Lynch had courage in his heart Crowded though the French one- clever counsel, if not actually and was chosen student Commanding Officer of the High School maining German divisor Dropping the purge of govern- R. O. T. C. Though the leading the Leftist political parties lest the of his church to represent them well as west the Wehrmacht faces On my return to the French cap- spirit of Vichy rather than that in gatherings national in scope. crushing odds as the most decisive it be consoling that the draught

> they have died in vain." Whether all that can be fine in this world. The average Frenchman now is then they have died in vain. If probably so preoccupied with daily like they, we lift up an ideal above

ROBERT STRANGE

PLEA FOR UNITY

To The Editor: The writer, as one of the oldest

Many thoughtful Frenchmen in private conversation shudder at As of Jan. 31, co., 35 of over the thought of possible clashes plores the disunity a mong its cluding 471 with the death penal- tees rejoin their native communi- open during recent discussion in odically, is again nursing itself it reference to titles. The purpose of condition to stage another flat MINERS PREPARING about 3,000,000 tons, but are being that has been generated in the this comment is to allay any feel- attack. discussion and to plead for unity German commanders realize of thought and purpose by all the Luftwaffe, in the long re Meanwhile the government gave friends of the University every- cannot halt Allied air attacks back to private owners 72 soft coal where. To divide is to destroy, the west and that attempts to miles which feed steel mills in There must be no division. West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Solid Fuels Administration of the University five cost.

Kentucky. Solid Fuels Adminis- should rejoice over the narrow es-The possibility of a coal mine shut- tration officials said the return cape from the serious blunder it the lowest ebe of the war steel shortage, heightened official ciliatory gesture by the govern- three presidents of a unit, a con- lied air forces on Thursday tension today as John L. Lewis' ment in connection with the wage solidated University. This would Friday posed new defense I was ended, after five months, be- regarded the meaning of words, A plea for an early pay settle- cause a UMW union of supervisory which no university can afford to ment-Lewis' present contract with employes which threatened to do. The dictionary defines a presicise the chief direction and over-Krug disclosed new steps to deal sight, to act as head." A consoli- and he discharges them effi "Work stoppages in the bitumin- with the steel problem. He ap-dated university with three ly and faithfully ous fields would seriously and im- pointed an emergency committee "heads" would have occasioned There would seem to be certain much merriment among the edu- valuable lessons to be learned upon the observance of the exact cent experience: meaning of words.

to disturb the consolidated set-up. Legislature over the head cussion of titles a profitable oc- frightful danger of such p cupation for the friend of the University? Old William Shakespeare titles. filled first-quarter orders—tonnage Neb., reaped an extra food har-knew what he was saying when Let unity come first in sponsibilities are clearly defined Feb. 24, 1945

fairs to serve on the panel also.

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Associated Press War Analyst The answer to Nazi ability to maintain any organized defense

The War

around within the roofless citage that lies between the Rhine and the Oder may be evident soon. And it it is, the duration of the war in Europe can be answered with some reasonable degree of accuracy. Germany was face to face with

another supreme test. There was no question but that

the final phase of a coordinated Russian-Allied winter drive to crush the Wehrmacht was on although the full scope and direction of simultaneous massive ground attacks from east and west had yet to develop. Undercover of a sustained Allied

air bombardment that blackened German skies day and night with bombers the big push began. In an anniversary order to Rearmies issued while Allied bombe were ripping at every vital Na communication key in preparation for the culminating break-through ground attacks, Premier Stall again defined the joint objective as annihilation of the German apmy. For the first time, too, he disclosed officially that the Rus sian-Allied offensives were no intimately coordinated, fitted to mutual strategic and tactical par-

Whether that was the direct first result in a military way of th momentous Churchill - Roosevelt Stalin conference at Yalta or ha been previously worked out is no yet clear. It seems certain, how ever, that further aggressive move to tighten the screw on the totte ing last segment of Hitler's on sweeping Axis hold on continent Europe were in the making. Further evidence of the imper

ng German collapse came durin the week from Turkey. In desper ate haste to join in the United Nations victory march, Turket formally entered the war. Her ac tion came too belatedly to infl ence greatly the military situation except that it exposed die-hard Nazi garrisons on the islands the Aegean to immediate clos range attack. The complete clearance of that sea for Allied us with Allied naval and air ai There were further indication

back out of the Estruscan line insula if and when it comes. The must make their way somehow which suggested the retreat in the

lied or Russian estimates of moment of the war draws near ceaseless Allied airattack. There can be no doubt as to the end, only as the just when and how it will come.

LONDON, Feb. 24 -(P)-All airforce spokesmen warned toda that the German Luftwaffe proably will make a desperate cor back attempt-possibly the last

The Luftwaffe has failed to challenge during the last three days terrific pounding of the Reich. At present, the enemy apparent has given defense gestures again the western air blows and has no living alumni of the University, de- his plans into tactical attacks of the eastern front.

The best opinion here is the However, it appears that !

Moreover, fuel supplies are

commanders may not have bee A year ago, low-level sca railroads this week would be cost the Allies 300 bombers da

1. The importance of rest