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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.

Roosevelt's War Message. FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1945.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Let me today do something that will take a little sadness from the world's vast store.

Sunday Ride
People once went to ride on Sunday afternoons, piling the children in the back seat and sallying forth on any inviting road.

The Red Cross
Red Cross time is here again, the annual campaign. It is a time when there should be no holding back on the part of people.

Hidden Taxes
Webster's New International Dictionary defines the word royalty as, among other things, "A percentage, as on output, paid to the owners of an article, especially a machine, by one who hires the use of it."

End Of Legend
In a burst of academic humor, the dean of Balliol College, Oxford, invited a distinguished visitor from Hollywood to address the student body.

SO THEY SAY
We still face the danger of secret Nazi-Fascist infiltration into the political and economic life of this hemisphere.

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Crossing Of Rhine
The greatest Allied victory of the war—establishment of a firm bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine by U. S. First Army troops—since Normandy was announced yesterday afternoon.

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The Literary Guidepost
BY W. G. ROGERS
'Memoirs of an Ex-Diplomat'
by F. M. Huntington Wilson
(Bruce Humphries; \$3.)

Even in interest and importance, an odd combination of old wine in new bottles and new wine in old, these memoirs cover, officially, 16 years from just before the Spanish-American war to the first days of Woodrow Wilson's administration.

Though the author's main concern is the diplomat, he does not neglect the author. "Life began for me Dec. 15, 1875," he writes, "and that's just where the book begins; it continues to today."

There are amusing passages. McKimley, it is recalled, could shave himself with a straight razor, without a mirror, sitting in a chair and rocking; a big-nosed attaché in some Tokyo embassy was nicknamed the "attache nasal."

Wilson is an ardent anti-isolationist, believes "enduring friendship and sincere cooperation with Russia quite possible," disliked Harding's normalcy, voted for FDR the first time but lived to wonder how he could have.

He is hard on isolationism, is even harder on what he calls "intransigent idealism." He thought Italy's cooperative state worked. The only reason America is fighting today, he says, is so that "no power or combination of powers can again endanger us."

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Daily Prayer
FOR REFUGE
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