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

THOUGHT FOR TODAY Let me today do something that will A little sadness from the world's vast

And may I be so favored as to make Of joy's too scanty sum a little more. ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Sunday Ride

People once went to ride on Sunday afternoons, piling the children in the back seat and sallying forth on any inviting road. It was a national pastime. Some never got back all in one piece, striking other cars or a pole or rolling down an embankment. It was fun in a way, although rather tiresome. Gasoline rationing ended all that.

But there is a regular Sunday afternoon ride now, a dreadful one. It is the rush of the B-29s to Tokyo and return. It's getting to be habit. There are no speed limits, no traffic lights, no highway patrolmen to interfere. And it just spoils the entire day for the Japs.

The Red Cross

campaign. It is a time when there should tion of Cologne. be no holding back on the part of people. They are contributing to the men overseas,

It is not a time for niggardly contributions. and campaigns for funds, but this is different. stop the war? The aims are quite clear, the results easily seen. Don't calculate too carefully, too closely, pocketbook or get out your checkbook.

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."

To this may be added, on the basis of James C. Petrillo's accomplishments and John L. Lewis' present demand, a further definition: "A percentage, as on output, paid to the officers of a labor union by one who employs members of that union, as a supplement to or in place of dues paid by those members to the union."

Mr. Petrillo's arrangement with all Ameri-Thus there seems to be no reason why Mr. England on a lend - lease mission. Lewis, by threatening a disastrous wartime strike, cannot make a similar arrangement for his United Mine Workers.

on each ton of coal mined, to be paid to the wynisms, but he took the pledge. UMW treasury for "modern medical and surgical service, hospitalization, insurance, rehabilitation and economic protection" as a "partial payment. . for the establishment and

the UMW coffers. Even at peacetime produc- creator was innocent, tion rates, Mr. Lewis' union would be as-This ought to take care of medical and hos- he has cut himself off from reams of free pital service and all the rest, plus a good bit publicity, all for the sake of dignity. In Hollyof routine operating expense, without taking wood, that would be considered treason or much if any bite out of the miner's weekly madness. It just goes to show you what the pay check.

This royalty would not be like royalties paid a manufacturer, or mine and forest royalties paid to tax-paying landowners, both of this rubble-we can't take a chance of getting which are obviously legitimate. This would ambushed.—Maj. John C. Geiglein of Westbe a royalty payment to union officials for minister, Md., at Muenchen-Gladbach, Germany. no discernible service or benefit.

Operators now negotiating with Mr. Lewis Whoever lays down his arms or his "Panestimate that his royalty demand, with the zer fist" is a traitor and must die. Dig in and

have to be passed along to the consumer. Now everybody is a consumer of coal, or of products which use coal in the manufacturing process. And somewhere along the line everybody would feel the result of that price rise in his pocketbook.

This is not only inflationary. It also is in effect taxation of the public by a labor union for the benefit of a small segment of our wage-earning population.

If Mr. Petrillo and Mr. Lewis can do itand Mr. Petrillo has demonstrated that he can-there seems to be no reason why more and more unions cannot tax employers and thence consumers, creating an expensive system of hidden, private taxes without being of the War Labor board, on Dec. 17. obliged to account to the public for their

Crossing Of Rhine

The greatest Allied victory of the war-estabishment of a firm bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine by U. S. First Army troops -since Normany was announced yesterday afternoon. This tremendous blow began Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. As this is written, great streams of men and material are flowing across the river with the Germans offering only mild resistance.

This is the real beginning of the end. In saying that, we agree with Prime Miniser Churchill who declared last Sunday, durng his inpection trip into Germany, that one strong heave will win the war" and oring down tyranny in Europe.

Even at this early a date, this blow has all the marks of being that "one strong heave."

Because it is half of the greatest military oincers the world has ever known. The other part is the Russian drive on Berlin, resumed along the Oder a few days ago with latest reports placing the legions of Stalin but 25 But there are other reasons, not all from a military standpoint.

When the Americans crossed the Rhine it was the first time an invading army has crossed Germany's historic western rampart blow to the morale of the German peoples. For generations they have fought but always on the other man's land. Today a mighty force is headed toward the heart of the Reich.

Signs of this crack in the will of the German to resist appeared yesterday with underground reports that Hitler has confessed to other Nazi high officials that Germany has lost the war. this frame of mind, according to the report, he began plans for destruction of all German cities and industries. He has in effect, committed the country to national sui-Red Cross time is here again, the annual cide. This is substantiated by the destruc-

That brings up the thought: Will the Gerto prisoners of war, to the help of those in the them everything and led them to ruin, carry armed service everywhere. This help may through his plan? We don't believe so. Even of your pockets. mean the difference between life and death the Prussian military gang has hopes of salvaging something out of this war as the nu- Labor board, the Director of War Mobiliza- an outdoor shower. cleus for another one.

The crossing of the Rhine could be the signal for a new trend of thought, one so powin giving to the Red Cross. Open the old erful as to overshadow the years' Nazi teachings, to sweep over Germany. It may be The money is for those who need it, and days, it may be weeks but certainly this milineed it badly. It is for those who are helpless; tary triumph has shortened the conflict by help them. It is for services that cover the months. Soon it may be safe to forecast a commander-in-chief, but this simply is not needs of our men in many parts of the earth. date for the end of German resistance. The It must be spread over the nations, so, be flood of Allied power is too great for any generous to the limit of your ability to give. nation to withstand, especially one weakened by as many years of fighting.

Perhaps the careful will mention the possibility of another "Belgian bulge," a final army enforcing an illegal order to uphold a Bill has been around in this Now, while the commission is often against seemingly insuper-German try before complete defeat. We believe it's too late for that now. The devisions still fighting have taken a terrific battering. The army, too, has propaganda services whose American in South American in South American in distribution and organization is out of explicit promises made in duty is to justify the army's position which was in the Royal Canadian Air of the Pritish and propaganda beamed to Italy be-Hitler simply hasn't enough first rate men in this case violates a citizen's rights. The Force, and made seven trips still likely to fall on the British and propaganda beamed to Italy beto ever again threaten the Allies on one front army is, in practical effect, the client of its across the Atlantic, ferrying bomband attempt to hold the Russians off on an-

Germany is near exhaustion. How close, we do not know but we believe that the time of reckoning her end is virtually at hand.

End Of Legend

In a burst of academic humor, the dean of can manufacturers of phonograph records for Balliol College, Oxford, invited a distinguished royalty payments to the American Federa- visitor from Hollywood to address the student tion of Musicians is legal and unchallenged. body. The visitor was Mr. Samuel Goldwyn, in to unions. Men of such sympathies would not, seem to step out at the right mo-

Mr. Goldwyn has long been famous as the implacable foe of the King's (and Oxford's) English. But he played his assignment at Ox- they cannot be asked to renounce their deepest airstrip right quick and take a ship culties of getting the distribution into pans held out by the waiting Mr. Lewis is asking a royalty of 10 cents ford straight. Not only did he avoid all Gold-convictions. The most that can be asked is up on and the flight all right

> "For years I have been known for saying 'include me out,' " Mr. Goldwyn confessed, "but today I am giving it up forever."

maintenance of his (the miner's) ready-tothat Goldwynisms were the creation of press army. It is an evil precedent which, in a
are so complicatedly automatic way off tend to oversimplify the
liberation, there is today virtually
Immediate investigation of the liberation of press army. It is an evil precedent which, in a
are so complicatedly automatic way off tend to oversimplify the A dime-a-ton royalty on all the coal mined noval micsonstructions of well - worn phrases

sured an annual income of \$45,000,000 or more. destroyed the Goldwyn legend. Not only that, indefensible acts. atmosphere of Oxford can do to a man.

The only thing that has slowed us much in State Edward R. Stettinius Jr.

wage increases asked in the Lewis-proposed contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to battle like lions. Beat up every coward and contract, would add from the manufacture of the first proposed contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to battle like lions. Beat up every coward and contract, would add from the manufacture of the first proposed contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to battle like lions. Beat up every coward and contract, would add from the manufacture of the first proposed contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to battle like lions. Beat up every coward and contract, would add from the manufacture of the first proposed contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to battle like lions. Beat up every coward and contract, would add from the manufacture of the first proposed contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to battle like lions. Beat up every coward and contract, would add from the manufacture of the first proposed contract, would add from 28 to 65 cents to battle like lions. Beat up every coward and contract proposed c the price of a ton of coal. This increase would pessimist.—Nazi Koenigsberg District Leader. city has been wiped from the map of Europe. switchbox a good smack with the made into a movie. Toscani, who BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS President Roosevelt.

Fair Enough

(Editor's note.-The Star and the News accept no responsibility for the personal views of Mr. Pegler, and often disagree with them as much as many of his readers. His articles serve the good purpose

By WESTBROOK PEGLER (Copyright, 1945, By King Features Syndicate.) In the light of Judge Phillip L. Sullivan's decision that the seizure of Montgomery Ward's property was a lawless act, let us refer to a gratuitous statement by Frank P. Graham, ostensibly a "public" or impartial member

The very designation "public" member reveals a serious fault in the spirit of government these days for all government officials should be "public" officials. That is to say they should be impartial and just. Yet we have "labor" senators and congressmen and Mr. Biddle, the Attorney General, has announced, in effect, that the Roosevelt govern-ment is a "labor" government, that means that the Roosevelt government is partial to unions which are subordinate groups of his political party and in just that degree, is unfair to the rest of the nation.

To be sure that is democracy majority rule. But it is not equal justice under law.

Mr. Graham denounced Montgomery Ward, a private citizen, so to speak, and taxpayer, for "blasting at the foundations of maximum production" and spoke of the "no strike" agreement of "patriotic labor."

An impartial member of this board, if he felt called on to make any statement at all, might have felt that fairness required him to recall that the "no strike" agreement of "patriotic labor" had been violated by thousands of strikes, which had blasted "at the foundations of production" in works vitally essential to the war. On the other hand, Ward's actual connection with such production is slight, if not wholly imaginary.

Mr. Graham then described the maintenance of membership shop and said that a man already in the union had 15 days in which to resign. Having resigned he still could keep miles from the city limits of the Reich capital. his job. An impartial and well-informed person here might have observed, however, that even in some vital war plants unions have been guilty of outrageous frauds in their elections. It is within their power to throw in the waste-basket resignations offered in good faith and then to insist on the discharge of those since Nepoleon pushed over the river more workers by denying that their resignations than 100 years ago. That fact is a mighty were received and accusing them of delin-

Mr. Graham said Ward would make paramount with the global war a disruptive internal conflict between capital and labor. That makes the company's management look unpatriotic when it is not and the charge is made by an agent of the government. The fact was, however, as the court later agreed, that the conflict was not between capital and labor but between law and lawlessness. The government was acting in a lawless manner and Ward was insisting on its rights under law. James Byrnes, the director of war mobilization, also attacked Ward in an affidavit and

the army moved in by order of President Roosevelt, executed by the Secretary of War. The army seized the company's private property, including its receipts, and made man people let this wild beast, who promised disbursements, including wages, according to the decisions of the War Labor board. It has just as much right to take the money out

> tion and the army, itself, all arrayed against a citizen defending his rights. He may not aviation, much older than his felbe a popular citizen but neither was Captain low pilots here. He is 36, and has

The army, of course, is not "public" in the says, he's "too damned old to be sense of impartiality. The President is commander-in-chief and all the officers are obliged to obey his orders and uphold him in his contentions. An officer might have some vague and theoretical legal right to publicly criticize an order given to him by authority of his came up. done. If Ward, in such a notorious case, could be so abused, a mere army officer, even a airmail days, such as Dick Mer- there can be no doubt. This im- S. A. for a brief leave, during general, of whom we now have hundreds, rill and Gene Brown and Johnny provement has been due to the or- which he will appear at a performwould stand no chance in a guardhouse ar- Kytle, so we've become practical- ganization and supplies furnished ance of the play to be put on for entitled gument about his rights.

Examining the situation now, we find the you could call us. "policy" of a government which is admitted world of aviation. He flew the early partial to Ward's opponent in a case at law. ly night airmail. He flew for Pan ing over responsibility to the Ital- far more than was reasonable to gressional Record of March The army, too, has propaganda services whose American in South America. He ian government, the major effort expect. This grows not so much 1945. own propaganda specialists and obviously will ers to England. suffer no criticism at their hands. It is theirs not to reason why but to do their stuff just of the contained in American announced restoration of virtually full power to the Italian sity. This is a common phenomenas resolutely as though they were attacking gets back. He uses his hands and government, with only a limited on throughout Europe—the spectors as resolutely as though they were attacking his feet and half the room and a right of veto reserved to the Allies. To me it seem Germans or Japs instead of unoffending fellow citizen at home. The army being no longer gets tickled and then he gets mad. to be seen. in a "public" or impartial position, neither is its propaganda service. It is all arrayed, by orders, on the side of a litigant which happens to be a political ally of the com-

Meanwhile, officers have been accepted and minutes and he couldn't find me who have had to meet day-to-day has been a marked drop in infant to destroy the natural bear promoted, who are sincerely partial to the or I would have been with him necessities— feel strongly that mortality during the past year. President as a politician, to his party and on it. Thank goodness I always much of the criticism directed as civilians, even offer to serve in the "pub- ment. lic" or impartial capacity in an issue between a big employer and a union. With most of before supper, when Giffgot an got little credit for it. them "labor" or "unionism" is a cause, and emergency order to beat it to the The criticism ignored the diffidiers dump the food they do not eat that they do not let their convictions influence situation, they are in the pleasant position of men whose convictions agree with their duty.

All this is an object. But in the present wheels wouldn't come down. That's it is being solved there as quickly the past. Hardships and demoralist as possible. The distribution of zation have merely accentuated it. All this is an abuse of the President's mili-

This is heavy news. We have long suspected tary authority and a dangerous misuse of the wheels. Of course these big B-29s Those who look at it from a long fered heavily in the battle for its agents and Hollywood columnists. But these future case, could be invoked to mistreat with that you do everything by little task to a ridiculous extent. military force and a tremendous fire-power electrical switches and levers, and in 1944 would have brought \$58,000,000 into were richly amusing, even though the alleged against a government "policy." It puts the of propaganda any other center of resistance not by hand. army in a false position and imposes on its Now Mr. Goldwyn, by his renunciation, has propaganda services the duty of defending

SO THEY SAY

We still face the danger of secret Nazi- the tail skid came down. Just for ages only three or four hours after keeps down typhus. Fascist infiltration into the political and eco- the hell of it I tried to lower the the Germans have moved out. They The typhus commission, under nomic life of this hemisphere. — Secretary of flaps, and instead the bomb bay often take great physical risks in Brigadier General Leon A. Fox, is slaughter houses, which supply the flaps, and instead the bomb bay often take great physical risks in Brigadier General Leon A. Fox, is

This island is the front line that defends our mainland, and I am going to die here.-Lt.-Gen. Tadamichi Kuribayashi, Jap command-

The Dresden eafastrophe is without precedent. Not a single detached building remains intact or even capable of reconstruction. The damage of the character of Major ravaged country.

In a discussed by John Hersey, which is now a hit syndicate, Inc.)

WATCH ON THE RHINE



Your War -- With Ernie Pyle

BY ERNIE PYLE

ford, of Buford, S. C. He's a drawly talking Southerner, lean, profane and witty. He has a boy than a bomber pilot. He's a writes a beautiful hand by holding long neck and blond pompadour conscientious objector to all forms the pen between thumb and last salt of the earth.

By now we have the President, the War stead of him when we got to take abor board, the Director of War Mobiliza- an outdoor shower.

By now we have the President, the War stead of him when we got to take an outdoor shower.

But now they can laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the line as a standard on bombing missions in 1944. He derstand my own need: They are the laugh at the l

been flying about 17 years. As he in this bombing business." He says he gets so cared over

Japan he can hardly think, and I imagine that's true. But I noticed he volunteered to go on a certain specifically tough mission when it

lots of mutual friends in the early has improved during the past year, war, has now returned to the U. ly bosom pals. The Ghandi Twins, by the Allies through the Allied Prsident Roosevelt.

great portion of his vocabulary. He How this will work out remains sources, we can put broken Europe have cut down so many bear It seems that everything always Those who have been wrestling The bread ration in Italy has re- Fifth streets on Chestnut-an

goes wrong when Giff is on a with the problem of putting a work- cently been increased. While sta- most wholly residential section mission. He had an experience to able system together in southern tistics are doubtful in the present prove it while I was here. I'd gone Italy remain skeptical. These men disorganized state of the country, to visit a neighboring hut for a few -American and British officers most observers agree that there name of progress. Is it pro

He made the flight all right, but same problem that exists in France when he got ready to land the today, military men point out, and enon of war begging comes out of

then began working on those shattered country is no easy job. ridden city before the war and suf-

exaggeration when he got back.

down, the bomb bay doors opened. to fight typhus. When I tried to shut them, the upper turret gun started shooting. I sion are proud of the work done by they can come daily for a free dushit the light switch by misake, and officers who move into Italian vill- ing with DDT, which kills lice and doors went shut.

bomb bay trying to make some things to working again.

IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS— out. And just like that the wheels right hand are off, clear up to the (delayed)—The funniest man in our hut of B-29 pilots is Capt. Bill Gifright."

hair and a wide mouth and he is the of exercise. All the pilots sleep all two fingers. He holds a beer can night and half the day, but Giff sleeps more than any of them.

He is probably the most unmili
He wants to form a new trength. Thought my thought

But now they can laugh at me in- ous as can be. On his wall are a to those who had flown over Japan of my harried spirit. I cannot un

screw-driver, and started to walk | The first two fingers of Giff's wisdom to avert it. hand. No. he didn't lose them from flak or Jap fighters. He shot them off with a shotgun when he was Giff looks more like a Texas cow- hunting quail many years ago. He

Before I arrived Gifford held the record for being the skinniest man in the B-29 base. The other boys call him "The 97-Pound Wonder."

Sleeps more than any of them.

He is probably the most unmilitary man in the outfit. He's just fraternity called "Fujiyama, '44."

Thou understandeth my thoughts fraternity called "Fujiyama, '44."

Thou was an old-shoe Southerner, and generative called "Fujiyama, '44."

The specific calls his plane "Honshu of them.

The speci

WASHINGTON CALLING

by MARQUIS CHILDS

It turned out that Giff and I had dition of Italians in liberated Italy York City Civil service before the

Millan, chairman of the commis- plied promise contained in Ameri- March 8, 1945

have done a job of major propor- towns in the forward areas line up tions? Let us hope not. Let us hope Anyway, it was just a half hour tions against heavy odds and have for chow, almost invariably a line that those splendid trees will be

system started again. That is the Italians.

itative source, greater tonnage is deaths. "Some guy must have spent all being brought into Italy each mon- Vaccine and the invaluable DDT OPA. day crossing up wires on that air- th to care for the civilians than is powder, used under the direction plane," Giff said in his comical being brought in for the war effort. of the American Typhus commis-This includes thousands of tons of sion, have brought about this "Instead of the wheels coming food. It includes medical supplies miraculous change. Neopolitans

appraising the needs of newly libnow initiating the same work in per cent of meat used in New cented communities and in start.

"By that time I'd turned it over erated communities and in start- Yugoslavia. The work of this comto the co-pilot and was back in the ing the distribution of necessities. mission is one of the remarkable under OPA regulations they Some, like Lieutenant Colonel untold stories of the war. It is not compete with a meat sense out of the switchbox and get Frank Toscani in Florence, have characteristic of the quiet, efficient market" which has sprung up proved themselves extraordinarily way that the army carries forward "But I couldn't make head nor able in dealing with the Italian in the wake of battle, often with rampant," Herbert stated. tail out of it. I worked on the population. It was Toscani who little recognition even within the

of my life hitherto, not be shake in this time of war. And may

ROME-That the physical con- was a \$3600-a-year clerk in the New

You see extraordinary sights in still love and admire? Will it

of Italians forms nearby. The sol-Partly, of course, this phenom-

no typhus. A year ago, there were threatened shutdown of New Today, according to an author- 25,000 cases and several thousand

and Italians in other cities may not Members of the Allied commis- be able to get soap for baths but

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The Literary Guidepost

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

Uneven 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 Woodsow Wilson's first 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. The reader will learn who had tea with whom, where to find good golfing, who sits where at state dinners. There are numerous phrases in Spanish, German and French several of the latter misspelled Wilson, definitely no relation to the President whom he found "curt, arrogant, scarcely polite," served in Tokyo, went on a special mision to Turkey, declined the ambassadorship to Russia and in Washington under Root and Knox. eventually as under-secretary, et fected the State Department or

ganization which opened the way o career men. He wrote editorials for the Philadelphia Ledger and Bulletin knew Willard Straight and Martin Egan as AP men in Tokyo, Was acquainted with Pershing as cap. tain and Dewey (the commordore before Manila.

There are amusing passages: McKinley, it is recalled, could shave himself with a stright razor, without a mirror, sitting in ; chair and rocking; a big-nosed at tache in some Tokyo embassy was nicknamed the "attache nasal." Wilson is an ardent anti-isola.

tionist, believes "enduring friend ship and sincere cooperation with Russia quite possible," disliked Harding's normalcy, voted for FDF the first time but lived to wonde how he could have. If he is hard on isolationism is even harder on what he calls "intransigent idealims."

thought Italy's cooperative state worked. The only reason America is fighting today, he says is so that "no power or combination powers can again endanger us This is a simple and adequate war and peace aim". . . as if the way to end the war was to possess the strength to win rather than the

Daily Prayer

Perturbed, restless, fear-smitten my troubled heart turns to Thee, end my help. Speak peace to heart. Give me again a qu trust in Thee. May the calm of fidence which has been the strengt

Jesus Chirst. Amen.-W.T.E. LETTER BOX

not lose my vision of Thee

To The Editor:

I like very much your editoria "Service Men and Strikes" which appeared in y Such men have worked endlessly, Sunday issue, February 25, 194 I thought so much of this artic

> CLYDE R. HOEY U. S. Senate.

WHAT PRICE PROGRESS To me it seems a desecration

trees on the blocks from Third I understand that those res sible justify their action in

our city-a city that some have died in vain. HERBERT A. LYNCH

Wilmington, N. C. March 8, 1945

OPA Pledges Investigation of New Orleans Meat Crisis

WASHINGTON, March 8.leans meat supplies was pron Rep. Herbert (D-La) today by the

Harold Hall, enforcement cer from the OPA regional of at Dallas, Tex., will go to Ne Orleans at once to inq conditions which have led to city's two slaughter houses to a nounce that they will cease oper tions tomorrow, Herbert rep The Congressman said

leans, announced that opera "I do know the black market

KING TO MEET FOR OTTAWA, March 8.- (2) Minister MacKenzie King left afternoon for Washington to vis