CLOTHES BATIONING AVERTED Few people know how close the country was to clothes rationing a few months ago, at the peak of the war. The key figure who helped prevent it was shrewd Pittsburgh devent it was shrewd Pittsburgh devent. partment store wizard Irwin Wolf. Wolf and WPB boss Donald Nel-

son held several conferences on the problem, at which Wolf pointed out that retailers, worried about short-ages, were buying all the clothes in sight, and hoarding huge amounts of one item while having no stocks

of one item while having no stocks of other goods.

Finally, Nelson asked Wolf to sit down with Joseph Weiner, head of the civilian supply section of WPB, John Davidson, representing the wholesalers, and Earl Reed, another key WPB official. After going over several involved proposals, they retired from the conference room and deafted a simple order which limits. drafted a simple order which limited all retailers to the same amount of stock they had during the previous year. The proposal was immediately adopted by Nelson, and clothes rationing was avoided.

Nelson now calls Wolf's plan "one of the saviours of the civilian supply situation in the U. S."

NOTE—One effect of Wolf's pro-gram is that merchants will carry over only small amounts of "ersatz" merchandise in the postwar period, will not be stuck with poor-quality merchandise to unload on the money-flushed public.

AFTERMATH OF V-DAY

The White House has just received a confidential report showing that 66.4 per cent of American families have saved only 11.6 per cent of the money put aside by the nation during war time. ing war time. In other words, the upper one-third bracket of the

people tucked away 88.4 per cent.

The same report points out that, immediately after V-day in Europe, most plants which continue operating will cut overtime, thus dropping wages from 15 to 25 per cent. One of the problems officials face is a wild rush to cash war bonds, not for lush spending, but for bare necessities of workers in middle and lower-income brackets.

All these figures now have President Roosevelt concerned about what will happen in the first weeks immediately after the war. The president's economic advisers are telling him that continued prosperity in the postwar period will require his greater personal attention to domestic problems.

They figure that, if the nation can successfully come through the first few weeks after the ar-mistice, then the demand for peacetime goods, long denied the public, will pick anational prosperity. However, the first weeks of readjustment are going to be tough.

DOLLAR-A-YEAR MEN

The full effect hasn't yet perco-lated down from the top but, before he left for China, Donald Nelson signed a new set of rules governing the appointment of — and the continued employment of—WPB dol-lar-a-year men. It has been felt first in the textile clothing and leather

lar-a-year men. It has been felt first in the textile, clothing and leather divisions but gradually is beginning to result in changes elsewhere in the agency.

Dollar-a-year appointments for the war emergency period were okayed by the White House four years ago, the appointments to be made at the discretion of the agency chiefs without regard to existing law. Criticism of the early dollar-a-year appointments gradually resulted in a tightening of the policy, but Nelson never really put his foot down until last month.

Major dynamite in the order

Major dynamite in the order is Melson's pronouncement that "Me person may be employed on a dollara-year basis who would be required by his position on the War Production beard to make decisions directly affecting his own company or its competitors." The same section bans dollara-year employment of all lawyers, all trade association officials, mempaoyment of an lawyers, an trade association officials, mem-bers of WPB industry advisory committees, or any individuals convicted of anti-trust viola-

Dozens of dollar-a-year men within WPB are daily called upon to formulate policy affecting their own industries, and consequently their own companies and competitors. At the same time, Nelson's order does not reach the even more serious problem of salaried employees in a position to make decisions affecting the companies from which they came to the government — or to which they will go when they leave

MERRY-GO-ROUND

d Jesse Jones, at the age of 70, has just come through a major operation, now appears to be in better health.

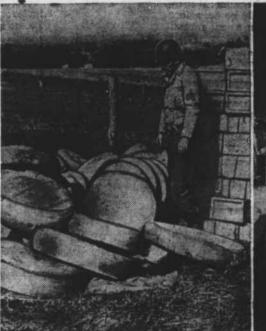
Maury Maverick, who spent a lot of time in France during World War I but saw little of its culture, can be given credit for the army's plan to supply competent guides to conduct servicemen on tours of historic monuments not only in France but in Egypt, Greece and every part of the world immediately after the armistic

Yank Fliers Released From Nazi Prison Camp



Left, shows Yanks released from Romanian prison camps lining up for hot showers and new clothing while their old outfits are deloused. Lower right, another group, former prisoners of Bulgaria, line up for ice cream sodas in Egypt. Upper left, Sergt. Eddy Lauary, Lancaster, Ohio, was postmaster in Romanian prison. Right, Corp. George Cale, Columbus, Ohio, enjoys his first American meal.

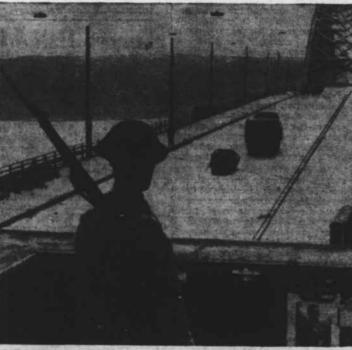
Almost Everything Went Underground in France





Brest's wounded went underground and remained for 32 days during artillery bombings (right). Wounded were not all that went underground. American army discovered vast stores of Swiss cheese (left) the Germans were forced to leave behind. Now the GIs will have something special to put on their K-ration crackers, and the Nazis will be without their prize cheese.

Newest Watch on the Rhine



The 1944 version of the "Watch on the Rhine," shows a British soldier in command post as he guards the bridge across wall, the Rhine's main outlet to the sea. This is the first time during the present war that Allied troops have taken command of any large section of the Rhine, a fallen stronghold of the Germans.

Yank Bombers Hit Philippines



An oil storage dump at Codu in the Philippines burns ficreely after direct bomb hits which were delivered from bombers on earrier base from the Third Fleet. As the result of this raid, more than 200 enemy planes were destroyed, and the softening up of the Philippines continued in anticlosities of MacArthys landings in cases before.

Saddle and Boots



Todd Watley, riding a bucking broncho, shows the boys and girls, and the Gis, how a Rodeo's bull-dogger acts. From the West's wide open spaces, he has gone east to entertain the members of the armed forces and kids of New York. Rodeos continue to operate during wars. continue to operate during war as a norale builder.

Collie Does Watch



The lady watching the sleeping sailor, happens to be one of twin golden haired collie pups, who re-cently became part of the comple-ment of Twin U. S. Naval Vessels.



ONE OF THESE DAYS

MISSING: Schickelgruber, Adolf; 54, five feet 10; weighs 167; color: extra white. Last seen with both feet off ground looking for a secret airport from which to take off to a secret destination, but lacked secret running shoes. Once known as "Fuehrer" but now answers to the name of "Fido."

Wears funny mustache, has wild look in eyes, has passion for mi-crophone and might be found in vicinity of amplifiers. Has illusions of grandeur; labors under impression he is Napoleon Bonaparte and always acts on hunches. Proof that he has just acted on a hunch is usually furnished by the fact he is

eating rugs.

Is pasty faced and suffers from halitosis, double vision, battered chins, dandruff, hardening of the outlook, inflammation of the intelligence and bound at base of spine due to recent travel on his pos-

Formerly had a swastika engraved on left chest but recently had it transferred elsewhere. Large heads of Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt tatooed on his right chest and can't understand how they got there. Across his back is inscription: "Available for paperhanging at old rates." Several sears on abdomen due to Patton operation.

Three toes on right foot missing; may have had them removed to con-ceal ancestry. All teeth missing except one on lower jaw which Axis failed to kick out through care-lessness. Limp gives him the ap-pearance of being crippled, but is due to fact he has been walking around in two left-footed shoes most of life without knowing it.

Is of highly nervous temperament; subject to fits of violence at mensubject to his of violence at men-tion of Yanks, RAF, etc., or rendi-tions of "The Last Time I Saw Paris," "Russian Lullaby" and "God Save the King."

This man is wanted for trying to

subjugate Europe, giving the planet its greatest headache, committing untold brutalities, being a general nuisance and trying to make a frankfurter, a loaf of pumpernickle and a plate of saurkraut take the place of Magna Charta, the Statue of Liberty and the Ten Command-

ments.
Is noisy, irrational and altogether unpleasant. Boasted he would never remove military uniform until he had licked the world, but will probably be found in a costume no better than that of similar bums. Can dance a jig but there is hardly a chance he will care to now.

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Spent early years as a housepaint-er and paperhanger and may fre-quent stores selling short steplad-ders and new soaps for cleansing

This man may be traveling with others of his type, as many are known to be in similar flight. If they are traveling in one group their detection should be simple: they will be trying to alibi their flight to one another.

Liberal reward, dead or alive. Notify Moscow - London - Washing-ton International Posse.

General Patton Up! "Just chase the Heinies up a hill And knock 'em down another!"— That is the Patton recipe To save a lot of bother; Old "Blood and Guts" is in again-No more a doghouse doggle— He's slugging Nazis all around, And knocking Adolf groggy.

He isn't any diplomat His manner isn't tender; He goes into a battle like A wildman on a bender; He's fussy over leggings and He can't stand neckties shoddy; But when he tackles Adolf—wow! The cry is, "Where's the body?"

He's not the dinner-party type, He says it not with flowers; He gets so violent at times They send him to the showers; His manner is obstreperous, His talk is even louder But he can toss those overalls In Mrs. Murphy's chowder!

He's not the soothing, restful sort, His language could be finer; He is an awful pal inside A shop chock-full of "chiner"; But he can pitch and field and hit-The toughest spots he weathers— So let us merely wink an eye And watch the flying feathers!

"Mr. Krug said that the WPB would keep its brakes and steering gear in good shape."—News item.

What you need when you have a job as head man of WPB, Mr. Krug, is to keep your windshield mirrors in good shape so you can see if anything is bearing down on you from the rear.

"The German is wobbling on his last legs."—General Mark Clark.

It's the goosestep short-circu



WATCHING POLITICAL

CROOKS IS BIG JOB
THE WAYS AND METHODS of political crooks and tricksters are many and varied. They have, at times, in the past and may again, in the fu-ture, nullify the verdict of the legally constituted electorate of the naconstituted electorate of the na-tion. These tricksters ply their trade in the metropolitan and industrial centers. They are unknown in rural communities, but the illegal votes they produce in the cities offsets the honest vote of the people of the towns and farms.

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The extent to which the political crooks operate was demonstrated in Chicago in the national election of 1940. During that campaign a group of young business men, organized and led by Henry Pope Jr., and legally known as the Pope committee, volunteered to check, before the election, the voting lists in what are known in Chicago as the river wards. Largely they constitute the slum sections, a place of shacks and cheap lodging houses. They represent approximately 50 per cent of the normal city vote.

It was a non-partisan effort. Those young men were not interested in how any one registered intended to vote, only that they be legally qualified to vote. They investigated the name and assigned residence of every one on the voting lists, Many names were phony. Many places given as residences were vacant lots, warehouses or factory buildings. When they found a voter at the address he had given they determined how long he had lived there.

address he had given they deter-mined how long he had lived there, how long in the precinct, in the county, in the state.

It was a terrifically big job.
For some of the investigators
it produced some unpleasant
experiences, but they persevered. In those river wards they
took off of the voting lists before
the November election, the
names of well over 100,000 who
were not qualified to vote and
were illegally registered.

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If we are to have an honest expression of the will of a majority of those qualified to vote in this November election an effort, such as that of the Pope committee, is needed in every metropolitan and industrial center. The registration lists in such places will carry the names of many thousands of the un-qualified. Some of these names will be on the lists because of ignorance on the part of the registrant, some because of the chicanery on the part of political crooks.

Since the election of 1940 there has

been a great migration of workers throughout the nation. Hundreds of thousands, millions of them have moved to localities providing jobs in war plants. The majority of these people, men and women, have re-sided in one state, one county, one precinct long enough to qualify them as legal voters. Many thousands of them have not, and are not qualified voters. It is those who are un-qualified, the drifters, the political crooks will attempt to place on the lists of registered voters. They are sufficient in numbers to swing a result in many a closely contested state, and possibly the national elec-

tion.
To live, to function efficiently, the representatives composing a government "of, for and by the people," must be honestly chosen. May we have Pope committees in every metropolitan and industrial center.

EXAMPLE OF FREE

ENTERPRISE IN ACTION
DURING WORLD WAR I, 1917-18, the government took over and operated the railroads. When it was all over congress appropriated a to-tal of \$1,700,000,000 to cover the loss of government operation.

During World War II railroad

management has operated the roads and there has been no loss for the government to pay. During the first two years of this war the roads moved a third more freight, and nearly three times the number of troops, than were handled during the two years of World War I. Be-cause of demands of the selective cause of demands of the selective service law the roads have operated with less than 85 per cent of the number of employees used by the government in the operation of the roads during World War I. Instead of a loss to the government of near-ly two billion dollars, the roads in

two years paid to the government nearly two billion in taxes.

Despite such facts there is a group of theoretical bureaucrats at Washington who advocate scrapping the free enterprise system, and the government to take over and operate all business. They do not tell us where the money to make up the loss would come from.

IN HALF A CENTURY America has doubled, or more, the quantity of our food production. During the same period the farm manpower has been materially reduced. The trac-tor to replace the horse-drawn plow represents a big part of the story.

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