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FOUR STARS FOR CLARK

The name of the seventh full general of the war will soon be sent to the senate for confirmation—Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark, commander of Allied forces in Italy.

Clark has been considered the hard-luck general—through no fault of his own. The public doesn't realize it, but Clark has trained division after division in Italy, only to have them transferred to other more pressing war theaters. Many of his former troops bore the brunt of the landing in Normandy. He also trained most of the men who landed along the French coast near Cannes and Marseilles.

It is no longer a military secret that Clark and his U. S. troops are now bearing the brunt of the Italian war. The British have largely pulled out of Italy for the Balkans. Clark has a few Poles, Brazilians and some Indian troops, but the main fighting is being done by Americans.

The full generals now on active duty in the U. S. army are Generals Marshall, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Stilwell, Arnold and Malin Craig. The latter, having been retired after serving as chief of staff, was recalled to active duty in the war department, where he heads a personnel board.

In addition, two other full generals are on the retired list, John J. Pershing and Peyton C. March, the latter chief of staff in the last war—both, incidentally, bitter personal enemies.

With Clark, this will make a total of seven full generals on active duty, plus two retired full generals.

It is interesting to note that, prior to 1930, there had been only six other full generals in all the history of the United States. George Washington, for instance, never became a full general, even though congress made it possible for him to do so. Other full generals have been Ulysses S. Grant, William T. Sherman, Philip H. Sheridan, all of the Civil War armies, plus World War leaders Tasker H. Bliss, Charles P. Summerall and John L. Hines.

NOTE—Considerable debate has been going on in top military circles over what assignment Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell should get when he finishes his California vacation. It was planned to put Stilwell in command of a specially trained army to land on the China coast. However, some propose keeping him in the war department to replace Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear as commander of ground forces.

STALIN AND DE GAULLE

It can now be revealed that one of the foremost questions on the agenda of the Stalin, de Gaulle conferences in Moscow was the vital problem of "what to do with Germany after the war." Both Stalin and de Gaulle are for a hard peace, want to see Germany's war-making powers destroyed completely.

One significant proposal taken to Moscow by de Gaulle calls for the use of German industry after the war for the rehabilitation of all wrecked French and Russian factories, railroads, shipping. Also he proposes using German mines to replenish Soviet and French stocks of raw materials depleted by war. On this Stalin was in complete agreement.

NOTE—Stalin strengthened Russian influence in France by his invitation to de Gaulle. French diplomats believe there is now less chance of Britain forming a Western bloc in Europe composed of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Norway and Denmark—a bloc which the Kremlin looks upon with suspicion.

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When announcement was made in the senate that President Roosevelt had nominated world-renowned poet and Librarian of Congress Archibald MacLeish to be assistant secretary of state, one wit cracked: "From now on, all treaties negotiated by the state department will be written in iambic pentameter."

Winter difficulties in shipping supplies to Russia through the Arctic sea, combined with the establishment of Allied control of the entire Mediterranean area, are resulting in Allied pressure upon Turkey to open the Dardanelles. This would permit shipment of supplies to Russia's Black Sea ports, and mean the saving of thousands of miles of water and overland travel from the Persian gulf up through Iran and Southern Russia.

When Larry Fly resigned from the FCC and moved to New York, he took up residence at the Lombardy apartments. A neighbor in the building is Wall Street lawyer Eugene L. Garey, who master-minded the smear-Fly campaign of Congressman Cox's house committee which investigated the FCC not long ago.

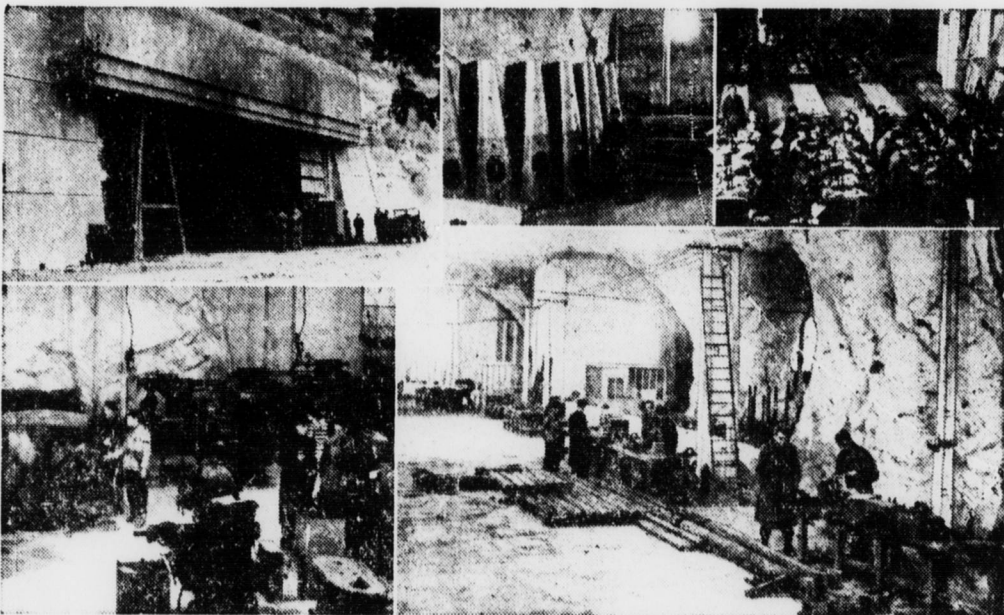
At the Court of St. James, U. S. ambassadors usually bow to British custom and wear knee breeches, though Ambassador Charley Dawes rebelled, and wore ordinary long pants.

'Mystery Army' Hammers at Nazi Fortifications



Lieut. Gen. William H. Simpson, upper left, commander of the Ninth army, called the "Mystery army" due to secrecy surrounding its movements since its capture of Le Havre. Lower left, shows the "Weasel," one of the reasons given for the rapid advance of the Ninth army. Lower right, General Eisenhower talks to the men of the 29th infantry division of the Ninth army. Upper right, a sniper search is conducted by members of the Ninth army, during mop-up operations in Geilenkirchen.

Captured German Underground Aircraft Plant



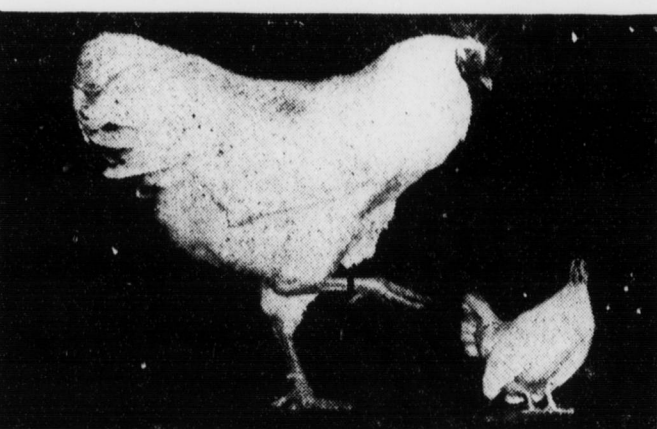
Above photo shows division of the largest aircraft manufacturing syndicate in France, which was driven underground by bombs of the U. S. army 8th air force. The underground cave was located at St. Astier, covering half a million feet of floor space. The cave was captured by Maquis troops on D-Day, and is now being used by the Allies. Meals are served within the cave.

Young China Seeking the Light



Young China learns to sing, upper left, and receives instructions in workings and usage of electrical gadgets, upper right. Not all is play, however, as shown in lower photograph, where young China is lined up on their way to the cotton mills to do their share in driving out the Japs from their homeland.

Pick on Someone Your Size!



An interesting sidelight of the New York Poultry show was this would-be "battle" between a White Plymouth Rock cockerel and a White Rose Comb bantam. Even though the cock has his leg raised in a threatening gesture, he thought better of his action in picking on his tiny bantam opponent.

Brothers Act Again



Coastguardsman August R. Caminiti balances his brother, Army Corp. Peter A. Caminiti, on one hand in an exhibition of muscular control, when they met on a troop transport. The Caminitis of Brooklyn played prewar vaudeville but now entertain GIs with their acts.

'Produce or Fight'



James G. Byrnes, above, War Mobilization director, who recently issued a call for drafting of all 26 to 37-year-old non-defense workers. War work or war, he demands.



Fingersnap in the Face:

In the Stork Club actress Joy Hodges was irked when a deb (from the neck up) bothered a fellow at their table for a dance. "Oh," said Hodges, "go ahead and dance with the dolly with the hole in the head!"

Rufus Le Maire, the 20th Century-Fox exec, is liked in Hollywood because he can be kidded about his funny face and laugh, too.

Rufe himself tells of the time in the Brown Derby when he announced: "I'm going to New York tomorrow for some new faces."

"Be sure," heckled Wilson Mizner, "and bring one back for yourself!"

It was at a veddy swank poddy. A veddy indignant woman approached a distinguished looking man and panted: "I've never bean so insulted in all my life! That hoddible person over there just called me a floozy!"

The old chap (a colonel) patted her shoulder gently. "I wouldn't," he comforted, "take that so seriously if I were you, my dear. Look at me. I've been out of the Army for ten years—and they still call me a colonel!"

When a detachment of Wrens recently took over an old building in a small English town they tacked up the conventional sign: "Admiralty—No Admittance!"

Beneath which a clown scribbled: "Wrens Nesting."

At Gilmore's they were gabbing about an international socialite (now in her 80s) who for many years garnered reams of publicity by claiming to have retained her "joie de vivre" by standing on her head several minutes daily.

"Tell me," said Les Brown to an intimate of the old darling, "does she still practice standing on her head?"

"Heck, no!" was the retort. "She has all she can do just to stand on her feet!"

It happened over at Columbia studios the other day. They were filming a big mob scene having to do with Britain. An ass't waved some of them away. "That goes for you, too!" he barked at a man watching it all.

"Why me?" he queried. "Because," said the ass't, "you don't look British enough!" "I don't have to look British!" replied the boss of the studio. "I'm Harry Cohn!"

Overheard: "He's in Washington—flying a desk!"

Broadway Ballad:

So we were happy for a little while . . . And found the town a gay, exciting place, But happiness, of course, goes out of style And magic leaves a fresh, enchanted face; And now the nights are portents of dismay And inns have lost their color and their lure And we who had so many things to say Are silent children, sullen and unsure.

So goes it . . . and our lesson must be learned That rapture fades and mockers are cold . . . That life holds many bridges to be burned And fiddlers ask their pay in purest gold . . .

And those who play at love must be aware That paths are rough—and brambles scratch and tear! —Don Wahn.

Midtown Vignette: They would have you believe it actually happened to Earl Benham, who tailors the dandies about town. . . . Earl himself is his best ad—always immaculately Lucius-Beebe'd . . . The other day he was lazying in his limousine waiting for a friend in front of his elegant apartment house. A huge, plump, costly cigar in his teeth and his jewelry flashing in the sun. . . . Looking at him (as though transfixed) was a has-been in tatters. . . . Benham kept puffing on his seegar, trying not to notice the fellow, who kept looking and looking and looking at him. . . . Finally he caught Earl's eye and quipped: "Are you happy?"

The Late Watch: Ingrid Hallen, named managing-editor for the new mag, This Month (due soon), and Curt Riess, the author-correspondent, were just divorced. He soon goes overseas again. She just signed him up for articles! . . . The soda-jerker in the drug store at 55th and 6th Avenue is an ex-middleweight champ from Calif.

Sallies in Our Alley: Frisco, the stuttering comic, walked into a swank clothier's and asked: "H-H-H-How m-m-m-much f-f-f-for a w-w-w-w-w-winter overcoat?" . . . A starchy floorwalker, in his best frigid tones, said: "\$225" . . . "N-n-never m-m-mind," stammered Joe, walking out, "I'll hear it on the r-r-r-radio!" . . . Asked what she thought of a new show, Dorothy Parker said: "Well, all in all, it left one thing to be desired." . . . "And," queried her friend, "what was that?" . . . "My money back," said Dorothy.

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Michigan's Duplicate Lakes

No state approaches Michigan in duplicating the names of lakes. For instance, 440 of these bodies of water are known by only five names, 56 being called Twin lake, 59 Round lake, 65 Bass lake, 87 Long lake and 173 Mud lake.

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ABOUT RUBBER



Commercial motor vehicles in the U. S., based on gasoline allotments, are expected to run 56 billion miles a year. Reduced to truck tire wear, that represents a tremendous number of tires.

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Jerry Shaw



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