

Warsaw Soldier Writes From China Says Yanks Went To Disarm Japs

**But Japs Got Reports and Checked Out; P. F. C. Paul
Hardison Says He Hopes To Be Home By Spring;
Says China Unlike Pacific Islands.**

Tsingtao, China
Hello Duplin Folks:-
I have arrived in North China at last, the northern seaport town of Tsingtao. Its population is over 1,000,000. The reason we, the 22nd regt, came here was to disarm the Japs, but I think they got the word and moved out. Anyway, there aren't any around here at present. Everything is nice and smooth so far.

Tsingtao is in the Shantung Province of China. Anybody that has control of it has control of

the Yellow Sea. This city is German built; in fact the Germans were here for quite some time. It has some nice buildings. We have the University for our barracks. We get 2,000 chinese dollars for one American dollar; so you see we get around quite a bit for one dollar. They ride us around on Rickshaws, somewhat like a small buggy. They trot or run slow while you are riding. I don't see how they can run so far without resting. The average "chink" works hard all day for ten or

fifteen cents. I went to the race track here the other day. There are some Germans and white Russians here. China isn't like any of the Pacific Islands I was on. Guam was about the best one.

Well, I am about half way round the world from Warsaw now. I had much rather be there than here. I think I'll be home in the early Spring, although I don't know as yet. So keep your chin up.


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HELD AS HOSTAGE
CARACAS, VENEZUELA — Gen. Eleazar Lopez Contreras, former president of Venezuela, is one of the prominent persons seized as hostages by rebel forces which upset the government of President Isaías Medina. General Contreras, who is presidential candidate in the forthcoming April elections, was seized in the brief but bloody revolt in which many persons were killed in fighting in Caracas, capital of the South American republic.



Your Home
By Frances Alsworth
If your furnace acts balky, giving you more smoke than heat, the thing to do, of course, is have it inspected by a reliable heating man so as to ascertain and correct the trouble. But don't be surprised if he tells you that there is nothing wrong with your furnace. The chances might well be that instead of causing the furnace, your wrath should be directed against the chimney.
Chimneys are all too frequently taken for granted as being merely the outlet for the furnace smoke, with no further connection with the furnace. Actually, the chimney is an integral part of your heating system, the same as the exhaust is a vital part of your auto engine.
The chimney is not only the exhaust flue of your furnace, but it also is tied in to the combustion circuit by being the valve that permits new air to be drawn into the furnace so that the coal will burn. If the valve closes because of becoming clogged up with soot or masonry debris, then it shuts off the fresh air that is essential to combustion. A poor fire of low heat and lots of smoke is the result, with the gas backfiring, and everything acting wrong.
Cleaning out a chimney, and repairing it if necessary, is not an easy job, and certainly not one for an amateur. It is part of the professional cleaning service which some heating companies are set up to give, and the job should be turned over to such an expert. No matter how new or how fine your furnace, it is worthless to you if the chimney interferes with its operation.



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Starvation Stalks Tokyo Streets



TOKYO—Soundphoto—First signs of starvation stalked these windy fall nights in quest of food and shelter. Police stations are the people's last hope for starvation. Because their country hungered for power and these people want to see the avenue of support open to them. It is just one of many similar scenes in the East.

Warsaw Seaman Aboard The USS Zanich

George W. Best, steward's mate, 2c, Rt. 1, Warsaw, and other men aboard the auxiliary ship USS Zanich, played an important part in winning the war in the Pacific by working 18-hour days to put battle-damaged ships back into the fight. At Okinawa alone, they patched up more than 60 ships at the height of that rough-and-tumble campaign.

Originally a Liberty ship the Zanich was commissioned as a repair vessel on Sept 2, 1944.

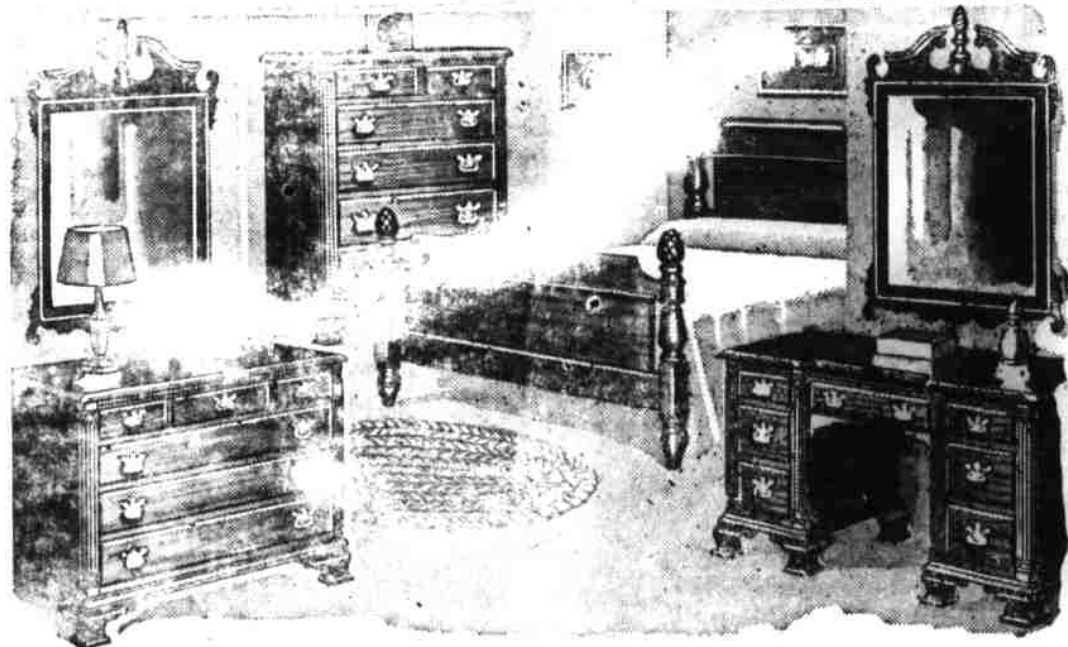
IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO STUDY COTTON

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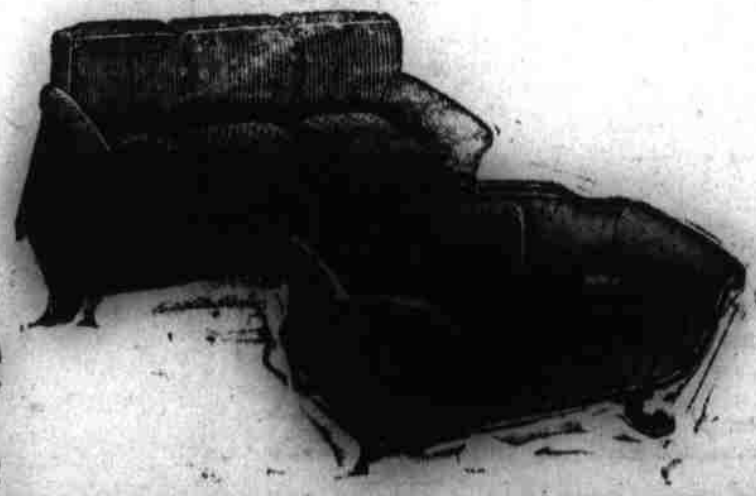
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