

### Gen. Stilwell Road Completed to Supply China



The greatest engineering feat in the annals of the United States army was the completion of the Stilwell road through Burma, by Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Peck, his American engineers and thousands of native laborers.



### Snapshots of Big Shots: (This is what comes from reading books!)

Edgar Allan Poe was a dollar-a-year man too. . . He spent 10 years writing and rewriting "The Raven" and got 10 bucks for it. . . The original manuscript sold the last time for \$10,000. . . Poe paid \$3 a month rent for his honeymoon cottage on Grand Concourse (in the Bronx), which is now a New York state historical shrine. If it hadn't been a grand neighborhood for dandelions he and his bride would have starved.

Marconi, son of an Italian father and Irish mother, was 27 when he invented radio, and even then there were people who wanted to kill him. . . These cranks said electrical waves were passing through their bodies, destroying their nerves and making it impossible for them to sleep.

Barnum, who said "there's one born every minute," was one himself. He lost a fortune on a bear's grease hair tonic, was swindled out of another selling illustrated bibles, trimmed again on a fire extinguisher that wouldn't extinguish, went into bankruptcy for half a million making alarm clocks. . . Without a dime to his name he wrote a lecture on "How to Make Money," grossing \$1,000 a night. . . And that's how the famous Barnumism was born.

Alexander Dumas, one-fourth Negro, whose book, "The Three Musketeers," was a best seller for almost 100 years, used to boast that he had more than 500 children and swore he would never marry. . . He changed his mind when a smart sweetheart bought up all his debts and gave him a choice between marriage and jail. . . He wrote novels on blue paper, poetry on yellow, articles on red, and nothing else would do. . . He wrote more than 1,200 volumes of plays, novels and histories, made over 5 million dollars and died broke, living off the charity of his son.

Woolworth started his five-and-dime stores on a capital of \$300, and his first three failed. Thirty years later he was able to pay \$14,000,000 cash for the building bearing his name, then the world's highest office building.

George Gershwin sold his first song for \$5; nine years later a Hollywood studio paid \$50,000 just to use "Rhapsody in Blue," which he wrote in his spare time, in a single picture.

Sir Isaac Newton was so absent-minded he once rammed his niece's fingers into his pipe. . . Trying to fix himself a three-minute egg, he boiled his watch while watching the egg. . . When he went to fetch anything he usually came back without it. . . He was usually last in his class at school. . . He was a woman hater and never married. . . He always claimed he solved many of his mathematical problems in his sleep.

Dr. Samuel Johnson continually distorted his face by violent grimaces. . . When walking in the street he touched every post he passed and if he missed one he always returned. He always made a point of entering or leaving a door on a certain foot, but his biographer, Boswell, wasn't sure which one.

Lord Byron was so emotional that once a theatrical performance put him into convulsions. . . In a fit of temper he threw his watch into the fire and hammered it to pieces with the poker. . . He also fired a pistol in the bedroom of his wife, who left him after a year of marriage. . . So he went to Venice and bought a harem.

Schiller liked to keep his feet in ice while working. . . He once wrote a full and perfect description of the Swiss land and people — although he knew neither. . . Coleridge, who wrote "Kubla Khan" under the influence of an opiate, could remember only 54 lines when he sufficiently recovered to write. . . Richelieu at times imagined himself to be a horse and neighed, trotted and jumped like one. . . Beau Brummel, the fashion plate (who taught the Prince of Wales how to dress), died in rags in an insane asylum.

Beethoven had a passion for moving and sometimes was paying rent on two or three places at once, but Mozart, who died at 35, starved and frozen, never could pay rent on one.

Chopin walked out on the biggest love of his life because she didn't offer him a chair before she offered one to others in the room. . . In his will he ordered himself buried in white tie, dress shoes and silken knee breeches.



### McGOFFEY'S FIRST READER

This is a steer. Where is the steer? The steer is on the ranch. Will the steer leave the ranch? We hope so.

What are those things on the steer's head? Horns. Are they necessary? Well, you have to use something in hamburgers!

Oh, see the steer's tall! Yes, it is a long tail. What is the tail good for? If the war lasts long much longer you will find out.

The steer looks nervous. You would look nervous, too, if you were a steer.

What makes the steer nervous? The Government, Chester Bowles, the Black Market, the Rancher, the Ultimate Consumer, etc.

Why do they make the steer nervous? The steer knows that he would get better protection under the rules of bullfighting.

The steer looks round-shouldered. Yes, and so would you if you were in its place.

What makes the steer round-shouldered? He gets that way standing under the ceiling.

Does the steer have to stand under a ceiling? Come, come, don't you ever read the papers?

Why does the steer stand under a ceiling? To get across the street. What street? Pennsylvania avenue.

Oh, look! What's happened? The ceiling seems to be changing. Yeah.

It seems to be going up? It is going up about four dollars. Why are they giving the steer a new ceiling? It seems there was agitation.

Who's agitated? The butcher, the OPA and the people who were tired of mutton and pork.

Do people eat ceilings? No; the beefsteaks only taste that way.

Now that the ceiling is higher will the steer cease to be round-shouldered? Round or flat you'll be glad to get it. You can depend on one thing. What is that? The consumer will become round-shouldered.

Why? Looking for a meat market where ceilings make any difference. (End of Lesson)

### THE CLOTHING INQUIRY

Washington is getting after the clothing situation. It is out to roll back the prices of shirts, drawers, rompers, suits, dresses and what not.

It's about time. It has been thinking too much about beef and not enough about shorts.

What is important to the average American, more hamburgers or more underwear?

There hasn't been as much of a public howl over the high costs of dressing because the uneven distribution hasn't been so glaring. It is not easy to tell when one man is getting the best shirts. Or whether Mrs. Beemish is able to buy the choicest cuts of undies while Mrs. Mooney hasn't been able to get anything but the roughest lingerie in a year.

Unlike the situation in the meat crisis, you have not been able in a clothes shortage to go down to Joe's place and get all the apparel you wanted.

If down to your last pair of pants, you couldn't go to a smart restaurant and get them in all styles and colors at a price.

We haven't heard of a "black pants market." But it may come soon.

It may take points to get a pair of socks, a pair of pajamas or a vest before long.

Mrs. Whitney said the shortage of women in Alaska was accompanied by an "absence of other things—there are no insects, no rodents, no dust, no poison ivy."—Newspaper item.

Is that putting it nicely? General Homma of Japan says, "It is assumed that the Japanese Grand Fleet will now abandon its passiveness." What the general means is "Come Out, Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are."

## CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

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WHEN CONSTIPATION makes you feel punk as the dickens, brings on stomach upset, sour taste, gassy discomfort, take Dr. Caldwell's famous medicine to quickly pull the trigger on lazy "innards" and help you feel bright and chipper again.

DR. CALDWELL'S is the wonderful senna laxative contained in good old Syrup Pepsin to make it so easy to take.

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INSIST ON DR. CALDWELL'S—the favorite of millions for 50 years, and feel that wholesome relief from constipation. Even finicky children love it. CAUTION: Use only as directed.

## DR. CALDWELL'S SENNA LAXATIVE

CONTAINED IN SYRUP PEPSIN

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## CREOMULSION

for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

## STRAINS, SORENESS CUTS, BURNS

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## Balsam of Myrrh

## WOMEN in '40's

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## Kidneys Must Work Well

For You To Feel Well 24 hours every day, 7 days every week, never stopping, the kidneys filter waste matter from the blood. If more people were aware of how the kidneys must constantly remove surplus acids, excess acids and other waste matter they would stay in the blood without injury to health, there would be better understanding of why the whole system is upset when kidneys fail to function properly. Burning, scanty or too frequent urination sometimes warns that something is wrong. You may suffer aching back-ache, headaches, dizziness, rheumatic pains, getting up at night, swelling. Why not try Doan's Pills? You can be using a medicine recommended the country over. Doan's stimulates the function of the kidneys and helps them to flush out poisons and waste from the blood. They contain nothing harmful. Get Doan's today. Use with confidence. At all drug stores.

## DOAN'S PILLS

### GERMAN UNDERGROUND SEETHES

According to uncensored dispatches now reaching Washington, active guerrilla warfare is flaring up on a mounting scale behind the German lines.

First real indication of an active Fifth column in Germany came recently with accurate reports of pitched battles inside Berlin, Breslau and Bremen. This new guerrilla warfare differs from that of partisan units inside France, Yugoslavia and Greece in that few of the guerrilla troops are Germans. The bulk are Frenchmen and Russians who were captured earlier in the war and have been used as slave labor in the reich.

All of these workers were carefully guarded by Himmler until recently. Most lived in big cities and worked in large industrial plants. In Berlin for example, hundreds of thousands of slave laborers have been housed in fenced off temporary barracks in the heart of the city. But recent powerful allied air raids have created such chaos that thousands of foreign workers escaped from their enclosures and have hidden in the bomb ruins.

At night, the guerrillas prowl the streets, capture Nazi sentries, steal food and ammunition, commit extensive sabotage. They have been joined by some German army deserters, afraid to return to the front, advises say.

Once Berlin is taken it is expected that the several million slave laborers will flare into such revolt that Germany—except in the mountainous south—will cave like an egg-shell.

### OVER-AGE SERVICEMEN

Greatest hardship on men in the army probably is with enlisted men over 38, now too old to become officers but who can't resign as officers can. Typical case of how this hardship works is that of Cpl. Alexander C. Storis, age 45, who has served in the army three years, most of the time overseas. Corporal Storis is not only a college graduate, but holds a doctor's degree. Twice he was recommended for officers' training school, but each time his unit moved overseas and he had to sail with his unit. Now he is too old to be commissioned, too old for combat, yet under present army rules must be kept on—doing menial jobs.

There are thousands of similar cases. What the army needs is a good overhauling of its manpower, especially older men who have been in the army a long time.

### NEW MANPOWER PROGRAM

War Manpower Commission Director Paul McNutt may put a new program into effect very soon in all light labor areas. This would limit employers in non-essential or less essential industries to a certain percentage of the number of workers they employed last year. This ceiling-employee program has already been tried out in Chicago and proven successful.

Chicago employers in non-essential and less essential industries will be required to cut the number of employees on the payroll 10 per cent by March 15.

### SECRET RED WEAPONS

The Russians are way ahead of both the United States and Great Britain in the use of rocket guns, have employed them with devastating effect in the lightning drive through Poland, and particularly in the offensive against the Nazis in East Prussia.

One new and very important weapon which Stalin unveiled in the new drive is the 100-ton tank named after himself. The Stalin tank is superior to the German royal tiger tank, and our own Sherman heavy tank. It carries a 4.8-inch gun as against the 3-inch gun carried on our Sherman. So long as the ground remains hard, the Stalin tank is capable of resisting any but the largest point-blank German shells. On the other hand, the mobile gun on the Stalin tank can pierce most of the German secondary fortifications so far encountered by the Russians, it is said.

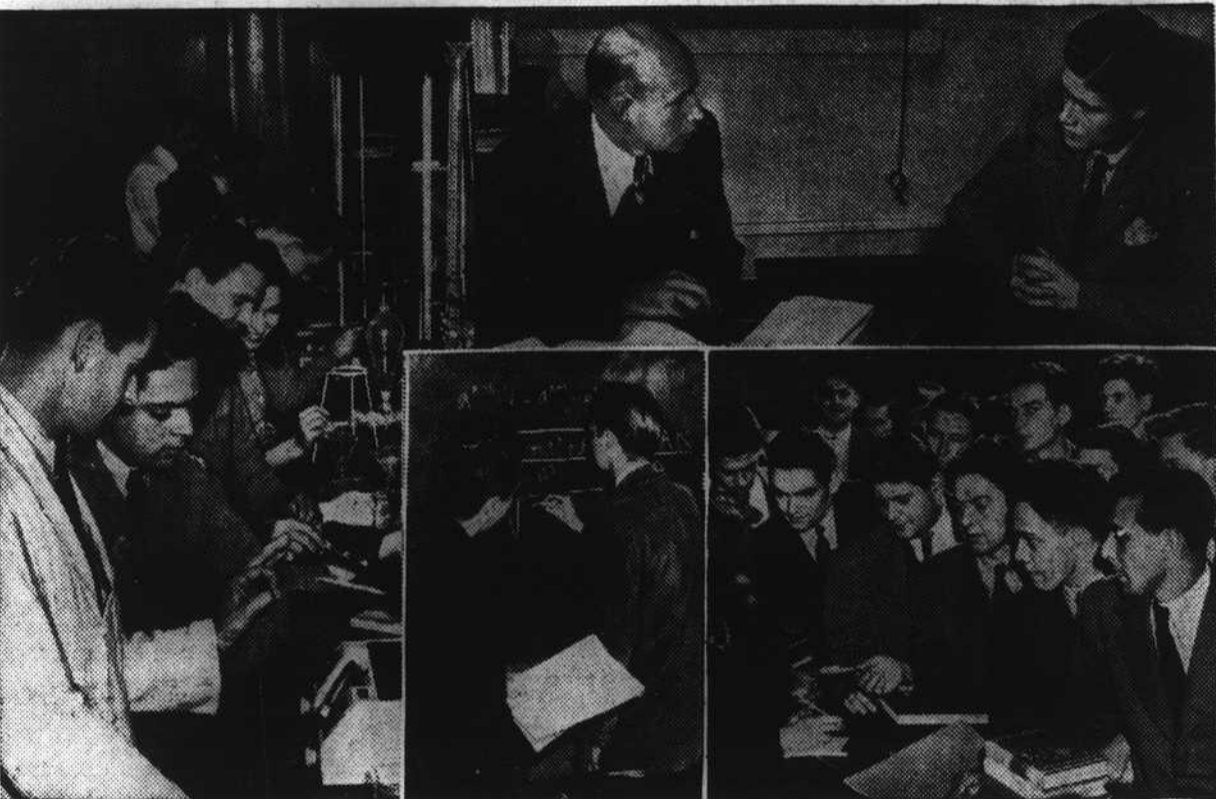
### WAR NOTES

Germans are already trying to escape from the threatened Nazi homeland. Reports from Lisbon, Madrid, Stockholm and Berne reveal hundreds of Germans trying to crash the frontier to get out of Germany before the Allies take over.

FDR still hasn't decided who he will name as high commissioner of the Philippines. WMC Director Paul McNutt and Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy both are ready to go. If Murphy takes it, Roosevelt will nominate Judge Sam Rosenman to the Supreme court.

A significant new Slav treaty is now being negotiated. It will bind together the Czechoslovak government and the Lublin-Polish government in the first step toward the creation of an eastern European Slavic alliance—naturally with Moscow's blessing.

### Ex-G.I.s Enter College for Postwar Training



While industry is still laying its careful plans for the day when swords may be beaten into plowshares, the government has already put into operation its machinery of reconversion for the men discharged from the armed forces. Thousands of young men are being discharged monthly, and many of them, like those shown above, have resumed their studies or are receiving training for new vocations.

### General Eddy Wins Decoration



Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, right, receives the Distinguished Service medal from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, for his leadership of the 12th army corps in the drive across France. He is the officer who outmaneuvered German Field Marshal Von Rundstedt on the Moselle river and led assault between Nancy and Metz.

### Assistant Chaplain



Believed to be the first woman to serve as a chaplain's assistant, Miss Ethel Wilson of Harrogate, England, will serve overseas. She has been assigned for an 18-month commission in East Africa.

### The Lady D'Artagnans Practice



The Lady D'Artagnans of the University of Pennsylvania loosen up their sword arms in preparation for forthcoming season. The duellists here are Elaine Wexler, Emily Lou Butler, Gerry Cipola, all of Philadelphia, Joan Alice Brennan, Gloucester, N. J., Irene Quinlan and Ariene Koutis of Philadelphia.

### Admiral to Senator



Adm. Thomas C. Hart has taken office in the U. S. senate by appointment of the governor of Connecticut. He is shown with his wife and their youngest daughter, Harriet, Taft Hart.