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May Day For A New World.....

In the more or less unsatisfactory Berlin accounts of the fall of Athens is this comforting sentence: "Demeanor of the Athenians was reserved."

Frankly, we could expect no other attitude from citizens of a City whose founders experimented with democracy in its earliest form and whose lessons in statecraft included defeats and victories lost in antiquity long before their present German conquors had first impulse toward national life. To a spectacle of this sort Athenians can afford to be reserved. Wonder is that they would be otherwise, and not the least of the ironies of war is the tremendous amount of sympathy worked up in America for such comparative upstarts in civilization as the Celts and Britons, peoples who were in the dawn of European history only a couple of hundred years or so ahead of those now classified as

Popular pamphlet of the moment among American super-patriots is R. H. Markham's "The Wave of the Past," a booklet in which great stress is placed on the enduring quality of the democratic ideal in a world that seems for the moment to have slipped back into the dark ways of despotism. We are quite willing to grant that the democratic ideal still holds and that despotism will pass. If we did not believe in the ultimate triumph of good over evil we would not dare to think that the ill-fated Greek effort to hold off invasion was an effort little short of folly, an effort to be compared for its forlorn hope with that recently made by the Yugoslavs, who were not as a people as closely united by racial ties as are the Greeks.

Robert L. (Believe-It-Or-Not) Ripley yesterday reproduced the Yugoslavian coat-of-arms and quoted the motto: "Solidarity is our sole salvation." Purpose of this reproduction was to place in contrast the fact that two Yugoslavian provinces, Croatia and Bosnia, "welcomed the German invasion and caused the down fall of Yugoslavia."

Without regard to the accuracy or inacucracy of the snap-judgment just cited, we must protest against present day loose-thinking generalizations as to nations and their policies. There are among us per sons whose minds seek refuge in cliches of national ism, in assumptions that old policies will work, when plain truth is that we are all being drawn into a whirlpool and must try to swim in it, rules or no rules. At such times it is poor taste to assume that history is black or white, right or wrong: history is no less complicated than personal life and before the world can be restored to state of sanity we shall be in need of a super-psychoanalist such as Hitler may prove him self to be.

To think of Hitler in such a role may require more philosophy of history than the average man has at his command, since it is difficult for us to think that good may come of evil, that progress of the world requires that the Greeks and Yugoslavs should suffer the fate of Europe and that Britain's Prime Minister Churchhill should have to make a noble but nevertheless back-against-the-wall radio address in which burden for victory is placed squarely upon our own efforts to speed-up manufacture and delivery of guns, bombs and planes.

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Yet out of all this, when Hitler shall belong to that little past reserved for Napoleon and Alexander, may come the new world dreamed of by idealists since time began, a new world turned to by people made sick by dictatorship in any form.

We in America may curse the Axis idea with every waking breath. We may put our men in camps and on shipboard. We may speed up defense and then fus's among ourselvelves at the elemental and inborn stupidity which frustrates "all-out effort." We may scream against isolationists. We may call them traitors and then come around to realization that out of the whole upheaval there is to come a new-old world, an America ready to serve a world stripped of last illusions as to empire.

For such a day people in America must be ready, although the present rough going offers no hope of immediate achievement.

For Which He Has None

Sandwiched into end of the April Grand Jury report as published in Sunday's Times was polite reference to fact that a previous grand jury had recommended placing of a door between the first floor and the jailer's quarters "for his own personal protection, for which he has none."

We do not know why provious recommendations were never carried out, but in the slightly quaint language of the report again made we can see sufficient understatement as to possible hazards to which the jailer is subjected and we hope that those persons to whom power is delegated will see to it that the door is put in place. Not many people are now so crude and rude as to posess jail-delivery intentions but some cf them might be of that state of mind and we think that whatever protection can be offered should be.



Room To Cut

(Charlotte News)

The comparisons between English and United States income taxes, now being circulated by the Treasury in support of its new program, are of course inaccurate.

The English have no state (shire) income taxes. And the general and local taxes structure was at the outbreak of war sketchier than ours. At this time, it appears, the American was actually paying out a greater portion of his income in all taxes than the Englishman.

However, this is no protest against the Treasury program in general. Taxes are taxes, they must be enormously increased to take care of the national defense, and the sole thing to be taken into consideration is to lay them so as to cause the least economic dislocation and the least personal hardship.

But one thing seems clear. In view of the national emergency the greatest possible economy in domestic affairs is necessary.

It does not seem likely that the farm benefit programs can be done away with entirely, since the war makes things worse, not better for some farm products like cotton. But the prospect is for the movement of wheat and corn surpluses to England, and benefits ought to be cut down accordingly. In any case, there is no sense at all in propositions pending in Congress to make the farm appropriations this year the greatest in history.

Similarly with relief. It ought to be possible now to put all the employables back into private jobs. And many of the unemployables are people who were previously supported by their families and who got on relief because the depression made that no longer possible. It ought to be possible to reverse that process now.

Nobody proposes that anybody shall be left to starve or that fairness as between groups of citizens should be abandoned. Nevertheless, there is manifestly a vast lot of room for rigorous cutting down. And we aren't getting it.

Contempt Of Court ...

(New York Times)

In 1831 a statute was passed confining the power of the Federal Courts to punish for contempt to the "misbehavior of any person in their presence or so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice." This limitation of contempt was interrupted in 1918 by the majority opinion in the case of Toledo Newspaper Company v. the United States of America A newspaper had been free in its comments and car-, toons about a suit arising from a controversy between the city and a street railroad. Court and suitors were attacked. After six months the judge imposed a fine for contempt.

It was not claimed that the judge's mind had been influenced by the newspaper. On appeal to the Supreme Court Chief Justice White affirmed the judgment on the ground of the "reasonable tendency of acts done." Mr. Justice Holmes, in a dissenting opinion in which Mr. Justice Brandeis concurred, maintained that " 'so near as to' means so near as actually to obstruct and not merely to threaten a possible obstruction." And "'misbehavior' means something more than adverse comments and disrespect." The fact that the judge had waited six months proved that the administration of justice hadn't been obstructed.

Beetle Trapping To Begin In May

Raleigh, May 1.—Trapping of uled to begin late in May "in or- in the fall. der that information may b gathered to be used in mapping a general control program," C. H. Brannon, chief of the State

temology division, announces. States Bureau of Entomology and agent of Madison County.

Plant Quarantine, will be used to determine the extent of the beetle population in the State.

Soil treatment, using a spray of arsenate of lead, will be con-Japanese beetles, costly pest of tinued this year with the pro-300 agricultural plants, is sched. gram scheduled to be launched

CATTLE

Dewey Wallin of Marshall, Department of Agriculture's en- Route 3, believes more clear profit can be received from beef cat-An estimated 10,000 beetle tle by raising and fattening steers traps, furnished by the United at home, reports P. R. Elam farm!

LIVE-AT-HOME **PLAN GRAVE NEED** IN THIS STATE

Study Shows Only 77 Per Cent Of Families Plant Adequate Gardens.

feeds, Julian E. Mann, extension amounts. studies economist of N. C. State College, said today.

The study contains data on food crops, livestock product; for home consumption, and a mounts of certain foods canned and stored for family use. The obtained information from 1,942 sample farms in 21 counties, rep family during the year. resenting a cross section of the State. The counties ranged from Prunswick and Craven in the are indicative of North Caro-East to Cherokee, Transylvania, lina conditions," the economist and Swain in the West.

per cent of the farm families planted a garden but only 7? per cent planted an acreage sufficient to provide an adequate 5? per cent planted cowpeas and beans but only 51 per cent planted a sufficient acreage; 19 per cent planted sorghum or cane for syrup but only 14 per cent planted enough.

In livesock, 78 per cent of the farmers reporting owned at least one milch cow but only 30 per cent owned enough cows to supply sufficient milk for their fam ilies on a year-around basis; 91 per cent reported some hoga but only 75 per cent owned

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to supply family needs.

Canning and storing revealed glaring weaknesses. Ninety-two per cent of the families reported canning some vegetables, but only 37 per cent canned enough to supply all requirements; 93 The pressing need for the tra- rer cent stored potatoes but onmendous live-at-home campaign ly 79 per cent stored enough; now going on in North Carolina 46 per cent stored beans and ir revealed in the results of a re- peas but only 43 per cent put cent survey of farm-produced away enough to meet required

Mann pointed out that each item on the schedule was judged independently to determine acequacy based on a balanced diet standards. For instance onetenth acre of garden and 12 chickens were considered sufficient extension service and the AAA to supply vegetable and poultry needs for each member of a

"The results of this survey said, "but not necessarily repre-The summary revealed that 99 sentative of the State."

John W. Goodman, assistant di rector of the Extension Service, says that the "Food and Feed for Family Living" campaign supply of fresh and canned veg- which has the active cooperation tables for home use. On the and endorsement of Governor J same basis 95 per cent planted M. Broughton aims to correct at potatoes but only 90 per cent least a part of this condition. planted enough for home use: Farm families who produce at





enough for an adequate pork least 75 percent of their food and supply; and 96 per cent reported feed requirements in 1941 will chickens but there were only receive certificates of merit sign-22 per cent with enough poultry ed by Governor Broughton and other leaders.



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