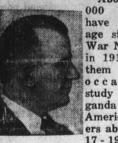
PETTENGILI The Gentleman from Indiana'

The Appeal To Fear



About 44,000,-000 Americans 000 Americans have become of age since World War No. 1 ended in 1918. Few of them have had occassion to study the propaganda that sent American soldiers abroad in 19-17 - 1918. Those

who were of age at the time have also forgotten much. Twenty-two years is a long time.

Propaganda has reached new heights of effectiveness, but it is as old as war itself. In 1870 Bismarck deliberately altered a telegram so that the Prussians thought their King, and the French thought their ambassador, had been insulted. This made both nations mad and set them at each other's throats, which was just what Bismarck wanted.

In 1898 President William Mc-Kinley asked Congress to declare war on Spain. But he concealed from Congress and the country the text of the latest Spanish note which promised the independence of Cuba. And a good many thousand Americans died of bullets tropical fever and canned horse.

When that war was over a com mission of naval and army officers investigated the blowing up of the Maine. Not a single officer was convinced that the Spanish government had had anything to do with the explosion. However, it gave us an emotional jag, a small war and the Philippines.

The plain people who do the dying never hear the truth about war propaganda until the archives are opened to historians. And so, "in peace the sons bury their fathers; in war, the fathers bury their sons.'

Then there is the propaganda of perfectly sincere people who believe what their own minds conjure. They fear their fears.

Although there is no case in history of a nation conquering across an ocean another nation of anywhere nearly equal streng th, the fears of conquest of this country from overseas is as old as timid souls have been in our midst. The Milquetoast family tree is ancient.

In 1807 Fisher Ames dipped his pen into the future and, far as human eye could see, wrote, "Great Britain is fighting our battles, and France is combating for the power to enslave and plunder us and all the world." France that time! During the Ci vil War, in violation of the Monroe Doctrine, France tried to con quer Mexico.

In 1808 United States Senator Pickering got the heebie-jeebies and rushed into print with , "Napoleon is the most ruthless tyrant that has scourged the European world since the Roman Empire fell. Suppose the British Navy were destroyed and France tri umphed over Great Britain. To the other titles of Bonaparte would then be added that of Emperor of the Two Americas." And these now familiar words, although first employed by Pickering 132 years ago, "For what legions of soldiers could he not send to the United States in the thousands of British ships, were they also at his command."

Our world...

Greatest Naval and Air Battle London .- Three British warships, including the

Home Brand of One-Man Power

Hot Words Over Lend-Lease

British Hopes and Courage Rise

Grand Roundup Without Horses

over officials.

much.

9,100-ton cruiser Southampton and the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Illustrious, were damaged off Sicily on January 10 in the war's greatest air-naval battle, an admiralty communique reveals. The armiralty said Italo-German forces lost 12 or more planes and one destroyer in the engagement in which the British 1,335-ton destroyer Gallant also was damaged by a mine or torpedo, but safely made port. The British claimed victory in the engagement, asserting that the Italo-German attack failed in its purpose, which was to destroy a large and important convoy of war materials for Greece. "The convoy . . . was carried out according to plan," the admiralty said. The fourday delay in the admiralty communique indicated that the Illustrious and Southampton as well as the Gallant reached port for repairs.

Gov. Broughton Inaugurated in **Colorful Ceremony**

52nd. Year. No. 21.

Last Thursday North Carolina greeted a new Governor when J Atlanta.-Shock-haired Eugene Talmadge return-Melville Broughton was inauguraed to Georgia's governorship Tuesday and drove swift-ly toward one-man domination of state affairs by eigh. Police estimated that 125,invoking an obscure statute to nullify powers of hold- 000 persons gathered in the state

capital to witness the mammoth parade which followed the administering of the oath of office. The new cheif executive, a red

Washington .- Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D.), carnation in the buttonhole of his Mont., leader of the Senate non-interventionists, in a radio discussion Sunday night, said that the New Deal's foreign policy as embraced in the lend-lease inch of floor snace in Raleich's inch of floor space in Raleigh's bill, is to "plow under every fourth American boy."

President Roosevelt, at the Tuesday press confer-ence, said two or three foes of the lend-lease bill had employed the expression and that he felt it was time program for his four-year admin-to kill it. "I regard it as the most untruthful, as the istration, pledging his support to most dastardly, most unpatriotic thing that has ever President Roosevelt's social probeen said," he declared, his face grim and his eyes gram and urging the legislature flashing. "That really is the rottenest thing that has to adopt a resolution praising Mr. flashing. "That really is the rottenest thing that has to adopt a resolution plasma been said in public life in my generation." He gave an and for national defense.

correspondents permission to quote him dircelty. Wheeler promptly countered that "apparently the President has lost his temper." of state at 1:04 p. m., when he answered "I do" to an oath London.—An air ministry statement that R. A. F. administered by Cheif Justice fighters are "beginning to show woulds". A. F. Walter P. Stacy.

night fighters are "beginning to show results" against Immediately following the cernocturnal raiders and the admiralty's announcement of emony, the new Governor and one of the smallest week's shipping losses of the war his party left the auditorium with bolstered hopes of Britons last night of overcoming a 19-gun salute booming and he eventually the two chief menaces to their embattled took his place on a reviewing island. Monday night's massive fire-bomb raid on the stand to review the inaugural parade.

southwest port of Plymouth, the target of 10,000 A squadron of booming obser-incendiaries and "many tons" of high explosives, show-vation planes and a blimp flew ed, however, that Britain has far to go in coping with overhead.

the night raiders-and the air ministry admitted as A police estimate placed the largest throng ever to gather in Raleigh.

Cairo, Egypt.—The crew of a British motorboat, rade, Broughton received the

Blackshirt General Francesco Argentino from a hiding the chief executive's office from place by "the water's edge" in north Africa near Tobruk, Libya, British middle eastern headquarters announce The number of Italian general declared to the building was Hoey's swan announce. The number of Italian general declared to song. He was described by have been seized in the fighting in Egypt and the Brit-Broughton as one of North Caro-ish counter-offensive in Libya thus was increased to lina's most popular and capable eleven. A twelfth and the most picturesque of all, governors, and a few moments

executive elected by the people

made 46 specific recommenda-

tions to the General Assembly.



ALLEGHANY

STAR * TIMES

OVER HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Sparta, N. C.

Some Highlights Of the President's **Bill in Congress**

Government:

Government.

crowd at 125,000-perhaps the Avery, was destroyed by fire last last Friday to carry out the neighbors for help, and they suc-Thursday night. The blaze started about 8:30

o'clock in a cafe and quickly spread to other buildings. The democracies: directed by patrolling aircraft, has snatched the Italian state's great seal and the keys to structures along three blocks of of any other law, the President was taken at once to a North one side of Tittle street, the main thoroughfare, were destroyed. No casualties were reported. Damage will run into many thousands of dollars, town of-

ficials said. The fire raged for about an General Annibale "Electric Whiskers" Bergonzoli, is reported still hunted through the desert and along the Mediterranean coast. A hurricane pilot sighted "a small party of Italian officers hiding by the water's edge" two days ago, the statement said, and advised a naval unit, which captured the party, including A meaning a naval unit, which captured the party, including a naval unit, which captured the party including a naval unit, which captured the party, including the first statement said, and advised a naval unit, which captured the party, including the first statement said, and advised a naval unit, which captured the party, including the first statement said a naval unit, which captured the party including the first statement said a naval unit, which captured the party including the first statement said a naval unit, which captured the party including the first statement said a naval unit, which captured the party including the first statement st hour before a fire truck arrived.

Thursday, January 16, 1941.

Fire Tragedies Take Three Alleghany Lives

Last Friday, January 10, two lives perished in flames which destroyed Emory Edwards' home, and Sunday night another life was claimed by the ravage of fire, all three in Edwards Cross Roads section north of Sparta.

Friday, around two o'clock Emory Edwards went to visit his son James, three-fourths of a mile away, and was gone about half an hour. On his return he found his home in flames, and in the flames there perished his invalid wife, Betty, 66, and an invalid daughter, Mattie, 33. The house was a two-story frame structure and the wife and daughter were in their beds on the lower floor. but unable to leave them. No furniture or clothing was saved from the burning house. One neighbor saw the fire, but too late to save anything.

Funeral services for the mother and daughter were held by Revs. Handy, Shaw, and Moxley at the old Nichols home Sunday morning, and interment was in the Nichols family graveyard near Baywood

On Sunday night in another Edwards home, (though no kin to the former) right at Edwards. Cross Roads Mrs. Lena Gentry noticed smoke coming from her brother's room on the second floor of the home where she and her brother, Charlie Edwards, lived. She rushed upstairs but was President's plan of lending or ceeded in entering and extinguishleasing military equipment to the ing the flames, but not before

"Notwithstanding the provisions Charlie Edwards hed been burned badly about his legs and body. He may, from time to time, when Wilkesboro hospital but passed he deems it in the interest of away in spite of all that was national defense, authorize the done, at the age of 50.

Secretary of War, the Secretary It is supposed that the fire of Navy or the head of any other started from a burning cigarette department or agency of the falling on the bed or possibly from coals from an open fireplace. "1. To manufacture in arsen- The room Mr. Edwards occupied

Fire Destroys Three Blocks A squadron of booming obser-ation planes and a blimp flew Most of the business district of Newland, the county seat of of the bill introduced in Congress

The fact that Britain with all her thousands of ships had not daunted the iron courage of George Washington was overlooked by the shaking Senator.

This same old scarecrow was dusted off very effectively in 19 17. We had an official propaganda department then, called the "Committee on Public Information. The story of George Creel and his committee has just been published in a book "Words that Won the War."

On page 98 of that book is a reproduction of an advertisement issued by Creel's Committee in 1917. It is called "The German Idea." It shows a map of what was once a proud United States. It is now "New Prussia" with cities renamed "New Potsdam" (New York), "New Berlin" (Washington, D. C.), "Hyphenburg," etc.

Below the advertisement you read, "Shall this war make Germany's word the highest law in he world? The German idea must be so completely crushed that it will never again rear its venomous head. It's a fight, as the President said, 'to the last dollar, the last drop of blood.' Then ap-pear the words, "George Creel, Chairman, The Secretary of State, in place and remarked: the Secretary of War, the Secre-tary of the Navy."

It was for stuff like this that our government spent taxpayers' money 23 years ago. This book and several others ought to be read

So much as a sidelight on to- cannot afford to confide the safety So much as a sidelight on to-day's propaganda to get us in a second time. As propaganda to keep us out, I quote Winston Churchill's advice to his own pecule in 1934: We must be safe en the peril of being dependent Churchill's advice to his own perate crisis. All history has prov-people in 1934: We must be safe en the peril of being dependent from undue foreign pressure. We upon a foreign state for home

ance.

Argentino. A single British pilot also was declared Governor will co-operate with Mr. to have spotted 150 armed Italians near the coast, fired Roosevelt's internal and foreign warning bursts and "ushered the captives to a British policies. The 31st North Carolina chief military unit" much in the manner of a cow pony

rounding up steers.

Keep Those Plants Running

He asked that the sales tax be Washington.-The government stepped into a removed from food bought for labor dispute involving a defense industry yesterday home consumption; urged that and demanded that strike-closed plants in Ohio and slot machines be banned and for-Michigan be re-opened. The government's position in the Ohio and Michigan strikes, involving five units and a retirement plan for school about 3,500 employees of the Eaton Manufacturing teachers and all other state employees; said he favored the ad-Company, was stated by James F. Dewey, a Labor Department conciliator, who said that he would insist as a "defense measure" that the plants be re-opened expressed his opposition to the and that differences be adjusted after the plants were diversion of money from the highway fund to the general fund. running.

"Billy's Goat," This Saturday Night at 7:30

The Sparta school faculty play this coming Saturday night promises to be something of what you'd guess from the title, with some surprises added that you

She Kisses Them Off to the Army

From Knoxville, Tenn., comes the story of a pert brunette who strode into the railroad station for Fort Oglethorpe.

a farewell kiss. The train pulled room that will greatly increase in place and remarked:

"Well, that's the second man I've sent to the army in less 'han two weeks."

Better draft her for a recruiting sergeant.

Another New **Business Block**

space between Governor Dough-

ing. The ground has been brok-

In the building line the new

There was a long embrace and as a mezzanine floor storage balanced budget. We do not pro- state." pose to deviate in the slighest, "No

their capacity for stocking parts and for caring for service jobs. Sparta sees considerable build-

ing month by month, and it all be any material or substantial the President of the United

Elizabethton, Tenn., United States. "2. To sell, transfer, exchange, Newland, the Avery county lease, lend or otherwise dispose

seat, has practically no fire de-partment. A volunteer fire de-defense article defense article. partment has no truck but has "3. To test, inspect, prove, been using a hose that is kept repair, outfit, recondition or other- graveyard.

at the jail. wise to place in good working By 10:30 o'clock the blaze order any defense article for any was under control. such Government.

Completely destroyed were Craven's Store, C. L. Hughes' Store, the Daniels Cafe, the Calloway Store, the Hughes' Funeral Home, the Skyland Chevrolet Company, the Yates Barber Shop, dition of a 12th grade and a ninth the local Masonic hall and the month to the school system; and Sanitary Cafe.

Much of the contents and equipment of the business structures burned were saved.

Some highlights of his speech: Although no residences burned, "I have no panaceas to offer, the contents of numerous ones no magic formulas to propose. located on Tittle street were takliberalism; sane progress the best en out for fear fire would spread Sound government is the truest conservatism."

"North Carolina operates on a the welfare and progress of our

degree from this sound policy." that great humanitarian and bril-"I do not recommend that there liant exponent of social reform,

away.

"I believe wholeheartedly in

In- direct or indirect benefit which ton's office and Sparta Garage Carolina by the Democratic par- establishments makes it important that such relationship shall con-

"North Carolina believes in .

"I am of the opinion that the ighway patrol should be relieved a clause by which the foreign foundations of a building spon-sored by Ben Reeves and his father, it is reported. If there are feuds, factions should devote its attention ex-will not, without the consent of or blocks that will hinder or clusively to patroling the high- the President, transfer title to or In the building line the new of blocks that will minder ways... I shall also urge that the President, transfer title to of the Assembly, I have not heard of the highway patrol ... be retained to the mand do not believe that they moved wholly from the realm of politics." "I urge upon the General As-

such foreign Government,"

The Secretaries of War and Navy are hereby authorized to arms, ammunition and implements of war produced within the jurisdiction of any country . . .whenever the President deems such purchase or acquisition to be

such Government any defense in-

formation pertaining to any de-

"5. To release for export any

defense article to any such Gov-ernment."

Edwards of Galax.

Funeral service was held at Zion Primitive Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. L. F. Strader and Rev Charlie Kilby. Burial was in the Edwards family

Alleghany Men "4. To communicate to any To Armed Services

Of the five men from Allefense article furnished to such ghany to be inducted into the U. S. Army on January 20 it seems that three will be volunteers and two will come from the registration list.

Registrants who have express-"The terms and conditions upon which any such foreign Govern-army include William Claude ment receives any aid authorized Farrington of Glade Valley; Ray shall be those which the Columbus Greene of Ennice; Rex President deems satisfactory, and Lee Parsons of Piney Creek; the benefit to the United States Joseph Mack Andrews and John may be payment or repayment in Solomon Choate of Sparta.

kind or property, or any other This makes a total of five prospective soldiers, but it is reported the President deems satisfactory." that Andrews has already enlisted in the army for a period of

"All contracts or agreements three years, and Choate, who is a made for the disposition of any Negro, will not be eligible to go along in this second group.

> The following men have volunteered for service in the navy: James Maynard Landreth Piney Creek; Connie J. Wright and Troy Wagoner of Ennice, and Charles Shepherd of Scottville.

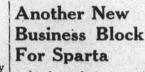
Lucille Ford **Circle Met**

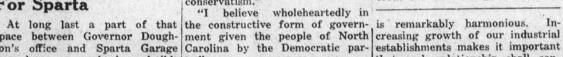
The Lucille Ford Circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met Tues night at the home of Mrs. T. Ro Burgiss. Mrs. Ben Reeves wa program leader and those takin

The grading around the new County Office building helps the any material or substantial changes in the levies fixed by the 1939 assembly." The grading around the new County Office building helps the any material or uprimary road system must be entirely rexamped or man's Club plans their next be entirely rexamped or the unit if we would meet the expanding business and traffic conditions of our state." Make the president of the United States." Much of our primary road system were the expanding business and traffic conditions of our state." Make the prime size of the united States." Much of our primary road system were the expanding business and traffic conditions of our state." Make the prime size of the united States." Much of our primary road system and the expanding business and traffic conditions of our state." Make the prime size of the united States." Much of our primary road system and the expanding business and traffic conditions of our state." Make the prime size of the united States." Make the prime size of the United States." Much of our primary road system and the expanding business and traffic conditions of our state." Make the prime size of the united States." Make the prime size of the united States." Much of our state." Make the prime size of the united States." Make the prime size of the united States." Make the prime size of the size of the united States." Make the prime size of the size of the united States." Make the prime size of the united States." Make the prime size of the s

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purchase or otherwise acquire Tuesday Night





is to have a new business build- ty."

"I am free from any obligation tinue." auditorium should be well filled en and is being prepared for the of commitments that can hinder

to witness a sparkling perform-

pleted and in full operation.

very important, are four addition-al new work benches in Castevens Motor Company's shop, as well as a mezzanine floor storage on the arm of a draftee leaving al new work benches in Castevens