



Now that the Russo-German war has precipitated the downfall of another cabinet, the Japanese, some political thinkers are entertaining a hope that Japan will henceforth veer away from the Axis. We are of the opinion that those indulging in such wishful thinking will be disillusioned. The new "Renovation Cabinet" is the most militaristic Cabinet in Japanese history. Prince Konoye, founder of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, the Japanese totalitarian movement, remains the Premier. Baron Hiranuma, arch advocate of totalitarianism, has become the Vice-Premier. Under the Prince and the Baron, there are three admirals (Toyoda, Okikawa, Sakonji) and four generals (Tojo, Koizumi, Yanagawa, Suzuki) holding key positions in the Cabinet. Never in history has the Japanese Government been so completely dominated by the Army and the Navy. The new Cabinet, through Premier Konoye, has already declared that the establishment of the "New Order in Greater East Asia" remains the fixed policy of the Empire. "I intend to do everything in my power," says the Premier, "to accomplish the great ideal on which the foundation of our Empire is based by overcoming all difficulties that may lie in my country's path."

Only seven or eight weeks ago—after the conquest of Greece and the fall of Crete—gloom in Washington was a foot thick. Today, with Hitler's best troops deeply embroiled in Russia, many of the gloomy prophets of a few weeks ago have turned optimists. Signs multiply that Hitler may meet his Waterloo on his Eastern front. These signs account for the growing optimism even among the highest officials of this Government. Army officers emphasize that the war in Russia is revealing the technique that can be applied to stop Hitler's armies when or if it becomes a necessity to again fight him on the continent. An early defeat of Germany is not likely.

What is happening to silk in this country may not prove to be a catastrophic blow to the fair sex. Even before this government decided to curtail our commercial dealing with Nippon, silk was doomed. Year after year, nylon, rayon and other artificial fibers were displacing it. Yet silk is not likely to go the way of the horse and buggy. A fiber with a history that goes back more than 5,000 years will no more disappear than furs have disappeared. The fair sex need not fear. Silk, so dear to their hearts, will return in good time.

The mayoralty campaign in New York this year and the campaign for governor of New York to follow next year are regarded as having an important bearing on the national political picture in 1944. The political fortunes of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, and Wendell L. Willkie will be vitally affected.

Dr. Robert King, district health officer, reports two additional cases of infantile paralysis in Allegheny county this week. The cases of Clyde Jones, 14-year-old girl of the Scottville community and Dorothy Sue Royal, three-year-old child of the Miles section, were reported.

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Our world...

France Joins Germany in Full Collaboration

Vichy, France.—Marshal Petain fatefully summoned France to collaborate willingly with Germany last night, gravely calling upon the nation to share with her conqueror in recasting the map of the world. The 85-year-old chief of state announced his momentous decision in a radio address in which he frankly admitted to his uneasy countrymen that his own program for the regeneration of France had not succeeded and that French democracy was dead. He aligned France squarely beside Germany in her fight against Russia, a fight which can change the map of the world.

Major Crisis in Franco-American Relations

Washington.—A major crisis developed last night in Franco-American relations, and predictions were heard of Capitol Hill that the United States would break off diplomatic links with Vichy and perhaps take over such strategic French possessions as the Island of Martinique. Secretary of State Hull clearly hinted that his worst fears had been confirmed by the elevation of Vice-Admiral Jean Harlan to supreme command of France's armed forces and other indications of French full collaboration with Hitler.

German Successes Toward The Black Sea

Berlin.—German troops stormed forward to the shores of the Black Sea yesterday, hemming in large Russian forces in the Odessa area and making the Red Army's position in the Ukraine virtually untenable. German military sources declared last night.

All Army Service Extended 18 Months

Washington.—The House last night passed a Senate-approved resolution proclaiming the nation in jeopardy and extending by 18 months the service of all army men—selectees, national guardsmen, reservists and regular enlisted personnel. The final roll call vote was announced as 203 to 202. It was so close that Speaker Rayburn ordered a recapitulation. The recapitulation, however, showed the same vote—203 to 202—and Rayburn declared the measure approved. The momentous vote was taken after Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, warned that "the interest of the nation transcends that of the individual." "Time has passed," he declared. "Our enemies have moved. We know that Japan is moving and that Vichy is falling into German hands." It was on that keynote that the chamber overwhelmed all opposition and swept to passage a measure that will affect the lives of millions of young Americans.

Agree To One Thing, Do Something Else

Manila.—The Japanese are planning to place 180,000 troops in French Indo-China, the majority of them in West Cambodia adjoining the border of Thailand, it was learned authoritatively last night. Foreign observers agree that the Japanese will enter Thailand when they are organized and prepared to meet British troops now stationed in Burma and British Malaya along the west and northwestern Thai border. The number of troops the Japanese are reported planning to move in Indo-China is far greater than was announced officially by the French Indo-China government July 30, that under agreement with Tokyo the Japanese would move only 40,000 troops into southern Indo-China to occupy military bases granted Japan on her demand. In northern Indo-China the Japanese last September were given permission to garrison 6,000 troops, but the number later was swollen to 38,000 actually there.

American-built Planes Raid Germany

London.—American-built flying fortresses bombed Cologne and Ebdon yesterday in daring daylight raids as the royal air force carried the joint Russo-British air offensive to a large number of objectives in Germany and occupied territory, the air ministry announced. The raids were described authoritatively as the deepest daylight R. A. F. penetration into Germany and the greatest fighter offensive of the entire war.

Senator Reynolds Engaged to Wed Again

Washington.—North Carolina's debonair Senator Robert R. Reynolds yesterday admitted he is engaged to wed Miss Evelyn Washington McLean, 20-year-old heiress daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, world-renowned hostess and owner of the fabulous Hope diamond. Climaxing a day of excited buzzing in capital society circles, the 56-year-old senator last night stated: "It is true that we are engaged, but we have not set the date for the marriage." This would be the fourth marriage for the movie-star kissing senator who has been known as the only man in public life who could hold the hands of two ladies and also keep a third one happy, all at the same time.

Kremlin Hit by Bombs, Germans Assert

Berlin, Aug. 11 (Monday).—The luftwaffe scored a direct hit on the Kremlin with a heavy bomb and showered "many thousands of incendiaries" and explosives on Moscow Saturday night in the heaviest raid of the war on the Russian capital, German sources reported early today.

Sparta Girl's Picture In Popular Magazine

In the Star-Times of July 31 mention was made of the quoting by the New York Times of a remark by a Sparta girl, Miss Lou Reed Landreth, in Washington, D. C., where she is secretary to Leon Henderson, who is President Roosevelt's price fixer. The current issue of Look magazine carries an article by Carlisle Barrington on "D. E.'s Tough Guy," and among the many pictures, one at the top of page 85 shows Mr. Henderson dictating to Miss Landreth, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Landreth, of Sparta.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

FORN PRYING EYEBROWS IN BATHING NEVER CUT THE STEAMER IN A SHOWER. THIS GLIDES THE BATH OF THE STEAMER AND SO PRESERVE THE WATER FROM OVERHEATING. ALWAYS CUT THE STEMS ON A SLANT WITH A KNIFE.

ALSO: 12—KING BIRD DIED NEAR MOUNT HOPE. 24—AND THE NEW BRICK BUILT HIS NAME CHANGE TO CLOSE. 25—WIFE ALICE. 26—AMERICANS UNDER JOHN BRADY DEPARTED THE BRITISH IN THE BATTLE OF SOUBHINGTON. 27—BUNNET. 28—PPPP

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Tomorrow Ten Go To Fort Bragg, Eleven Next Month

Ten men are to report tomorrow under the Selective Service law to be sent on to Fort Bragg for army training. They are, George R. Long, Levi E. Broyhill, Romie L. Spurlin, Paul A. Vernon, Levi J. Caudill, Holton B. Taylor, Robert L. Fortner, Paul V. Evans, Eddie B. Smith and Garnett G. Wagoner.

These ten make a total of 50 who have been sent from Alleghany county.

And now the draft board is called upon to select eleven more names of men to be sent to Fort Bragg on September 16. This new list will doubtless include some of those who registered recently, as the old lists are becoming depleted.

Everett Wiles Of Wilkes Sentenced

Everett Wiles in Wilkes court last Friday afternoon was sentenced to from 22 to 30 years in the state penitentiary for the murder of Nathan Wyatt, Rock Creek township constable, on March 24, 1932, nine years ago.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Clarence E. Blackstock after Wiles, through counsel, entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder, which was accepted by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall and J. H. Whicker and T. S. Bryan, of the private prosecution.

Solicitor Hall said he accepted the plea reluctantly, but realized that the state's case was weak in proving premeditation and deliberation, two essentials for conviction of first degree murder.

Judge Blackstock commended both sides for the plea, saying that there was little likelihood that the jury would have returned a verdict of first degree murder and that the evidence of the state and defense was contradictory on several points.

Wiles, who was showing the strain of the trial which began Tuesday, took the sentence calmly and without comment. He had said during his testimony that the seven years in federal prison, which he received for counterfeiting, had hurt his nerves and physical condition.

Judge Blackstock commented that Wiles, who confessed to a long list of crimes in many states, was remarkably intelligent, and that his testimony and that of corroborating witnesses was sufficient to cast doubt on the outcome of the case.

On The Dizzy Home Front

Not for Americans do bombs drop from the skies, as yet. But plain absent-mindedness causes embarrassment enough on the home front.

The city of Jenks, Okla., discovered that its one-room jail had been sold . . . by the county . . . for taxes . . . for one dollar.

Fort Lewis, Wash., was unable to use its new gas-proof shelter because three skunks moved in. An absent-minded Hopkinsville, Ky., man enthusiastically rang the church bell—on Saturday.

A Florida League ball team went hitless for five innings and then scored 20 runs in the sixth. The man who prints the parking tags for Haverhill, Mass., was presented with one—officially. The first penalty under a new parking-meter system in Tulsa, Okla., was imposed on the man who had installed the meters.

A Rockford, Ill., judge had to hear so many parking cases that before he got through he was tagged for overtime parking himself.

A marriage license applicant in Oklahoma City had to rush home to find out his fiancée's name.

A Kingtree, S. C., man turned back an unused marriage license because his girl wouldn't say yes when he was drunk, and he wouldn't propose when he was sober.

SYMPHONY OF WAR



It looks like a xylophone but it's a row of Bren gun barrels being gauged in a Toronto munitions plant. Canada which made no weapons of this kind before the war now possesses a factory that has the largest output of any automatic gun plant in the world. Many of the workers in the plant are women and they have proved themselves to be adept in this kind of employment. All the requirements of the Canadian armed forces are being met by this one factory and large numbers of Bren guns are being supplied to Great Britain. For these guns and many other munitions required by Great Britain, Canada is finding much of the money. During Canada's present fiscal year, the Dominion expects to finance British war purchases in Canada to the extent of \$1,500,000,000, which is equal to \$25,000,000,000 in terms of American population and income. The Canadian taxpayers are providing the cash.

"You Can't Do Business With Hitler"

It is the title of a book by an American official who knows Nazism from years of experience in Berlin. But let Charles Michelson, Director of Publicity for the Democratic National Committee tell the story.

When it is urged by those concerned with American national defense that a Hitler triumph would spell slavery for the non-Nazi world, some people are inclined to regard the statement as a propagandist exaggeration. Wild as it sounds, it is a simple actuality.

The totalitarian project is the establishment of a system under which the supremacy of one set of Germans will be established. They are to constitute a universal aristocracy, arrogating to themselves all the power, all the wealth and all the opportunities of a superior race. This is not, according to the Hitler program, to embrace all the German people. The German farmer, for example, must stick to the farm. He may not sell it or mortgage it except with express consent of the government. It descends to his eldest son, who must marry a farm girl. Gradually the system is being extended to industrial workers, mechanics, etc. The younger sons are to be taken into the army and subsequently be supplied with farms of their own in the conquered countries.

Higher education is being restricted to a small class of the ruling Germans. As Douglas Miller, who was our Commercial Attache in Berlin during the whole of the Nazi regime, put it, this restriction "will soon allow exact scientific and technical knowledge to die out among the slave peoples. After a generation they will be unable to use the tools of modern science as their own." Mr. Miller mentions also another group of leaders, who will constitute what amounts to a super-fine gangster mob in the government service. "They must be fanatically loyal to Hitler and the Nazi movement and imbued with the idea of the master race and their chosen privilege as leaders. This group will not be burdened by conscientious doubts and inner troublings of the spirit."

The Nazis have no inhibitions based on the Beatitudes. Professor Spengler, for example, in his book, "The Decline of the West," announced, "the Democratic nations must disappear, because they put their trust in illusions, more particularly the illusions of truth and justice. There is only one reality in the world—force."

School Assistance For Worthy Young People

According to an announcement made today by Superintendent W. C. Thompson of the Alleghany County Schools, William Watkins, NYA Student Work Officer, will be at the Sparta High School building at 9 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, August 20, to interview white and Negro students needing NYA in-school assistance in order to attend the county schools during the coming year. To qualify for the NYA Student Work Program a boy or girl must be at least 16 years of age and must need the funds to properly continue his or her education.

The time is 9 o'clock Daylight Saving Time, or 8 o'clock E.S.T. By attending this meeting the workers will be able to start work almost immediately at the opening date of school, avoiding about a month's delay.

Each year the NYA program has assisted thousands of worthy and needy boys and girls in the state to enter or remain in school, who otherwise would find it difficult to continue their education.

Bus Drivers Will Attend School

Bus drivers and substitute drivers will attend a special school beginning on Thursday, August 21 offered by the highway safety division in co-operation with the highway patrol.

Classes, which are to begin at 7:30 a. m. and last until 5 p. m., will probably be held in the Sparta High school building, Superintendent W. C. Thompson stated. Necessary forms and materials will be furnished by the safety division, and a representative from the office of Roland Hocutt will serve as instructor at the school.

Lesson In Grammar

Those who dislike formal grammar will have another grudge against it when they read Gilchrist Lawson's definition of a kiss in "That Reminds Me." "A kiss," says the definition, "is a noun, but it is generally used as a conjunction. It is never declined, and is more common than proper. It is not very singular, in that it is usually used in the plural. It agrees with me."—Boston Globe.

Any weather is dangerous for hasty drivers.

Old Fiddlers To Compete Friday And Saturday

Everything is practically in readiness for the eighth annual Old Fiddlers convention, which is to be conducted Friday and Saturday nights, August 15 and 16, in Felts park, at Galax. The event is sponsored by the Galax Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, and the Galax Parent-Teacher association.

Crowds perhaps larger than any that have attended similar events here in past years are expected to be on hand for the contests Friday and Saturday nights, and noted musical authorities from distant points will be in attendance. A large number of contestants have already registered.

A total of \$132.50 in prizes will be awarded contest winners.

In case of rain, the contests will be held in the Galax High school auditorium.

Much interest is being shown in plans for the big event.

Mrs. Alan Lomax, Jerome Wiesner and Dr. Charles Seegar, of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., will attend, and will have with them a sound machine, and will make recordings of the numbers played and sung by the various contestants during the two-night program. Announcement to this effect was made by the secretary, Mrs. R. C. Bowie.

Musicians will compete in fiddle, banjo, guitar, dulcimer, band, folk song and flat-foot dance.

Governor Doughton Bar Association Vice-President

Last Saturday the 11th Judicial District Bar Association held their annual summer meeting at the home of L. W. Ferrell at Roaring Gap.

Following luncheon Governor Doughton gave a short talk, and the election of officers resulted in William B. Austin, of Ashe county, being chosen president, with Governor Doughton vice-president for Alleghany county, and Floyd Crouse of Alleghany a member of the executive committee.

Two Popular Sparta Teachers Resign

It seems to be reliably reported that Miss Nina Gray Liles and Thomas Haigwood have resigned from the faculty of Sparta High school to accept more remunerative positions elsewhere.

Mr. Roe announces that Miss Ann Worth, of West Jefferson, is coming to take up the work left by Miss Liles. No one has been secured as yet for Mr. Haigwood's place.

* Miss Fairy Bedwell, of Independence, is coming to teach the music at Sparta High school.

Next Sunday At The Churches

- August 17, 33rd Sunday
- Methodist churches:
Sparta at 11 o'clock.
Walnut Branch at 3 o'clock.
Chestnut Hill at 11 o'clock.
Nathans Creek at 7:30 o'clock.
- Presbyterian churches:
Glade Valley at 11 o'clock.
Rocky Ridge at 3 o'clock.
Decoration at Perry cemetery, near Rocky Ridge church, at 2 o'clock.
- Baptist churches:
Sparta at 8 o'clock.
Laurel Springs at 11 o'clock.
Liberty at 11 o'clock.
- Primitive Baptist churches:
Little River at 11 o'clock.
- Union Baptist churches:
Pleasant Grove.
Saddle Mountain.
- Regular Little River churches:
Mountain View.
Mt. Carmel.
New Bethel.
Pleasant Home.
- Brothers churches:
New Haven at 11 o'clock.