

Now that the Russo-German ar 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 wish-ful 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, Oikawa, Sakonji) and four generals (Tojo, Koizumi, Yanagawa, Suzuki) holding key positions in the Cabinet. Never in history has the Japanese Gov-ernment 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."

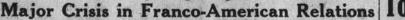
Only seven or eight weeks ago-after the conquest of Greece and the fall of Crete-gloom in Washington was a foot thick. To-day, with Hitler's best troops deeply embroiled in Russia, many of the gloomy prophets of a few weeks ago have turned optimists. Signs multiply that Hitler may meet his Waterloo on his Eastern front. These signs account for the growing optimism even among the highest officials of this Govrnment. Army officers emphasize hat the war in Russia is revealing the technique that can be ap-plied 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 cataastrophic blow to the fair sex. Even before this government decided to curtail our comment decided to curtail our com-mercial 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

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 momen-tous 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 Tomorrow Ten Go



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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 for army training. They are, elevation of Vice-Admiral Jean Harlan to supreme George R. Long, Levi E. Broycommand of France's armed forces and other indi- hill, Romie L. Spurlin, Paul A. cations 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 who have been Russian forces in the Odessa area and making the ghany county. 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, reserv-ists 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 "Our 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 ter Wiles, through counsel, enter-180,000 troops in French Indo-China, the majority ed a plea of guilty to second de-of them in West Cambodia adjoining the border of gree murder, which was accepted Thailand, it was learned authoritatively last night. by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall and Foreign observers agree that the Japanese will enter J. H. Whicker and T. S. Bryan, Thailand when they are organized and prepared to of the private prosecution. 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.

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SYMPHONY OF WAR

Sparta, N. C.

Thursday, August 14, 1941.

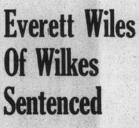
To Fort Bragg, **Eleven Next Month**

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Ten men are to report tomorrow under the Selective Service 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 Alle-

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 list will doubtless include new some of those who registered recently, as the old lists are becom ing depleted.



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 af-

Solicitor Hall said he accepted the plea reluctantly, but realized that the state's case was weak in proving premediation and delib eration, 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 re-turned a verdict of first degree



T looks like a xylophone but it's a row of Bren gun barrels being T 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 muni-tions 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 \$23,000,000,000 in terms of American population and income. The Canadian taxpayers are providing the cash.

"You Can't Do School Assistance **Business** With For Worthy Hitler" Young People

It is the title of a book by an It is the title of a book by an American official who knows Naziism from years of experi-ence in Berlin. But let Charles Michelson, Director of Publicity Michelson,

When it is urged by those concerned with American national needing NYA in-school assistance with Governor Doughton vice-

According to an announcement

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, Wash-

ington, 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

for the Democratic National Com-mittee tell the story. When it is urged by those

not fear. Silk, so dear to their hearts, will return in good time.

The mayoralty campaign in New York this year and the cam-paign 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, Dis-trict Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, and Wendell L. Willkie will be vitally affected vitally affected.

Two More Cases Infantile Paralysis

Dr. Robert King, district health officer, reports two additional cases of infantile paralysis in Alleghany county this week

Alleghany county this week. The cases of Clyde Jones, 14year-old girl of the Scottville community and Dorothy Sue Royal, three-year-old child of the Miles section, were reported.

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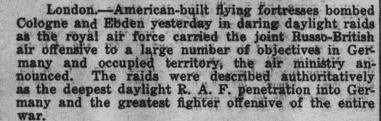
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Senator Reynolds Engaged to Wed Again

Washington.-North Carolina's debonair Senator Washington.—North Carolina's debonair Senator Robert R. Reynolds yesterday admitted he is engaged to wed Miss Evalyn 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 senabe 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 ex-plosives on Moscow Saturday night in the heaviest raid of the war on the Russian capital, German sources reported early today.



In the Star-Times of July 31 mention was made of the quot-ing by the New York Times of a remark by a Sparts gift. Miss Lou Reed Landreth, in Washing-tor, D. C., where she is scare-try to Leon Henderson, who is President Roosevelt's price fitter. The current issue of Look magnituse carries an article by Carlisle Bargeron on "F. D. R.'s Tough Guy," and among the many pictures, one at the top of page 35 shows Mr. Handerson dictating to Miss Landreth, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Landreth, of Sparts.



A STORE FRANKLER

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 outple. The German farmer, for come of the case. example, must stick to the farm.

embarrassment enough on the the army and subsequently be home front.

The city of Jenks, Okla., dis-covered that its one-room jail had been sold . . . by the county . . for taxes . . . for one dol- ruling Germans. As Douglas Milar.

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 went hitless for five innings and then accred 20 runs in the sixth. The main who prints the park-ing 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 him-self.

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self. A marriage license applicant in Oklahoma City had to rush home to find out his flancee's name. A Kingstree, 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.

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 open-

almost immediately at the open-ing 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 bus the position of the state to enter or remain in school, who otherwise would find it difficult to continue their edu-

cation. **Bus Drivers Will**

Attend School Bus drivers and substitute driv-ers will attend a special school

supplied with farms of their own beginning on Thursday, August in the conquered countries. 21 offered by the highway Higher education is being re-

safety division in co-operation with the highway patrol. stricted to a small class of the 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 ma-terials will be furnished by the ler, who was our Commercial At-tache in Berlin during the whole tache 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 peo-ples. 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 con-stitute what amounts to a super-fine gangeter mob in the gov-einment service. "They must be frantically loyal to Hitler and the Nazi movement and imbued

the Nazi movement and imbued with the idea of the master race

Those who dislike formal gram mar will have another grudge against it when they read Gil-christ Lawson's definition of a kiss in "That Reminds Me."

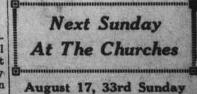
and their chosen privilege as leaders. This group will not be burdened by conscientious doubts and inner troublings of the "A kiss," says the definition, "is a noun, but it is generally used as a conjunction. It is never declined, and is more com-mon than proper. It is not very singular, in that it is usually used in the plural. It agrees with me."-Boston Globe.

Any weather is dangerous for hasty drivers.

 Introder 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 calmarity 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.
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defense that a Hitler triumph is defense that a Hitler triumph of a system under the seven years in federal prison, which he received for counterfeit.
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defense that a Hitler triumph is defense that a Hitler triumph of a system under the supremacy of one set of Germans will be established.
Judge Blackstock commended It seems to be reliably reported that Miss Nina Gray Liles and Thomas Haigwood have resigned from the faculty of Sparta High

secured as yet for Mr. Haigwood's place. * Miss Fairy Bedwell, of In-

dependence, is coming to teach the music at Sparta High school.



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 chury Mountain View. Mt. Carmel. New Bethel. Pleasant Home.

Brethren churches: New Haven at 11 o'clock