

# On The Sly Byrnes Moves

By Paul Mallon

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## The Navy's the Same

The Navy has followed old line procedure on the transfer of Admiral Gormley and his fleet commander from the Pacific. No explanation has been offered beyond the bare announcement of order...  
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## Land and Labor

AFL is supposed to be working up a report against buffered Maritime Commission Chairman Emory Land, which will lighten the spot into which he is being pushed by union labor groups...  
The roots of AFL resentment against Land, however, run back into the closing of the Higgins yards in New Orleans and the re-purchase, after the war, of some ships sold before the war...

## Platform Of The People Overcompensation

Senator Edwin C. Johnson  
U. S. Senate  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Senator Johnson:  
NEWS dispatches refer to your bill to extend the pay of all members of the armed forces, who have served at least 90 days, for six months beyond the date of their discharge...  
We are thankful for our marvelous country. We are proud of her. We love her. When she is threatened all that we hold dear is endangered; we realize, more clearly than before, how fortunate we are to live here; we understand, more fully, the debt we owe America...

There are many in this country who are rendering valiant service with no compensation. The national guard, civil defense organizations, salvage committees, and the like, are doing much more than they are paid for...  
While my income in the Army is only a fraction of that I was able to earn in civil life, I was opposed to the recent increases in army pay and allowances. That is done. Please let us go no further! (Name withheld by News)

## Dry Want Election

Editors, The News:  
I had something on your editorial page the other day that has made me scratch my head until I am plumb bald-headed. It just can't be, can it? I refer to the letter of Mr. Tom Boat to Joseph C. Daniels...  
I have been wondering about and worried over the Boat statement. Mr. Tom Boat is considered one of the most astute political minds in North Carolina. He is a delightful fellow, one of the best writers, and a writer who is easy to read...

Yes he believes that North Carolina voted for Hoover because Mr. Smith was wet. The astute Mr. Boat thinks that, 50, many North Carolinians would think so. Well, maybe. But there is nobody in New York who thinks North Carolina voted for Herbert Hoover because Al Smith was wet...  
If you wish you will get out of the way and let us vote on the wet or dry question. We will show you that a majority of us. We will so far pass the Hoover veto that you will indeed think that this is the state of Robeson in a Democratic landslide, and not merely North Carolina voting.

## Rockingham, CLAUDE GORE.

## Watch Out For U.S. FLOGGERS, EARL

The COW THAT WAS DISCONTENTED (Hampton Item, Lexington Dispatch)  
Brok Pickel had the misfortune to lose a nice cow last Tuesday, she broke her neck...  
WATCH OUT FOR U.S. FLOGGERS, EARL  
Earl J. Wilkinson, Item, North Wakeboro Newsweek  
Earl Johnson, oldest son of George F. Johnson, went to a Charlotte hospital Thursday for treatment for fallen arse...

## While Millions Die for the Right to Vote



## The Good Old Days Fireman's Best Friends

BY Dick Young  
THEY took all the glamour out of the Fire Department when they got rid of the horses...  
The chief was disappointed, but he was not to be discouraged. He had a plan. He had a horse. A horse that was a fireman's best friend. A horse that was a fireman's best friend...  
The first morning I dropped into the office of Fire Chief Hendrik Palmer, who has been in the department since 1918...  
But one time Fred, the beautiful gray horse of the fire station, didn't stand his wonted dash off to the station house...  
The first motor vehicle for the Charlotte fire department was acquired in April, 1912, and by 1917 the lot of the horses were gone from the department...  
The fireman's best friend was a horse. A horse that was a fireman's best friend. A horse that was a fireman's best friend...

## Are We Ready? Here Comes The Pinch

BY Raymond Clapper  
WASHINGTON  
FOR a long time we have been hearing, and a good many of us have believed, that the country was ahead of the Administration and was ready to make sacrifices in any extent if only Washington would tell the people what to do...  
Daily life in this country is going to change swiftly now. The war is about to reach into almost every life in new ways...  
Coffee. One cup a day after Nov. 23. One pound each two weeks...  
Farm labor. Manpower. Workmen Mc-Nutt is ordering that school children, day laborers and poultry farms to stay at their present work. They may not go into munitions factories to get their wages...  
Wages and salaries. Increases, except under a few specified conditions, are prohibited. No one may receive more than a net salary of \$25,000 a year...  
Peace comes through strength, and strength comes from righteousness. Have faith and wait for God's blessed peace. The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace. Psalm 27:1.

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## Words Unspoken MacArthur's Denial Suggests Washington-Pacific Shakeup

The declaration of General Douglas MacArthur on his lack of political ambition is bound to be recognized as an urgent warning to the people of the United States...  
There are serious charges which could be made against what has been called "political Washington"—and who could "political Washington" be but the President himself? Such charges, however, are beyond known fact, and dangerous...  
First, there was a newspaper report that because of political pressure from Washington, there had been no unification of command in the Pacific...  
Speaking on a patriotic theme, he denied any political ambitions for himself. He saw the only job before him as helping to win the war. But note that in denying the minor premise he did not deny the major premise...  
In short, MacArthur, denying only that he had no desire to live in the White House, remained silent as to the major charges...  
To date, American services have had all too few triumphs, too few accomplishments to cheer and be cheered by the folks back home...

## Monument Nature Succumbs to Army Engineers Ahead of Schedule

The nation is ready to heave a sigh and forget it. Now the people will reason, we are safe in Alaska. We can rest quicker than the Japs. But the miracle road stretching its new length from Fort St. John, B. C. to mid-Alaska, is deserving of more than a national sigh of relief and an opening ceremony...  
On March 9, Brigadier-General William Hoge of the Army Engineers turned his men to the job they were to finish in late Fall. At first, with the biting cold of the North gripping the land, they thought they never finish the first dozen miles. Through ice and mud, across swamplands and muskrat swamps, cutting grades and bridging rushing rivers, the Engineers plunged ahead with too few trucks and tractors...  
When the ice broke in April they were past the mighty Peace River, and with the equipment safely over, they successively spanned the Elkwood Chief, the Buckingham, the Fort Nelson. When warm weather came, following the rains, they fought the vicious flies and mosquitoes (that was the time of the big mosquito story): they pumped 85 gallons of aviation gasoline into one before they found he wasn't a bomber, after all. Their food no longer froze as they tried to eat, but there was less of it...  
The men, over 40 per cent of them wounded, worked on a two-shift day of 16 hours seven days a week. They roared across and crossed the Great Divide, passed 19,000-foot peaks, climbed huge, isolated lakes. They worked day and night, all the way, and in the end the United States had a new road to move, but because it Engineers delivered, well ahead of schedule. And the job was finished.

## Time Out Will the War Please Wait While Congress Acts?

Congress' leader concerns for the right of the soldier to vote appears not to have been reciprocated by (1) the War Department or (2) the soldier. The House of Representatives, for example, had prepared 100,000 ballots for the use of men in the armed forces, but a day or so ago only 1,000 of these had been called for...  
The explanation seems to be not only that the boys are lukewarm about voting but that the War Department was rather slow in coming up with an application blank. The Army and the Navy too warned Congress, at the time it was fixing it so that the boys could vote for Congressmen, that the procedure would entail a great deal of printing and clerical work, not to mention the changes that might be needed in forms to answer forces, but Congress was not to be deterred. The soldier might be allowed to vote even if it necessitated sending him ballots instead of bullets...  
This same indistinctness upon rights over all other considerations which are far more vital at the moment is discernible in the impasse which the bill to draft the 18-19-year-olds has reached. The House passed it and adjourned for the election, which was its right. The Senate inserted a provision requiring that no 18- or 19-year-old draftee be sent into combat without a full year's training course paper work for the swamped War Department, and that was the Senate's right. The House, in turn, passed the bill and adjourned. The Senate is held up until the House and Senate get together on the bill, and no Congressman has yet devised a means for bridging our enemies to hold up the battle while these tangles are straightened out.