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Words Unspoken

MacArthur's Denial Suggests Washington-Pacific Shakeup

The declaration of General Douglas MacArthur on his lack of political am-bition is bound to be recognized as an argent warning to the people of the United States. His announcement, com-ing from a commander on the scene of battle, was not merely unusual. That he felt called on to make it is the eminous, incredible factor.

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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. The simple facts will suffice.

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First, there was a newspaper report
that, because of political pressure from
Washington, there had been no unification of command in the Pacific. The
inference was that MacArthur had ambitions to become President in the next
sections, and had to be shunted aside.

For some reason, MacArthur felt compelled to answer that report when it
reached him. That answer seems significant.

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Billican'.

Speaking on a patriotic theme, he dealed any political ambitions for himedil. He saw the only job before him as helping to win the war. But note that in denying the minor premise he did not attempt to dispute the major premise. He neither denied nor admatted that a dangerous division of Pacific command existed. He both let it pass and let it stand.

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In short, MacArthur, denying only that he had no desire to live in the White House, remained silent as to the graver charges of the newspaper arti-cle. But that silence was a loud and eloquent warning that reached back home, some 9000 miles away. He must be answered, immediately.

Monument

Nature Succumbs to Army Engineers Ahead of Schedule

Engineers Ahead of Schedule

To date, American services have had all too few triumphs, too few accomplishment to cheer and be cheered by the folks back home. The newly complete Alaskan Highway is something star, as an engineering achievement, it stands as the Army's greatest since the building of the Panama Canal, and marks one of the few successful sieges upon the fortress of nature in this war. Because trucks are aiready rolling the long route (over 1.500 miles) north to Alaska, carrying men and materials, the nation is ready to heave a sigh and forget it. Now, the people will readon, we are safe in Alaska. We can get there quicker than the Japa. But the miracle road stretching its new length from Fort 81. John, B. C., to mid-Alaska, is deserving of more than a national sigh of relief and an opening ecremony.

On March 9, Brigadier-General Wil-

ony. On March 8, Brigadier-General Wil-On March 9, Brigadier-General Wil-liam Hoge of bine famy Engineers turn-ed 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'd never finish, the first dozen miles. Through ice and mud, across quagnires and musker swamps, cutting grades and bridging rushing rivers, the Engineers plugged ahead with too few trucks and trar-tors. Once, they scraped off moss and forest liter to find a solid bed of blue glacial ite. They slapped down the road

tors. Once, they acraped off most and forcest litter to find a solid bed of blue glacial ice. They slapped down the road and went on.

When the ice broke in April they were past the mightly Peace River, with all the equipment safely over. They successively spanned the Sikanni Chief, the Buckinghorse, the Fort Nelson, When warm weather came, following the rains, they fought the victous files and mosquitoes (that was the time of the big mosquito story; they pumped 85 gallons of aivation gasoline into one before they found he want a bomber, after all). Their food no longer froze as they tried to est, but there was less of it.

The men, over 40 per cent of them to be safe they could be allowed the Great Directors of an order of the country of the country of the property of th

on soldier's pay, no overtime, no buck-ing at working conditions. It is sure to stand as one of the biggest achieve-

Name Of A Name!

A Carbon Copy Wouldn't Answer Willkie's Question

ments of our war.

Any Bright school boy would know that the Atlantic Charter got its name from the oceanic rendezvous where Roosevelt and Churchill met and drew it up, and would know, without thinking twice, that it was meant to apply "as much to India and China and Russia as to Great Britain and the United States."

States."

Such superficial comment not only fails to come to grips with the issue that Wilkle raised in his references to the Atlantic Charter but shows a profound uncomprehension of that document itself. Apply to Russia and China, indeed! Who are Churchill and Roose-velt that they should presume to reassure Russia and China that, for example, against them 'no territorial aggrandizement' is contemplated and that they may freely "choose the form of government under which they will livel" The complaint Wilkle had to make

The complaint Willkle had to make of the Atlantic Charter was that Roose-veit and Churchill's thinking envisioned of the Atlantic Charter was that Rooseveit and Churchill's thinking envisioned the restoration of the governments of once free peoples — peoples such as the Dutch and the Czech's and 'the Poles and the Norwegians — Western peoples — Atlantic peoples — rather than any realistic definition of the processes by which freedom could be atlained by peoples who had never had the peoples such as those of India, Burma, Malaya, Java — Eastern peoples — Pacific peoples. They would respect, it is true, the right of all peoples ochoose the form of government under which they will like, but that implies a freedom of internal choice, not a freedom of internal choice, not a freedom of internal choice, not a freedom of the peoples in the provision of freedom for peoples in subjugation. And that was as close as they came to the question of the Pacific peoples.

Ourselves, we do not know what should be done about these possessed peoples, and it is unlikely that Mr. Willich has it all figured out. At the same time, we consider it essential that in any discussion of what he said some thought should be given to what he said some thought should be given to what he said some thought should be given to what he said some thought should be priced and sing a carbon copy.

Time Out

Will the War Please Wait While Congress Acts?

Congress' tender concern for the right

Congress' tender concern for the right of the soldier to vote appears not to have been reciprocated by (1) the War Department or (2) the soldier. The State of North Carolina, for example, had prepared 100,000 bollots for the soldier of the concern of the soldier. The capacity of the soldier of the soldier

necessated sending him ballots Instead of bullets.

This same insistance upon rights over all other considerations which are farmore vital at the moment is discernible in the impasse which the bill to draft the 18-19-year-olds bax reached. The flouse passed it and adjourned for the close passed it and adjourned for the close passed it and adjourned for the close passed it are striply. The Sensitive for the sense in the combat without a full year's training more paper work for the assumped Way Department, and that was the Senate's right. But drafting of these youlds and the combanement of their training is held up until the House and Senate get together on the bill, and no Congressian has yet devised a means of persuading our enemies to held up the bittle while these tangles are strainhead out.

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 De-partment when they got rid of the horses. It to sorry for present day youngsters who have the sorry for present day youngsters who have a fire, pulling a red fire wagon. One of the most vivid recollections of my childhood was the awe-inspiring sight of a horse-drawn fire wagon careening down Tryon Street with snark flying from the horses' hooves as the iron shoes struck the atone of the street.

carcening down Tryon Street with sparks flying from the horses howers as the iron shoes struck the stones of the street.

The other morning I dropped into the office of the property of the p

hysteries when he saw the animal, felling x.m...that he had ruined him.

Falmer didn't need anyone to tell him that; the had shready reached that conclusion. A veterinarian was summoned but there was little that could be done at the moment; but even the same that the

had scampered several blocks away.

The first motor vehicle for the Charlotte fire department was acquired in April, 1912, and by 1917 the last of the horses were some from the fire department. During the construction period for the construction period to the construction of the construction period to the construction of the

Are We Ready?

Here Comes The Pinch

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON

FOR a long time we have been bearing, and a good many of un have believed, that the country was ahead of the Administration and was ready to make sacrifices to any extent if only Washington would tell the people what to do.

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Because the Government is moving in deeply now in many directions.

Daily life in this country is going to change swiftly now. The war, is about to reach into almost every life in new ways. This, and the almost every life in new ways. This, and the same term of the decision is really to be tested. Consider the changes that will flow from some of the decisions anyunned just this week.

Golfer. One cum a day after Nov. 23. One pound each five weeks. To a mation of enfere decision was not the English. Just a cup of enfron each in the way of the control of the engine of the

needed. Gasoline. Extra gasoline rations will be decided to salesmen, so that Red Cross workers and some others who need extra gasoline, and who will have to use their tires, can have both. That will affect the livelihood of many people, and change ways of doing business.

Farm Labor. Mannower Chairman McNutt in content of the content of

standards of living clear to the top of the

higher brackets.

Farm-poramination leaders are already complaining about some adders conditions of the farm has about some adders and the conditions of the farm has referred to wase restrictions. There is supplied at other restrictions. The National Coffee Association objects to the coffee quotas, But I read where Clauk Gable, graduating from officer candidate school at Manni, says disciplines the perfect of victory. What thigy will have to de before this way is over in for beyond what could be completed to the condition of th

men in Guadaleaud now.

The time solvious's has come when civilians, however much they argue and compilate about the conduct of the war, are called upon to co-operate in home-front measures that are not going to be too much tun. Restrictions are going to hurt. Jarmers, traveling salesmen, ofter-definishing households, the luxury-income families, and a good many businesses. It is about time they also began to hit the feather hed talon practices which require the hiring of meries amployees.

of uncless employees.

Anybody who really takes a look at this warmust know that it is going to take Just about
everything we can throw into it. There night to
be no sympathy with anybody who complains over
bardahips at home, because those hardahips are so
mild, after all, by comparison with what thicks
who fight the war must endure. Read the first-hand
carrigations of any of the righting and see if you
don't think most of the complaints on the home
front are no trival to be taken serious.

Today's Bible Verse

Peace comes through strength, and strength comes from rightcounces. Have faith and waith for God's blessed peace: The Lord will give strength to his people, the Lord will bless his people with yeace. Psalm 29:11.

On The Sly

Byrnes Moves

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON (COMIO stabilizer Jimmy Byrnes stabilized an important un-ticed wrinkle out of Mr. Roosevelt's executive order on the \$25,000 limitation.

asary imitation.

7. Research's order directed that salaries be limited to 123,000 "after payment of taxes allocable to the sum in excess or 125,000." This would really have cut the maximum allowable national salary to \$11,000, as the taxpayer would have been required to pay, on the average around \$16,035 (married with ne dependents) in taxes on his \$25,000.

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But the Byrnes regulations came forth with some legalistic mumbe jumbo which seems to mean different, it says:

"No amount of salary", shall be plad , after reduction by resident incomes taxes on the amount of such salary, would exceed provided the salary of the salary with the taxes player will get \$25,000 net.

In truth, instead of limiting his actual salary to that figure, it means that on an average about \$67,000 can be paid to the individual —a horse of a different color than has been painted in the announcements and headines.

The Navy's the Same

The Navy has followed old line procedure on the transfer of Admiral Chormley and his fleet commander from the Factife. No explanation has been offered beyond the bare amounteement of orders.

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Stories are being told among Congressmen that the three cruisers lost there were not wide awake, and that this circumstance caused the decision to transfer Chornley shortly thereafter, atthough the decision was not announced until new. The cruisers, however, were lost the night of Aug. 45 in the opening of offensive operations of the control of the con

they could have been saleep.

The date of Ohormley's orders has not been given, but it is understood to be much more recent than the cruiser sinkings. Apparently, it came a few weeks aso, following the far more costly sinking of the aircraft carrier Wasp, which was caught by a submarine in a manner of the control of the

Land and Labor

AFL is supposed to be working up a report against buffeted Mari-time Commission Chairman Emory Land, which will tighten the spot into which he is being pushed by union labor groups.

Ostensibly, this new drive against Land is being predicated to the state of the sta

The roots of AFL resentment against Land, however, run back into the disgins yards in New Orleans and the re-purchase, and the state of the Higgins yards in New Orleans and the re-purchase, as the control of the state of the s

Platform Of The People

Overcompensation

Senator Edwin C. Johnson

Washington, D. C. Dear Senator 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 30 days, for six
months after houtilities case. From the accounts, allowances would a
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forces. This time a physical impairment, which seems mimor to memade it difficult for me to cute. I am happy to have been accepted
on the fighting fromto.

When broad measures were advocated for the benefit of those
who had served during 1917 and 1918, most of them were ebnoxious to me, but I fit rather presumptions in total problems
and the product of the service of t

are feeting an examine or section of the Army is only a fraction of that I was able to sorn in obil life. I was apposed to the recent increases in army pay and allowances. That is done. Please let us go no further? (Name withheld by News)

Drys Want Election

Editors. The News:
You had something on your editorial page the other day that has made me scratch my head until I am plumb bald-headed. I just can't understand it. I refer to the letter of Mr. Tom Bost to Josephus Daniels,

understand it. I refer to the letter of Mr. 10m Boak to Josephus Daniels,

I have heen wandering about and worted over the Boak statements. Mr. Tom Boat is considered one of the most satute political minds in North Carolina. He is a delightful fellow, one of the best writers, and a writer who is easy to read for Hoover because Mr. Southinst that So, many North Carolinans must think so. Well, maybe. But there is nobody in New York of the Work of t

Rockingham.

CLAUDE GORE.

Visitim' Around

(Hampton item, Lexingion Dispatch)

Roy Pickel had the misfortune to lose a nice cow last Tuesday, the broke her neck.

WATCH OUT FOR OF

(Dellaplane item, North Wilkesboro Newsworld)

Earl Johnson, oldest son of George R. Johnson, went to a Chaplotte hospital Thursday for treatment for fallen arches,