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Our Greatest Victory

Smashing of Japanese Armada Opens Way For Real Offensive Action in Pacific

For Real Offensive Action in Pacific

When our newboys bawled their extra last night they weren't just exercising their lungs. The brash brokers et good news had something to sell. The amathing American victory in what was probably the greatest naval engagement of all time ranks as news second to none in the war to date. In importance, the terrible destruction deal to the Japanese navy rivals last week's sanding of U. 8. forces in North Africa. It marks no escond front, but it is likely to make one possible. It does not win the war, but it assuredly cuts it horter. It was the final thrilling any the best of the charm of the Nomons can seek's Following the victories of the Coral Sea and Midway, the heavy blows to the enemy in the Solomons are simply reseals cleven of them wrathlys, and the report of one engagement is to the enemy in the Solomons are simply reseals cleven of them wrathlys, and the report of one engagement is so the enemy in the Solomons are simply reseals cleven of them wrathlys, and the report of one engagement is so the enemy in the Solomons are simply seed to 365 for the war—and according in the best estimates of November, 1941, Japan Lad only 280 warships, affoat and shulding, Most of those now resting in the Solomons are doomed, Think they brought down everything and the report of one engagement is done the correct of the correct section of the solomons are simply the correct the section of the solomons are simply the section of the solomon are simply the section of the solomons and the section of the solomons and the solomon are simply the section of the solomons and the section was apparently the climax to an end. The actio

Empty Threat

The Senate Undisturbed By Bilbo's Prediction

By Bilbo's Prediction

In the Senate last week Bilbo of Misslasippi was holding forth ad infinitum et
tedium against the proposed bill to outlaw the poil tax as a requirement in
eight Southern states (among them
Misslasippi) for voting in elections for
Federal offices. Bilbo and his colleague,
Senator Doxey, between them had consumed Just about the entire Benatorial
day, when the little man good down to this
case:

"... You are putting the floishing
touches, I verily believe, upon the auccess of the Democratic Party, of which

touches, I verily believe, upon the aucress of the Democratic Party, of which I am a member; and I do not deny believe yman. I say that because the National Democratic Party will not linve a ghost of a chance in any election to elect a Preddent or to control the affaire of the Government unless it is backed up always by the Solid South, and this pleee of legislation will do more to loss the South to the Democratic Party than any legislation that has been brought forward in 159 years. Mark my prediction."

This was an argument that the boys

This was an argument that the boys could understand, and it was nicely calculated to rouse their chivairous instincts. But the Senate was heedless of the Mississippian's awful prophecy. It had a gesture to deliver, was all practiced for it, and it had the decision of the Democratic leadership to bolster any who wavered.

The decision: that the Negro votes the party picked up in industrial centers might turn the balance of the next election, whereas the South, not beyond offence, was so steeped in its Democratic

fense, was so steeped in its Democratic tradition and so tightly organized by State Democratic machines that it could not break away if it wanted to.

Too Many Cooks

The Government Has an Army of Jobholders

The rising tide of waste at home, teeping pace with a growing army and towering stockpile of new munitions, frawn the full attention of an imwiant Congressional Committee. Under Virginia's Senator Harry Byrd, the Soint Committee on Reduction of Nonassential Federal Expenditures, herein-after to be designated by its short title of JCRNFE, has already begun delving into the back drawers of bureaucracy; and even the preliminary figures serve even the preliminary figures serve indicate a mess.

Exclusive of recent increases (an estinated 3,000 daily), the U.S. Govern-ment employed as of 8-31-42 almost bree million civilian workers. If you include local and state government workers, the total runs over five million. that, claims Senator Byrd, is more than

That, claim Seriator Byrd, is more than all the soldiers, salors and marines in strice today.

The Committee expects to be able to report soon that virtually all of the 81 separate Government agencies (there were but 30 in 1918) are over-manding themselves, are doing overlapping iobs, and generally gettling in the way. The indicated remedy is a combination of agencies, new assignments of suites, and the dropping of thousands from the public payrolis. The costly buildness of hiring everyone in sight stepped naturally into wartime from sew Deal days, but has so dangerously cutgrown itself that it must be stopped. We drink to the success of that Joint Committee, which may yet effect a secure.

And Sudden Life

Shall We Benefit By Our New Gains Or Turn Back to Sudden Death?

Or Turn Back to Sudden Dec Strange as it may seem, a good many people in the United States are alive to-day because of the war. In the three pre-war years of 1020-40-41, more whan 100,000 persons in the United States were Killed in automobile accidents. The current year is certain to show a decided screams in the average of 35,000 deaths in Charlotte, so far, four deaths against sently up to this time last year) and set year, after the full effects of the stonal 36-mile speed limit have had chance to be felt, the savings in husan life will be asionishing. War's end and the return to the old dier of goling-places are likely to pro-

war's end and the return to the old dies of going places are likely to pro-med a question for the people of the entry to answer. In fine, shall we re-se the speed that kills, or take it of with a top nation-wide limit of melhing like 45 niles an hour? It is not an uncomplicated question.

The habt of speed is hard to break. Speed of automotive transportation is a large factor in commerce, particularly in the competition of busses and trucks, with train service. The speed of getting there and back enters into many business and family calculations.

Up to the time when war and the rubber shortage intervened, America had indulged itself in wasterlunes not only of trees and gasoline and engines but of lives Statistica, gory warnings and campaigns of all kinds were unavailing against the urge to press the speed of the state of the speed of the state of the speed of the spe

Untimely Probe

Congress In The Solomons

By Raymond Clapper

Lay Raym
WASHINGTON
A CONGRESSIONAL investigation of the Solomon House Leader Martin and some others. Nothing could be more unfortunate than to have a full-seale Congressional investigation of the Solomona fighting in the midst of action. We are engaged in a critical campaign in the Solomona-And now we have added the North African campaign. Law Solomona-Law Congressional investigation of the North African campaign.

days would be a disastieus thing.

First, we are in the midst or the flighting in both
the Pacific and the Atlantic. The Mediferranean
action raises many new problems because ships and
supplies must be diverted to austain that campaign,
it will take the full ingestup of our campaign,
after day in committee rooms at the Capital of the
sary. They should not be asked to spend hours day
after day in committee rooms at the Capital when
they ought to be at their desks to give instant declaions on the messages that are coming in at all
aboutd give their whole time to it.

Second any hind of tube.

Second any hind of tubeals inputry now would have to be secret. Questions to be answered would concern current operations and would involve discussing military information of the most secret nature and of the utmost current interest to Japan. Ferhaps this could be apply behind closed down, but it is fairing a long for many days.

for many days.

Third, our high command consists of human beings. They cannot give full attention to current operations if they must be worriging at the same time about a premature post-mortem. Did you ever all down to write a column and have the bost raise hell with you in the middle of it and then try to get going again? It is true in any kind of work. Admiral

There, are two kinds of people—those who div-hard outside and soft inside, and those who are soft outside and soft inside, and those who are soft outside and hard inside. You get feoled sopetimes. Often the ones yes think are tough lake 'th the hardest. High Tahnson, navera to the world in Petjer's immortial tag as Old Fou-panis, was as sensitive as a follul under criticism. There is a lot of that in everybody and I suspect there may be in Admiral Riber.

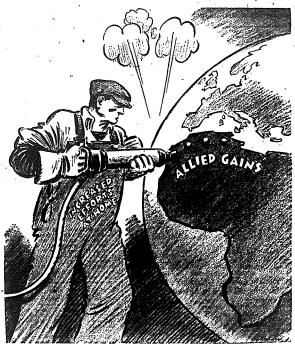
in it if Neks won.

There is plenty of room for Congressional inrealizations of many suspects of the war-for conrealizations of many suspects of the war-for conmanpower, handling, even of a good deal
of Armi-Navy programming. But when you get
of the current operations you are foraging into
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and the control of the control of the conproperty of the control of the control of the contraction of the control of the control of the conmany control of the control of the control of the conmany control of the con

I don't think Admiral King or anybody else is good enough to win this Pacific campaign with one hand tied behind his back during a Congressional investigation.

Rivet Them Down

-By Herblock



Under The Nasis

France Battles Famine

Dearest C.: Your blessed letter of June 21 arrived two days ago. It does make my heart less heavy when I get a man of the second of the second

77 years old.)

There has never been such a drought in France; the springs and spall rivers are dried up: We have too taten any green vegetables this Bunnier, so one has therefore been able to conserve for the Whiter, too the strength of the strength of

s any good.

Mr. G. apent two weeks here; he has been working hard in the South to put in condition a large bit of land and he had had good results until a telephone informed him that a tornado had destroyed and torn everything, even played have with the olive trees. You know olives give fruit only every other year—this was the fruit year. Hall devastated everything. So it goes: it is uncanny; We have land to this two-thirts of our name; We have land to this two-thirts of our named to the south of the south

anxiety about war.

We are planning now to grow our spate like a vegetable, some grow our spate like a vegetable, some grows our spate like a vegetable, some grows to be a boding it uprobably meaning to separate it! as often as roots sprout, so at to get 60 or 60 heads for one grain. This would be like a vegetable, not requisitioned, and the harvest would allow families to have a few kilos of grain, which could help.

Here, we are anxious to

which could help.

Here, we are anxious to be able to give two spoonfuls of germinated wheat to our youngaters each day. It is the only cereal which is ablitto atlevites somewhat our deficiency in food. We are trying the method.

Then our next worry is what to wear on our feet? Wooden soles with a few straps around are not ideal; they hurt, don't remain in place, and wen't de for the snew. In a long war, stockings and shoce always disappear firet. The precent

upheaval has deprived us of nearly everything; we cannot now buy any linen, ne underweav; no top wear. One silk nightgorn was to be seen in Lyon has week at a role of 3,800 francis These, and we have turned them inside out for many weeks; no bite. Not only working cibiletes are impossible to get but expectant mothers cannot find anything in buy for the hot proofs.

Mow our lines are mobilized, hens of the laying age, Each hen is to give the Government 34 eggs per year as follows:

Five eggs in April; nine in May; eight in June; tree in subject the first of the server of

the was on the shelves but no one would open the wastern was a way to the shelp the sh

Insisted.

No baker will open now, they have only the fresh bread tonight and must sell only state. Do come with me; I can do without bread tonight and I'll get some early tomorrow; please accept my offer; I know what it is to be alone on, the road and suffer from hunger. I am a refusee from the North.'

Finally I accepted, she had two silices lell and I took one. The incepterfried traveler has many sufprises though all amounts of the same as the same prices though all amounts of the same as the same as the Landson of the same as the same a

Today's Bible Verse

God never stops speaking if we listen and ob-serve: Speak Lord for Thy servant heareth.--I



"You've certainly got the idea, girls! Since that war plant has started its night shift, your egg output has doubled!"

Gas War

Ickes-Henderson

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON

COME fancy inside administrative claving attended Mr. Ickes' recomremediation to Donald Nelson that fuel and gas rationing consumpvariety of the constraint of

"r cent cut.").

There was much inner tilting back and forth between them, hefore Mr. Ickes told Nelson the East would be abort about 6,050 barrels of gasuline as day and 13560 barrels of oil-opparently letving the decision as to what to do about it up to Mr. Nelson.

Insting the declaion as to what to do about it up to Mr. Noisea.

But Mr. Ickes took gone steps on the aide to assure action. He
privately told the major oil companies, Army and Navy requests must
be given prior consideration before any consumer business, thereby
proposing to leave less gas and fuel for public distribution, despite OFA.

Official reason were the proposition of the distribution, despite OFA.

Up to the African campaign, they filled their Atlantic needs largely at
Gulf ports.

Gulf ports.

Also, the transportation situation is showing signs of deterioration.

Only a few ocean tankers, so slow as to be of no use to the Army and

Navy, are still in private operation. Railroad tank cars are showing

the wear of the terrific pace and repair shops are crowded.

But some steps besides cutting coupen values can be taken. A great leakage in unnecessary consumption is supposed to exist in "5" books. On Dec. 1, all such commercial users will be rationed on a basis of milege used, instead of coupen values. This in itself may make up the shortages lecks forestee.

While the fuel and gas situation is darkened beyond expectations for Winter, drastic action against coupon holders is likely to wait,

Labor Speaks Out

That Truman Committee report demanding that the unions go to a 48-hour week for war work was written by a union labor mah, Senator Kilgore, of West Virginia, Who is considered a milne worker representative, New Dealing Senator Jim Mend is also on the committee, which has a strongly pro-Administration reputation.

nea a soungly pur-numerature representation representation and the becoming plain the 40-hour week arrangement is to be changed to be compared to the compared

ez.5 hours.

This question, however, is primarily a matter of pay. Time and a half or double time is generally paid above 40 hours to union men. The miners, for instance, who until recently have been on the live-day week, are now going to work six, but they will get time and a half for the sixth day.

This practice opposes every Administration purpose—the holding down of income to prevent inflation, price limitations to keep down diving coats.

Silence Greets Maas

Quietude was the answer to Representative Mass' hot broadcast deploring the inefficiency of our naval war effort in the Pacific, but his views represented what many Congressmen, 'perhaps a majority, really think, and have been saying among themselves.

cally think, and have been saying among intermserves.

Democratic Representative Lynden Johnson of Texas has privately taken somewhat the same view, so it cannot be considered variety taken somewhat the same view, so it cannot be considered everal reason.

The Naval command has been changed since the "deeping cruiser" and other theidents occurred and naval communiques have been issued more prempity the past few weeks.

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Also, the question of a unified Pacific command is strictly Mr. Rooseveit's problem alone. He is the only one who could join Macrithur's efforts and the Solomon Islands campaign under one head, and apparently he takes the position they are joined through him now. No observer can express any intelligent conclusions at to how Yight or wrong Mans was, in the light of the Naval facts that have been made public. The Nava has given out less nevel than the property of the Naval facts that have been made public. The Nava has given out less nevel than the God erriment was hursand in form either the Naval facts that have been in the control of the Naval facts that have been made public. The Naval facts when the Naval facts that have been made public.

Visitim' Arbund

That Wasn't Currency, That Was Capital
(37 Years Ago, Transylvania Times)
What about a man who offers to pay for a year's aubscription to
the Bylvan Valley News and when we make out his receipt he offers us a
şi00 bill to change? As we had just deposited we could not change the
bill, but if he had not been bigger than we were there would have been
a scrap right then and there. Do you think we would worry ourselves to
death trying to get people to buy seance of the brains distilled in our
office if we had change for a one hundred bill.

Outce it we man change for a one hundred bill?

10 Plus 23 Is 44—Mer The Years Early

(North Willesborn Hustler)

W. A. Wheeling of Charlottesville, V.a., arrived one day last week to

visit his brother, Henry Wheeling, near Eikville, a couple of weeks.

This is his first visit to his former home county since he've slateen years

age in 1923.

Overshoes Underfoot

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Must's Fell Forward
(Wesley Chapel Hem, Monres Journal)
Mr. John A. Secresh had the misfortune of falling from a wagon
and hurting his collarbone and several ribs. We hope him a speedy
recovery.

The Sure-Thing Retter (37 Years Ago, Transylvala Times) If any person has any spare change they would like to wager that W. J. Bryan will not be President of the United States if he lives, let them sooms around and we will cover their pile.

Has She Tried a Musiard Poulties'
(Southmont item, Lexington Dispatch)
Mrs. Woodrow Zimmerman, who envalued her ankle some time ago, is still feeling the effects of it, we regret to state.