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Cricket At Sea The "Nice" Germans Have A Laugh At The Italians

Charles Goebbels, had been in charge of Allied propaganda, would never in the world have allowed such a story to be published as that aftermath of the sinking of the large British ship, last week. It took place off West Africa, and was announced at the time, but the by-ways like account has just come out.

charges brought the case into focus, though murder was not charged. The charges of malfeasance of office showed Burke's tribulations to be glaring examples of the ills growing from hard and fast control. Evidence from investigating agents and other witnesses painted a dark picture of life in the county, of corruption, of war between red and white liquor interests, of pay-offs and hush money, of guards set against guards.

How much more terrible is such corruption and its attendant violence than conditions which have existed in the county under legalized liquor control? How long will it be before State and local governments discover that the way to control is not through prohibitions which don't prohibit, not through outlawing minor vices? Burke County, for one, would be more happily situated today, and have lived through years of peace rather than undeclared liquor war, had license reigned.

The Trap Japs Pay Dearly For Bait In The Solomons

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the one aside track, aside from the bedrock itself, was pulled by an Italian submarine, probably the Jackal that is hunting with the German pack. In boardloads of survivors were sailing land and had made some 120 miles from the Italian surface. "You damned bastards," he swore, "are so determined, and he towed the boats back to the area where the ship had gone down.

Photo Flood Soldiers Send Pictures Home In Unprecedented Numbers

We've discovered a new era in the story of man, to be known to posterity as the Age of Likenesses, a sub-divisions of The Machine Age. People bent upon having their pictures made, we are told, are turning the world of photographers upside down. One businessman with a camera gave us a conservative estimate that more portraits are being made these days than ever before in history.

Rebellion Burke County's Troubles Spring From Prohibitions

Burke County's turmoil, generated by a trial of former law enforcement officers allegedly involved in crimes of murder, bribery and general corruption, in a case as once more to consider, the law spawned by prohibition. The case of beleaguered Burke, it has been pointed out, is a case of legislative gambling. And that kind of legislative approach in any community inevitably involves wholesale violation of the law.



Out Of Confusion The Greatest War Machine

WHILE a number of flapjacks have been telling us how muddled and confused we are, we have quietly become the strongest military power on earth. Few have noticed, because most minds (even in high places) are unscientific minds, and their attention is therefore arrested by exceptions, by the bizarre, by the amusing, by the silly, but not by the customary, or the big.

Water, Water... Nation's Business

A CONVOY entered a Puerto Rican harbor, laden with doughboys and 2,000 tons of sugar. Puerto Rican business men protested in these words: "Over in the states, you are enjoying what has been described as a sugar shortage. Here in Puerto Rico, we have so much sugar we cannot find warehouses for it—and another crop coming in. What's the idea of dumping more on us?"

More Than A Shaker-Up Hitler And His Rebellious Army

IT IS impossible in a single column to throw sufficient light upon what has happened in Germany with the shakedown of the German military. Shakedown is exactly the word. To put it in its largest aspect, Hitler has destroyed that combination of tradition, morals, military spirit, and honor which have made the world his own, since the middle of the Eighteenth Century, as the Prussian Army. It has finally suffered the same fate as every other traditional institution of German life—the last and most powerful institution to go into eclipse.

Rebellion

Furthermore, though the Officers' Corps unanimously wanted the end of the "democratic" changes of the Wehrmacht, and the building of an army equal to that of any European power may have been their bargaining purpose. Actually, they wanted Hitler first used in his own series of bloodless strikes. The Army warned Hitler in anticipation of every radical step. Having gotten the army they wanted from Hitler, they withdrew from his leadership, which they distrusted. There is evidence that some of them warned the western powers to oppose the reoccupation of the Rhineland, and it is known that the army only undertook its march into the Rhineland with instructions to retreat if encountering opposition.

Poor Timing Labor Trouble

WASHINGTON SOME labor people have picked a very poor time to make trouble. The new Congress, which comes in just after the election, is bound to be more attentive than the old Congress. Labor has had some success in the present Congress but labor is going to be far less secure from now on. It is more than likely that it has been at any time since Mr. Roosevelt became President.

When the railroad brotherhoods demand a 30 per cent increase in wages, it is a dramatic display of its subsidence value and to the weight of public disapproval that falls on all organized labor. Labor people ought to be smart enough to see that they are in bad luck. They ought to see that they have overplayed the public sympathy and have got the public against them now instead of with them as in the early Roosevelt days.

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Visitin' Around

Herman, We Warned You About Those Joints (Reeds Item, Lexington Dispatch)

J. Herman Myers had the misfortune of knocking his knee out of place last week. It is suffering a great deal and doesn't seem to be getting along as well as he should.

Did Gus Buy That Policy? (Oakland Item, Transylvania Times)

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCall made a business trip to Cashiers and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Passmore one evening last week.

Side Glances



"Just think—all that's between us and furnishing a new home is your winning the war!"

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"Don't you realize," he barked, "that this is war!"