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France Has Risen Again With Her Sons in a Free Empire

Her Sons in a Free Empire

We like to think of this amazing war,
how old-fashined way, as a contrast
to the first World War—when peoples
were not contused by such paradoxes as
the Russian-Jap-American and German-Finnish-American triangles. We've
freen up the hope that it can produce
more stirring spectacle of gallantry
ban the Doughboy gave at Belleau
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has the old informality between encise in trenches can return. But, chief-we've missed the Poilus.

This time, France was quickly broken, and instead of an inspiring pageantry courage in resistance, the world has an an antion groveling, half-traitor deer oppression. But after Sedan and dampeigne, a generation with a mem-y predicted that France would rise also there was a cause for rejoicing the final debacle of Toulon. Then rance could show her true colors, even somplete defeat.

This week, for the first time, the land fliberty, Equality, Fraternity stood

ecomplete defeat.

This week, for the first time, the land Liberty, Equality, Fraternity stood united again. There was no more policial baggling, no more fluttering between ideals. The Cross of Lorraine flew or all Frenchmen of the empire. If the sother country was lost for the time, it didn't matter. Flerce old General Graud and spirited young General de Gaule were united, and in the field. Follus scan fought on the side of the Allies.

They made their stand in Tunisia, righting in a major action with the old courage. Though lacking weapons of modern war, they turned back the choice, and won American praise. In Dakar and French Somalliand, Frenchmen Joined a common cause. For the case of France who are free, there is a fight the Axis.

The assassination of Admiral Barlan Events and the common of the course.

The assessination of Admiral Darlan was not a part of the French revival, but it might well have been. The new rance wants nothing of the collabora-tors, old or new. It stands again as astion, and that brings a new meaning this war.

Prayer Day

America To Give Thanks And Plead for Victory

On Friday, the first day of 1943, the sixton will pauge in its work for war by readdential order in the observance of a cay of prayer. It will not be America's riss wartime Prayer Day, but it should be by all odds the most faithfully observed. Several previous occasions have passed with the half-hearted interest of the people.

several previous occasions have seemed with the half-hearted interest of the people.

During these days, however, the United states, more than any other nation of the earth, has reason to turn to its God wer no other people own such a priceless state in this struggle, nor will any other carry such a heavy burden at its end. So other major power has paid such light price in lives as has America. Through a year dark with the dread strest of defeat Americans have lived and fought and worked under the same diving suidance which led the thirteen juny colonies to statehood. This is a time that all the people, shruchmen and non-churchmen, ighters and workers and those same their fauth in the liut God of the Christian nations. There bould be a national chorus of thankstring that we have weathered the stormer. 1942, and that the tide of war has surned; and a prayer for victory in the sonths shead.

onths ahead.

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Let this day of prayer be for men's all creeds and beliefs, that all Americans might be united before the divility and against the enemy who would revere destroy our beliefs, our freedom, our religion and our God. To every man, ounan and child who is of America, riday will be a day for taking the combines of the world to God. No America, who believes in the rightenousce. consider of the world to God. No Ameri-can who believes in the righteousness of our war will fail to observe Prayer Day, 1943.

The Payoff

Sanitary Dept. Row Results From Error by City Council

Recardless of the ultimate outcome of ity Manager Flack's attempt to pour oil the troubled waters of the City Sanl-ury Department, the rumble of rumors that agency, the reports of friction

and resulting inefficiency combine to pre-sent a model of how municipal govern-ment should not be operated. So far as we have been able to determine, the whole affair is the direct result of a grave error on the part of some members of the City Council.

At the center of the inside contro-versy, which has been allowed to rage ex-officio for months, is Superintendent John Barbee, who is said to be an

ex-officio for months, is Superintendent John Barbee, who is aid to be an inimicable factor, politically, within the Department. The original error was made with Mr. Barbee's appointment—and we feel sure responsible city officials hold that view—at the insistence of some of the Council, led by Councilman Daughts.

It was against the wishes of the City Manager that Mr. Barbee was appointed, for, though a newcomer to Charlotte at the time, he could not see wisdom in the move. Superintendent Barbee had nothing in the way of experience or training to recommend him for the position, but for some unannounced reason Council

for some unannounced reason Councilman Daughtry pushed him forward, and Mr. Flack (whose duty it was to make the appointment) gave his reluctant

the appointment) gave his reluctant consent.

We are satisfied that the City Manager expected trouble to result, and it did, almost from the first. There have been rumors from the Department concerning immorality and political intrigue, but of those we can say nothing. What definitely is not a rumor is that a political faction of the Council exerted a power it does not have in a field beyond its jurisdiction.

From such actions, we are convinced, trouble will always result. The council manile form of government cannot operate officiently when the Council, willy-nilly, seeks to assume the powers delegated to the City Manager. Such action of the City Manager in the case of the Santiary Department, has resulted, at least, in impaired efficiency of a public agency, and serves as a lesson for the future.

Paper Was

Government Forms by Carload Are Prerequisite to Victory

Washington's little game of hare and hounds, with sharp-nosed Congressional trackers hot on the paper trail, is fizzling to an inconclusive end. There has been no decision yet in the battle over Government by paper work, and there is likely to be no change. The questionnaire, symbol of bureaucracy, lives and flourishes; and if it looks like red tape to the economy-minded, that's too

This governing on paper is of the New Deal, and its forms multiplied alarmingly in the transition from peace to haif-peace to war. Just now, for example, employers who wish to grant a general wage raise to employees must fill out, in quintuplicate, a form 25 inches long, eight and a haif inches wide. And no explanation of what five sources must examine it can irresponsible rumor says Corcora, Cohen, Perkins, Mayis Chancy and Falla Roosevelt).

Government pithting offices, working This governing on paper is of the New

Chaney and Falla Roosevelt).
Government pinting offices, working
for you and you and you, now have 202
presses running day and night, use 33
carloads of paper every day, and employ
3,500 of the country's 20,000 private print
shops to heip 'em out.

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The prospects new are that all shoppers may be tolling brief cases soon: two ration books, gas and oil coupons, and a new book for our-rationed commodities. Forms, brochures, guides, duplicated national and regional information continue to pour out over the country, and business will apparently get better before it gets worse.

Paper rationing is combine, but not to

hee exten octors it gets worse.

Paper rationing is comling, but not to Washington. Up there, it's a wartime necessity, and he who yelps of waste yelps in vain. Our Government likes paper, and that's all there is to it.

"Radio listeners in Britain report they got sounds over their sets like the cooling of a dove." In what language?

A utoplan planner says it is because people won't let bygones be bygones that we have wars. Also hash.

What'er betide, there will still be food in a wide variety, Secretary Wickard says so, and a local dining room has five names for the bread pudding.

The Shape of Things to Come



Cheap At Any Price

War Economy For :43

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON WASHINGTON

In the coming year American industry probably
will produce more war goods than any nation ever
produced before.

produced before.

To do that, some very unscennenical expenditures must be made by our Federal Government. War industry does not run just on materials produced in this country. For instance, war industry must have tungsten. We get it in Portugal. Turkey and Spilin. German we get in Portugal. Turkey and Spilin. German to the state of the belligerents bidding against each other. Money cost is no object either to, us or to Germany. You want the material as whatever price. If we pay ten or twenty times the normal price, what of it?

We have to have mica for radio equipment. We re so desperate for it at one time that the air ce used its own planes to fly supplies back from tha. That certainly was not economical, in doi-

torce used its own pianes to 19 supplies use. Front India. That certainly was not economical, in dollars. The WPB tells the Board of Economic Warfare it must have \$500,000 carns to industrial diamonds for stock-pile purposes. That means the industrial diamonds must be obtained, and it diamonds on the control of the purpose of the presence of the pr

Platform Of The People

to Clapper
politicians looking for a cheap way to get votes
will be telling people how reckless the Government
was with public money during the war. That was
ried after the last war but Charles G. Daves, later
vice-President. So you are trying to win a war you
have no time to hunt for flyspecks.

Jesse Jones has found to his prolonged embarrasment that it was a mistake to hasgle over the price
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We have built enormous war industries, many of which will be junk after the war. The Government is financing them, Willow Run is not Fort's. It belongs to the Defense Plant Corp. It belongs to the Defense Plant Corp. The sine Government's, built and operated by Chrysler for the Government. All around they are working with Government property. They plants and dearens of others represent commons any control of the Corp. The C

any cost is Justified to win the war.

So when you look back on industry's miracle of war production, and hot abend to the greater volume of the production, and hot abend to the greater volume to the work of the world wards of the world work of the world world work of the world work of the world wor

Book.

Spend the time and cifort you are washing the political way to the way He did, and wants you to do, and you will bring them to you, not drive them away.

of, and you will bring them to up, not drive them away.

"You know there are some very brain," men and the ways of the world, which is there are an one to the world, which is there are an output to the them, and being brain, we can off in them, not combat them, and being brain, men, they will not the the world, which is the world with the world world with the world w

-By Herblock

Little Momeents

Great Lives

Man-To-Man

By Samuel Grafton

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If WE knew why Stalingrad held out, we would have information of of the first importance. It is information that would have been dependent to the first installment on the price he is paying for not having understood Stalingrad.

It is easy to say that Stalingrad held out because it is men were "brave" and because they "loved their country." These are vague anawers. There must be something special, to explain why Stalingrad held, and why other cities, because they stalingrad, and the stalingrad held, and we have the stalingrad held, and we have the stalingrad held, and we have the stalingrad the stalingrad the stalingrad held, and we have the stalingrad held and the stalingrad held stalingrad held to the stalingrad the stalingrad held to the staling and the stalingrad battle was a curious context of will, as we can see the stalingrad battle was a curious context of will, as well as weapons.

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Having learned this physical nearness to the enemy conferred advantages, the Russians reduced that fact to a methodical policy control of the contr

184 pards.

It also "became obvious." says Chulkov, that Stalingrad could only be defended by destroying Germans. Of course it was obvious. But, once again, an obvious fait as translated into policy, defensive workers by considering the control of the control of the country o

of Stalingrad was never allowed to bog down into merely the defense of Stalingrad.

I call attention to these points because they tell us that victories do not happen as the result of bravery, they happen as the result of carrier, Chartier and the remaint of the supportance of possible ours. But without carrier, there could not have been the bravery which gave the order and accepted the failing shells.

Clarity, in Stalingrad was manifest in the Russian refusal to accept the world's or the Germans' estimate of the position. To the world and the Germans' stalingrad was a city basieged. To the Russians it was a place where a Russian oftensive was being prepared, and control of the control of the control of action than Stalingrad. This is it. To impose your own conception shove that of the enemy, to follow it out in detail, with remorseless logic, is "style"; what the troops do cannot make style, but flows trom style.

That is why the Russians out the harden and the styles of the style o

That is why the Russians cut the bridges over the Volga, and thereby cut off their own retreat from Stallnerad. The possibility of retreat was a disadvantage, and they remosefully removed it from the situation. Their clarity told them that the way was forward, and therefore, quite logically, they blew up the road backward. Clarity is a hard master, and when you commit yourself to it you commit yourself completely; you cannot follow it hall must go the whole way, into the empty house currounded by the German troops.

German troops.

North Africa has been encouraging to us, not because of the land we've won, but because it has given us the freling that we near a test state when the state of the land we've with the land that we've with the land that we've the land that we've with bard with bard with land to the land to

Queen of Tightwads

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HETTY GREEN once "the richest woman in the United States," was a truly fantastic personality. She was born to wealth and by elever financial deals built up a fortune of a hundred million dollars, yet she was meerly to an extreme, even in clitichood. When the was eight years old, she was given some money to buy clothed in herself but instead opined a bank screen in the state of the richest but instead opined a bank screen where she would all control of the space, using a containing her huminess paners. She even the hundred because of his fingality. By accident he sent her a check to pay a tailor's bill and sent his tailor a valentine, Hetty approved of the low price he had paid for the suit and decided to marry him.

narry him.

An an asked Hetty for a pass on a railroad she controlled.

Hetty turned him down because, she said, the Bible was against it. She quoted the first chapter of Jonah, third verse: "So he paid the fare thereof and went." She abusy carried a resolver to pratect herself, she said, from lawyers. She died at the age of \$2 on July 3, 195.

Visitier' Ardered

(Quebec item, Transylvania Times)

A fine 57500 con belonghing to Jack Smith, after being sick a few days, died hast Saturday afternoon. Mr. Smith says that it is indeed band to loce all the cow he has, and especially so since he does not have the money with which to buy another.

Toplar College Items.
Lexington Dispatch
Lexington

Side Glances



"I've been trying for years to convince Henry he'd feel better New Year's Day if he spent the evening before quietly—but it's taken gas rationing to persuade him to try it!"

Sanity In Liquor Control wards, they will find that the Lord taught and did not regiment. No law forces you into the fold, When someone showed you the light, or way, you went into fits army, or church, of your own free will. That's His way all through the Book

The earths."—It was enemes of the earths."—(Goodinal)
You wrole that all it one sentence. Brother, only, the ismonance of the differences between the purposes and hundling of the purposes and hundling of the one of the first to object to a dictatorship—I would. To preserve what is left of Christian democrate, our boys in a democratic way. Tationing is to profect us and help us share equally with others and save us from another fifteen years of depression.

Prohibition is an issue row-

ears of depression.

Prohibition is an issue governing morale. Though doubly bad at wartime, prohibition is something that must be handled by popular referendum, with no bearing on the duration.

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"If the Government cut ake
away your gas, coffees cell me the
could not stop the liquor traffic
damnation in 24 hours, if their
hearts were in the right place?"
Sam Morris, evangeliat.
Sam Morris, covangeliat.
The element that answered
rightfully so, to claim our democratte form of Government had

Editors, Tur. News:

In answer to Mr. E. B. Goodin's latter of Deorgy of the Mr. In answer to Mr. E. B. Goodin's latter of Deorgy of the Mr. In a many discount of the Mr. In a many disco

bespirched if you are steadfast.

"He 11 Resived—all our delegates advocate to our members to write to and beseeh our Representatives and Congressmen to vote for war time prohibition."—WCTU.
Their general platform and ideals are right, but I suggest that if they pay a fluidy of the "C" in WCTU first, then the "TU" after-

Balole Thought

B,

It is if you use it: My grace is sufficient for you.—II Cor., 12:9. Charlotte

We'll take it for granted our hearts are in the right place, so let's use our heads, think and study what it's all about, and in our daty toll, social functions and discussions of current events so contained to the state of th