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Mr. Fish is probably one of the loud-stay appers in Congress about the dis-grace of Pearl Harbor, and would like to have the heads of General Short and Admiral Kimmel in payment of their thortecomings. But what of Ham Fish's shortcomings? If he had not the wit to know that he was making his frank a medium of German propaganda, that is all the more reason why he is not to be trusted with responsibility.

Constal Defense Obsession

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One of the most tragic blunders this country could make would be to put the building of coastal defenses ahead of lighting the war on the actual battle-fronts of the word. To do so would be to play directly into Hitler's hands. It is U-boat commanders, by popping up and throwing a few shells at our coasts, could paole this country into using any substantial part of our war output for home defense, they would have put victory within his graap.

War Secretary Stimson has served notice that he doer not intend to fall into the trap. He admits that it is possible for U-boats to make aporatic token raids against our coast. But he knows that taking a few unimportant jabs as cheap price for an opportunity to hang a haymaker on the renemy's law in his own corner. He knows, as does Illiter, that if we start covering up and backing off every time the enemy feints at use, we'll never get a chance to land a single punch.

With these principles of the mantly art of acid-inferiors in mind, it is hard to restrain a feeling of impatience toward to restrain a feeling of impatience toward sanchered any important success. Offensives—have been stopped by counter-of-the stress have been stopped by counter-of-tensives—have been stopped by counter-of-tensives have been stopped by counter-of-tensives—have been stopped by counter-of-tensives. Should be a lowed to inter-tensive the forest part of the stopped by counter-of-tensives. The allowed to inter-tensive the developmenth of the stopped by counter-of-tensives and ex-isolationist, qual

that nothing should be allowed to interfere with far-reaching military stratery.
To do a speck of good, fortifying our
coast would have to be of such proportions that it would inevitably disruptour, present military stratery.

Senator Byrd, a Virginian who is algays at his beat when he is tracking
down governmental extravagance, wants
with defended "to the extent that is necessary." Wensel words for the voters in
the Tideswater.

Of the three, Oil III Johnson of Callfornia is characteristically the most
hombastle and the most indirens. He
rambles on about the beautits of the
California coast and how this heavenly
spot should be profetcled. He is wholly
unable to rise above the complaints of
a portion of hix constitutions.

Farh of the dissenting Senators is
careful to appear apprehensively solicitors without taking exception to our
versil war policy. Yet their dissention
is so hable to damperous interpretation
that it would have been better left unsaid.

It is to be hoped the new sugar ration stamp has been passed on by the em-ergency committee for getting the glue on the right side.

"Pearl Harbor," says a popular science ilein, "was a sweeping victory for the new sulfa drugs." We imagine Tokyo has scored it otherwise.

Chimera

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1942

War's Non-Aims

Downey of California Comes High Up on Our List

High Up on Our List
Nations at war usually have a preity
clear idea of their war aims. These may
be changed around according to the exigencies of the moment (e.g., littler's
sudden resumption of the tirade axainst
Bokheeism in mid-1841) or they may be
dictated by circumstances, as in the case
of the United States. What the United
States had intended to fight for was the
right. It is now lighting to keep from
being licked.
To accombany these was aims the

George Hill thimacif under a sentence for perfury), declares that Mr. Fish ordered him, Bitl, to mail 125,000 copies of a speech by the late Senator Lundeen under the Fish Irank. The order was given in the presence of the same Friend Viercek.

Now 125,000 speeches is a lot of mail for a single member of the liouse to be sending out. And one gathers that Mr. Virreck's interest in the matter was more than that of a rawal onlooker.

And if Mr. Fish had troubled himself to read any one of the 125,000 copies of Lundern's speech, even his liberal tolerance of Natz propaganda might have been inxed. Senator Lundeen was that kind of a fellow. Had his passing interrupted on investigation of his sethicities, he too, might be standing trial with Herr Vierceks.

Mr. Fish is probably one of the loud-ray yappers in Congress about the disbeing liked. To accompany these war aims there ought to be another bill of particulars in reverse; a bits, say, of the things we are NOT lighting for. High up on the roster of the things this country is not fighting for ought to rome Senator Sheridan Downey of California and his pet old age penalon panaceas.

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Yesterday the Senais was rurfully repealing the bill to penalon members of
Congress when Senaior Downey sent up
an amendment. Coolty, as though the
battle in the Philippines was a plenic,
in obscore travesty of the whole war effort, he proposed that the Government
hand out 300 a month to all needy persons over M.

sons over 80.

Many Senators, to their evertasting eredit, got mad. Barkley protested that while the Senate was tryin to get listell out of a little hole tpenations for Congressmen Downey was seeking to compel it to "jump into a deep pit and pull the pit in over us." George warned Downey that death might call at a willing homes before the we need and million homes before the war ended, and that the people were in no mood to have Congress debating frivolities.

Congress debating frivolities.

In the end the Senastors had to sit through the dinner hour to put the kibosh on Downey's amendment. They ought to have thrown him bodily out of the chamber and down the long steps which one enters the U.S. Senaste.

Self-Effacement

With Some Good Advice, Mrs. Roosevelt Steps Down

Mrs. Roosevel Steph Down
Ruefully, but with admirable objectivity, Mrs. Roosevelt has made good her
promise to resign from the Office of
Civilian Defense, And in so doing site
gave her resson—one which many a New
Dealer, many an industrialist, and many
a labor leader would do well to study.
Mrs. Roosevelt said:
"No individued is more important

Mrs. Roosevell said:
"No individual is more important
than a good pragram."
If the First Lady will permit a slight
alteration, we'd like to make it read;
"No individual is more important
than the nation's war effort."
If every public official believed that
in his heart—and we give Mrs. Roosewell credit for believing it—this warcould be won twice as quickly and with
half the cost in blood and treasure.
On one point, though, we'd like to set
Mrs. Roosevelt straight, the necesses her
critics of attacking her because of my
beliefs." Perhaps a good many people
did take issue with her on ideological
rounds. But that wasn't the main trason why Mrs. Roosevelt took a shellacking. The real public compliant centered
around the fact that she was the wife
of the President of the United States
setling in an agency headed by official,
directly responsible to her husband for
their administration. No matter what
she did, it was bound to seem unfair. directly responsible to ber husband for their administration. No matter what she did, it was bound to seem unfair. Even if Mrs. Roosevelt had no beliefs at all, there would be no place for her in a Government agency—particularly in one where she could get her world assortment of proteges on the Federal pay roll.

The Sucker

Mr. Fish Should Know His Friends Better

His Friends Heller
Although he had known George Viercek
"for years" (since 1930, according to his
testimeny. Representative. Ham Fish
had "no idea" that he was a regustered
agent of Nari Germany. We have that
on the word of Mr. Plan himself, who
confidently adds:
specific of the property of the confidently adds:
specific on the word of the property of the confidently adds:
specific up of the directive or
indirectly, with my knowledge and consent."

It all depends, we suppose, on one's definition of Nail propagands. No one accuses Mr. Pish of sending out say-liking as obtains as a basic of Joe Goobleif speeches, boldly emblazoned with the swantism.

But Mr. Fish's former accretary,

A Loss Of Face

By Dorothy Thompson

By Dorollay Amonganes.

THE fall of Singapore and the manner of its fall will have repercussions beyond even the load of Britain's strongest outpool in the East. With



selbox care. We are either fighting for sold libration or we are fighting for into known purpose except pure and shipp nature it had, for the sold pure and shipp nature it had, for the sold pure into the

India Is No Set-Up

By Paul Mallon



By Pearl Mallon

WARDINGTON,

THE spins will get tougher for
the Japy very shortly. They
may get through to Lachio in Burma and cut the China Road, From
sir bases surrounding Java they
through the
Ditch East indies.
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territic price. But
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India will not be easy unless they have a fifth of the farth support. Both Chang Kal-Shie and his wife were the specific purpose of persiating the focal haders of the specific purpose of persiating the focal haders of the specific purpose of the

ANTI-JAPANESE

The Indian politicians may be anti-Strikh, but they are also anti-Jap. They have 700,000 troops at their disposal (15 times as many as the Japa had recently on the Burmese front nearest them) and they are fairly well equipped except in the air.

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Burlington, Mo., Republican.
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"Oh, All Right-Gee Whiz";



Letters to the Editors: 🧢

A Yankee Resents The Prefix

Editions. The News:

You have one less tender of your paper since I read your editorial loday entitled "One Against."

I'm sick of heating everything to read and my children every time was an outside religious to hard the condition of the "damyankers." I'h bad and my children every time wrock a linger, without having to read about it.

The second there, who work and care for her children, "Oh, she must be a damyanker," What has enough pend destre to do her own work and care for her children, "Oh, she must be a damyanker," What has enough pend destre to do her own work and care for her children, "Oh, she must be a damyanker," What has enough pend destre to do her own work and care for her children, "Oh, she must be a damyanker," What has enough pend destre to do her own work and care for her children, "Oh, she must be a damyanker, "Oh,

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

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we can follow and imulate as
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the truth and the lift; no men
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me.—John 146. Father but by
To RE POINTLESS
Proportment for a week may not

Side Glances



"See, if I'd cleaned up this mess last year as you de-manded, I'd have gotten no credit—now I'll be thanked ve gotten no credit—now for a lot of scrap metal!"

Sour graphs. What is 117 Source friend take heart. The food first white fill like to know. Friend Blouband has a tougher epidermis than I have.

—ANON.
Charlotte.

Test Case Is Delayed

"Ćliveden" Rumorists

By Raymond Clapper

PEOPLE won't be thrown off stride by the so-called Washington 'unior factory if they sick to one simple and transit fact. It is that we are up against unto a tought fleft that we need all the help we can all the new we want

fight that we need all the help we can get from every other nation.

Though the cur-rent rumors have stirred the indigna-tion of President

tion of President Roosevil, there is nothing new in the fact that Washington is seething with rumors. We have always had them. If there said anything more important to rumor about somebody sets the idea that the Predent's wife is about to have a baby. That one hash't come up recently, but during both the Wilson and Goolidge Administrations such rumors had to be denied because they had swept the whole country and the White House began to be flooded with linfant gitts.

began to be flooded with Infant gifts. RUMORS CAN DAMAGE THE WAR EFFORT

The only difference now is that some of the rumors. It taken seriously, might affect the war effort of this country, Ordinarily, the rumors only damage helpless individuals. Now they might damage the nation.

If you make up your mind that you much have help from somebody, you are not going to run around conducting a whitepering campaign against him. Likewise, if we know what a hard job it is going to be to win this war, we

Likewise, it we know what a hard job it is going to be to win this war, we won't be in a mood to throw bricks at other nations whose help we must have, We will be thankful for such help at they can give and as long as they can give it. We won't care very much whether they use enough ason, or what kind of accent they have.

ACCENT they have.

"CLIVEDEN" COVERS

The no-called Cliveden set here, id
which President Roncevelt and Thomas

E. Dewy have referred, is a kind of
headline gay to cover a variety of persons. The tag is intended to squich
them, or at least to take the punch out
of their goads.

Some af three are people who,
because they don't like Communium,
spread the story that Russia is going
to pull out of the war and make a
deal with Germany and Japan. The
answer is that Russia showed hat
Runnium; by heavy expenditure of

answer is that Husts showed hast Rummer, by heavy expenditure of blood, that she would not quit until she was licked. Russla new faces a resumption of the German aftensies and is classoring for more help, the give fears Japan will attack her in

Others are strongly anti-British and Others are strongly anti-Hritish and lake the line that we have joined a bankrupt firm. The answer is that if the British quit we would be left in a hopeless position. Our worry as to whether Hitler is going to get the French fixed would be nothing compared French fielt would be nothing compared to our worths if he was, about to get the British fieet. The British people are riding their Government for its blunders and they need very little help from us in that job, at least until we have made up for the setbacks growing out of our own blunders at Peert Harbor.

nave made up for the selbacks growing out of our own blunder at Pearl Harbor. THOUGHTLEASNESS—NOT DEFERTING IS TO MAME. The full information to difficult to obtain, but so far as my observation around Washington post I don't believe you could filled an American here, regardless of his previous views or present prejudice, who was not determined that we must sen the way. It is not a master of disloyaty, I don't chink it is deferation, for exercisor known moneghas anything short of total victory would be a national disaster. The rumoring, insafer as it is anything more than thoughtless conversation—making just for the sake of having something interesting to say, probably grows not of a failure of a failure of the property of th

realize that we care used a local agree on our hands that we must have all of the help we can get from everybody. Some friends of President Roosevelt hope that in his radio address Monday night he will pull no punches in telling the country just how sections this business is and how necessary it is to have help from everybody.

Visitin' Around

The Latter Has To Be
The Former Te Be the Latter
Hossy Dale item,
Winnuboro News & Hircald)
Here is to our Navy and the women
ff our land.
May the former be well rigged and
the latter well-manned.

Spring Practice
(Oakboro Rem,
Stanty News & Press)
Looks as if Spring is near the way,
S. R. Coble has been plowing with his
new tractor.

Thenk Yes, Ladles;
Come Again
(Eastern No. 10 Rem.
Controot Tribune)
Misses Annie Lee Jenkins and Nors
Davis apent Saturday in Charlotta abopplng.