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the Navy for pilot training. Because his normal weight was below the regulation minimum, he was flatly rejected. A month later he stuffed himself with bananas, drank two quarts of water and tried again. This time he made it.

After winning his wings, Lindsay Law-or served on the USS Saratoga. When the opportunity came to flight for China, he left his bride of less than a year in California, resigned his Navy commission, and signed up. A little later a baby was born.

sion, and signed up. A little later a baby was born.
Lindsay Lawlor has never seen his son. But he thinks about him. On the day he mowed down four Jap Zero fighters he cabled his wife: "Shot four Japs. Is Lindsay walking yet?"
Spike would like to know which of his file cards will be next to bear a hero's name. But he wouldn't give you odds on any of them. You can't tell about heroes.

What's the WPA Doing In a Labor Shortage?

The outery of Shelby WPA workers at being laid off after refusing to accept private employment raises a timely question. Can this country, no matter how pressing the shortage of manpower may become, ever get rid of WPA?

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We do not know enough facts about
the Shelby situation to venture an opinion in that particular case. The WPA
workers may or may not have been
offered 75 cents a day by farmers who
had promised \$15.0. But never mind
that. There is a more important issue
involved: whether employment on the
WPA gives a man certain rights and
privileges not shared by ordinary privately-employed workers.
To answer this question, it is neces-

vately-employed workers.

To assert this question, it is necessary to space to the original purpose of WPA. It was set up, the President explained in one of his earlier friesde chats, to provide work relief for men who could not otherwise get any kind of a job, President Roosevelt said repeatedly that WPA was wholly an emergency measure, that he looked toward the day when private enterprise, revived by Government planning and spending, would make all work relief unnecessary.

This year, although not exactly under

would make all work rellef unnecessary. This year, although not exactly under the prosperous conditions President. Roosevelt had envisioned, the country has come face to face with a serious shortage of manpower. And 'the place where the shortage is pinching most is on the farm.

For its Spring drive in Russia, the Nazi takes in more "partners" than a busy law office. It is noticed, though, that the firm name is still Germany.

Paradox

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1942

## In Person

## Charlotte Takes Part in a Raid on the Philippines

All Charlotte must have got a tre-endous kick out of the AP story from unstraila yesterday of Captain Byington (cAfee's participation in the bombing light to the Philippines and return. The

ight to the Philippines and return. The expension disparaged lis part in the expension of t

as a "measure of revenge." A good index of the extent and the tensity of this community's concern the war is to be found in the news assification established by this paper me weeks ago—"Service Record." At rest, tiems arrived in driblets, and the ally sum of them was hardly more than column. But they came in with requirity and then they began to come more interest and now there is a daily aluge of them, and now there is a daily aluge of them, and no kind of news more welcome or is handled with eater personal interest and apprecians.

on. The single column has grown to three The single column has grown to three do four columns daily, and still it ows. It has become a sort of bulletin sard where one may keep up, after a shion, with the thousands of young en from this city and its surrounding eritory who are in their country's rivice. And is there, we ask you, any-ung more important or more news-orthy than this?

## Why Not Use French Fleet To Recapture French Indo-China?

ACCEPTANCE FRENCE INGO-LINIA? If Pierre Laval is sincere about using the French Fleet-in an attempt to resonaire the disintegrating French impire, we know a good place for him to start. Let him forget, for a moment, bout those colonies held by de Gaulle's orces. After all, the Free French are till French. They can be dealt with ther.

Ater.

Rather let M. Laval first send the rench Fleet into the Western Pacific to take back the rich and once prospersus colony of French Indo-China. There are warships in Cam-Ranh Bay and laigon—and not Free French warships, lither. It is the Japs who have taken indo-China, and if it's a fight M. Laval is looking for, no doubt they can give ilm one.

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But, somehow, one doubts that M.

Awal will do more than purr at the
laps. He dossn't dare lift a finger
ggiants Britain's enemies. Sincerity? M.

Awal does not recognize the word, and
the French people know it. They know

M. Laval and they hate him and sooner

or later, no doubt, one of them will

till him.

## Heroes

## No Special Markings Set Them Apart From the Herd

shortage of manpower. And 'the place where the shortage is pinching most is on the farm.

It is interesting to note that one of the most significant mass migrations in the South has been the moving into town of poor farm families to take davantage of WPA Jobs. And, once having tasted of city life, these people are definitely unenthusiastic about going back to the farm, even at somewhat better wages.

The result is that WPA has become a vested interest to which its regular employees cling with a kind of pathetic loyally. It has become a sort of fraternity and a refuge.

Moreover, WPA has contrived in more than a few instances to set up an extralegal but effective minimum wage scale. Thus the bland refusal of many a private job. "Hub—I can make more'n that on the WP'n A."

Now the question arises as to whether WPA officials will consent to rehire men who quit their jobs with private employers because of their displeasure with wages, or conditions of work, or at being deprived of the pleasures of city life. If they refuse to rehire the meny the work for everybody who honestly a work for everybody who honestly a work for everybody who honestly a suppose the American people.

Them Apart From the Herd

Potential heroes are often and easily verlooked before their trial by fire.

Spike Saunders, alumin scretary of the University of North Carolina, is embatic about that, Vesterday he told Charlotte Kiwanians of the incident that convinced him.

Beveral years ago, Spike noticed that his inter-office mail at Chapel Hill was being delivered by a diminutive, tow-beaded frealman with a hungry look about him. The mail carrier was one of the self-help students—he was working the self-help students—he was working his way through the University.

There was no mark of the hero on this boy, Spike says you'd have picked him for anything but heroism, Anyway, the Gangthing but heroism, Anyway, the Spike says you'd have picked him for anything but heroism, Anyway, the Spike says you'd have picked him of anything but heroism, Anyway, the Spike says you'd have picked him of anything but heroism, Anyway, the Spike says to did him any through and git him to be seen to the same in Spiker in salve just another name in Spiker in Never have the advices from the base-ball camps seemed so generally dark. With the possible exception of the New York Yanks, sixteen teams are figured to finish in last place.

"If given a truffle," asks a radio quiz, would you eat it, wear it or sit on it?"

Weakness By Choice By Paul Mallon



the Prime Ministry.

REPORTS UNDOUBTEBLY
BASED ON CONJECTURE
That one was in circulation
soon after Cripps left London. It
is no doubt based only upon conbe attengthened in the minds of
some people now by the way the
trip turned out. Mr. Cripps critainly slowed down.

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Why any nation, no matter how deeply it has suffered from past grievances, or how thoroughly it is criss-crossed with conflicting political interests, would permit itself to left standing weakly distributed by the suffered from the sufficient properties of the sufficient prope

to fry to explain.

but not as bad as it might be.

The stubbornness of the Belleth and Indian states of the Belleth and Indian states an invitation to Japan to move in, whether or not the Japan military leaders had planned it at this time. A defense which elects to be weak by choice invites attack.

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INDIA'S IREART 18

ON MER SLEEVE

The heart of India is geographically on her sleeve — the one nearest the Japa. Ninety her cent of her steel and engineering industry is around Calcutta in the in easy reach of the Jap bombing fields of Burms.

If the Japa could roll through calcutta to a line 200 miles west of the city, they would have all the main Indian industries main production within their grasp.

reduction within their grasp.

The workers in Indian factories cannot be expected to
act like those in England during bombing raids. Their maraie has not been solidified
by settlement of internal political differences. Ninety per
cent of the population in 1931
was liliterate (unable to write
a letter or read an answer).

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The Government has issued an ordinance that the workers miss desired the second of the second of the second of the second form the second from the second from that point, and the first bombs, and production research from that point.

The eastern section relied much on Burmese rice production, now cut off, a shortage of wheat may work of the second from the North and West, especially in a nation whose disministered in the subbornness of its political leaders. Food relief may soon be necessary to avoid rots and maintain production.

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Pitth columnists abound there,
A fairly good secret service, the
CID, organized by the British but
including Indians, is not good
enough.

MORALE, NOT SETTLEMENT, IS WHAT INDIA NEEDS

But, as the politicians on both sidea must have known, these defects could have been remedled by an agreement in only one really important respect—morale.

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No doubt Nehru and his fol-lowers will resist the Jap ag-gressors, and the plan of de-ferse made by the British ocurrent of the agent of the controlled Army will be car-ried out. Followers of the controlled of the controlled Army will be car-ried out. Followers of the controlled of the controlled of the controlled of the controlled on the controlled on the controlled on the controlled of the controlled on the

In any form.
Thus while the failure of the Cripps mission is much sgainst our best interests, it need not be fatal, and anyway there is nothing we can do about it. Mr. Roosevelt's emissary, Louis Johnson, did as much as he could—and more, according to some British comments.

## Armies Also March On Their Feet

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Reports from Russia Indicate that
one important reason for the failure
of Germany to send more refutions to the failure
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that Nazi leather and shoe supplies
are worfully inadequate and that
on satisfactory substitute material
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## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

You can't barter for the spirit-ual life, do, not one, but many things daily: One came to him and said, Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have



## Hitler's Empty Victories

By Dorothy Thompson



whole theater of the war. The essential thing always to bear in mind is that Japan would never have taken on the Euglish-speaking world if Huter had not precipitated a war in the midst of Western civilization. All Japaneses advantages deriver from this fact and retreat whenever a decision is reached in the west.

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The German radio is say-inc, apropos their own Spring inc, apropos their own Spring inc, aproposed the Residual of the Spring of the Spring of the Western Spring of the Spring

hands of the Russians.

The Russians also, while eagerly asking aid from us, and admitting inferiority in tanks, claim air and manpower superiority.

The German "Army of Surement" was probably never more than around three million—the intensively trained troops first called Russians have had unlevest million—they around the Russians have had unlevestal military training by classes for twenty years out of a population more than twice as large as the German.

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o surpass them."

"The presumption of the German attack was that, taken by complete surprise, this clare force could be knocked out on the ground in a matter of hours, and actually the first built of the surprise of hours, and actually the first built of the surprise of

a long campaign.

The German airforce must remain divided, and on Monday Ernest Bivin made the statement that the British production is now equal to the German. What the American production is, we know.

It is therefore obvious that the

One thing is certain. The war of nerves is now in our hands and not in Hitler's. The German propaganda gas becomes lamentable.

propaganda gas becomes lamentpropaganda gas becomes lamentfactors involved must be highly distressing to any intelligardinary of the state o

# all fronts. Not only is Russian manpower superior, but there is a large reserve army in Britain and presumably an enormous arsenal of weapons of all kinds. And there is an army in the Near East and in Africa. Germany, with all of Europe, is in a pincer, with the Russians and the powerful base on the British Jales. LEBENSRAUM HAS NOT BEEN WIDENED

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ALLIES MUST STRIKE

WHERE THEY ARE STRONGEST

Now, if we are weak in the Pacific and strong in Europe, should we divide our forces and strong to where we are weak?

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win the wort," but it is also true that one cannot make more than one powerful offensive at a time, and that the art of war is not a strongest. So it is quite reasonable that the American Chief of Staff should be in London.

Side Glances

## Not Ready,

By Raymond Clapper

CALCUTTA, INDIA



two major Allies.

INDIANS FEEL STRONGLY
ABOUT PAST GRIEVANCES
Despite Nehru's call to his countrymen to defend India, the failure of the
Cripps mission is likely to have a contrary effect among the Indians, as the
collapse of the negotiations leaves them
atill at odds with the British. Many
of them feel more atrongly about past
grievances than about the present
menace.

The effect on the United Nations

The effect on the United Nations The effect on the United Nations in also likely to be adverse. It leaves the British and Americans in the position of trips to defend India while there is an unbridgeable political guil between the British and the Indians. Furthermore, some of the newspapers—and even Nehru, in his statement—take a resentful tone toward the American effort to help.

Most of the military people with whom I have talked believe that the break-down of the negotiations means that Japan will move with more determination than ever in order to take advantage of the split and bag India.

## MORE FIFTH COLUMN

WORK IS ENPECTED Undoubtedly fifth-column activity will be sharply increased. Agents of the Japanese will capitalize among the Indians on Cripps failure, and will represent the Japa as liberators. Nehru's rejection of the Cripps control of the Japanese opens the door for the biggest fifth-column job of Word Was' II. "Destitutedly for the American cliffox, in both cities of the Cripps control of the Japanese will have difficulty in continuing the route to China. It is Japanese will have difficulty in continuing their resistance. The American forces in China and Burma will be isolated. Furthermore, there is a growing.

on China and Burma will be Isolated Furthermore, there is a growing American strength in India. American Flying Fortresses have been artiking at the Japa from bases in India. The American technical mis-sion to India under Henry F. Grady is undertaking to assist in increas-ing India's war production. All this explains the activity of Louis John-on in string for a British Indian expisins the activity of Louis John-son in attiving for a British-Indian agreements. American lives are involved. The whole future of the American effort in this area is in-volved.

Americans have long been sympathetia with India's aspirations for self-govern-ernment. Washington encouraged the British to try for an adjustment, but its efforts apparently have been misunderefforts apparently have been misunder-ntood. They are regarded by some Indians—including Nehru himself—as interference in a family quarrel. It would be unfortunate if we took that too seriously, however. As I pointed out in my recent dispatches from Allahabad, even such an Intelligent leader as Nehru seems to be unable to shake off his bitterness over the past.

ALWAYS NEHRU REFERS
TO PAST WRONGS
When I talked with Nehru at Allahabad, he spoke of extensive plans that he and his colleagues had worked out for development of industries in India, "But," he told me, "we met with obstruction by vested interests, and when I was put in Jali the work dopped. Certain interest did not want Indians to develop industry. Yet those very industries would have been most useful in the war effort now."

Spring! Here She Comes! (Shady Grove item, Lexington Dispatch)

Lexington Dispatch)
The farmers are all very busy with a whoa, haw, gee there; the ringing of an axe and the curling of the smoke from the aundry piles of trash cleared away from the plow to turn the good loan, so the seeds and roots of this crop will have a good bed.

"Yes, the war has brought back wholesome parlor dates, but I see here that pretty soon we won't be able to buy.

## Visitin' Around

A .Hint for Mr. May (Paint Rock items, Marshall News-Record)

Mr. May of Hot Springs was down on business in Paint Rock Thiesday.

Let me no wronk or idle word, a
Unthinking say;

Set thou a seal upon my Mps.