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## Black Duce

#### Mussolini Nears His End And Faces the Payment

And Faces the Payment

Row is the time, if ever there was

ses, to consider Il Duce, ruler of the
Ill-starred Italian millions. Tomorrow,

perhaps, may be too late. The Duce

connes to the end of his rope. Hence
strict he will be missing from the

fangled skeins of world history. He

departs from the stage as ignominiously

self ridden off on a rail. The magic

set the bouch of his early days is gone,

life power is no more, his baton trembles,

he knows full well that his Italy is

sole long for the war.

Somehore, somewhere, this Mussolini

he knows full well that has Italy is seed long for the war. Somebow, somewhere, this Mussolinh kay gone sarray, More than any other man alire he was given the chance to make a propel to the heights, and to sake a great contribution to the regions of Italy and Europe. On the say, he took a fatal peek into a mirror; he was more impressed by the curve of his justing chin and the cut of a saze uniform than with the future of his race. Having won a great battle the people against incredible olds, he lost the trail. He lifted Italy toward the light, and then plunged her and the sake her with a sax of the properties of the properties of the properties of the plunged her in the side of eril, where she has not contained the light of the placed her in the side of eril, where she has not contain the lightest parts of the light of the li

simb for generations. He piaced left in the side of will, where she has not effen been. This Duce must be considered now, see he is almost certain to fail in the counts day or weeks. Either he will see his land, or die in the defense, or staken by the hordes of soldiers overmining, his Italy. First, the task of ying waste his cities will be completed: next, his once-proud fact will be lasted, his harbors pounded. And then the end will come.

And after death of imprisonment or sale there will come the new revolt of the Italian people: as Benito once aveased them with his "class struggie" and gave them Fancian, now there will come a leader of the people to take him back to the old days and old ways, so that the hew days may go well in Italy. It was in 1923 that Benito merched in triumph upon Rome: he had been ejected from Switzerland for his fierce socialism, decorated as a hard-flying, oft-wounded corporad during the war. He was a proper hero, whose aims were for the people. On the way to giory, as millions have done before him, Benito forgot the people and remembered only Benito. It is for this that he will pay his week or this month, or soon. He left haven of the people and remembered only Benito Ir is for this that he will pay his week or this month, or soon. He left haven of the people and remembered only Benito. It is for this that he will pay his week or this month, or soon. He left haven of the people and remembered only Benito. It is for this that he will pay his week or this month, or soon. He left haven of the people and remembered only Benito. It is for this that he will pay his week or the people. And then he will be for gotten.

## The Sphinxes

### Councilmen and Commissioners Smothering Juvenile Report

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On February 8, after some eighteen
months of deliberation and investigatien, the Mecklenburg County Advisory
Committee to the Juvenile Court delivered a report to a joint session of
City Council and County Commissioners. The sum total of the report
was that conditions in Juvenile Court
here were far from ideal, that three
was a great need for increased permore office space, a new detention
home. The report was non-partisan,
and a model of thorough, intelligent
and umburried research.
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City Council and County Commissioners heard, there was a little site in the press, and the report was for-sotten. Committee members, their part of a task completed, retured from the scene. If the governing bodies were not interested in bettering conditions a preparation for the commission of the continuous and preparation for the commission of the continuous and the scene of the continuous and the con

the Committee—and still nothing is the There is excitement over the senile problems of the day, but there no lielp for the agency which is

needs of the Court in a long investi-gation. Since then, City and County administrations have been silent. City Council and County Commissioners bear a real responsibility for the improve-ment of conditions or for recognition of them. As yet, no man has given the sign that the report has even been heard.

### Home Crisis

#### Food Shortage Threatens; Production Heads Down

Americans in business (which is coming to mean Americans at work for war) were faced by two approaching crises this week. At home, food was becoming scarcer despite regulations; on the farm front conditions were none too good. No famine was in prospect, but a storm was making up. And in production of weapons for war, there was more discouraging news; the schedule was not being kept. Out in the front lines, the armies are winning victories, but there are no victories being won behind them.

The report on the two vital fronts. Americans in business (which is oming to mean Americans at work for

The report on the two vital fronts, in part:

The new Department of Agriculture weather report made unhappy reading for American food conferees. Estimates of the 1943 conferees. Estimates of the 1985 truck crop have been pared to 16 per cent below 1982 output. For the first time in many months, milk production in April ran one per cent below lest year's. The Winter wheat estimate came to 515 million bushels — 190 million lower than 1942's bumper harvest.

As to materiel for war, there are both bright and dark features. It be-comes apparent that American in-dustry has already hit its peak in many dustry has already hit its peak in many lines of production, and the figures are going down or leveling off. But—and here a danger is removed—we are now able to speed up delivery to the fronts. For the coming invasions, we are becoming prepared more rapidly than we have been able to prepare in the past:

It is now evident that production schedules cannot be met. The March munitions report was the first disclosure. Not only first-quarter output was only 18 per cent of the 1943 program, but also. it ran only 12 per cent higher than the last quarter of 1942.

### Reid Monfort

#### The News Family Suffers a Great Loss in His Death

For ten years Reid Monfort had been a vital part of the business of news gathering and reporting in the Carolinas, and in that period he had distinguished himself as one of the nation's outstanding bureau chiefs for Associated Press. He had also won the newspaper men of the section as close and loyal

Press. He had also won the newspaper men of the section as close and loyal friends, almost every one. He was, above most men, one to whom friendships came easily. For the staff members of FIRE News among whom he worked every day, his passing represents a very real loss. Henceforth, the days will be empty of his pleasantries.

He was, for all his progressive outlook and his leadership in a vitalized Associated Press, kind of old-fashoned gentlemant and the staff of the

against the past and his world of iltcrature.

As an affable, kindly gentleman, he
was known to a remarkably large circle
of Irlends; and his smiling air was no
pose. He was full of love for this life,
an upright man and model husband.
For him there was not only friendship
from all sides, there was also high
respect and eastern. Men who worked
under his guidance in the free camaraderic of AP aimost worshipped him;
he sent many a youngster to fame inside the organization and out.

It was a matter of pride with him
that young men who left his bureau
stepped to high positions, and, in recent
times, that they found their places in
the fighting forces of the country. Reld
Monifort will be genuinely mourned by
his profession; all over the South and
East he will be missed. Outside the
word than he left behind him in the
little family of TER NEWS, where he was

The End Comes

## The Eve Of Invasion

By Dorothy Thompson

A Bad Case of Earburn

DISPATCH from London of Friday says, "With the fall of Tuntist there has come further entenment about Alled plans for the administration of liberated Europe. A definite decision has reached that victorious commanders will treat y with military leaders. For instance, if Laty for peace, a deal will be made with the property of the pro

he light:

The Field Commander who arranges the capitulation will also be a Fascist or F

hold of the armed forces—as in the case of Darlan?

The plan is only a formula for forcing enemy armide to recognize publicly their defeat. As such it has its morte, But it is no solution for the Europe recognize publicly their defeat. As such it has its morte, But it is no solution for the Europe region of the solution of the Europe by milliary governments indicates a complete absence of mind in our political leaders of complete absence of mind in our political leaders of the solution of the Europe by milliary governments indicates a complete absence of nind in our political leaders and that is not an army is only an instrument, to execute a policy. Left Jone without a policy is will have to make one, for it is impossible to great we are coing to leave the political leadership of Europe to Allied Generals. But Qenerals are Generals because of military competence, not because of political intervables Europe can be governed by occupying forces, and that is Naid ideology. Are we to accept this ideology in order to earry out our decisions?

The milliary leaders will have to glick admin-

The military leaders will have to pick admin-istrators—as they had to do in North Africa. In North Africa they picked former collabora-

Sweden's Chance

MUCH thought is being given here to the extended of politation of politary trade, with every prospect that we will be every proposed to the extended of the war. This, incidentally, is the subject of much bitter feeling on the part of the neighbor Norwejans, who are suffering so excrudatingly under the Nazi occupation.

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uclatingly under the Nazi occupation.

Nat all of this is Sweder's doing. For other nations, recepiting that Sweden will be in ahape to deliver good quickly at the end of the war, are therefore to-king to her for supplies. For instance, the Russians have brought some propositions to the Swedes. At the end of the war it will be simple for Sweden to send goods to Russia by water across the Ballic Lenlingad.

ts Leningrad.

The Swetzen have an enormous shipping fleet.
There is a still more than 2,000 ships totaling a millton and a quarter tone, after a war loss of nearly half a million tons. They have half a dozen tankers minde the blockade which will be ready for use at the end of the war. Half of sweden's ashipping is outside the blockade, half inside.

Another development in

Another development in regard to postwar trade is the current mission here of the Polish Minister of Commerce and Shipping, for polishing and the polishing materials, prefabricated housing and machinery on the representation that she will be better able to deliver, and at an earlier data.

than other countries.

It is particularly desirable that Swedish-Ruesian trade relations should develop, because they would help ease political situations in the north. Inc Swedes are inclined to be quite anti-Russian. This does not men that they are pro-Natal, but they are fearful of having Russia too close as a neigher should be able to the state of th

Whatever one feels about Communism, we must realize that we will have to find a way to

A Quicker Pickup

By Raymond Clapper

tionible, and turned their backs on the one man whom all France follows as the backer and symmetry policy, the same thing is going to happen its every single country.

But Europe is in a full state of revolution—as the news reveals every single day. The sittings of our leaders is that we do not understand the meaning of this revolution, and that therefore we cannot consider it, reputite it, and use it. This is a conclusion to the constant of the control of the contro

think.

The European revolution, which will be joined by Germany and Italy the moment the Faccist armies collapse, is a revolt against military rule and a police state. It is a revolt against those stemants in the second of th

erres the people. You cannot saistly a rebellion against military rule and the police state by substitisting an
Allied occupation for a Nasi one. That occupation will be welcomed only if it serve the revolution—not if it suppresses the Thoral contraction of the state of the server of the retraction of the server of the reresistance, for the military are concerned with
but one thing: Maintaining order. The military
will take its advice from Generals—a it did in
North Africa. It will use to the greatest possible
extent the existing administrations, because it
will not know where to find any eithers.

will not know where to find any others.

And so it will inertiably come into conflict with
the masses of the people, who are our friends, and
who will be turned into enemies.

We live under the illuston that this will certainly
be a long war. But on the eve of the invasion I
warn that sudden events may come, and that it
is the very leat moment in which to explain our
policy to the millions of peoples awaiting us. It
is that our moment to affirm the European research
revolution, and by the first the European research
long and leating friendship.

-- Bu Dorman Smith

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## War Aims

NEW YORK THE Germans did not do a Dunkerque off Cap Bon. Well, then,
I they might have stayed on the peninsula and done a Bataan. They
did not do that, either. They surrendered. So numerous American
correspondents are reporting that "the Germans are not back-to-thewall fighters." One writer discovers a "Thutonic trait of leiting
discretion get the better of valor." How easily do the some of man
fall into the error of muttering racial explanations!

## Not Only Gaston

In 1933, there were 15.729 employees in the textile mills of Gaston County. Their average wage was 25.5 cents per hour. The normal work day was cleven hour, but many of them were on part time, and the total pay roll for the mills in that year was 87,-339,249.

This year there are 28,000 persons employed in those mills, their average wage is 54.5 cents an hour, with time and one-half for all over 40 hours and the annual pay roll is \$39,676,000.

The New York Times

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feminine.

The Zoo guarantees nothing. Anne guarantees nothing. The Zoo promises to flash the news when and if anything happens. There is nothing to do but wait. Per-



Side Glances

"These swell moonlight nights certainly put pep in a man—come on—I'll race you back to town!"

## The Surrender

By Samuel Grafton

all into the error of muttering racial explanations.

The elvoir trath of what happened on Cap Ben is that men do not want very much to die for Facciam. Only a few menths ago we were explaining that the Italians were not back-to-the-wall fighters, that the Italians let discretion get the better of valor. We drew uncomplimentary (racial) lines between the Germana and the Italians on this cover. The Germana were "different." Now they seein to be the secore. The Germana were "different." Now they seein to be the meaning of the problem of the problem. The problem is the problem of the pro

The chief point of similarity between the Germans and Italians that both are ruled by Bedelite the Common and Italian that both are ruled by Bedelite that the both are ruled by Bedelite that the property of the principle of the

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Actually, we would be in serious ideological trouble if ieday's
Germann and Halians proved is be just as tough, and determined
and convinced fighters as are democrate. The world was recommended
that modern men had a possion to suffer death on behalf of
starcy. But when the world persists in being coherent and
making sense, we at once look down our noces at it, and promptly
trivin an incoherent explanation.

Invent an incoherent explanation.

I don't mean for a minute that a German solder stands in front of a minute that a German solder stands in front of a minute that a German solder stands in front of a mirror and looks at himself, and says deliberately. "Fascism is not worth dying for. I guesa I'll surrender."

That is how these things are done in propaganda leafner. Real limits of the stands of the stands in the stands

volved in this case is Fascism.

Actually, these caper German and Hallan surrenders should also the surrenders and the surrenders and the surrenders and the surrenders make the surrenders and the surrenders and the surrenders and the surrenders of the surrenders and the surrenders of the surrenders and the surrenders and the surrenders and the surrenders dense that we should mack them? They have refused to fight on the Fascism. But it shad whe want the whole world to de? Yet when it happens we find surrenders (almost as if we were emberrased in stating the moral side of our case) joeking for reclair reasons, likit's reasons, Rittler's reasons, any reasons except these while make our war meaningful.

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Small wonder that our governments so constantly slip into the error of conceiving this to be purely a national war, when common men to readily and shappily accept purely national explanations. The explanation of the explanation of the explanation of the explanation camps and contract the explanation camps and contract the explanation camps and contract the explanation of the ex

## All Over

phours and the annual pay roll is 439,678,000.

The number of employees is less than twice the number ten years ago, but the pay roll is five and one-half times greater. But war is in a large measure responsible for the increased employment, but without the wage and hour law and the ather referms of the Recovertit Administration, increased employment would have unde little difference in attavation wages and the increased prospective which has come to Gasten County would never have been known.

The best part about this story is that it applies in some measure at least to every community in the United States as well as to Gastonia.

## Annie & The Egg

# Visitin' Around

(Luck item, Marshall News-Record)

Whatnel's Leneir Got &

So Did We-We Rad . Burnt Cork In A Derby Pool

get along with Russia. With Allied victory Russia is going to be powerful, and the question is whether other rations are going to whether other rations are going to work out at the control of the contr

between the West and Russia we will be inviting a third world war.

It is going to take time and patience, for the
Russians are cantankerous, and extremely suspicious,
But the alternative is one of extreme danger. Therefore it is to be hoped that the mission of Joseph
E. Davies to Moscow in behalf of President Roosereit marks the beginning of a much more compatible relationship than we have had herefofore.
Sweden, like America, in its difficulties with
the Russian problem must overcome prejudice and
suspicious, in Sweden's case the development war
would be helpful politically as well as economically.
Sweden may be in for some disappointment in so
far as some here are inclined to overrate her
poportunity for political leadership. The neutrals are
hot going to have much political force after this
suiton. Sweden's reply, as expressed in an aditorial in the Dagens Nyheter, is that no rational
European order can be promoted by excluding neutral states.

Incidentally, the Swediah Government is under-

ral states.

Incidentally, the Swedish Government is under some criticism locally because of the difficulty of perusuding the Nasis to grant Swedish businessmen trainsit visas across Germany to attend (Germany receivers so many trace advantage from Sweden that she should permit this transit travel. The Swedish Foreign Office is charged in some editorials with a lock of adequate convert in the contract of the co

in this matter.

The incident illustrates the troubles of a neutral, for the Swedish Government in the face of much domestic criticism continues to allow German troops to travel to and from Norway across Swedish but cannot send Swedish businessmen across Germany on a peaceful trade-lair trip to Switzerland.

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