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After Peace
What About Germany?

By Raymond Clapper
Whether Russia wants a Communist Germany or other Communist states along her western frontier is the subject of much difference of opinion among diplomats here. Some in the past have assumed that Russia is preparing a underground Communist regime to take over wherever possible—in Germany and France, for instance. I find equally well-informed diplomats who say Russia is not nearly so interested in whether neighboring states are Communist as in whether they have stable Governments which the Russians can deal with and which the Allies can depend on to hold together. For instance, it is not considered to be an advantage to Russia or any other victor power to have Germany changing in revolutionary disorder, nor France, when there could be a regime in each country through which orderly conditions could be maintained.

The Original Atlas Had It Easier

By Dorman Smith
The German people of the horrors of a Bolshevik victory over Germany. Evidently the Germans are being prepared for the eventual idea of surrendering to the British and Americans but not to the Russians. It seems unlikely that anything of the kind could happen, because the Caabilities terms of unconditional surrender mean just that, not surrender to two of the Allies while continuing to fight a third. We could not make a separate peace, leaving one ally to carry on alone. Certainly Britain, whose attention was rescued by Russian resistance, could not do it. I can't believe anything like that is in the cards, yet some of the best-informed military sources think there is a real chance that Germany will try to bring it off.

Mr. Lippmann's Book

An Audit Of Destiny
By Samuel Crafton
WALTER Lippmann's new "U. S. Foreign Policy: A Shield of the Republic" is more than a book. It is an event of this war, an occurrence, a happening. I do not say this because there is anything very extraordinary in the book. There is often nothing very extraordinary in events, either. It is because this book does a certain historic job of work, a job made necessary by recent events. It is inevitable that someone should do this job, sooner or later. It has happened to be Walter Lippmann. I am sure Mr. Lippmann will not mind, and will fully understand what I mean, when I say that, that is a matter of accident.

Platform Of The People

Strictly Anti-Alcohol
Editors, The News:
I have become disgusted reading your editorials in which it is supposed to be a good thing to have a man who has had a few drinks. This week I was disgusted to see another foolish, yet, silly editorial in defense of the liquor industry.

Side Glances



"Dad I had a long talk about me spending my money on girls. Mom—for a married man, he's a pretty good student of women!"

The Years Ahead

Class Of '43

By Dorothy Thompson
OUR thoughts this week are with you, members of the class of 1943, who graduating from American High Schools and Colleges, go out into a world of unparalleled destruction. The young men graduate to meet the challenges and risks of war, the young women to enter fields of work which have no limitations whatsoever.

No Zoot Suit

EUGENE B. Holmes, retired rural mail carrier and carter farmer in Lexington, Va., died Saturday, says the Dispatch, still dressed up in a neat white suit. He was 57 years old. "It was my courting suit in my young days," said Mr. Holmes, who related he bought the suit when he was 17 years old in Lexington in 1882 and to the best of his recollection paid \$10 for it. That was seven years before he married in 1889. And from the appearance of the suit today Mr. Holmes must have cut quite a neat figure in the white suit. He was voted for Grover Cleveland for his second term as President. He was a member of the Grand Jury in 1892 and was sheriff the year I bought the suit," he recalled.

One-Man Armies

The Monroe Journal in THE fall of Lampedusa an incident occurred which reminds one of the Confederate soldier whose rifle was away with him. The old jerkhead busted out of the Confederate lines and streaked for his life. He was wearing the sole Confederate making the charge. Seeing him alone the Yankees came after him and he bawled out, "Don't shoot, I'll surrender as soon as I get there."

Welcome, Legion

State Convention Calls Forth Some Painful War Memories

They hasten to extend, on the behalf of the City, a welcome to North Carolina Legionnaires who will gather here tomorrow for their annual convention. Their coming will be particularly noted this year, as the war reaches a stage which turns the memory back to the last war, when these men were boys, ready for the same kind of a big push which the world now awaits. For the men of the Legion, this month will be memorable, too. Twenty-five years ago this month, the first of their buddies arrived on French soil; 23 years ago this month, the tragic Versailles Treaty was signed.

Poor Timing

House Still On Political Warpath, Even Against OPA

The battle of the House against OPA and OWI is just another expression of the old animosity against bureaucratic government; the struggle to knock out subsidy payments is not simply an effort to improve efficiency in price control. It is still a political battle. OPA has little or nothing to do with the nearest way to beat a big war problem. If the fight goes the same way in the Senate, and there are reasons to believe it will, then OWI will cease to exist as a domestic agency, and OPA will have lost its battle to roll back prices and prevent the creeping of inflation. Republican leadership throttled both agencies, so far as the House was concerned, and the same leadership in the Senate may nish the job.

High Drama

With OPA in Full Cry, Chaplin Roars Away With a New Bride

Not since Eddie Polo was thrilling the nation in "De or Die," and Pearl White was chilling us with "The Perils of Pauline," has there been anything like the stirring romance of Charlie Chaplin, the OPA, and the empty-umpth bride. Hollywood, too blue even for a yawn, must have had the hands of the exciting elements, to get down on the confusion. But it's not too much to grip us with its sheer power; there should be Wagnerian music in the background, or a stirring tune announcing that the cavalry is coming.

Color Line

Unions Draw the Line, But War Erases It

The violence in a Chester (Pa.) shipyard seems to have arisen, in part, from antipathy between white and colored workers. The serious race riot on the same day at Beaumont, Texas, was pre-empted by a similar incident in the lynching of a Negro in Florida, but under the surface in most of the serious race situation throughout the country is often the problem of whites and Negroes working under the same roof.