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Payoff For Henry

One of the most significant acts of the Rocewell regime is the appoint-ment of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce. Honest, restless, crusading Henry, branded by his critice as dreamy, idealistic and radical, is now to become the father confessor to American business. This, at least, marks a great change which has come under Roose-

change which has come under Roose-velt. It's evidence enough that the New Deal is not dead.

American business men won't like it, not at all. The parting shots fird by Jesse Jones indicated that. Jesse held Henry to scorn, muttering that a man without business and financial experience could never do the job in Commerce. Thousands of business men commerce. Thousands of business men are going to agree with Jesse. The picture of Henry Wallace reposing in most American minds, we'd guess, is that of the world-builder, the dispenser of milk to Hottentots.

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Henry is the son of Coolidge's Secretary of Agriculture, grandson of a Presbyterian minister. Since 1915 he has been obviously aware of the economic factors bearing on American life. In that year he devised the first corn-hog ratio chart, indicating probable market trends. In 1920 his Agricultural Prices appeared — a detailed study of factors causing fluctuation in prices. In 1933, looked upon as a mystic by New Dealers, he wrote America Must Choose, in which he said: tion in prices. In 1933, looked upon as a mystle by New Dealers, he wrote America Must Choose, in which he said: "Much as we dislike them, the new types of social control we now have in operation are here to stay, and to grow on a world or national scale. We shall have to go on doing all these things we do not want to do." He sponsored the Agricultural Adjustment Acts, but computsory crop-control was not his idea; that was forced through by farmers themselves. During the war, he has openly found.

During the war, he has openly fought Jesse Jones—and this is remarkable— on the ground that he was not capable on the ground that he was not capable of answering the challenge of present-day economic problems. He, as head of the Board of Economic Warfare, found Jones wanting. He had refused to store up stockpiles of strategic materials, though often warned of loom-insproviding essential metals, chiefly tin. He had botched the other up to providing essential metals, theigh tin. He had botched the rober program, which was not rescribed until two annious years later. Mr. Jones was not convinced, of course, and continued his critoria to associate BEW. He is still act convinced.

and convinced.

Under Mr. Jonés, Commerce has been operated to suit the typical U. S. business man, on a sound, conservative business-like basis. That Henry Wallace believes that kind of conservation will not be sufficient in the post-war world is obvious, and his chief must sarree with his

But, faced with the opportunity to But, faced with the opportunity to say so. Franklin Roosevelt took another tack. He said, in so many words, that the job was Henry's because Henry had stuck by him in the campaign. For some impassioned speeches, he is being given a job for which most Americans think him peculiarly unfitted. And that, it seems to us. is the unfortunate aspect of the whole affair. The Preddent's words to Jesse made it look like a callous political deal, at a moment when American business is being given to understand how much the Administration expects of it in providing those 60,000,000 jobs, poost-war.

How Long, Now?

The German people, who have thus far puzzled the world by their refusal to crack under the most terrible pressure, have entered upon their sixth winter of war—and their third of real suffering. And with the ley grip of the season just beginning to tighten upon their ruined iand, they see before them the realization of their worst fears. Their destiny hammers at them from the keites, and thunders from the Westwall and the frozen banks of the Oder.

In the wrecked cities there must be unfold misery. There is surely not enough fuel to keep Germany warm, let allone to keep the factories turning. For German coal is disappearing. The captive resources have vanished, and in Silesia miners are being taken from the pits and warming forward, and Silesian miners are being taken from the pits and spressed into the Nazi armies.

Both in Silesia and East Prussla, sacred home soil is violated, as it has long been on the Western fringe. Henceforth, the wreckage of the war will be tearing at the vitals of Germany. There will be un innocent bystanders. For on every front save in Tally, the lighting rolls rapidly inside German borders.

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German military resistance is about to crumble. Time after time, since defeat became evident, the enemy has shown himself equal to the most heroic tasks of defense. We must expect flerce fightof uccluse, we must expect here fight-ing in the East, a pause in the Russian drive. We must expect costly, slow ad-vances in the West, before the great wall is broken. And we must assume that wall is broken. And we must assume that the German people, having borne so much, will somehow carry on a little longer. But we are upon the time of crisis, when mounting pressure against Germany becomes so great that it seems incredible that human strength can long endure it.

Kinging Ain't Good

If Mark Twain were with us now, no could quote himself:

"The King business isn't what it used to be."

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He could look over the field and see signs of bankruptey on every hand. He could see men of royal blood shivering in exile or captivity in many lands, looking with apprehension to the future. The new impetus given democracy and peoples' rule by our war has made things look very dark indeed for the kings of the earth. There is young Feter of Yugoslavia, warring with Winston Churchill. He doesn't like the proposed regency for his suffering people—and if he does not quickly get into line, so the Prime Minister threatens, he will be left in the lurch. And even though Peter makes a deal with Britain, it is doubtful whether his country, having bled in furions and unending warfare with a ruthless enemy of four years, will ever accept him again—or any other monarch. monarch

a ruthless enemy of four years, will a rever secept him again—or any other monarch.

And there are others on the outside, looking wistfully in. Four other shake, looking wistfully in. Four other shake sowerights in exile may find no through one of the property of the pr Spain's Bourbons.

The only safe and sound throne in Europe belongs to the Windsors, and that is because its kings sit lightly, and win their wars.

Wages, Etc.

Josephus Daniels, joining the increasing group which condemns the labor policies of the textile industry, is only retterating his stand of more than a generation ago. Sometime around the turn of the century, as he recalls, he was branded an anarchist in North Carolina because he made bold to suggest a maximum work-week of 60 hours and no cotton mill work for children under twelve. He believes today that the "same old trouble" plaques the industry—low wages.

That, as has been said over and over, is the crus' of the matter. It is not happenstance that the industry has had the highest turnover in personnel of any American industry. This trouble goes right back to wages—which the Bureau of Labor Statistics says are the lowest for any industry. But Mr. Daniels is optimistic about the future, saying that "democracy in industry" will come.

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is optimistic about the future, saying its optimistic about the future, saying that 'democracy in industry' will come. Mr. Daniels, of course, can look back and see great progress. He has seen child labor outlawed, working conditions bettered, the mill village passing out, earnings of workers increased (they have gone up about 100 per cent in this area in the past fifteen, years), home-cownership among workers in the case. But he sees at the same time that North Carolina loses population to nearby states, as thousands of mill workers leave for more attractive jobs. Yes, it's mostly wages.

But it isn't all wages. There are still sub-standard working and living conditions in the industry, still too many operators chinging to the paternal-ism of the oid-style mill village, still too little thoughtfulness and common decency in labor-management relations of the oid-style mill village, still too fittle thoughtfulness and common decend in labor-management relations of the oid-style mill village, still too fittle thoughtfulness and common decency in labor-management relations of the oid-style mill village, still too fittle thoughtfulness and common facency in labor-management relations of the oid-style mill village, still too fittle thoughtfulness and common facency in labor-management relations of the oid-style mill village, still too fittle thoughtfulness and common facency in labor-management relations of the oid-style mill village, still too fittle thoughtfulness and common facency in labor-management relations.

It is suggested that the Hitler New Year speech was a patched-up com-posite of old recordings. If this isn't putting Humpiy Dumpty together again, it's close, {

The Merry-Go-Round

THE other they this writer visited Walennoron
They were a real ineptration.

Many of them were handleapped for life, but you didn't see a long face smong them. The boys knew how to grin and keep their chins up, even those with an arm.

Moreover, they do a lot of thinking these days about what's going to happen after this war is over. Their questions the see a lot of the see a l

the woives of imperialism after the war.

This was the biggest question in their minds.
And one question in myndid when I came away
was whether it wouldn't be a very sound idea to have
at least one representative of the 11,000,000 men who
have been fighting this war sit at the peace table after
the war is over

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After the last war we saw a group of old men, one of them nearly 80, write a peace which was torn to shareds. Certainly the GI loes couldn't do any worse. And they might do a lot better.

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Ickes told how he had opposed, shughe-handed, the sale of helium gas to Germany for her seppelins, and he politely recalled what Germany could have done with blat helium had he given in to the State Department's demand that the helium he sold.

He told how he opposed the shipment of arms to the state of the s

Japan.

New Undersecretary Grew came to the detense of the State Department at this point and explained how he, as ambassador in Tokys, hed urged the President not to cut off these materials from Japan, for fear of war. Tekes, however, stuck to his point that it was an unvise policy to appease dictator nations, and he was especially storous regarding Spain.

"Where did you stand on the question of lifting the embargo of arms to Spain, Mr. Dunn?" Ickes asked of new Assistant Secretary James C. Dunn. Ickes, of course, knew where Dunn had stood. Dunn gave no answer, stared straight ahead.

Reading The Bumps



Looking In A Mirror

By Samuel Grafton

ONE of our oldest American political beliefs is that structured in the structure of the str

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the older and more fearsome concept
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It is like a fableau. We have accused Britain of playing power politics; now Britain displays a tirrareadoure coat. Has there been a reversal in the world position of the two nations? We talk a great deal about principles right now, but it is true that, almost without noticing it, we have acquired enough heavy planes and ships to take over the air and water shipping of the world, a development of the ships of the ships of the ships to take over the air and water shipping of the world, a development of the ships of the ships of the ships to take over the air and water shipping of the world, a development of the ships of the ships to the ships to the ships to the ships to the ships of th

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Safety Council official.

There is till a strong body of public opinion in Great Britain which believes that if More that the process that the control at Supersone Headquarters the end of the war against Germany would now be in sight.

—News Review, British weekly.

We are now satisfying present military demands in full as well as supporting the present civilian sations. But if military demands

Increase much, we would have to meet them at the expense of the American civilians.—Deputy Petroleum Administrator Ralph K. Davies.

When a popular sergeant gets news that his wife wants a di-verse, all his mon who are married immediately libits the same thing may happen to them and wonder what their own wives are doing. —Margaret Hagan, Red Cross rep-resentative.

The truth is that our soldiers at the front today are not short of ammunition and supplies as a re-sult of any production failures. However, they may be short a

The Germans are using more artillery than we have seen before. We can't get a Cub off the ground and there is no change for coun-

ter battery fire. Our troops just have to take it.

-Lt. Col. Russell W. Jenna on Western Front.

Western Frost.

The war has advanced scientific and (cchnical appliances which normally would have required & decade or more for their fruition.

—James Kip Finch, Codumbia U. School of Engineering.

We had to pass through a village (Parfondruy, near Stavelot). Before we got into it, the second licutenant gave orders to shoot everybody there.

—German SS trooper captured near Stavelot.



"Well, if you must have coupons, I can't take the shoes—but I didn't think you'd be so dreadfully formal with an old customer!"

The Basic Issue

By Dorothy Thompson

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The Issue is not one of "Communium." Mr. Churchill was starting when, on Thursday, he described the revolutionary left-wing forces in Greece as "Trotksyite Communista." The phrase must mean the suppression of the EAM the Kremlin. The phrase is Russian, not Bittish. The phrase is Russian, not Bittish. The phrase foresthadows a policy whereby revolutionary uprinsings are to be judged not by their social content, but cover plans.

In all power plans the question of the future of Germany is physical.

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It is the life and death question to the Soviet. The Sovietes must and will prevent that Germany, under any conditions, may orient herself the soviete must an experience of the western powers. Never again will the Soviets permit the condition by which, through some possible future Munich, Germany or any part eastward.

To prevent this thry contemplate creating eternal sources of friction between Germany and her neighbors. The partition of Poland, and

will give the Soviets control over Prench policy.

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thumb, on the spel.

The solution of this dilemma certainly does not lie in further drawing of spheres of influence. Germany is the issue on the question, Unless completely mixed the will create, eventually, one aphere of influence in Germany—not two, not three, and not four. Therefore a common policy and, If possible, a common policy and, If possible, a wigently increasing, occupation, is urgently increasing.

Battle Sidelights

By Hal Boyle

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BELGIUM — Sh—A bend of Bedgian cows was used by one enterprising American officer as a roadblock.

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"I thought sure the next one
would be mine," said McKown.
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hit on the tank and set ammunition in the burning isnit started
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by Kown in his fexplos.

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—that tickles me."

Prisoners told their first infantry division captors that before their break-through in Belgium last month they were told by one high month they were told by one high control of the state of th

Unamel."

The Nazi big shot apparently got his wires crossed. Lots of Germans are riding toward the English Channel and sating American chow-but they are prisoners by the control of the