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A Time To Be Thankful

Eisewhere on this page Marquis Childs Invokes the ghost of Charles Dickens? Scroogs and Indulges in some heavy-handed satire designed to prove that there is little to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving Day.
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This is an uncertain time, and any logical approach to Thanksgiving must be comparative. Mr. Childs elected to contrast what we now have with what we might have had, the terrors of the moment against the bright hope of enduring peace that bloomed and faded in 1945, and on this ground he has found ample cause for gloom. But, if he had reversed his procedure and compared the present with the past, he might have seen fit to summon Marley instead of Scrooge.

If we are not really at peace, we are not actively at war: there is no occasion today for the tearful prayers of a year ago when the Superforts were setting forth to bomb Tokyo by daylight and the Third Army was inching its painful way toward Saarbrucken. Starvation still stalks the earth, but another eason of violent and explosive death has passed. These twelve months have brought a great victory, and, even if we have no more than stawd off destruction for another decade or two, this is sufficient cause for celebration.

But, beyond the simple fact of survival, there is good reason to mark this day. Certainly our victory did not bring us to the millenium; it is clear now that we vanquished only Germans and Japanese—fear, greed and ignorance, all the ancient evils live on. But we have at last come to realize that Americans have no special immunity to these universal evils.

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And this, we think, is progress indeed. In the face of the split atom and the distrust that marks our relations with the Russians. there may be only a thin hope for peace, but so long as we buried our heads in the sands of isolation there was no hope at all. We are fumbling now, and uncertain, but the problems that beact us are the problems of all the world. Our new sense of international responsibility will not, in itself, guarantee an orderly future, but it is a prorequisite without which we could have guaranteed nothing but our final destruction.

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There is reason for Mr. Child's gloom, of course, but we have not yet lost the hope for peace. Perhaps, in our new humility, we have attained it for the first time in our history.

And this, certainly, is reason enough for being deeply and devoutly thankful.

Postponement Is Not Policy

There is no reason to be surprised that the United Auto Workers finally called a strike against General Motors. From the beginning of the contract negotiation there has been a tremendous void between the position of the union and that of the company, and neither side, despite all their protestation of sweet reasonableness, has shown any disposition to give an inch on the basic issue—whether were should be determined on wages should be determined on

whether wages should be determined on a basis of the employer's profits. 2.

The strike became inevitable when young Henry Ford addressed his long list of complaints to the United Auto Workers. There had been many reasons to believe that the Ford Corporation, which has always been a maverick among the auto manufacturers, would treat with the union, thereby attaining a great competitive advantage that would soon break the resistance of the industry as a whole. One of Mr. Ford's first acts upon assuming office was to industry as a whole. One of Mr. Fords' first acts upon assuming office was to fire or retire Harry Bennett, the labor-bating vice-president who attained a dubious sort of fame under the founder. And, in a series of Washington confer-ences, Mr. Ford gave the union reason to believe that he didn't consider a 30 per cent wage increase an insurmountable stumbling block.

But when the Ford letter was publish-

ed it was obvious that the automobile inso it was covious that the automobile in-dustry whould present a united front. The letter contained a good deal of sense, and it touched the unions in their most vulnerable spot—their lack of respon-sibility—but it went too far, and its bit-ter tone was reminiscent of the elder Ford who, as late as 1935, was taking public oath that his company would never sign a union contract.

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Up until the point of the actual walkout yesterday, the union has appeared in a better light than GM, and GM's attitude appears to be that of the entire industry. Some of the union's demands

There is no reason to be surprised that were unreasonable, perhaps, and a 30 were unreasonable, perhaps, and a 30 per cent increase certainly seems an exhorbitant demand, but from the beginning the union has been conspicuously willing to arbitrate, while the company has laid itself open to charges of sub-born stalling. The argument of the owaers that "profits are none of the union's business" almost seemed to sup-

ers that "profits are none of the union's business" almost seemed to support the contention of the strikers that
their pay could be raised without additional costs being passed along to the
public. And the owners have not yet
produced convincing evidence that they
did not, as the unions charge, actually
desire a show-down in 1945, before the
excess profits tax is repealed.

If the strike continues at GM, and
spreads to the rest of the industry, public support for the union will fade fast.
Now that the automobile shops are actually closing the owners can, and certainly will charge that the delay in the
production of new automobiles is the
sole fault of the union, and their own
arbitrary stand in the days of negotiation will soon be forgetien. The union
pickets will rapidly become a symbol of
selfishness to the car-hungry public.
We do not believe the Auto Workers
can win this strike, although it is difficult to see how they could have avoided it without abandoning their basic position. They may emerge with a substantial wage increase, but they are likely to

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stion. They may emerge with a substantial wage increase, but they are likely to lose heavily in prestige, which is a more important, if intangible, asset.

The great share of the Blame for the strike rests with the Government, which failed, or refused, to recognize that the differences between the union and the owners could not be reconciled without outside pressure. The Government has attempted to postpone the issue through such well-interioned retherms as the such well-intentioned gatherings as the present Labor-Management Conference, but postponement is not, and never will be, a substitute for firm policy.

End Of A Pleasant Life

placement now practicing in the field he dominated.

Benchley concerned himself with the contemporary scene, and, of course, much of his humor was fleeting, but there will be an impressive residue to endure as a monument to his artistry. No one who may be a man to his artistry. No one who have the second of t

other than routing boredom.
It was good having Benchley around, and we shall miss him. He was one of the few literary men who could, without reading a sermon, remind us that a tail feather on a woman's hat can be a more pressing problem than the fission of the atom.

From The New York Times:

Negroes In Organized Baseball

Good sportsmanship alone is sufficient argument for seeingt but that Negroeshave a chance to play in organized baseshave a chance to play in organized baseshall has come to be, through the years, something of a symbol of the United States, it is a democratic game, where the boy from a back lot can rise from rags to comparative riches through skill and stamma. If we are willing to its Nagroes as soldiers fight wars on our team, we should not ask questions about orimination in professional baseball and the major inserting the committee of the them to the committee that the major inserting the committee of the them to the committee of the committee of

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

and-masses group is out to stir up the best of the soviet.

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Davies is really alarmed about the danger of the situation, and, unless someone gets to him, his book will be still be still be still be still be still be still be the still he may offend Truman, but it now looks as if he is going sheed.

Note—Truman recently offered Joe Davies the Ambassadorship to London, but Joe declined.

War Contracts Probe

Congressman Andrew Jackson May of Kentucky has been exhibiting unisual interest in a case before the Mead Committee. He has been urging Senators not to proceed with their investigation of the Erie Basin Co. and its lish wer contracts.

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Senator Mead's investigators have been probing reports (nat this almost unknown company received
\$35,000,000 in war orders, though operating on a shestring. At first the company refused to show its books.
Finally, Mead investigators went to Chicago to examine
the books, probably will bring them back to Washington.
Congressman May has urged members of the committee to lay off. The other day his friend, Senator
Aborn Barkier, Joined him in the request. It remains to
be seen whether Congressional courtesy or public interest
will win out.

Washinston is getting right back to its old pre-war at and-dog-dight social protocol days. When Chip Robert and the protocol days are indignated with protocol days. When Chip Robert and the great protocol days are indignated with great and the protocol according to the drowagers, should have reversed this seating since Mrs. Gravillar, on his right, and Representative Claire Luce of Connecticut on his left. Protocol, according to the drowagers, should have reversed this seating, since Mrs. Maybank is only the wife of a Scnator. His Mrs. Maybank is only the wife of a Scnator. Friends are booming able "Ghet" Bohlen to be the new U. S. Ambassador to Moscow, Bohlen speaks Russian perfectly, acted as interpreter for Roosevelt and Truman Perfectly, acted as interpreter for Roosevelt and Truman Chipman Common monitor of the State Department, but his



Scrooge Sees No Reason To Be Thankful

By Marguis Childs "But you know they have a dictatorship in Russia, don't you. They're trying to extend that dictatorship. They want to control Eastern Europe. There's no democracy in Bulgaria."

"Don't you think there's reason to be thankful that the war is ended? Agter all. If it were still going on. they are the still poling on the still p

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CHARLES DICKENS in his "Christmas Garol" had be Strooge, that apostle of gloom and ill-will, converted by Strooge, that apostle of the world and all the talk of destruction and disaster seem to have put the old mind.

This columnist, as we say when we have solemn affairs to report, has had an exclusive Thanksgiving interview with Scronge. It was not off the II was very much on the record. He wanted it known that he now foresees all the direct consequences of human greed, jestouxy, hatred and many the second of human greed, jestouxy, hatred and II was the left when the second in the second in

Questions and Answers

"We're going to celebrate Thanksgiving over here in
a few days. Mr. Scrooge, and I wondered if you had some
comment to make?" He sadone laughter might have
been heard in Hiroshina. "Thanksgiving! You're not
trying to be humorous, are you? What is there to be
thankful for? Muddheaded human beings have finally
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they can do a through job.

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they can do a through job.

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You can quote that."
"But, Mr. Scrooge, the Allies have won the war, even though.lt was pretty close for a while. Don't you think it would have been a lot worse if Germany and Japan had won instead?"
"Well, possibly." He made this concession gaudgingly.

III-WIII for. Christmos

It seemed to me that that slip about being happy
was a bigger slip than Scrooge would ever admit. There
are others like him, and their names are often in print.

The last thing Scrooge said was that he was getting
ready for Christmas, meaning to fill it with as much
ill-will as possible. Not a thousand Tiny Tims, he
boasted, not a million starving children would shake thin
today. And the old gentleman stalked off looking rather
pleased with himself.

III-Will for Christmas

Saved for What?

"Perhaps a few lives were saved. But you have to ask what they're saved for. They've been saved undoubtedly to be killed in another and more terrible war."

Nations Organization can't prevent future wars after it gets going and gets the strength of experience in co-peration and in good will?

Before he answered, he gave this columnist a look of the same of th

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Philippine Black Market

Army investigation has shown that about 22 per tof all goods being shipped to the Philippines now is its way into the black market.

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The Daily Pacifican, the GI Western Pacific news-paper, tells of one typical case taken from police files which shows GIs and civilians working together in a black market ring. The Pacifican has done as much as anyone to expose black marketeering.

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Eddie Cantor, ribbing President Truman before the
National Press Club dinner the other day, let loose this
one:

"Of late, our President has been visiting the Supreme
Court with increasing frequency. People wonder why,
Must be big Government problems, they figure. Well,
I found out the truth—the real reason behind President
Trumans' visits to the Supreme Court Justices: The
In a new line of black robes and he's trying to drum up
a little business."

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The War Department has finally decided to do something about releasing thousands of surplus doctors. Doctors with 70 or more points shortly will be eligible for immediate discharge. . The USS Bremeton salled for immediate discharge. . The USS Bremeton salled overseas, despite the fact that they will be eligible for separation on or before Dec. 1. . . Swedian Prince Karl Johan is moving to Washington soon because his father that they will be eligible for separation on or before Dec. 1. . . Swedian Prince Karl Johan is moving to Washington soon because his father to marry. At first Prince Karl proposed thing in England, but, the British Minister to Sweden denied the Prince and his lady fired visas. So now he is coming to the USSA. It is reported that the lady will come too. Chamber of Commerce, plus John L. Lewis and Bill Green of the AFL have been holding hush-hush meetings at a downtown Washington hotel. Other delegates are as a downtown Washington hotel. Other delegates are presented in the presidency in 48. . . Mrs. Truman will stage another supper party for girl reporters soon. But she still declines but the presidency in 48. . . . Mrs. Truman will stage another supper party for girl reporters soon. But she still declines have been released from the Army, will do a show featuring GI veterans on Brandway before he returns to Hollywood. . . . Pestmaster General Bob Hannespan no bistration fumbling on the domestic and foreign fronts.



Grin And Bear It

"My but it's nice to have the turkey and dressing dis-appear as if by magic, again!"

On A Dark Street **By Samuel Grafton**

WE ARE huddling with Great Parking, that is the net result of Mr. Truman's conversations with Mr. Attlee. Very little beyond the impression of huddling statement of the meeting; certainly not much

sion of hudding has come out of the meeting; certainly not much policy. It is as if we hoped that, by signing two active, instead of one, we could make it look more saive, instead of one, we could make it look more some on the atomic bomb, we have only combined our hesitations, on the atomic bomb, we have only combined our hesitations, as on the atomic bomb, we have only combined our hesitations, as for the atomic bomb, we have only combined our hesitations, as for the atomic bomb, as often the said of th

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TO DRIFT APART?

The People's Platform

The First Thanksgiving

By H. L. Golden

singular happening. At first the shepherd thought it was another illusion born out of the fever of thirst, but soon he realized that it was reached the same that there before than himself but yet young, a handsooms youth richly caid and spotlessly clean. He looked as if he had you have the same than the had t

Charlotte

Three thousands and eighty-cone years ago a young shepherd bow set out on a journey into the widderness which borders on the province of Negeb in Patients. It is most difficult and circuitous route because all around him, in the fields and in the open villages to the patients of the patient