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In Hot Water

We can't remember a public figure who managed to get himself into such hot, water no quickly as did Dr. W. P. Jacobs, the brand-new executive director of the cotton manufacturers. No sceners had he accepted his job (at about \$40,000 a year) than he was in Washington again, at the familiar task of lobring-in-behalf of the textile industry.

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And no soner had he completed his
round of calls upon some of Washingsen's most powerful figures than he satdown to write an optimistic confidential
report, to the members of his association. It is obvious that he wrote much
be frankly, and indicated that he
jumped at several pretty broad conclusions. The moment his report got out
there was thunder from on high-

Remaily denounced by the offices of James Byrnes, Chester Bowles, Judge Fred Vilson, J. A. Krug and members of Comgress, Dr. Jacobs would seem to have closed to himself some big and important doors in Washington. Thus, as a lobbyiet, he would seem to be henceforth at a considerable disadvantage.

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Dr. Jacobs hid reported that political pressure from high places was going to force OPA to holocopy the textule price seekings answerped comparant for production seekings snow-priced garments, that the stine pressure would prevent an increase in Southern textule wages in the year-long case hanging before WILB. He was answered quickly. All the afore-named officials smarted with resentment upon being so painted as subject to political pressure. And more than that, they had their say on Dr. Jacobs attempt to "sabotage" their programs.

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Signs Of Doom

Even beyond the dark clouds of defeat rolling up from East and West, as the Russians approach Dresden; and the Consadians look out erctice the flooded Rhine, things are black with the Ger-mans. Amid the darkness strending the final convulsions of the Third Reich are flashes which portend the end There are these things:

Three Next officials have been sen-ed to death, for admitting that the

2. Der Angriff, the Goebbeis newspaper, is reportedly suspending publication to-

asorrow.

2. Paris and Moscow report that
Himmler has ordered destruction of all
Nasi Party records and pay rolls by the

Gestapo.

4. Hitier, a four-foot rattlesnake name-sake of Der Fuchrer, is dead in North Carolina's State Museum, following six months of failing health.

The end approaches. Long live the

Lender Jesse

The Atlanta Journal, not content to watch the debate between Henry Walloos and Jesse Jones on Ideological grounds, has done some interesting research into the record of Mr. Jones as the world's biggest money-iender. It discovered that the Defense Plant Corporation has invested \$840,000,000 in Texas, and only \$4.279,000 in Georgia. In short, Jesse's home state received an investment of \$103.37 per capita — as against \$1.44 per capita in Georgia. We're not sure that is conclusive proof

against \$1.44 per capita in Georgia. We're not sure that is conclusive proof that Jesse has been in the pork barrel-for other factors may have entered into the plans for war. But when you consider that Texa got 43 per cent of the total amount invested by DPC in the 13 Southern state, the facts become significant. Further, in 1939 Texas had

only one-sixth of the South's popula-tion and ten per cent of its industrial

workers.

What The Journal did not add, but Drew Pearson recalls, is that when the State. War and Navy Departments were urging the immediate crection of a huge tin smelter to help replace Malayan tin, Jesse delayed it for many long months. While Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other large cities were bidding for the smelter. Jesse still delayed, and finally plumped it in his home city, Houston. As a result, the tin shortage hit the war effort hard, and we have been scraping and saving cans ever since.

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In this light the battle against Hen-In this light the battle against ren-ry. Wallace looks like something else than a clash of political beliefs. It won't help Henry recover the lost lending powers of the Department of Com-merce. But it's sufficient reminder that, though Jesse Jones did not incur the wrath of any Washington bloc, he pre-sented us with some spectacular failures is his "availuse bishlyses." anopozad. in his "cautious business-like" to the problems of war.

Driving Home

The smashing assault by the Navy against Tokyo was one of the most daring actions of the war, and one of its most thrilling stories. The bare recounting of the most simple fact was dramatic in itself. Right into the deoryard of the enemy, right into the range of his home-based planes; smack through the waters supposedly dominated by his navy, plunged Admiral Mitscher's carrier forces and the 200-mile train of floating power that is the Fifth Fleet.

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Over Tokyo and its aevial defenses the little carrier planes roared for hours, by Tokyo claim. They battered attricted and war plants, they tangled with every plane the Japaneae could get aloft. They undoubtedly struck new fear into the heart of Japan, but that was not the purpose of this vast raid. It was, correspondents said in awe, the beginning of something tremendous. Well might it be, for the operation, was tremethous in itself. Just 300 miles offshore our naval power waited to accept any challenge. We are not told that it came, and so must assume that it did not.

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But this was no piece of reckless dar-But this was no piece of reckless dar-ing. The stakes were enormous, and the risks undoubtedly calculated down to a fine point. The truth is that the Nay was 'fully willing to face any and all power the Japs might assemble, aerial or naval. It had concluded that its ob-jective was worth the risk taken, and was prepared to meet anything from the full Jap navy on down.

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The objective may have been manysided. Surely it was hoped to knock
out a good many enemy alteraft, to add
to the toil of 6.550 taken by carrier
planes last year; to batter war plants;
to begin softening up the enemy homeland for coming invasion. And there
is the breath-taking possibility that the
coming invasion may be high up on our
schedule in the Pacific war. Perhaps,
after all, the Allied command has decided to go after Japan first, rathethan to fight a long and costly campaign in China. Perhaps that is why
wo Jima, guarding the approaches, has
been flattened so often.

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In any event, the stroke brought hope and inapiration to Americans. For it took them past the Philippines and set them to thinking of the day to come when American troops will swarm sahore in Japan. It put them to thinking of the incredible naval power we have assembled—of the seven huge fleets operating in the Pacific alone, to say nothing of the new British fleet now in operation. The carriers and their guardians wrote us a new chapter in warfare and gave Tokyo's millions a prime preview of their day of doom.

The consensus on the 1945 bathing suit, now seen in style previews, is that the material shortage is more and more critical and attractive.

rights—

Do not laugh too soon.

A woman having proprietary rights, rule, or authority: a woman to whom obedience or bording is owed as a ruler or feudal superigr—

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record). tucky asks that I rend the definition of "lady" and see what the word "lady" means. A lady is defined as—

A woman who looks after the domestic affairs of a family; the female head of a household; a woman having preprietary rights—

(Serious, facetious and comite excer REF, RANKIN (Miss.) Under the long-testablished rules of the House you must refer to a Member as "the gentleman found and the series of the House points and the series of Representatives, and today we have several mine House. I notice that the usage has grown up or referring to those ladies as "the gentlewoman from such and such a state." I find no rule to that such as state." I find no rule to that such as state. I series the series when the series were to the series of the ser

om ininois. Let us see what a gentlewoman is. Webster's Dictionary defines gentlewoman

A woman of good family or breeding.

Also:

A woman who attends a lady of rank.

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

them might make extremely effective candidates. came out at the hush-candidates, came out at the hush-hush-hush-fill the came out at the hush-hush-hush-fill the levery attended wites heardful of Washington correspondents. Devey really let his hair down, told the boys he would be no 'Popo-fif' man, did not plan to issue statements on every national issue. Therefore he would not press to keep his position on every national issue. Therefore he would not press to keep his position also as a sawer of the planted very few speeches, would concentrate on doing the best job he knew how as sovernor of New York.

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It Ought To Penetrate Pretty Scon, Now

By Dick Young

MY friend Attorney A. B. Fort-ner often turns up with some wise saying or true-to-life observa-tion. I enjoy his philosophy of life and frequently

SIDE GLANCES

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Hits storehouse Mr. Yaung hitch more often than not point moral, seems inexhaustible and the time I see him I wait for a story. The other day when sat down on a stool mext to him e was about finished with his ser and immediately he sarred

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"I didn't start smoking until recently and I don't like it to well, but having cigarets nowadays seem to add to one's prestige!"

City Hall Today

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Proud France Stands Aloof

By Marquis Childs

PARIS 50 million Frenchmen who must live next door to suffers of proud deer mann, it is more than pride. It goes back to the gnawing insecurity that was the mood of the years between the two wars.

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When it became quite clear that he was not to have an invitation to the Big Three meeting, ds Gaulle made his speech of a week ago, It was an angry spacch, almost a defiant speech. De Gaulle is a proud man. It was not merely his personal prido, howevef, that had been affronted, but the pride of the French people.

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Caulle in his speech. His first requisite was the definite separation of the Rhineland and the Ruhr from Germany. But he went much further, and in a calculated appeal to the European peoples he called for the independence of Foland, Austria, Caschoslovakia and the Balkan nations.

By Samuel Grafton

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Gen. Charles de Gaulle was not invited to the Black Sea conference of the Blg Three even as a junior partner. Not entered to partner was not intermed that the conference was to take place.

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