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we den't know about you, little taxpayer, but as for ourselves, when we
see the City and County reconciled to
tissing a couple of hundred thousand
collars goodby, it saddens us. Just think
of what this community could do with
a couple of hundred grand.

Every few years the State Legislature
passes a law forgiving, or otherwise exempting from enforced collection, taxes
which are of a certain age. The last
Legislature at the collection of the collection
y placing a ten-year statute of limitations on the foreclosure of tax liens,
which is fair enough. If taxes haven't
been collected or the property (if any)
soid out in ten years, might as well forget about the debt and wipe it off the
books.

books.
The effective date of the act in Mecklenburg is October, 1946, it will find both
City collections to the best shape in gencated on the faction of less than one per
cent of the levies for the forgiven years
will have to be charged off, and in the
meantime both governments, it is certain, will be going after any sizeable
delinquencies to force settlement before
the deadline. Even so, a couple of hundred grand will have to be charged off.

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People move.

Even where the bulk of the money is represented in real estate taxes, there are two generalizations which might be set down as axioms:

1. Accommodation of taxpayers to the area of the common of the property of the common of the property of the common of taxpayers to the common of the property of the common of taxpayers.

Accommodation of taxpayers to the point where, instead of owing one year's taxes, they owe two years' or ten, is false accommodation and bad practice.

2. The older a tax account becomes the harder and more expensive it is to

The Dardanelles

Russis, for all her frials, for all the winds of war swirling about her, has not foepoten the dream of the outlet to the warm ea. The time of the Czars is gone, but the Crimena War is a live recollection. For all the new battles, and the roomies of a new day of power, the old problem is still hanging around. Russia yet years for the Dardanelles, and is determined to have that passage at all

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Last week Russia spoke of this matter to the Turks. The Soviet said that it had no intention of renewing the treaty of 1925. "because it no longer corresponds to new conditions, and needs considerable improvement." This RussorTurkish treaty was one of neutrality and non-aggression, a kind of combine against the powers of Western Europe. Today, Russia no longer has need of Turkish aid in the struggle of power politics. She needs, more than anything else, the Dardanelles. It was through the 1925 treaty with Russia that Turkey was able to regain control of the Dardanelles, via the Montreux Convention. And this war has made that passage into the Mediterranean more important to the Russians than ever. They are certain to resist any effort to internationalize the straits, and may be after a share of their control in present negotiations with Turkey.

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The subject is likely to come up at the San Francisco parley, where Turkey will be represented only by wittue of her eleventh-hour declaration of war against Germany. This is one more point on which Marshal Stalin is likely to be adamant. And, despite traditional British opposition to Russian possession of

the Dardanelles, the Marshal is in a position to grab at last what Russians have coveted for generations. The decision will reveal, once and for all, whether the Western Allies trust their powerful Eastern partner. And for Russia, of course, it may mean the beginning of a grand career in world politics and commerce.

Tomorrow's Crime

The nation is expecting a crime wave after the war, and sociologists join the man in the times are coming. But they are insisting that our rew generation or runnians will be raised at home, and not on the battlefronts. The popular notion that men in uniform, trained as killers, will return to lives of resilessness and crime is scorned by experts. They call to mind the fact that the fighting main, though hardened by combat, has also learned a stern discipline.

These experts point in quite another direction to the menace of post-war society. One of them, Dr. Richard L. Jenkins of Chicago's Institute for Juvenile Research, puts the finger on adolescents and pre-adolescents here at home. He says that anti-social habits learned here in an atmosphere engendered by war will lead thousands of delinquent juveniles to lives of crime and violence, and that our attempts to salve this rising problem must be aimed directly at the youngsters in our midst.

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Dr. Jenkins has pointed out that the increase in crime after the last war was due to juveniles, rather than to returning soldiers, and that there is every, indication of historical repetition. There's apparently no way to fight the war-time atmosphere, for it is a nebulous thing arising from numberless sources. The breakup of the family, boom incomes, the new familiarity with sudden death, the very spirit of man's evil deeds spreads through the world. And these things reach youngsters everywhere.

This, too, is a cost of war, and one which we are least prepared to pay. Not all of the sacrifice of human life is made on the battle fronts. This dread has the product of war will be with us through insure years.

Death & Taxis

Cat drivers can't be choosy, you know. They carry all kinds of citizens about their business and pleasure, at all hours of day or night, into all parts of the city, and a good many of them, naturally have their troubles: brawls and parts of the city, and a good many of them, naturally have their troubles: brawls and the city have considered their troubles: brawls are proposed to the city, and the city have been their troubles: brawls are proposed to the city of the city

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It brings us to wonder whether the rather frequent license suspensions are enough, and whether the present operation of the law is sufficient. For the police, examining each applicant for a cabbie's license, make certain that he has not been convicted of a felony within the past two years. In most cases, that works out to everyone's satisfaction. Few drivers, out of trouble for two years, have ever been involved in difficulties with the law.

But Driver Hutchins, as it happened, is involved in the death of Mr. Blanton after a clean record of four years. He was sentenced on a charge of house breaking and larceny in 1934, and on a White Slave Act conviction in 1940. It is, likely, from what Capitan Henkel tells us, that this man was a good risk, and it may be that he will be found not to have been at fault.

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risk, and it may be that he will be found not fo have been at fault.

But there is the record behind him, to incriminate him from the start—and this would be true in any similar case. Would it not be the wiser course to revert to the original law, which requires that licenses be granted only to men who have not been convicted of fcionies at all?

Statesmen At Work

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PRF. Clare Hoffman (Mich). Thing to a question of personal privilege, regaled the House with the tale of Irving Richter of CIO, who had written of receiving a pamphele. Tolon The CIO and Help Build a Societ America, from Hoffman's office. Richter of CIO, who had written of receiving a pamphele, Tolon The CIO and Help Build a Societ America, from Hoffman's office. Richter of Cio, who had written of receiving a pamphele by Joseph Kemp Mr. Hoffman's office. Richter of Company of the Cio, and things blee that And I learned to be a great lawyer acting for the New Post. But the Cio, and the Cio,

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

on general officers aking-over last week, a Committee met in

THE Army's promotion policy on a cause in for a thorough ratingwhen the Berack Millitary Affairs Cona closed-door session to consider the
recommended promotion of nime fleutenant generals to full generals.

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single period in our history to produce so many generals. Thomas was
apparently making a simple observation, but soon found he had arrive
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candidates without first having Chief
of Staff Marshall appears before the
committee and explain the promolions.



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the Mediterranean area.

As deputy chief of staff until a few months ago.
McNarney succeeded, in his frequent appearances before the committee, in winning the dislike of next)
all members. How didn't care for his personality
and never had much respect for his ability. They

reservoir particularly the time earling the last recommend particularly the time earling the last Recomment when Senators O'Mahosor, Chandler and Bridges went to the War Department to find wat about the Army's plan to deserve a huge pile of own-plaints brought against officers maned for prospection. Not all members are cortain that, there was anything wrong with the Army the street was anything wrong with the Army the street was any thing wrong with the Army the street was any thing wrong with the Army the street was the proper to the Army the street was the proper to the Army the street was a finally it was agreed that Gen Marshall should be frought to appear before the committee before it acted on any of the north Chandler declared: "Bo far as I am concerned, I will supposed to be here as a rubber stamp, I guess."

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Credit UNRRA with being at least one Washington agency which has cracked down on Facults Spain, and an international organization.

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This is in direct conflict with the State Department, which not once the state Department, which are state Department, which are state Department, which are state Department, which are state Department would fall overnight.

UNRRA's position with the Trance Gevernment and staff then issued the following order:

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"What're Y' Tryin' T'Do, Work Yourself Out of a Job?"



General Ike At Work

By Marquis Childs

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS. ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

SIDE by side on one wall of General Eisenhower's private office are etchiages of President Roosevel and Prime Minister Churchili, each inscribed with friendly warmth to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expedit The only other pictures in the almost severe room are of his family. In a folding leather frame on his deek are photographic of his family. In a folding leather frame on his deek are photographic of his micriber. In the almost severe room are of his family, in a folding leather frame on his deek are photographic of his micriber. In the property of his micriber is a property of his micriber. In the property of his micriber is a photograph of his micriber. In the property of his micriber is a photograph of his micriber. In the property of his property of his micriber is a photographic of his micriber in the property of his property of his micriber is a photographic or his micriber his micriber has been always and the microbial property of his property of his property of his microbial property of his microbial property of his microbial property of his microbial property of his family of his microbial property of h

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whole party can be on the road in that an hour.

As a matter of protoco, Elsenhower never visits his commanders without advance notice. He sends word asking if he can come, and naturally the answer is always yes. With most of the top men in the command, he is on terms of personal friendship.

The Supreme Commander also has his own plane and crew. This gives him even greater mobility in getting about the fur-fluing fronts.

Serving in that capacity today are Lt. Col. James F. Gault of the Scots Guards and Lt. Col. Ernest R. Lee of San Antonio, Texas.

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greatest Americans.

Etsenhower is keenly aware of the currents of opinion back home. He believes that volatile shifts from pessinism to optimize heart of the work and fight until final-yellory comes.

He himself, of course, made a public prediction that the war would end in 1944, and he has not been allowed to forget that prediction. But a would relieve to the assumption of the sample of the prediction that the way would relieve the sample of th

a logical column and sufferince nervice that it was in rule to the German people would the form the column and of the German people would then the benefits of Germany were reached by the Allifes. A recent tour of occupied Germany has set the Supreme Commander to wondering whether 31½ mails will ever recover from the knockout bloops now the supremental processes, and the own post-war plans do not go beyond six menths of fishing on some quiet stream brank. It knocks how much the war has taken

SIDE GLANCES

"I thought at first I was going to like school, but it's getting pretty dull—I guess I'm more the outdoors type of man!"

Cries Of Alarm should have been to offer to give more price inspectors and enforcers to OPA, rather than lauch as a can only have the effect of weakening it. When you take any item out of the food pool, in wartime, you lower the level of them to the think of the thin

By Samuel Grafton

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applied generally, it would wreck our wartime economy.

There is only one way to end the "meat shortare", and that is the work of the warter of the work of the work of the warter of th

Inflation is not the answer to your problem: inflation is your problem.

problem.

If the Senators had thought of the meat situation in terms of the war, their instant reaction

When the war ends, these huge because we war in the Seoula. When the war ends, these huge warming will sart moving backward, and the "shortage" will end. The only way to end the short-age is to win the war. It thinks the subordinate every other consideration to the war. This approach has the great advantage that it can properly be applied to every other consideration. What hurts most about our current food debate is the manner in which the war has -sort of been pushed back, out of sight manner in which the war has -sort of been pushed back, out of sight sankthed out of context, and considered by itself, as if it were a mere peacetime supply-and-price problem. Perhaps some moderate utterance in favor of more accounted apparatus, these univoided certain the control apparatus, these univoided recting that something rather big has been forgotten. People's Platform

Editors. THE NEWS:

If I result correctly, a few years had when the old rock quarry, just off the York Road on Tremont Are, was just a hole in the ground with water in it rand pure water; you had your photographer to take pictures of this place. Then you ran a series of articles concerning. It controlled the property of the property

this section, and I agree with you be were true.

You should see this same place now, it is many, many times more to make the same to children, but to each and every individual that lives in the Wilmore section. They down severything from spulling the section of the section o

Then there is another danger I would like to call to your attention. This is a perfect breeding place for millions of mosquitoes and thousands of large rate annually which are coatten green and control of the coate of the coat We have protected to the City Council several times as to the manner they are filling this patch between the out the out of the setting the patch was a promise of an investigation and that was the end.

If you wish to render your city a real service send your photog-rapher out to the old quarry now. rapher out to the old o what you actually see and I feel sure that the responsible parties will get busy.

—ROY I. DELONG

Charlotte.
(Acting upon this auggestion, we have ordered our photographers to the scene, Editors, The News),

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O'UR losses have been very light.

Since we jumped off , we've had fewer than a hundred causalities and taken Justich and six other towns.

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