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# We Stand Here

Red Cross Gives the Civilian Population A Chance To Break Out Its War Colors

Bo you wish, by the great Harry, that you could get a shot at those devils, eh? You bemoan the unjointed time that marks you out to be a civilian in a safer part of the world while in the Pacific your sons and your Country's sons are sighting off the little yellowbellies—that right? You crave to do something, some-thing fist-shaking, yourself—is that the

Brother, step right up. They're gat

penetiking for you to do.

Tomorrow a whole lot of men and
women in this city are going to join with
men and women all over the country to
men and women all over the country to
American Red Cross. Now, the way in
which the rest of the country responds which the rest of the country response, so of preat consequence to us, but it is beyond our control. The rest of the country; will probably do all right, and it is most too much to hope that the request Fer \$50,000,000 will be answered with a ringing contribution of twice \$50,000,000. But the matter over which this community sione-has full and exclusive de-

munity sione has full and exclusive de-farmination is its own Red Cross War. Pund Campaign. Our minimum quota is \$80,000. That is a great deal of money. If it 70 per cent of the all-time high raised only a month or as ago, in the Community Chest campaign. It is three times the amount, got logether 'pain-tably and with difficulty! in the last

sed Cross Roll Call.

True, and as well understand not only
that the relating of \$90,000 in this community is a heavy undertaking but also
that the Rol Cross will require conthinual and increasing support as the
war goes on. No use blinking what we're
my against.

And having taken it in, let us take it

America Produced Them:

War Provides the Setting

Like all wars that come, so to speak, in the sudden dead of night, the Jap-nness Onslaught has given America

perces. Never before in our history-un-

less it was at Concord in 1775-had he-

roes been made so quickly. The chal-lenge was flung without warning and

and the limit disc.

Another: Lieutenant Boyd Wagaer, Army Air Corps, inho, attacked
by five enemy lighters while light
poper Northern Luzon basied two
out of the air—and then destroyed
thesiae enemy planes on the ground.
Air returned to his base only because
be had to. Mis Jule was low.

Another: Lieutenant C. A. Keller,
Peoul Jiler, who spotled a Kongo
class enemy capital thip off Luzon,
who class to her despite enemy andi-efercialt and lighter attacks until
other Newy planes could come up
and cripple the battliehip.

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And the hundreds of gallont
Marines at Wake and Midway islands—men twice listed as captured
— who fought against odds of
formly to one, and taught the Japs
e Strat lesson.

In the first World War it was dif-ferent. Only after months of fighting did the heroes appear. Rickenbacker? We was a knight-errant of the air, dog-

was a snight-errant of the air, dog-ginling champions of the enemy under sore or less sporting rules. His deeds were glorious, but the outcome of the ray, did not hang upon them. York? That he did was almost beyond bellef, the lit book place in October 1918.

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Japanese warstip, he may be changing the strategy of the entire Page
Mer. The sirplane is now a weapon of

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merican people have learned its im-

We had been told that our filers me made in the heroic mold. Now they me review it. And when the last Japanese to destruction, and provide it. And when the last Japanese to destruction, and provide it. American air-

there were brave men to pick it up. One was Captain Colin Kelly of the Army Air Carps, who three dire-bombed the Japanese Battle-ship Harsine, leaving it a shattered, ship hill, He did not come out of the third dire.

to heart. Let the challenge be issued; we are primed for it. This need for \$99,000 concerns every one of us. It is not a roll call in its ordione of us. It is not a roll call in its ordi-mary meaning of making some perfunc-tory donation in order to obtain a Red Cross button. It is a roll call in the sense that every one of us, 1tch and poor, male and female, black and white, young and old, should be accounted for with a gift of as much money as we can

with a gitt of as much money as we can scrape together. General participation, the contribution of dimes and quarters as foliars, would carry the campatign for a contribution of the contribution of dimes and quarters as a contribution of the people. But experience shows that the real money in all campaigns comes from a relatively small number of the people, which is to say from you, and you, and that means that instead of disparging our obligation with a dollar clift, we shall have to give two dollars at the least, five if we can.

It means that where under normal circumstances we might have been put down for \$5.00, we shall ask now to be put down for \$5.00, we shall ask now to be put down for \$5.00, we shall ask now to be

put down for \$10.00, And that instead put down for \$10.00. And that instead of writing a check for \$10.00, we shall pause a moment to let the impuise get in its licks—and make the check for \$25.00. It means that the donors of substantial sums in hundreds, five-hundreds and thousands, shall make them for more, for much more if they can, and be grateful for the opportunity.

be grateful for the opportunity.

And what it means, at the core of it, is that even as we do not dare think of the men of our armed aervices failing us, we will not fall the men of our armed services. We stand behind them, we greet with eagerness this first opportunity to show where we sland, to raise our colors and cry, "Let's Go, America!"

## Bill Of Rights

It Is Abused in Peace More Often Than in War

It is not altogether unfitting that the 150th birthday of America's Bill of Rights should find us agreeing voluntarily to lay saids some of the more exfreme implications of this document. Nor is it at all surprising that the an-niversary comes while we are fighting a great war to preserve these basic amendments to our Constitution to preserve the Constitution faels and to finance our very existence as a nation. Those liberty-loving men-including

many North Carolinians-who refused to accept the Constitution until what Government could do was balanced by what government could not do, must have known that we could never enjoy such freedom without occasionally fighting for it.

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Yet it is not during war that the Bill of Rights is most abused. Somehow, we seem to be more consclous of these pivileges when they are endangered from without. Rather, it is during our lax and flaced days of pace that men make a mockery of these right.

Take article IV: "The right of the propole to be secure in their persons, houses, paper, and effects, against unreasonable searches and selures..."

Does that corer the invasion of a worker's home by armed thugs working for

Does that cover the invasion of a worker's home by armed thugs working for
a labor union that has been at least
unofficially licened by the Government
to undertake such intimidation?

Or Article 1: "Congress shall make
no law ... shridging ... the right of
the people peaceably to assemble..."
In Bloody Harian County, coal minera
peaceably assembled, often "to petition
the Government for a referes of girterancea." And Just as often they were
dispersed by the sawd-off shotguns of
hired Killers.

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hired killers.

This happened in time of peace, in war, freedom of speech dots not cover information, that might help the common enemy. There is no loss of freedom in such an agreement and understand. The well freedom is the freedom in the first well freedom is the first well freedom in the first well well freedom in the first w

And perhaps, out of re-acquaintance with these ten articles of freedom during war, we shall learn a greater respect for them, a more fierce inslatence upon preserving them in the days of peace, sale pocume.

# Written In Blood

By Hugh S. Johnson

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best Hawana to the faste of the Western World.

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BY CORREGIONS

But this is not a war over superfine wrappers and tillers for rigars. The rest citadel of those loaned is Menting for the superfine world in the

Pacific.

Putting these two considerations together if seems certain that, in addition to his harm intended to sease a flow, the objects were two. I have been a flow, the objects were two. I have, seemed, a diversion of mir Atlantic Fiert plus perhaps the pitting Pacific Fiert to cover some greater manal effort and objective, and the purpose or not, if certains and the purpose or not, if certains was the purpose or not, if certains was the fiert, as the disastrois when the purpose of the purpose

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TWO SPPARATE BLUNDERS.
WERR MAID:
These post-moriems do little good in appraising the general strategy in the Pacific but they add a good deal of weicht. I think, to the analysis made here a day of the strategy of the stra

COMMANDERS WHO FAIL LOSE BUBORDINATES' CONFIDENCE

It may be quite true, as this column lited ured, that there are too have a judgment, but why it it true that free rate not have a judgment, but why it it true that free rate not enough facts on which to have an inquiry formmanding efficies cannot be made to the state of the sta

recklessness of Improve current between the common between the command if the common between the common between the common the common that the common the common that the comm



Senator Soaper Says:

Late marriage figures from Britain show that, notwith-standing the blackout, love car-ries on. As described in the late Victor Herbert's "Kiss in the Dark."

In view of the dirty work in the Pacific, we believe the "Hon" may be emitted from "Hon. Japanese" for the dura-tion even as kidding.

The line nears when the film producer working on less than a \$2,000,000 budget will use papier mache pork chops in the Diamond Jim Brady banquet scene.

Always, Japan has an ex-cuse of sorts. It plays dirty pool, but it learned it from the master race.

Another biologist foresets the disappearance of the human leg. It was tried once, in Vic-toria's lime, but the presence finally was abandoned.

Keep 'Em Grounded



Letters to the Editor:

# Air Baid Alarm In Frisco

Editors, Tit. News: You people perhaps wonder what it is like to be in a city where enemy raiders come over and where

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utes untill the all clear aignal is given. So planers were reported to have been in this immediate visual to have been in this immediate visual to be a solution of the control of the con

know.

G. R. M. MILLER.

P. S.—I formerly worked for The Charlotte News in 1905. 1124 Heast Building. Ban Francisco, Calif.

#### Nineteen Letters Of Flance

Of Flame

Zdiors, The News:

REMEMBER PEARL, HARBOR.

REMEMBER PEARL, HARBOR.

WE need filter more Jap warships to square the account—and
we'l get 'en.

—ROBERT B. LONG,
ER-Ney.

#### Treat Soldiers Like Buddies

Editors, This News:

It is our duty, all of ours, to be considerate of the protectors of our country, the solders. Here is a poem expressing my feelings;

A SOLDIER
A soldier is nobody.
We hear some people say:
He is an outcast of the world
And always in the way. We admit there are many brave

Now don't scorn a soldier'
But take him by the hand:
For the uniform that he wears
Means protection of our land. The Oovernment picks the soldiers
From millions far and wide,
Bo place him as your equal.
Be real buddles—side by side.

You shouldn't wait to call him a hero Until he's dead some day.

But the soldier's hardest battle Is in the time of peace, When people mock and scorn him And treat him like a beast,

With these few lines III close
With the hope that you won't
offend.
But when you meet a soldier
Just treat him like a friend.
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Christmas Spirit -What is it?

## Side Glances '



"Make him look like an old man, Grandpa—a lot older than we are "Y"

## Free Men In Action

By Raymond Clapper

WARRINGTON.

WHEN Congress was put to the test
this week, it came through, Congress has been caim and efficient. It



alm and efficient. It has been businesslike and has not wasted time in idle words. To everyone it was obvious what had to be done, and it was done in the simplest, quick est

inimplest, qui e è è è vay,
During this week vay,
During this week at least, we have show that Democratic Government can meri en emergency without lost motion and without grandstanding. It has been a most heartesting experience and it will do much to review mibble coefficience in the

### IT MADE PROMPT.

MOUS DECISIONS

INMANISOUS DECISIONS.

The war revolutions against Germany and Italy were put through without depairs. The war revolutions against Germany and Italy were put through without depair. In the Senate not a single word, saide from the roution mechanical formalities, was uttered. The whole business was finished in less than half as flour. The House was equally prompt. Without anything more than a clarifying question. The Senate voice durant-mously to permit the President to send American torope of any kind anywhers. The fact that there was no debate only gave more force to the action. For it was the silent action of free men, to one was shot off from debate. Sena-

It was the alient action of free men. No one was shut off from debate, Sensicer could have taked by the hour. But they knew that words were unnecessary and out of place in the presence of such competing events. Both Houses have set a high example. They won't be able to live up to it, and in time will fall back into floundering, wandering, trelevant telk. But by dering without needless words now. Congress will be in better standing when he time comes, as it surely will, that calls for frank and hard-hitting refax and be firsh and hard-hitting refax and be firsh and hard-hitting refax and be firsh and hard-hitting refax. calls for frank and hard-hitting cri-

UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL

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TRUCE IS EXPENCED.
Somewhat loat in the rush of higger actions was the unprecedented political truce, declared just before we declared war on Germany and Italy. This truce was declared in an exchange of tale-grams between Chairman Flynn of the grams between Chairman Flynn of the Democratic National Committee and Chairman Martin of the Republican National Committee. The true saw was registered in the resolution unanimously adopted at a Conference of Senate Republicant. They pledged their full support to the prosecution of the war. The resolution was offered by Senator Lodge. of Massachusetts.

of Massachusetts.
This mean, It is hoped, an end of the bleketing which has hampseed the administration during the last two years in desling with the dangers created by the war. It will not end extisted by the war. It will not end extisted and abould not. But hereafter criticism and abould not. But hereafter criticism more effective the adopted policy of the Government, whereas hereas nowth. more effective the adopted policy of the Government, whereas before much of the criticism was intended to obstruct and reverse the Government's policy.

and everse the Government's policy. The only unfertunate incident that has occurred since Japan's attack is Senaier Tabey's attempt to force disclosure of military secrets about the damage at Feed Hatber. Around Congress ting how Tobey. He is combarkenous but in the laken seriously. He mbarrasses his awn reliew Thempthese and the seriously. He imbarrasses his awn fellow Thempthese his Administration.

does the Administration.

Nonthially details of Pract Norther will be expected and the blane fixed. Congress is determined to do that, But the responsible Republicans know there is rike of giving information to Japan by going into this now. They are read to wait until the affair can be hauled out into the open and discussed freely.

PREE CRITICISM IS HEALTHY, STIMULATING

In these times there is little for Congreat to do but to wise appropriation and actualine the conduct of the war. Commons does a good job of it in England. On one occasion Churchill spent a whole evening with an American official being conclude to shopt questions expected in Commons the next stay about the lease of bases to the United States. I found in England that after two years of war there was still fee critisten of the Overnment. It was regarded as healthy and altimisting and one of the prerogatives of a free country.

y. American solidariiy behind ilie war American solidarity behind the wat does not mean bind, unquestioning resignation to everything that is done, of unanimity mean that we are all participating in the effort. We are sharing the diction, not merely accepting it. We have a right to know what inspires and to pass judgment on it. But we must use better judgment in thing that Benalor Tobey is showning. Fostmandely most members in both Phouses of Congress, by walling milit a safe time before demanding military information, are abowing a patriolic sense of time.

### Visitin' Around

He Brein His Duty
An' He Dane It, or
His Breihers' Keeper
(Ten Yeers Ago,
Lexington Disputch)

Deputy sheriff finds two of his bre-thers tipey and slaps them in 1445.