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#### Interpretation

The President Pledged to "Redeem" the Philippines ----

It is amazing how the meaning of a san's written words may change over-

Last night, for instance, we were Last night, for instance, we were cherered by the oplimitist interpretation being put on Prealdent Roosevell's mea-sure to the Philippines. Radio commen-tators made of it a "hold-on-help-is-comings" speech. The Navy was in ac-tion; indeed, one almost got the idea that Manila would be re-inforced by

ture them from the Japanese. America's tion there is, for the present, hope less. It had been clear to most news-paper readers for several days—Japa-ness reinforcements were coming up too skeadily. American reinforcements, ap-parently, are not in view.

## Tireless Tune

Mr. Henderson's Rules Imprire Another Stanse

Complete and stringent rationing of over automobile tires, as announced by Frica Administrator Henderson, prompts as to resum our mournful roundelsy on the subject. Perhaps the time is bessuing monotonous, but we still see no sign that the majority of car owners realise what lies immediately aftend. Or is they do know what is coming, they may do the printing little in the way of sileninating non-essential trips or other-rips conserving their tire treads.

Mr. Henderson has made it official. The family car will get no more new tires. They will go to farmers (for traubles onely), simbulance operators, doctors, serses, "receasing" toto, operators, fire serses, "receasing" text, operators, fire

sees only), ambulance operators, doctors, marries, "necessary" truck operators, fire departments, passenger bus companies. "Perphody-else, 'including taxi drivers, workers who drive to their jobs from the isonatry and travelling salesmen, will have to use re-caps while they last and then do without altogether. What with

ther do without allogether. What with companies trying to sell as little as possible these days, this is about all it will take to put the travelling salesman back his the railway smoking car while he inseedy awaits his pink sip. It means more. The whole social and socionale life of the country is geared to the free use of automobile. Scarcely a new plant has gone up in the last decade before space for workers to leave their cars had been arranged. How will america get to work, do its marketing and its shopping, entertain likelf with-west cars?

We'd best be thinking up answers to

These defense appropriations of bil-ions by Congress are without strings, indeed, an old string-saver like the late Coolidge would find little to do in this

#### Privateers

Paul Bailey Letters Send Us To the Encyclopedias

C. A. Paul's amusing request of Sen-etor Balley for the issuance of a letter of starting and reprisal that he might forganize a free company to engage in jetsey on the high seas against German sand Italian shipping 'the letter was swritten before Pearl Harbor), and Sen-sier Balley mock-serious reply outline

artiten before Pearl Harbon), and Sen-aior Balley mock-aerious reply outlin-ing the procedure which Mr. Paul should sallow, suggest, for all their levity, some subsultament and background.
Letters of marque were common in the inaval history of the sixteenth and symteenth centuries. They were, in hird, commissions granted in time of war to commanded of privately-owned sessis (hence the form privately to rate against, and make prize of the surger's shipping, either at sea or in School. In Regulah-French wars less and the second of the second of the lates of the second of the second of the lates and the second of the second o

thred both to the gain of their owners and as a nort of auxiliary naval force. One of the most famous, whose name now is borne by a huge submarine, was the French corsalt Surcoul. In two months she took prives worth \$1,500,000.

In the war of 1812 anne 250 United States privateers caused acute aufferium to British commerce, and in the Civil Was the United States, which is to

ing to British commerce, and in the Civil War the United States, which is to say the Yankees, had a taste of the same medicine in the depredations of cruisers fitted out in England and operated by Confederates against Federal shipping wherever it piled. The best known of these, though not literally a privateer, was the Alabama under Captain Semmen. She was aunk by the Korasage outside Cherbourg harbor in 1884, but only after she had captured between 55 and 70 U, 8, ships, most of which also destroyed.

The Constitution still asserts the right of Congress, as Mr. Paul cited to Senator Balley, to issue letters of marque and reprisal, but the practice has been discontinued among the powers since the Declaration of Paris et the close of the Crimean War in 1856. Since 1914 privateering has been taken over as a mere or less legitimate naval strategy of nations at war.

## Offering

America Must Match the Japanese Will To Sacrifice

While Congress, in all of its fatherly goodness, was refusing to let the Army start drafting American boys of nine-leen, swarms of fifteen to eighteen-yearold Japanese adolescents were storming the beaches of Luron. Lightly clad and poorly armed (some wore half-uniforms, half civilian clothes, shot 25 caliber rifles), they were little more than straw men for the defending torops. But they came on steadily and died dutifully. They were "covering" for more impor-tant landings elsewhere.

Two conclusions may be drawn from the episode:

(1) Japan begins the war with a short-(1) Japan begins the war with a short-age of manpower; (2) America plungs into the war angrily, but lacking ade-quate foresight of the almost inconcer-able sacrifices we are going to be obliged to make in matching the Japanese war effort.

to make in macening the superiode way felfort.

There are something more than 90 million Japanese. Buch a population, particularly one that uses a high percentage of women in its factories, can support a tremendous army. But the demand is even greater. Thirty or so divisions must atand watch at the Biserian border. A couple of million sudders are needed to continue the fight sagaist far-from-defeated China. There is the Malay campaign, the Borneo campaign, the Philippine expedition. And the home front cannot be left ungarricated have died in the China fighting. The need to man all the new and od fronts simultaneously left no alternative but the calling up of teen-aged boys.

But it also shows how perfectly the

but the calling up of teen-aged boys. But it also ahows how perfectly the Japanese war machine is geared to make ascrifices. For three decades we have complained that our industries couldn't compete with cheap Japanese labor. We had to have protective latiffs. Now, in a very real sense, the competition has been taken to the battlefront on sea and on land where there are no arbitrary legal protection for our standards.

- This is not to any that we must give pail our standards and live like coolles. It's to say that, to win, American hands — now title—make and tenate—are soing and hard, and American men's more are soing to have to march duttinity forward into the enemy's fire.

the enemy's fire.

"In every unloward world develop-ment of the last five years, the hand of Hiller is now seen." One of the less tidy paperhangers, it appears, who leave fingerprints.

The reincarnation of most of the Pearl Harbor fleet, previously wiped out in Tokyo dispatches, is the biggest thing since the schooner Hesperus turned up sate, following the poem.

The kids who were whittling model planes only yesterday, to the great con-fusion of the tidy householder, are now flying real onas for Uncle Sam, and all is forgives.

## The Closed Shop Issue

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON
THE common supposition that this
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tough war labor beadd chairman to do. Acceptly he is suiting to grant cloops along where an overwhelming number of workers belong to one union, say 80 per cent. He does not want its board authoriting elected shops to unions which have railed to achieve it in effect by obtaining a numerical monopoly. Or workers in any given plant, or workers and any given plant, or workers and the control of th

INDUSTRY HAS BIGGEST STOCKS ON RECORD

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Bushness boarding has been detected, sithought the Government in not saying much about it yet. Manufacturer's occupance of the comment of

cy in anticipation of inflationary prices.

The Government is trying to find out who has what. All it knows so far is that some industries have nine months supply, others only three months, an of many are non-essential industries. The stocks of these may be conflicted.

FOOD SITUATION IS BAD IN ITALY

BAD IN YALY
Information seeping out of Italy
aboxs living conditions there are
worse than in Germany. Bread
rationing started Nov. 1 but allowances had to be increased a
few weeks later because laborera
could not live on what drey were
getting. Only one eag is allowed awweek, half cup of milk a day't 3-4
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CRITICAL PERIOD OF WAR IS AT HAND

WAR IS AT HAND.

The critical proof of the war is at hand, the period which will determine how long it is to a second or the proof and in the Philippines. It may require 12 to 18 months for us to lish our way back to them. If Hiller survives the Winter in Russia, he may add a year or two to his existence.

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"Plenty. You know that re-ease form Booling owned, overclocking the control of the control of the "Traded it for a dozen hings and eight feet of iron pipe."
"Smarts a whip. Told me he was workin' through a couple of Smalton for att steed foor knobs. "He'll get 'em, too." "You taid it. That boy'e on the make, life! have a complete house, practically, foor he dies."

The V Formation at Home



#### Letters to the Editor:

# In Search Of Parking Space to park only long enough to buy in that particular place, then move on, which puts you into traffic again and so on till you tinto again and so on till you tinto again and so on till you tinto a series of the ser

Editors, The News;

A short lime ago I noticed in your paper an invitation for suggestions in making Charlotte a better city in which to live.

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window on Church and Fourth

Senator Souper Says: 

Nothing has made us so feel the continuity of war as the word from Philadelphia that work has resumed there on a sock which was half knitted at the time of the Armistice in

The Clark committe for in-verligating Hollywood war pro-paganda will meet in an alley one of these nights and agree to scatter in several directions.

Looking ahead to 1942, night baseball is out, as we can't have air bombardments mis-taken for a home team's rally in the ninth.

Nothing further is heard of is dased Western announcer ho cracked, "we interrupt the experience to built for ir regular broadcast."

Street and see for yourself. If that is what you call the making of a friendly city, I can give Johnnie a live ratifernake for Christma and cell myself a good Christma and cell myself a good charlotte reminds and of a sealed in a year by friendly advertising. Charlotte reminds and of a shangling that the sealed in a part we change the sealed of the control of your and and drag ern out.

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Monotonous Monologue

The Empire State Duilding was to thin, along with Flying Portresses and the hasticistly North Carolina, one of the wonders of this world. He had never seen it but its likensaw he had grown to know a well that he could pick it out of any panorama of the big tilyst skyline, and he took a great deal of personsid satisfaction in the fact that it was the "biggest building in the was the "biggest building in the world."

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The Biggest Building

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

The world looked for its Bavious in the wrong place; Bavlours are born in mangers and in log cabins sometimes; But I say unto you that Blus I come directly, and they kneso him not, but have done unto him schaller, they listed.—Matt, 17:12.

#### Side Glances



eople from noticing that you need a haircut!" "I'm glad I bought a new dress for the Browns' party-maybe it will keep people from noticing that you ne

We Needed Chürchill

By Reymond Clepper WARRINGTON,
WE ARE doubly fortunate that Whit-



We are doubt provincials that White ton Churchill came to Weshington at the line.

First, because her seal presence here as that of his military staff make it, possible to more more quickly in the military decisions. Time is vital. With the Phillippines in such danger as they are today, the titreat to Singa pore grows hourly. Nearything that both powers san throw into the Tacific will be needed to insure success against the hard-hilling Japanese attack.

Second. the presence of Winston

Second, the presence of Winston Churchill is fortunate because it brings, back fresh to mind the courageous example of Britain during the days when the going was blacked.

NOW WE NEED CHURCHILL FORTITUDE

We need now the same American for-tilinds to carry us through the gallant sacrifice of the Marines at Waks and the fight which General MacArthur and his men are putting up against larger forces in the Philippines.

The British went through Dunkirk and for a short time it was a question whether the British Isles would stand.

whether the British Islas would stand. When France quil, the Germans were certain the British would also fold up. But the British were of barder fiber. Under the unshakeable confidence and determination of Churchill, they held sealmst what seemed impossible odds. Those of us who were at the White Rouse press conference the other day, and had opportunity to question Churchill, felt his spirit of confidence. It breathed their life tower, namer he made. We already know the hard and unrelenting flighting courage of Presidence. dent Roosevelt. With two such leaders, backed by such enormous resources, and satisfied by fute from mois resources, and assisted by the fough and aggressive Russian forces under Iron Man Stalin, we can be sure that our side is not going to lose heart, or be stampeded under hard blows into foolish and panicky moves, but that on the contrary it will push on with unawering and evercountry force. growing force.

## DISTRIBUTION OF WAR SUPPLIES IS NEW PROBLEM

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As Prime Minister Churchill indicated in his White House press conference, the hardest job will be to get our
war materials to the places where they
are needed. There is abundant pumppower. Within a few months our output
of war materials will be staggering in
recipions. If these hears no reconstructions. of war materials will be atargeting in volume. It has been so good fately that some officials before we got into the war, thought it might be good prospands to show our hand to the Axis and let them know what an enormous atream of war equipment was beatming to the out of American factories. Now that we are in the war that might not be such a good idea. But Hitler knows he is now up against time and that it is a race to get what he can before the athericantly into play.

## AMERICA NEEDED MORE TIME IN PHILIPPINES

As we see how worfully inadequate the defenses of the Philippines were, the defenses of the Philippines were, we must have more respect than ever for the way in which Secretary Hull conducted the delaying negletations in the hope of preventing a Pacific was before we were ready, and of course obtaining a speaceful adjustment if that were possible, although we know now it never was possible.

We needed mere time. But we didn't get it. New we can only hope to hold Singare at all costs and the Philippines if possible with de-taying resistance until we can put fate the area a superiority of planes and other fighting forces.

Hitler undoubtedly is trying to take what advantage he can of this situation we must expect him to strike at

some point. These actions are the last change of the Asia. The balance is turning sleading against the Asia. The most it can hope for is to make its final drives quickly before the full might of the Allies be brought against it.

It can never knock out Russia, Britain, and the United States, it can only proposely and the following in the control of the control of

# Visitin' Around

We Swigger, It It Ain't

(Hot Springs item,
Marshall New-Record)
Virginia Huff, who had trouble with
her tonsits, is now sick with the measles.

(Grovet Hem, Shelby Star)

D. A. Moss left Bundsy on a bus-ness and piceaure trip to Naw York. Part of his time will be spant with relatives.