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Prisoners

State Department Invites Japan to Reply in Kind

The State Department's concern for the care and treatment of American prisoners by the Japanese will be readily understood. We are at war, and disadvantageously so, with a nation which, for all its spicing of Western civilization, is basically uncivilized and which has, moreover, the Asiatic's low regard for human life and human kindness.

A pent-up inferiority complex gnaws the Japanese people. Symptomatic of the urge for violent self-assertion have been numerous "incidents" in China, such as white men and women being stripped naked by insolent Japanese soldiers or subjected to sundry other indignities.

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Fred W. Glover

Man of Many Friends, a Builder of the City
Perhaps not so widely known as most other Charlotteans of his standing, Fred W. Glover, who died last night, was favorably known and admired by all who had enjoyed his privileges.

Priority

Which to Destroy First—Germany or Japan?
Above and beyond the scope of the Roosevelt-Churchill conferences there hovered one question of utmost importance to the people of the United States.

Colossal Dig

Senator Thomas Introduces Session's Worst Bill
It would be hard to pick out the worst bill introduced in the Senate during 1941; but the measure proposed last week by Senator Thomas of Oklahoma is certainly high among the contenders.

The Ferry Stories

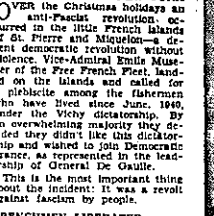
Of Our Times
From London comes the story that a British agent, "Bar" had broken up a plot to send five B-24 bombers to Britain as capitalizing on England's oil stockpile.

Dark Days Are Ahead A Political Pearl Harbor

By Paul Mallon By Dorothy Thompson



EVERYONE here knew what Churchill meant when he hinted that dark days ahead. We must be prepared for the loss of the Far East—Singapore, the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, and everything west of Australia, except Australia.



OVER the Christmas holidays an anti-French revolution occurred in the little French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon—democratic elections were held. Violence, Vice-Admiral Emile Muselier, French Fleet, landed on the islands and called for a plebiscite among the fishermen who have lived since June, 1940, under the Vichy dictatorship.



AND they can cast us the greatest snarl we have—the revolution, the revolution of the masses of the people of the world. They think by depriving the revolution of the rights of free men they are preventing Britain from giving away the French Fleet and bases in Africa. The only things that prevent France from doing this are (1) that she is a French patriot, (2) that we will win the war and (3) a fear of the freedom of the people of France.

Battle In Factories

By Raymond Clapper



FOR want of planes and ships we may soon hear the news that the Philippines that we have lost from Wake Island. The heroic resistance of the American forces is adding new chapters to the story of heroism. The heroes are being lost and the battles are being lost because we are not able to get in enough planes and ships and supporting forces to overcome the enemy.

Last Laugh

Tire Shortage May Justify The "Get a Horse" Roy

This is one of those rare times when we feel like addressing ourselves to Mr. and Mrs. America and all the ships at sea. Or at least to all drivers who operate motor vehicles on the highways of North and South Carolina.

Turning Point?

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Today's Bible Thought

No. What We Say But What We Do: Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. —Matthew 5:16.

The Rape Of Nanking

From Time, April 18, 1938

Protestant and Jewish philanthropic groups with branches in China had by last week brought together in the U. S. 8,000 fairly full sets of photographs and documents on the butchery and rape which occurred in Nanking for over a month after this capital of China fell. There has been the most drastic shakeup by Tokyo of officers whose Japanese soldiers were better in Nanking. Even long-tenured General Iwane Matsui, the Commander-in-Chief of the victorious Japanese offensive, has been recalled to Japan.

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Now, to cap everything, Washington is trying to protect the St. Pierre-Miquelon radio against possible imminent use by Vichy, by

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