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



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#### Prisoners

State Department Invites Japan to Reply in Kind

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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 spling of Western civilization,
is basically uncivilized and which has,
moreover, the Astatics low regard for
human life and human kindness. (For
an account of the behavior of Japanese
soldiers toward their Chinese prisoners
of war and civilians, read "The Rape
of Nanking" on this page today. It
takes a terrifying apprehension, but
needs to be faced by the nation at large
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A pent-up inferiority complex gasses
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 indirections.

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There are, fortunately, factors which will restrain the Japa and help to assure satisfactory treatment of U.S. nationals who fall into their hands. Posychologists as their military caste may be, they cannot help realizing that armounter would make their behalds of which the same the help alliting that armounter would make their behalds of which would be an ownerable as hostages for any mistreatment by the Japanese of their prisoners.

But perhaps the strongest (and strangest) guarantee of Japanese adherince to the Prisoners-of-war convention less in her axis allianter. Regular reports by the Red Cross and the representatives of mon-beligreent and the representatives of mon-beligreent matches have brought to light nothing to indicate the allehest mistreatment by Dermany and Italy of their British prisoners. In straining contrast to the Nazishmunanity to Poles, Jews and others. Japan undoubledly will be persuaded by ber partiers in crime to play the game by this same rule for Americans, at least.

### Fred W. Glover

Man of Many Friends, a Builder of the City

Bailder of the City

Perhaps not so widely known as most other Chariotteans of his standing. Fred W. Olover, who died hast night, was Javorably known and admired by all who had enjoyed the privileges of his acquaintance. A man of intelligence as pood business man with an ingrained sense of humor, unpretentious yet well poled, he had the quality of forming enduring friendships.

Certainly he was, with the least ostentation, one of our best and most useful dilinea, a man of many enterprises who somehow found time for other activities which represented his varied interests. The Thompson Orphanage, for one, knew his benefactions.

Maine-born, Fred Glover came to Chariotte so many years ago that simothe grew up with the town. Indeed, the presence here of each men as he is one thing that has had a great deal to do with making it the city it has become.

#### Priority

Which to Destroy First-Germany or Japan?

Above and beyond the scope of the Roosvell-Churchill conferences there horered one question of utmost importance to the people of the United States. Can we expect Russian aid and collaboration in the war signait Japan? Ambasador Lilvinoff, who attended many of the meeling, was not authorized by the Switch to make any public pledge of assistance.

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Germany were first disposed of, Japan wouldn't have a prayer.

So it appears that we will get Russian aid against Japan. When it will come, and in what force, are matters for the generals to decide. It must be fully realized that for Russia to become twolved in a two-frost way immediate. Duly realized that for Russia to become involved in a two-front war immediately might very well give Hilter the keys to Moscow. The Russian mission is to concentrate upon Germany even though Japan runs the Aillies out of the Pacific while Russia is so enseged. The fall of Manilla, of Singapore, of the entire East Indiea would be bitter tea-but not half. so bitter as if Russia collapsed and Hit-ier joined hands with Hirohito across

Siberia.

Much better a long war than a lost war.

#### Last Laugh

Tire Shortage May Justify The "Get a Horse" Boys

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."

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Anything to give it emphasis. Because as sure as two and two odd up to four, automobile, owners are literally rushing toward that inevitable hour when they will have to garage their machines for the duration of war.

We may as well face it; except to doctors, nurses and a few other persons whom an automobile is a public necessity, new tires are no longer available. The explanation is simple. We get 50 per cent of our rubber from the Malay peninsula. Part of that area is now occupied by the Japa and the remainder is closed to trade indefinitely. Another 43 per cent comes from the East Indies, likewise closed to our shipping. Result: no raw rubber.

Several kinds of artificial rubber are now being produced in this country. It is pretty good stuff—but it is expensive, and even so it will take three years to build plants enough to produce the amount needed for military purposes

amount needed for minitary purposes only.

No, sir, when your auto three wear out, there just aren't going to be any more. We thought everybody knew it, but apparently two decades of peace and plenty have given us wasteful habits. Like driving fast and then, aismming on the brakes. Old Circles wasn't so wrong after all about those "jackrabbit starts."

all about those "lackrabbit starts."

80 unless you're atocked up with a couple of extra sets (which is hoarding, and against the law) better cut your non-essential mileage to the bone Otherwise the acoffers who used to yell "get a horse" may have the last laugh.

# Colossal Dig

Senator Thomas Introduces Session's Worst Bill

It would be hard to pick out the worst It would be fire to pick but the worst-bill introduced in the Senale during 1941, but the measure proposed last wek by Senator Thomass of Okiahoma is cer-tainly high among the contenders. For the purpose of checking inflation, Sena-for Thomas would have the Treasury sell certificates for \$1.10. The certifi-cates would be redeemable at \$1 anytime, and would therefore be as tiable as dollar bills. In wh amounts they were issued, the currency would be inflated just that much-plain old greenback inflation.

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Each certificate would have a numbered coupon attached. The coupon would represent a tencent chance in a continual monthly lottery approached by the Government. First prize, Benator Thomas suggests, might be a million dollars. This, he says, would wipe out illegal and crooked gambling as well as pour money into the Treasury. But would it?

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Suppose you won the million bucks.

Mr. Morgenthau would have your name and address. The Frederal Government would nick your million for about \$712,-500 in taxes, and pass along the information to the tax-gatherer of the state in which you reside, who'd hit you for a few thousands more. The winner would do well to come out with a measily quatter-million or so, and every money-raising organization in the world would alm straight for that.

No thank you, Sensior. Even the one-samed, siot machine is too gentlemanly to get you going and coming. We'll put our dimes in defense examps, if it's all the same to you.

### Dark Days **Are Ahead**

By Paul Mallon

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In any eveni the answer to the feet question is the same as that of Singapore and the Philippines. See hereafter, we must have superiority in the alr.

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A) pilot in the ferrying service fells of presenting a chocolate bar to a British girl. She promptly broke the bar in two, and returned half to me. Don't you want it?

I asked. Oth yes, she replied, but den't you want to give part of it to someone clear?

TODAY'S SIBLE THOUGHT

Not What We Say But What We Do: Let your light so shine before men that they may see

# A Political Pearl Harbor

By Dorothy Thompson



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From Time, April 18, 1938

From Time, April Protestant and Jewish philanthropie groups with branches in China had by last week brought together in the U. S. fairly full eyewitness and photographic data on the butchery and rape which regard in Nanking for over a month after this capital of China fell. There has been the most find criscile shake up by Tevoy of officers whose Japanes solders has been contained to Japan. Commander-in-Chief of the victorious Japanes offensive, has been recalled to Japan. Matual, the Commander-in-Chief of the victorious Japanes offensive, has been recalled to Japan. Selected by one of the Japanes execution against the selection of the victorious aparts of the work of the victorious districts of victorious districts of the victorious districts of victorious districts of the victorious districts of the victorious districts of victorious districts districts of victorious districts districts districts distri

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line was chased off by a white man.

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A device for propping up a newspaper on the breakfast table appears on a holiday list of fuffs for him. From wives who no longer care.

Einstein is back to the earlier thesis, that space is limited, a fituation which Hitler has en-deavored to correct,

Turning Point?

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#### Battle In Factories

By Raymond Clapper



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Prime Minister Churchill did new gloss over the stern outlook when he spoke to Congress. He said our side could hope to take the initiative in 1943. Not this coming year but the next year. The coming year but the next year. The coming year but the next year. The coming year but the obtent hold the lines. That, I take it, is what he really meant. The year 1942 must be a production year. The battle will be in the factories of America.

As soon as the high strategy conferences are over, President Roosevelt can well turn his attention to jaboling on your say production. It needs hard pushing now more than eyer before. Every day's clasy now in not only hindering our front he Preside, the Russians and the Chinese but it is conting American lives and is causing us to be driven slape by step out of the Pacific. The loss of iteratives is irreparable. The loss of territory and strategic points will prolong the war and its human cost. The place to shorten the war and to reduce the lowes it on the production lines. We need to force this obsession with high strategy and so to work getting out the weapons that the high strategy will require.

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NOT COMPLACENCY

One hears internal complaint at the condition of the war production effort bere after if months, william 8. Knudsen of OPM told a Congressional committee the other day that we had been at war only two weeks and that there must be patience. But the battle of production is a year and a half old. From the time of Dunkirk when we began reculping the British, we have known that an indispensable key to victory, would be the American arrenal. The British could have done a quicker job in Africa, if we had been able to send them more equipment. How much nearer to knocking out the German armise might the Rusham have been now if we could have given them more planes and tanks? Now we find our own forces and tanks? Now we find our own forces hand(supped because we have not enough fighing weapons.)

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enough fighting weapons.

The big job now is to rush the conversion of factories to war production.

That is the cukers way to speed
production. The job has been delayed too
long siready. Time and again extempts
have been made to change over the automobile industry. But 1974 officials
realisted. They want to go on making
automobiles and arms both. Some other
concerns did not want war orders, side
OPM Indely allowed some of therefore
get away with it.

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Now the way to rapid conversion is opening up from another quarter. Shorteage of materials are forting the most drastic reduction of shelling out, and the shell are trapidly. The enormous amount of materials in the competition of the shell of rom steel to colothing needed for the war is compelling keon Henderson to reduce civilian manufacture. These draws down severe much idde equipment; and down severe much idde equipment; and down severe much idde equipment; and least war orders will be showed.

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Appropriations are still far outrun-ning contracts placed. The job now is to speed up that work, to find out what the idle factories can make and to get them to make it. The time for building them too make it. The time for building more plants of astronomical side is past. These things will be needed next Fall. and there is no more time sire in which to build facilities from scratch. The job is to supply faithing forces next Summer and Fall and to mass the reserve supplies that will be needed for the videology campaigns of the Spring of 1895.

## Visitin' Around

(Pranklin Times)

Mrs. W. E. Beasley has moved her Cafe to the Tucker building recently vacated by White Funeral Home.

For Further Delails-(Balfour Item, Hendersonville Times-News)

Friends of Wanda Anders are norty to-hear of the accident she suffered man-day and hope that she will specific recover.