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### Morsel

### One Small Fact Nestles in Yesterday's War Report

Like spotting a familiar face in a room full of utter strangers is it to come across the direct statements of an Amer-can newspaper reporter anughting in the writer of confusing reports, commu-

The weller of confusing reports, commu-laples and purposeful lies now emanat-ing from Berlin and Moscow.

Ah, the little reader might well ex-elaim: here is something to sink the leath in. Ber, nidd the vacuum created by the bloated blasts from German beadquarters and Ruusian headquarters, is a lull in which a fact may find shel-

The fact that the fact may be agree-able or wholly disagreeable to U.S. read-ers does not much alter the satisfaction yes does not much alter the satisfaction of encountering it. Thus, when in the sarlier stages of this war the APz Louis Lechner would send from within Germany accounts of the ineffectiveness of Sritish bombing expeditions. Instly confessibility London's calaims, the news was dismaying. But still it was genuine hews, which is to say that it was a factual seport by a reporter trained to search with facts.

It was Mr. Lochner again who stepped as was set. Lockner again who steeped my to the plate resterday and poked out a single fact. Yet it was a fact of some emoquence, as may be seen. His distinct, was datelined, "With the Finnish Smy on the Russian Front," and it told of the Finnish respect for the bravery of Russian fighters, Then Mr. Lockner sweet on to rate:

"Toput this question to three Finnish generals: "Are there any signs what-ever of Russian morals breaking down!" "In every case the spontaneous re-ply was "Fore whatever."

by wa, 'Kone whateret.' And so, when discussing this war smoot ourselves and trying to make heads or falls of it, we may now declare with sewmane, "The Flams say that the sun is no tign whatever of Russian morale breaking down. We have it on the word of an American reporter."

### **Mor**ale Blight

### Unless a Soldier Wants To Fight, He Falls Easily

To Fight, He Falls Easily
With every new day it becomes more
sparent that there is something wrong
with the Army of the United States,
smething bad wrong. The Benate was
seeing for a remedy vesterday when it
sied to extend the active service period
of all soldiers by a year-and-a-half and
or raise their pay ten dollars a month.
Meither of these treatments is likely to
reduce the desired results.

Eighteen months' extension of service
yas admittedly only a compromise. The
sen who are fully comprisent of the danvers we face realize that there is only
maporary relief in half-way measures.
The lessons of every sreat war in our hissory teach us that there is one and only
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Yet even this compromise will hardly
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gray for the duration of the emergency from jor the duration of the emergency from this compromise will hardly so more palatable to our conscripted army than an order to serve for the duration. To many young men, drafted away from jobs and friends, 18 extra months must seem like an endless and wholly arbitrary period of time. The selectees must realize, ioo, that if his elected must realize, ioo, that if his lengthened once, it may well be the selected on the selected of the selected on the selected of the selected of the selected on the selected of the selected on the selected on the selected of the selected of the selected on the selected of the selected on the selected of the selected of the selected on the selected of the selected of the selected on the selected of the selected on the selected of the selected of the selected of the selected on the selected of th selectes must realize, too, that if his bern is lengthered once, it may well be described again. Wouldn't it have sound-ed more sensible to the young men in-uniform if the Benate had required them be remain in service until their job was dense.

And speaking of their job, what is it? his may sound like a rhetorical mes-This may sound like a theorieal ques-cion but the entire answer is not: "Their job is to defend their country." It should be clear by this time that this nation as undertaken to do more than to de-zend its physical boundaries against ac-sail stacks. We have underwritten the sturre of England and have zet ourselves in as the arenal of all the world's de-manders. We are, for the second time is three decades, fishting

set as toe areenal of all the world's de-theoracies. We are, for the second time in three decades, righting to make the world safe for democracy. We might as well be honest with our soldiers and sail them they may have to right in stry corner of the globe. Person of the pro-perties of our new Army understand this, retained they realise, that these are our seemed objective and that we are blum-sering the properties of the properties of the theory of the properties of the pro-tor of the pro-tor

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Marin, we believe, is the real reason

by Drew Pearson and Robert Allen are

seasoning the morale of our Army with

season the French. You can sum it up

In two sentences: (I) What are we fight-ing for? and (2) Look at them guys out-

If everyone in the country were feeling If everyone in the country were feeling the pinch, if there were something to get mad about, if we could only see the danger that threatens us—Army morale might be different. But outside the Army this nation is enjoying prosperity comparable with that or 1029. The gap between soldier and civilian is a mile wide. As long as our draftees look forward to being uniformed with the approximate rulbs of a prisoner waiting for his chain earlier than the country of the process of the country of the countr gang stripes, we are going to have the same morale in our Army that obtains in a penitentiary. And ten bucks a month more isn't going to help much.

### Blood And Glass

A Dangerous Corner Is Still Wide Open

Two weeks has gone by since a high-way van clipped down and destroyed the stop light at the corner of Park Avenue and South Boulevard. During these fourteen days the dangerous interection has been wide open. The through-high-way traffic from the York Road, ming-ling with that of Dilworth and other abstrates. suburban areas, speeds along the wide suburban areas, speeds along the wide Boulevard. When this artery is inter-sected by Park Avenue in an area of drug stores, grocery stores, laundries and even a theater and a post office, all the elements of a traffic danger spot are present.

As long as the stop light functioned, a pedestrian or auto attempting to get arrors the Boulevard at the intersection had aimost an even chance of escaping total destruction.

But during the two weeks that the corner has been wide open there have been, to our knowledge, fire automobile smaships. From one of these, a woman was carried away in an ambulance. Two days ago we saw a little girl try to cross the Boulevard. Not once, but twice she had to scream and run as fast as her scared legs would carry her. The car that almost nucdered her was doing well over littly.

legs would carry nor. The car man ammost murdered her was doing well over fitty.

There are no stop signs at the intersection, and we have seen a policeman there but once. There is absolutely nothing to prevent the present series of weeks from continuing until the cornor, already strewn with broken glass, is liberally sprinkight with blood.

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Twice at least has this matter been brought to the attention of Central Traffic Authority B. Atwood Skinner, Traffic Authority B. Atwood Skinner, who, by the way, is a good building inspector. More than a week ago he said he had ordered a new stop light. Two days ago, he said the stoplight had been shipped. But he fiatly stated that "it wouldn't do any good "to put up stop signs on Park Avenue. The only thing that will help the situation is a new stop light or a policeman, he says. But he says a policeman can't be spared. He and "the Lleutenant" have talked about it. They send a man out "every time they have one available." Meanwhile the weeks continue.

Our conclusion is that this traffic energy that characterizes the handling of all traffic in Charlotte.

In other words, those in charge of traffic took a bad situation and, using all the resources at their command, are

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In other words, those in charge of traffic took a bad situation and, using all the resources at their command, are keeping it that way.

### Junk Needed

Let's Remove an Eyesore and A Shortage With One Dose

Ohio wreckers have volunteered to double their production of scrap iron steel and other badly-needed metals by junking the cars that adorn their auto-

Here is why junked cars are so im-

Here is why junked cars are so important in this emergency;
Approximately 2,500,000 automobiles are scrapped each year. Each car wrecked has a potential average yield of about 1,500 pounds of iron and steel crap, 20 pounds of automobiles and copper serap. Each car wrecked has a potential average yield of about 1,500 pounds of iron and steel crap, 20 pounds of autominum, and 60 pounds of brights and copper serap. Each these clasked as a "critical metal." There is clasked as a "critical metal." There is classed as a "critical metal. There is referred to serve million automobiles in American Junk-yards. Along the highways of both the Carolana where its cores of bonograds where literally the scores of bonograds where literally the scores of bonograds where literally the total cardinals of the serve you will be removed well-cless, they would not only be help-ling mixtonal defense, they would be removing eyesores from our highways as well.

### As Others See Him...



The News).

Appropriately enough, Rebert R. Reynolds was born in Buncembe County, N. C. As a young man he acquired a reput of the New York of

in Washington Sensites Rey-noids quickly became known as an austranding spokeman for the Aris powers. He could al-ways be counted on to lake the ways be counted on to lake the ways be counted on to lake the first powers. He could al-to five Further and if Inter Typical of his declaration at such times was this one; "Hiller and Musushin have a date with deatiny. It's foolish to uppose and Musushin have a date with deatiny, but play ball with hieror."

certiny. It's feelish to uppose them, so why not play ball with them?

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# Barges For Oil

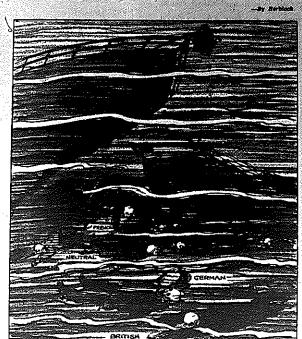
By Hugh S. Johnson

As is becoming quite apparent, this seven-to-seven gas station busi-ness lan't doing much more than



take the trouble to get to before, as Faul Mallon ren set out to "Tekeste" et As has already been demo by other commentators, the annual use of gas by the commentations and a transfer of the samual tree of gas by the commentations of the samual tree of gas by the commentations of the samual tree of gas by the commentations of the samual tree of gas by the commentation of the samual tree of gas by the commentation of the samual tree of gas by the commentation of the samual tree of gas by the commentation of the samual tree of gas by the commentation of the samual tree of the sa by other commentation of the commentation of gas by non-count annual use of gas by non-count cital automobiles is about 650 gain as year. The threat to ration for gailous a week would, on 650 per cent and not the 31 per cent Mr. Ickes says he should be admitted for Apparently the wester that the same of the country of t

# The People of Europe Get Together



### Letters to the Editor:

# The Impulse To Fight

Emicri, Am six-no.

"Shame on a country that would refuse to let its young men follow from the property of the

a more noble cause that that of peace.

His martyrdom will stand as a monument to the boys whose lives he has afriven to asve. And whether his efforts are met with success of the control of the control

petroleum products to the East coast in barges.

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I don't pretent to be an expert in the field. I can't even youth for the figures I am about to use, except to say that they were checked, by one of the forement tonnage experts in this country and counter-checked with another.

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am told that good occars, soins tuge
about 100 miles a day, that larger
barges could be build in two to
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average cost of one turn-around,
city, would be about 20000 or 50

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### Archbishop Beckman Is "Just Human"

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If the Archibithop feels that to the up with fluxish is to be aligned with the Devil. what are we to the property of the property of

comes before the public trying to influence them spainst their government, he forfeits that respect. I personally dilke many others:
I personally dilke many others:
What can a body do about it in this land of freedom of speech;
Only one Uring: Pray and pray that Almighty God in His mercy that Almighty God in His mercy of confusion and tragedy to a peace and understanding of the Problembood of Man. Like Wheeler, Einsbergth, Reymolds and other tight to any what he thinks aromerosod of Man. Like Wheel-er, Lindbergh, Reynolds and oth-ers, the Archbishop seems to have the right to say what he thinks no matter how wrong we feel he is.

I am sending a copy of Mrs.

Jackson's letter and my own to
the Archbishop.

—K. V. CROWE.

(Mrs. Thomas Crowe)

1214 Ordermore Avenue,
Charlotte, N. C.

#### Park Commission Sends Thanks

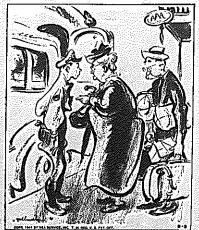
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Editors, The News:
You are very generous in giving publicity to the activities of pure Park and Recreation Commission, and in behalf of those who use our facilities, as went as all supported to the control of the con

### TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Practice the presence of God; five with Him: Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the maintains were brought forth, or even Thou hads! formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to evertasting. Thou art God.—Padm 90:1, 2.

### Side Glances



"Young man, when I get off your hum don't let me forget that I have three packages, two

# Nazis Seek A Breather

By Raymond Clapper



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One can read between the lines of press dispetches that the forman are not considered to the lines of press dispetches that the lines of the lines of press dispetches that the lines of t

azzistance to Vichy and to French North Africa in supplying food and oil, among other things.

# VICHY IS STANDING FIRM-

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AT THE MOMENT

The situation has come to a crisis with Velay virtually deling Germany, which is trying to force France to invite. Occurant forces to occupy French Africa. At the moment Velay is standing firm, and is being bereate by the German-controlled Paris preadown in the German Indiance are hury in Velay companies. The German Hollenes are hury in Velay ment those suspected of hostile feeling. Evidently Berlin is about ready for the final striple that will end all Vichy resistance to full 'collaboration—meaning full surrender of the African Empire.

The question of utmost importance to the United States is whether General Weygand, in command in North Africa, will resist if Velay resistance collapses completely. He has been a leading force in appuring the aged Feetain to resist this ultimate German demand. German influences are now trying to force him to submit to Velay in all policies.

Vichy in all policies.

# GERMANY MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT DAKAR EXPEDITION

TO SUPPORT DAKAR EXPEDITION
There is some question whether Oermany now it in a position to conduct
a military campaign in North Africa
squints General Weygands resistance,
Pierre Boisson. Oovermor Oronal of
Dakar, is saying publicly that extensive new defenses have been completed slong the French North African
coast. Occurat Weygand has indicated he will light any invader. The
British have recently airragithened their
African coast strongholds just below
Dakar, with Frectown as the main
base. If har well be that the next
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of the state of the s think this Government will ignore, When the case of self-defense and hemisphere security becomes clear enough, this Covernment will go into

enough, this Covernment will go into military action, and my guess is that it will have the orewhelming support of the country.

There is danger to us in the whole attuation but it is not likely to be registered in a sufficiently clear-cell, way until Hiller shows up on the Atlantic coast from Portugel on south, where no barrier remains between him and the Watern Merchanter that and the Western Hemisphere. Hitler in Dakar would be closer to Brazil than we are. Vichy is the door through which this

vicey is the coor through which this operation will proceed it to come off. That is why the intricate political wanceuverings at Vichy are in reality preparatory to something that would bring us smack up to military intervention.

## Visitin' Around

The Dry Heat Of Probibilion, Probly

(Guy Swaringen, Stanly News & Press)

Brainly News & Press)
Well, anyway, Caston Morrain said he once had the inside of his mouth practically cooked. Back when he was a boy, he said, he had a terrible toothache all day. A pala which his dad sought to relieve by telline him to hold whisky in his mouth. This brought not) partial relationship of manning and the booth kept on achine.

on aching.

After awhile his dad brought him to
town to see Dr. Miller, who pulled the
tooth — and commented on the fact
that young Osaton's mouth was, as he
asid. "coxed."