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They Laughed

A Man's Reputation Turns Cruel Charge Into a Jest

The value beyond gold of a good reputation founded on genuine character was never better illustrated than in the proceedings yesterday at the Littlejohn hearing.

This sort of testimony would be sensational on its face anywhere. In a place like Charlotte, where the people are befuddled by dark rumors about what is going on in low and high places

Why the whole assemblage, possibly with one or two exceptions, just threw back its collective head and laughed. Even the Civil Service Commission members

Curse Ahead

Excess Profits Levy Had Best Be Made Genuine

According to observers as far apart as General Hugh Johnson and Messrs. Pearson and Allen of the Washington Merry-Go-Round, the so-called excess profits tax bill cooked up by Congress

There is no reason, of course, that war industries should be penalized or forced to take smaller profits than the average of other industries.

About Face

A Complaint Balances Out A Splendid Principle

The Southern Governors' Conference was obviously dealing in unconscious hypocrisy when it went on record as believing that the location of war industries ought to be chosen without regard to political subdivisions or community pressure.

Green Light?

Japan Is Likely To Take It That Way, Anyhow

That an administration at Washington has no notion of getting into a fight in the Pacific so long as there is an election still to be settled is not perhaps news at all to those who have been carefully cautioned by the fact that a third of the fleet at Hawaii is now on its way to the West Coast for re-conditioning.

One Down

COP Bags Wisconsin but Other Primaries Are Vague

In view of the fact that the Republicans pulled more votes in the state primary than the Democrats and Progressives combined, Wisconsin seems to be pretty well in the bag for the Republicans in November.

Letters to the Editor

Tears That Come Too Late

Dear Sir: I'm not sure that people sometimes don't realize how good a thing it is to be kind.

Beautiful things are so transient. They seem too good to be true and sometimes are "for yesterday."

It's the same way with friends. Sometimes we don't really appreciate a good, true friend until he's gone and then it's too late.

It is very regrettable to have been slightly surprised by receiving your letter of congratulatory criticism.

Therefore, I am glad to hear that you are still in the garden with your fruit trees.

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A Fated Drift

By Raymond Clapper

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Willkie said the lessons of childhood were the preparation for democracy. They were and still are. Modern parents are still trying to point those standards into their children.

Without those standards it is difficult to build a society, and especially a democratic society. It wasn't because people had lost their childhood virtues that Herbert Hoover was driven to set up the R.P.C. as a kind of large measure.

THE DEBATE GOES BEYOND ANY MAN: Those not interested in partisan politics will suggest that our trouble has arisen from something more fundamental than anything Roosevelt. Private capitalism is not and everybody knows it is.

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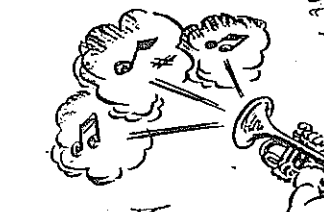
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The Rival Sirens

By Herbert



It must be remembered that international military experts hardly agreed that the new tactics devised by the British are anything but a first-aid military device.

Because of the failure of the Maginot Line, among other major military disasters, France lost her far-flung empire and world political influence.

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What France

By Dorothy Thompson

CHARACTERISTIC of the twentieth century middle-class civilization, which collapsed so disastrously in France, is the emphasis on safety.

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WHERE POLICE LIVE LIKE LICHTS: The Maginot Line—looking at it with hindsight—was an ominous indication of the lengths to which the idea of comfort could be carried.

After You, Good Sir, After You: It's strange that the newspaper editors should suddenly become flag conscious after so many years.

The Tough Breed: The French people are highly intellectual and very logical. The leaders of France reached agreement one day and war the next.

Prescription: "They say for a new synthetic, Cardinal, that it fills in lapses of the memory—if you can remember what you've done."

TODAY'S GIBLE THOUGHT: O safety is early with thy mercy. And the more rejected, the glad all our days.—Psalm 90:14.

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