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or French territory used even as a threat against us. By the same reasoning which compelled bombling raids upon Parls manufactories making war goods for Germany, Britain and the United States are now compelled in simple self-defense to move first and explain later.

"Later Denied..." Japs Find It Necessary

To Contradict Themselves

Now that the little men in Tokyo have had time to recover from the confusion into which their first air raid seems to have thrown them, the news reports they put out may be expected to contain not only a decreasing amount of truth but more and more misstatement designed to produce an effect in this country.

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In the first burst of excitement about the raids, the Japs may have disclosed more facts than they intended. They seemed to be so anxious to air their version of the raid before our side could make its report that they apparently overlooked some rather revealing admissions.

They announced that the Imperial Family was safe. The mere fact that this announcement was made indicates that the raid did considerable damage.

By custom, reassurances concerning the health of the Emperor and his family come only after great disasters, such as the great earthquake of 1923.

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They announced that the air raid watchers "who were not at their posts" to report the approaching American bombers will be court martialed. Japan, too, it seems, it not immue to Pearl

They first admitted to a kind of con-fusion in "stricken areas" (quotes are the

enemy's), but subsequently denied that there is or was anything but orderly ef-

They claimed that nine attacking bombers had been shot down over Tokyo. Later the total number of the raiders over the capital was set at eight.

They first denied any damage to war factories, then were embarrassed by Berlin's breezy announcement that the

destroyed plants would be rebuilt speed-

From now on, though, any Jap men-tion of the raid will be purely for propa-ganda purposes. They can have no other reason for bringing up a subject which, to them, must be decidedly unpleasant.

War of Extinction Means

Under the avalanche of news of other battlefronts it is hard to keep from forgetting about the Pinns. These unfortunate people, who by every standard are our own kind yet who have formed an "alliance" with Hitler, are becoming fewer every day.

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A dispatch from Mossow tells how a thousand Finan were chopped down in two days. To Germany, or to Russia, a thousand Fanaulities are no more than the abrug of a general's shoulders. The big operations are gambling for total victory or total defeat and the loss of actual millions of men did not present the Russians from taking the offensive.

But Finland to a little country with

killed—If not in two days, then in two weeks.

It must have occurred to the Finnish leaders that It the war lasts long enough there will be no more able-bodied men lett. Each week, we are told, the Germans must send in more and more of their own troops to make up for Finnish losses. It is a pity that such a gallant little nation should literally die. Baron von Mannerheim should have thought of that when he agreed, in return for German aid against the Russians in the first Karellan war, to support Hiller's own attack on the Soviet, It is too late now for Finland to save herself or to be saved.

A western medical publicist discusses an ailment in which the eyes turn to stone. We remember the condition well, in first sergeants and women.

Just That to Finland

Too Late

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The Bug

Once It Bites You, Its Virus Gets in the Blood Stream

With all the actual and threatened carcities of war time, it is notable that scarciuss of war time, it is notable that there is no shortage of candidates for elective offices. Except, that is, in the one office which above all others cries but for a change. But more about that

ater.

In the main, Mecklenburg County is well supplied with candidates for the rarlety of places at its disposal. There are candidates for the rarlety of places at its disposal. There are candidates for the remunerative obs, such as County Chairman, Clerk of the Court, Sheriff and the like, and andidates for the offices which cost a nan money, such as the Board of County Dominisolorers and the Legislature.

If it is not calaries alone, then, that though the boys out, what is 1t? Well, it is a variety of things, and we reckon that in some instances it is the desire o be of service to the public. The commentative spirit likewise plays a part in it. If Smith beat forces in a race one limit, Jones cannot sleep nights until he as beaten Smith.

But above all it is the bug-yessir,

But above all it is the bug—yessir, be political bug. It bites you, and you re bitten. Look over the roster of can-idates filed for the Democratic pri-Makes filed for the Democratic pricary in Meckienburg County. Almost
thout exception they hold office or
are held office or have run for office.
Is no reflection upon them, and
teaven knows that it would be a sad
ay when men chose not to run. But
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ug bites you, you are bitten.
The irony of it is that for the office
thich above all others crice out for reset, not salary (the largest in the lot),
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Drastic Decision

In the Case of France It Needs To Be Made at Once

For some time there has been an For some time there has been an widen difference of opinion between britain and the United States as to the restance of the French Government inder Petain. With the re-emergence, biviously at Hitler's direction, of the rescherous Pierre Laval, with Sunner Welle's denunciation of Ambassador Beart Haye for handing him a note purporting to represent the views of Vichy mit actually having been composed in Berlin, with the calling home of Admiral Sahy for a report, the United States. cany for a report, the United States apparently leans to the view that the

upparently leans to the view that the Prench Government has become a will-hig creature of the Nazis and requires to to be dealt with as British has wanted to deal with it for some time—as an intriendly power.

There remain, however, even after greement upon the nature of Vichy, intensely practical questions which are coing to have to be answered. Would it be better to avoid a brush of any kind with the French First or to attack on be better to avoid a brush of any kind with the French Fiet, or to attack on might? Should the British remain on guard over the neutralized warships at Alexandria, or seize them and equip them for service under the Union Jack? Should the U. S. continue to maintain kinaval watch upon the aircraft carrier Bearn at Martinique, or impress it into our own service?

our own service?

And what about Martinique itself, and Dukar and Madagascar?

The War and State Departments, possessing information of a character denied to plain citizens, are best to be intrusted with formulating the answers to these specific questions. But anybody may have an opinion, and our opinion of the measures which ought to be taken against Vichy France argues hotly for the abandonment of dilly-dallying and the use of open force where necfor the abandonment of dilly-dallying and the use of open force where nec-

Dear lessons of the last few years should have taught us the futility, in any competition with Hiller, of meeting action with sympathetic inaction. By finction the Japa were enabled to take over Indo-China without opposition, to "Seeman there on Singapore, Burma ever Indo-China without opposition, to advance thence on Singapore, Burma and Java. The French nation itself, by inaction against the blustering jackal at its rear, let the Italiana march over into France unopposed. The whole war is re-plete with instances wherein Hitler capi-lation where the property of the con-crates to make drastic decision, then made them himself to his immense stra-terie sain.

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By Paul Mallon



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HITLER SHOULD HAVE
STARTED LONG AGO

If he is able to go at all, he should be a supported by the control of the con

around that front for a few weeks. The weather has not been good in the south either, so he can blame his elugishness on the weather there also. But if he has on, eits on the weather there also. But if he has on, eits he will confess by iractivity that our fondest hopes are correct. There was some talk about General MacArthur coming back here for a meeting with the Pacific War and the weather of the weather

THE PASSING OF A FORCEFUL VOICE

A FORCEFUL VOICE
The newspaper in which General Johnson's column is published in Washington did not consider his death of sufficient interest to place it on the front page.
Thus passes quietly from the national debate, which is the essence of democracy, a voice which was sometimes abrill, sometimes too harsh for many people, but always forceful, picturesque, honest.

I guess that was what he was after. I did not know him except as a reader, but you get to think you know people rather intimately from their writings. Writers put themselves out on paper.

themselves out on paper.

He did not try to make friends in his work. He just put his views out there every day, speaking his pleces as if to say:

"I don't want anyone to misunderstand me and to hell with you if you don't like it. This is what I think."

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The Right Thing, Dontcha Know

The Scottish Daily Express

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Cripps, ex-member of our party,"

the Russians from taking the offensive. But Finland is a little country, with about the same population as North Carolina. Already bled white by her first war with Russia, she had searcely buried her dead when Hitler cracked the whip for a second struggle.

To Finland, the loss of a thousand men is vital. It partly depletes an entire generation. And, allowing for sizable Russian exaggerations, thousands of Finns undoubtedly are being killed—if not in two days, then in two weeks. Nice Nellyism: Telegraphic Dept.

Pleasures of Publishing Pleasures of Publishing
When Louise Andrews Kent's
book, "Mrs. Appleyard's Year," landded on the best-selier list, the author's son composed a deterain to
"Hope you cultarly Glays Pose Lee."
Miss Lee's book, "The G-String
Murders," was just shead of Mrs.
Kent's itr sales, But the telegraph
office refused to send the wire. The

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

But they were never used. Christ had risen. It was their intention that counted: And they returned and prepared spices and ointments. — Luke 23:56.

Capping Job



Letters to the Editors:

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were theard of anyone who has had any trouble with insects on holly-hocks.

Although we never heard any one Although which was more of spy until we read your article. To tell you the truth, several people talked to us about your article before we even saw it and some over suggested that we had not been made and soil in Charlotte for the past four to five years and if it was not a good article we never could have good article we never could have soiled in Charlotte alone and with this confluend sale we don't understand why you should have called it a say protect. It well to read the inaccitcide law which was passed by Congress in 1910 and at the time it was passed which was passed by Congress in 1910 and at the time it was passed which was passed by Congress in 1910 and at the time it was passed in the control of the prophets at that time were poleons. In 1931 rotenone was put on the market. It is the ground roots of certain love the control of the prophets and the lattice of the little control of the prophets and the lattice of the little control of the prophets of the little control of the prophets of the little control of the little control of the prophets and major and minor, and the prophet concerning this applied of the little control of the prophets and lits utilizate consequences. If people will read the prophets and lits utilizate consequences. If

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pray to understand, they shall know the truth, before it is too late. —C. R. CHAMPION.
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Taking Joe

Miller's "Pitcher"

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Editors, Tra News:
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Make Clear Our Aims

By Raymond Clapper

CAIRO, EGYPT AFTER spending a month cast of Sues I return to Caire wanting to say some things which, frankly, I don't



which, frankly, I don't know how to say. No dne can go through such ian ex-perience and return feeling quite the same as when he left. Perhaps it will be some little time before the mass of information and information and

judgment that; of key people in India and China will shake down into firm conclusions.
Above all, however, I return with the feeling that the United Nations have failed thus far to make clear their purposes and aims in Asia. I think the reason is that our cause is not clear to ourselves.

WE MUST SAY WHY JAPAN

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IS TO BE DEFEATED
It is not enough to beat Japan in Asia. The point is, to defeat Japan for what purpose? Our failure to answer that question clearly is having a strongly adverse effect on the war in Asia. We are short of supplies in Asia, but even aborter of purposes that will raily the native populations. The result is that in Malaya and Burma, and now in India, the people are more indifferent to the Allied cause than they should be, considering what they have at stake, We have failed to convince them of what really is at stake for them.

Before we can do justice to ourselves in Asia the United Nations must, I think, make a clear and convincing statement of why we are fighting there and what the shape of things will be after the victory.

JAP PROPAGANDA FLAYS

VICTOFY.

JAP PROPAGANDA PLAYS

ON NATIVE HATREDS

Until that has been done, the vast masses of the people won't be throwing in their full weight. Japanese propagnada has been playing skillfully on the native hatred of Western imperialism. It is fantastle that the Japs should be regarded as liberators, yet we are letting the get away with it. Our propagnada job is yet to be done. But it can't be done until our own minds are clear as to what the war in Asia is all about, what the status of the native populawhat the status of the native popula-tions is to be after the war, whether to return to previous conditions or to move into a new stage with more self-gov-ernment.

A clear and effective statment of the United Nations' purposes would be convincing propagands for the winning of confidence in Asia, which winning of confidence in Asla, which secum to me to be one of the most important weapons of the war in the East. Until we do that, we are as good as giving Japan extra divisions. It was so in Malaya and Burma, and it looks as if it might soon be so in India.

soon be so in India.

In Europe the case of the Allies is clear. There the Axis has conquered free peoples. The situation is totally different in Asia, where only the Chinese have been free—and there you see the difference. The Chinese are fighting for themselves. Elsewhere the natives see nothing to fight for except a continuation of the intense conditions of the past. So the more ignorant and unthinking of the people see it only as a question of which set of outsiders is to be over them.

VICTORY INVOLVES MORE THAN ARMS

MORE THAN ARMS

As to the ultimate might of the United
Nations, as far as physical strength
oges, there can be no question. Japan
can never match the Allies in a long
war. But victory in asia involves more
than a matter of arms. The victory cannot be won by arms alone, so long as we
hand the Japanese their propagands
wasson.

weapon.

Sir Siafford Cripps made an effort to overcome this situation in India. The fact that he failed was largely due to the bitterness and susplicing scenaried from the past. The failure of Gripps' mission cannot be the end. It is, rather, a challenge to the United Nations to redouble their efforts for a new deal in Asia that will raily millions to help actively on our side.

Visitim' Around

How To Get Along With Relatives

How To Get Along With Relatives (Paint Rock Homa, Marshall News-Record)

Arch Blackwell has been visiting his brother in Johnson City, Tenn.

Do the Clouds seem thick about you? Does the devil seem to win? Then you're working at it beckward, You must get along with Him.

Mrs. Hobert Lamb and family of Asalis, N. C., have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Shipley, over the week-end.

(Fair Grove Item, Lexington Dispatch)

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Bone of the Hance people came to
see Eaq. Howers about a business matter and said Enq. Yokley caught twe
rabbits in one single trap at one time,
and said it was so because Eaq. Yokley
and so

Side Glances



"Well, the whole world has gone crazy, prices are cockeyed, and my wife's got appendicitis—so I'm not surprised if I take a little too much hair off the top!"