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Signs Of Life

Congress Takes Up A Matter On Its Own Initiative

On its Over instance
It stirs. It shows signs of life. By
George, it lives!
Barlier this week Congress, in passing
the law to provide for the support of
enlisted men's dependents, enuncisted
on its own hook the policy that family
men, regardless of financial status,
abould be drafted last of all. Authority
to promulgate regulations to carry out
this policy was delegated to the Presi-

Senator Taft, a Republican, was the Senator Tatt, a Republican, was the principal proponent of that legislation. And now the Senator is back with, the suggestion that Congress go beyond the enunciation of a policy and lay down the specific order in which men shall be called. "We should decide," he told the Senate yesterday, "and decid de-liberately and intelligently..."

The role of Congress during the months before and the months after Pearl Harbor transed from the ridiculous.

months before and the months after Pearl-Harbor ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime. Before, a numerous and vocal faction sought to tie the country's weal faction sought to tie the country's hands and to prevent both aid to our hands and to prevent both aid to our prospective allies and defense of ourselves. (Senator Tatt, in the company of most of his fellow Republicans, was a mostable obstructionist.) After Pearl Harmor, all the President had to do to get his billi passed was to submit them with the explanation that they had something to do with the war.

In the meantime, Congress had lost a good deal of preside, not say character, And nobody will catch us contendier that it has earned the right or any

ing that it has earned the right or any part of the right to assert itself at this late date and to say how our war shall

But Congress is, after all, the country's But Congress is, after all, the country selected law-making body. It is representative and deliberative. It is composed of 435 members of the House and 85 of the Senate. If, belatedly, it should endeavor with reasonably convincing earnestness to reassume some proper portion of its function, we think it is a good sign.

A Failure

The Army Feels Pinch Of Poor Education

If the United States is to learn, and If the United States is to learn, and remember, some lessons bought with blood from this war, we may hope that one of them has to do with education. For a country that has so long regarded itself as the world's most enlightened area, (all the while hobbling along with an educational system carried by pitifully underpaid teachers), a new set of figures we have found must be embarrassing.

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The U. S. Office of Education says that, to date, the Army has rejected 433...

800 men because of illiteracy—and some of those men are physically itt.

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600 men because of illiteracy—and some 230,000 of those men are physically fit. In that blow, Uncle Sam loat 15 complete divisions. Already, a program fortraining them to read, write and handle simple arithmetic is being worked out, but for a nation such as ours, it should be too late for that.

Regardiess of where rides the blame for such a shameful performance by a wealthy people, the fault is there, and giaring. To be sure, U. S. standards are higher now than in World War 1. In those days, reading and writing meant literacy; today, selectes must have fourth-grade educations. That any appreciable percentage of our population should fail such a simple test is reason enough for a national blush.

Not only, in the lush years, was there neglect of our antity through sensible manment. In post-war times we would be delighted to hear, in time with the criterion of military men to retain our rivers.

ne delignted to near, in tune with the cries of millary men to retain our strength permanently, the insistence of educators upon a new, all-encompassing system of learning. As lack of it has hurt us in war, so it will again, in the new peace.

Puddle-Jumpers

Famous Commuters Give Atlantic Final Touch

Long since, we suppose, we should are overcome our amazement at the antiestations of the age of miracles, it today we're back to the open-outhed stance again. The Atlantic has ng since become, just a puddle under rines stance again. The Atlantic has a since become just a puddle under shadows of long-range planes—but rate at which Europe's rulers have a popping up in the United States last few days still brings a thrill.

the fifteenth anniversary of Lindbergh's flight across the pond. 80, when Wilhelmina, Queen of The Netherlands, bobbed up yesterday after a secret soaring, the world might have been proud of its record conquest of the air. So

of the record conquest of the air. So shrunken is the globe that passage of an ocean by a 61-year-old queen seems a matter of routine.

No one knows, apparently, how Winston Churchill came. But on the basis of his recent record, we hold it likely that he simply boarded a bomber, relaxed for a few hours, and found himself in the U. S., ready to make plans for the re-winning of a globe.

As the rulers passed over, of course, the old ocean was tossing under the heaviest air traffic it has ever seen. The ferry lines and patrols were busy across

ferry lines and patrols were busy across its breadth and along its borders. The pond was not far away, perhaps, from witnessing a wholesale supply of expedi-tionary forces by air.

The Speed-Up

U. S. Farmers Hit New High In Feeding United Nations

In the midst of war's pell-mell rush one of America's oldest friends, the farmer, is getting his second big help-ing hand of the generation. Consider-ably perked up by efforts of the New hand of the generation. Considerably perked up by efforts of the New Deal after too many years of hard-won existence, he had it coming. The war brought it to him.

By the end of April, the U. S. farmer had sent five billion pounds of farm products to our aliles among the United Nations, a stockpile of food valued at more than \$650,000,000. He neither knew

more than \$355,000,000. He neither knew nor cared, as he worked in a big year, that shipping shortages were ahead. His only lob was to produce the food, and he did it. The U.S. may not be able to feed the world, but it was making a good stab at it during April.

In that month alone, American farmers reached for an income of \$373,000,000. That was far better than the old, wide-open days, when ho administration seemed able to produce a workable farm program, and rural population was dwindling. It was a whooping sight better than the AAA program which made a hard-working man feel like a leech on society. It was the best time the farmer had ever seen.

And what made the days doubly happy

And what made the days doubly happy And what made the days doubly happy was a double promise: The farmer could not only chip in a big share toward winning the war we must win; in the days afterward, he could see chances for himself he had never seen before. In the future, perhaps, men of agriculture all over the country could climb to an alittime high standard of living. Agronomy is no longer only a fancy modern name for farming. The industry itself has caught up with the modern U. S. It has gone big-time, with a chance to stay there.

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The House, We Calculate,

Takes a New Labor Stand

Takes a New Labor Stand

At any moment now we're expecting information from Washington that the House of Representatives has done a heak-fillp in its attitude on Labor. According to our reasoning, and the evidence at hand, it can't miss. The House, for at least once, has been touched where it hurts.

The other day, when walters in the House restaurant struck at mid-meal for higher wages, the boys must have suddenly remembered some old saw they'd heard about an army traveling on its stomach. They must also, those who fretted and waited in vain for food, have developed great insight into Labor's problems.

During the years of the Roosevelt ad-During the years of the Moosevelt Raministration, Congress, though it has often balked, has been awaing toward the liberal pole by The Boss. This week, when members had to go hungry, or seek out another restaurant, years of patient progress must have been wiped out. It seems a peculiar phenomenon that personal contact of almost any sort was color, a many silver for years had. that personal contact of almost any soft may color a man's views for years, but we're taking the stand that this restau-rant business was nether peculiar nor amusing to the House.

We like to think of the hungry ones, going back to business with those pesky

going back to business with those peaky Labor troubles fresh on their minds, yowing to remember the discomfort they suffered—merely because some House waiters insisted on a scale equal to that of the Senate waiters. If, in the course of war legislation, Labor pope up again with Monday as hote freehile

Disarm No More

By Paul Mallon



by French and British politicians. A second minority group, and a smaller one, is the old sociationist school, just as earnestly claiming that our vision for peace in the future should not be lifted beyond our shore line.

A third group, which seems to be in a majority, favors a new method, discarding both old theories as unsuccessful, and the state of t

ter way.

This group seems less interested than some of the Administration spokesmen. Ilke Vice-President Wallace, in reforming the world socially, papearely its primary inspiration is a thirst for international justice. Its prime purpose is domestic security founded on jus-

of the majority of my condents think __British. rew at the majority by my correspondents think. British, French, Russian or any other statesmen are going to be much different after this war. These expect them to be looking to for their own control of the think but they also expect our states-men to be looking out primar-ily for our interests.

caught, their support, the one said, their support, the one said to get that this country shall not again be duped into disarmament. One reader sent me a clipping from Clare Booth Luce's analysis in Life Magazine of the great career of General Stilwell, the American Life Magazine of the great career of General Stilwell, the American Kai Shek to head his armies, Mrs. Luce was trying to find out why the Ceneral went to China after the First World War, and interviewing him, she wrote:

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He said that when he returned home from France in turned home from France in the said of the war personnel department the war personnel department of the war

He went to China.

The General must have been madder yet in Burma where the fruits of this lack of American vigilance bitterity prevented him from getting the planes and tanks in time to stop the vicious Jap march of shaughter, rape and brutality.

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This time this nation clearly is not going to dispense with the service of its heroic lighters who are now wimning this war and depend for protection upon expensively purchased treaties which have never done the job before.

one the job before.

This is the direction, at least, which Mr. Rooserelt and Britain have taken in their Russian agreement. There are some who say the agreement may be a preliminary to selling the New Deal around the world at the price of canceling Alled objective of the supplemental of the price of canceling Alled objective of the supplemental of the price of the p

atong evidence yet to back it.
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treaty with Russia is that the viction are going to stay in arms until
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Well. How'd the Pinch Work Out?

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Typographical Forum
Just to prove that there's nothing inherently disbolical about the
printing business, here is the story
of how the "printer's devil" got
his manual.

his name.

The famed aixleenth century printer, Aldus Manutius, brought to hix shop in Venice a Negro bow as his helper venetians thought to his shop in Venice a Negro bow as his helper venetians thought ture of the devil himself, and so called him.

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TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Stand firm, press toward one objective: He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth object. Matt. 2:30

At the North Pacific Crossroads



For War In The Air

We Hatch New Falcons

By W. L. WHITE

In The Atlantic

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the story only old Curliss 7-60 Tomahawks.

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But why did we have obsolets planes in Hawaii and the Fillippines. The answer to the criticism implied in that question is that we did and yet we didn't have obsolete planes. About 80 per cent of the fighters built for our American afforce in 19th are by severe facet does not alarm the Army Alfr Corps, which has reason to believe that we have some of the heat fighter-plane designs in the world.

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and range; it does not need altitude to do its highly specialized

the other type of American terms to the interceptor, we tap pured form is the Lock as Lightning. The intercept on designed to so locking mbers. Its base is near the target which it is assigned the climb, so that it can be climb, so that it can go the axy and bring down mercame, bouthers are bounders and other than the climb, so that it can be appropriately the same bring down mercame, bounders are bounders as the control of the same and the control of the same are the control of the same are the control of the

can make their runs over the target.

The Lockheed Lightning is the fastest military plane in the world today, but it gets its auper speed and super rate of climb at the expense of range, which it does not need, and of manneuvrability, which it can

Range and manoeuvrability we find in the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt. If the Thunderbolt falls a little short of the Lightning's a little short of the Lightning's speed and rate of climb, not only a little short of the Lighthings speed and rate of climb, not only can it intercept bombers but it with a celling equal to that of a Flying Fortress, the Thunderbolt on patrol can perch on the stratosphere's edge and plumaries of the stratosphere's edge and plumaries the Lockined Lightmanocurve the Lockined Lightmanocurve the Lockined Lightmanocurve minutes warning would have been ample. For within this time for over the maximum attitude for over the maximum attitude for over the maximum attitude of the more shughts in Konjima 90 naval biplane torpedo bombers and come crashing down on them annihilating the second wave, and annihilating the second wave, and the Oklahoma probably still would be aflort.

Because, when the new Lock-

minute.

The Lightnings did not rise to rash down on the single-motored lakajima 96's because it is only Nakajima 96's becar recently that they have hatched out of the blueprints, crawled through the tedious process of teoling, and started dribbling off the assembly

rous a month.

Army Air Corps officers who have returned from linison duty in England are quick to acknowledge our debt, politique out that, while American airplane companies standpoint of design and theory, the only real test of any plane is actual combat, and in building our new air force we have had or right of the properties of th

But our biggest lesson we have learned from the Japanese. They have taught us nothing new in design—as our millitary observers had afready reported, their air force seems to be based on fairly efficient copies of American, German, and British designs, with little original development.

eriginal development.

The lesson we have learned from Shippon is to strike, even with imposition to strike, even with imposition to strike the strike when his fleet is anchored, and while his revest designs are still stringsling the assembly line. Strike then and with the strike the same than the strike then and the strike the same than the strike then and the strike the same than the strike the same than the strike the same than t

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Side Glances



"We can get married some evening after work—you don't want to interrupt our ship-a-day program now, do you?"

Expert Flynn

> By Raymond Clapper WASHINGTON

NEWSPAPERS in Boston report a speech which Edwards J. Flynn, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, made there a few nights ago in which he constitution of the constitution of th demned the press for

Committee, made there a few nights ago in which he condemned the press for, its recent criticism of Congress. The effect, he was echoing the cry of Speaker Ray burn and others in Congress who say the press is out to destroy Congress. Some stroy Congress. Some stroy Congress. Some stroy Congress is out to destroy of it anybody utters a critical would help some members to be reelected if the press refrained from all criticism until after next November, and perhaps that is what they are driving all-but it is a question whether that would help strengthen democracy. All who believe in democracy want to preserve Congress. They want to see it live up to its opportunities more fully. That's what the criticism is all about. The Administration has been trying to get Congress to vote more taxes and Means Committee. It must go through the House and through the Senate Pinance Committee and the Senate and Menna Committee. It must go through the House and through the Senate Pinance Committee. It must go through the House and through the Senate Pinance Committee. It must go through the House and through the Senate and then through conference. Every day that passes the Government is losing needed revenue.

That sort of thing, not the abolition of Congress is what people are taking about, and of course they know it in Congress ioo. The stuff about destroying Congress to. The stuff about destroying Congress to. The stuff about destroying to the stuff of the properting the Americans and the population and the same ten of soils, leave ments ago that we were not goils, to have any more elections.

Flynn gets around to supporting the Americans and the Americans a

Flynn gets around to supporting his point by comparing the Ameri-can press with the French gress. He probably doesn't know that the French press was notoriously for probably doean't know that the French press was notoriously for sale. The only similarily between the French prostitute newspapers and independent American newspapers in that both are printed on white paper.

white paper.

Flynn says the people of France lest respect for their democracy because the French press was doing what the American press to doing, French democracy went to pieces because corrupt, incompetent, short-slighted men destroyed it. Institutions destroy themselves. Congress will never be destroyed by criticism, but only if it grows so weak and inadequate that people lose considence in it. Modern government is demanding more of the executives demands more of the legislative branch. That feeling expressed tite(if through)

That feeling expressed itself through the protest over the X card affair bethe protect over the X card affair bear-cause the incident revealed a state of, mind that was out of key with what war conditions demand. It expressed itself, also in the protect against Congress vol-ing itself into the retirement plan, which had a good deal of merit in liself but which was put through at a time and in a way that offended the public state of mind so deeply that Congress reversed itself.

Everybody is constantly subjected to criticism and there is no reason why the newspapers should be expeted. It is good for us to be called to account. It is good for public ofto account. It is good for public of clicials and for the legislative branch. It was good for the Su-preme Court a few years ago. If has been good for the bankers and the industrialists. None of these in-stitutions has been destroyed by criticism. Some of them have im-proved by it.

Criticism may even have been a good thing for Ed Flynn himself, because when it came out that a courtyard on his country estate had been paved with city paving blocks taken from the 8,000 city paving blocks taken from the City of New York in city trucks, the Democratic National Chairman returned the paving blocks to the city as that he would not be left in the position of using municipal property for his own private estate.

Visitin' Around

It Ain't Th' Flippin', It's Th' Floppin'

(RFD item, Lexington Dispatch)

Lexington Dispation.

Mrs. Rachel Fern Myers Koontz had
the misfortune to let her car get beyond control on the highway near R. A.
Hill's place Theaday morning, and was
badly bruised and hurt when it stopped

There Is, After All, Something Te Be Said For The Tractor (Double Springs item, Shelby Star)

A team of mules ran away with Mrs.

Posey Bridges and her son one day last
week, injuring Mrs. Bridges.

Walt A Minute, Now-Which's Is In The Army? (Fairview item, Lexington Dispatch)

Harlan Hedrick spent the week end with home foks from an Army samp in Georgia