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America's Wartime Birthday

Fighting Men of the Past Could Laugh At the Dark News of This Fourth



This is the birthday of a young nation. The last great bastion of democracy because our arms on the battlefields of the world cannot seek for victory, it is not a happy occasion. We have reason to celebrate our being only because ours is the mighty nation of the earth, in whose strong hands the future is held. We must not suffer defeatism and gloom this day.

From the lineage of a warplane or the hull of a merchant ship, or flutters in peace at home, the tender image of America will mean that our life and death, this untested freedom.

Heroes At Home

Training Deaths Are Part Of Building a Victory

Among the chilling, cheerless news of a dark week of war, that of the deaths of 30 U. S. airmen in crashes seemed most depressing. To look at those deaths will appear useless waste of young life. Had those young, highly-trained men died in combat, the price would have seemed smaller. The country, not yet accustomed to war tolls, flinches readily at our losses by accident.

Little Guns

Fireworks for Fourth Echo Battles Abroad

This day, the settlement goes, is not one for firing firecracker salutes in celebration of the 160th birthday of our nation, but one for work and quiet contemplation of the big job ahead. With that, there will be disagreement.

The War Becomes Our Own

U. S. Troops Begin the Big Drive, And Prepare To Pay the Big Price

Today at last the war is becoming our war. In two short hours from two big fronts Americans could see their future. The first, the big drive, is the strength of U. S. army, apparently, the major theater of action that brought encouragement on the Fourth, and a sober realization of the price we were about to pay.

News Behind The News

War Disjoins Our National Economy

By Paul Mallon

REVOLUTIONARY extent of our economic dislocation due to the war is only now beginning to be fully apparent to the general masses conducted by Government and private organizations here.

restored in its pre-automobile dignity in American life before this war is over. The only organizations which will get rich and stay there, however, are union labor groups. Most of their large income increase is secret to them, but they are not subject to taxes and hence will not pay their war profits back into the Government.

Those who are remaining in civilian service are able to collect their bills. Lawyers, on the other hand, are suffering. The Government has discovered more lawyers have come to Washington in search of jobs than any other class. A few big cases, handling large contracts, have profited enormously, however.

Rights Of The People

By Dick Young

PEOPLE who have their own ideas about restrictions on public officials are getting a public office. Corporate lawyers, for instance, are accustomed to being "kept" about their clients' interests, and are now realizing that the Government's business is the people's business.

The 4th of July Spirit

By Herblock



After Two Busy Years Clapper Takes A Rest

Reported From Time

SOMETHING significant will be missing this month from the pages of the nation. Columnist Raymond Clapper has headed for Rehoboth Beach, Del., for his first vacation in two years. In those two years Clapper has more than doubled his readership to 8,500,000, in 144 papers.

Liberty's Background

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON. UNSPOKEN criticism of the Government in England and the constant criticism of the Government here indicate that even under the pressure of war the fundamental instincts of self-government are so deeply rooted in these two countries that they find their outlet.

Visitin' Around

And After Telling Him Time And Again To Fix The Handle Of That Toilet

After telling him time and again to fix the handle of that toilet, Mr. A. Moore had the misfortune of sending his foot last week, but is improving.