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More Bonds They're Vital To Finance And Money Control For War

To Americans who do not yet know the meaning of their war, the second great bond drive is a message. The cold figure of \$13,000,000,000 will mean nothing to the little man who is doing his best to pay increasing living costs and so his part with bigger taxes. He must come to realize, in the months ahead, that he has a definite part in that great total, and that his contribution is as necessary as that of the gunners who chase Rommel.

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In the advance talk from the Congressional tax parisys there is also assessed when the varye outline of ton message when the varye outline of ton will come to be come a papernit, men will come to the come and the come take may be exempted, taxes may lake 20 per cent of the second \$1,000, and 60 per cent of the third. It doesn't take much of that kind of taxation—in mirrored savings or direct taxes—to relegate the little shortages of familiar luxuries to places of minor importance.

The great and growing problem is to drain off the unwieldy and dangerous supplies money in the country; but it must be done in such a way that the already-crippled white collar worker will not suffer more than his share. Thus far, no plan has been devised for the relief this huge class—and this class has no spokesmen. But it is this class that must support the great part of the new bend drive. The \$13,000,000,000 goal must reached, that our likeal picture may not be distorted beyond reason. Our was costs mount with every passing day.

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be costing as much as the Panama
Ganal—and that project was ten years
building. That kind of mammoth enterprise takes money. It must be the money
of the average man.

Attention

Too Many Issues Are Not **Getting** It in Charlotte

Getting It in Charlotte

Before Charlotte's voters become involved in consideration of political promises topi, sopken and broken, it may be well to reflect upon a number of items, political and otherwise, which have not received the prompt attention of the semanually to which they are entitled.

Planning Committee, has the City's Planning Committee, has the City's Planning Committee, has the debut 100 leading citients of the semanually post-make the community post-way times. It may or may not have been applied long to large to function properly when the time comes. The point remains that it has not yet functioned at all, at least not publicly. And its work is cyling to be done: the spearhead carried by the Industries Committee will not suffice. because there must be a broader program outlined at home.

Why, again, has not the successor to the late Max Kahn been appointed to the Welfare Board? The appointment was due by April 1, but has not been made. It should be forthcoming, impediately.

And what's to become of the compre-

made. It should be forthcoming, immediately a bound be forthcoming, immediately a bound be forthcoming, immediately a bound of the compremediately a bound of the compremediately a bound of the comprement, and the control of the comment, are its proposals and findings to
be forgotten, and its contribution to the
community welfare ignored?

These are a few among the many
entries on the public ledger which seen
to suffer permisally from oversight, loss
of interest, or procrastination. It is as
many a public project suffers from
the old disease of Mecklenburg courts—
many a good cause dies on a basis of
prayer for judgment, or simple nol pros.

The Finale

Tunisian Struggle Enters Last Phase; New One Opens

The pace of war quickness as the smiss drive forward in Tuntia, and the great weight of assembled Allied power makes itself felt in the first meeting of German and American fighting men. Now comes the time for a new stand by the Nazis, and though a pause might come, there will be no change in the general tempo of combat. Overhead, Allied air, power holds control, and the bombs will continue to make residence perfolses for the enemy.

almost shoulder to shoulder, the very weight of numbers and weapons will soon force surrender. Into an ever-more factor of the planes and the list state of the planes and the big stus. There will soon come a day, when the enemy must make ready for final retreat from Africa—and when that day comes Allied sodilers will inflict terrible casualties. There is little thope that Germans and Italians can escape as lightly even as did the British at Dunkhrie. It must be known that the heroid efforts of Americans and British in Africa have consumed great quantities of the production of both nations. Other theaters have become secondary, and material has flowed into the area.

of the production of both nations.
Other theaters have become secondary, and material has flowed into the area at great cost. Now that the clearing operation is in its final stages, there are not seen to see the secondary of ship ments, or the no slowdown of ship ments, or the secondary of the

Trial By Error

Hitler, Not Rommel, Made Errors Of African Defeat

A Tunisian dispatch last week get down to brass taeks with American readers back home explaining that Event Rommel had made two taetical errors in battle, and was thus suffering major defeats. We pleaf ignorance of the details of the fighting in the area, and with the correspondent on the ground and in contact with high efficiation, it might seem that the communique should be taken at face value. For our-selves, however, we refuse to swallow that one.

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We believe errors were made, perhaps even by Rommel: but it has been perfectly apparent for months now that the Axis forces in Africa were doomed as soon as a preponderance of men and weapons could be brought against them. There were errors made by Rommel, running or fighting; he is still the same fine tactician he ever was. But by the hard standards of this world, so long as he runs he is an object of ridicule.

Be that as it may, the sending of tanks against Americans on his flank while the British Eighth attacked in force was probably not an error at all; at that stage of the game, the herried Pox likely had to accept the lesser of two evils, had to make a little do where a great deal was required. He has come upon the days the Allies knew, in the desperate retreat in the Low Countries. Now that the destination of the countries of the coun

The discovery that termites are eat-ing court records in New Jersey sug-gests that here is a form of life ideally suited to the age: a creature that lives on ration coupons alone.

If an army plane flies for another 2,000 miles after the crew has jumped, it must be that there are good grem-

They say the foremost alienist in all 5weden has been called to Berlin, and you can pick up the rumor from there.



(Donald Cultons Peetlie, too often dismitsed by fellow Americans as a "nature writer", may well come to be remembered as a classicist for his setting down of the natural gioris of his country—for he is naturalist as well as author. This selection is from a comparatively little-known work, "A Book of Hours", and is a complete easy dedicated to "Five Ante Meridian". He has selected it among his favorite passages of his own work.—The Editors.)

Januezei of his own work—The Editors.)

Its enormous bulk forever heaving out of the nether darkness, the earth is turning toward the sun. The leaf, the flower, the thought, the granite back of the continent, the systolic and distolic occans, face another day. Light will act upon each one of them, and cannot leave any of them unchanged. At the least it must take youth from all of them save the occan — from the occan it takes the clouds, in the perpetual convection of water. vection of water.

A thousand miles an hour, day flies the Atlantic. It finds the tossing lightship, and picks up the white signal numbers on its gray flianks. It gives back to londly driftwood, prophetic of land, and to sargassoo of red kelp floating lazy and succulent, their existent shapes. It eats out darkness, leaving only the etched lines of the spars and mass of the fishing fleet. Meeting shores, it runs a finger of cold shine down marginal sand. Now the sea marsh grasses, stiff with the brine in their veins, shake light from their swords, spilling it toward the curf of rush and samphire in long runnels from the crooked tidal creeks in their ebb, where the clapter rails proof on the black. It smiles sunly on the greet rails proof in the black mud with sensitive bills.

bills.

Light finds the great port. It smiles glory from the boast of the empty towers, striking on stone and seed and glass, that catch the day while the bottom of the street is still in night. The first busses plunge of the street is still in vight. The first busses plunge of the street is still in vight to the midotown hill with a tonning in geather than the midotown hill with a second of geather than the stone hall of the street when the street with the first watery blur, and, still empty, awere past the closted museums.

past the closed museums.

For the moment, the hive is cleanly. The day is babe innocent. Not a coin has clinked, not an armpit poured swear, not a harlot has combed her hair, not a newspaper has been read, not a scale has been fiddled, not a scheme hatched.

Now here the star called sun is risen, first a rec Now here the star called sun is risen, first a red creacent, then an opening eye, then half a sphere, and at the last, quitting the horizon, it gives the illusion of clearing earthly contact with a visible bound. Light, direct and ruddy, inverps down the tree boles of the coastal forests. Five minutes later the mirzele is repeated inland, preceded forever by the dawn betze that finds out termbling appears and cotton-woods and clatters in them, running in no other

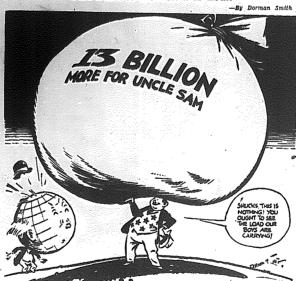
Everywhere there is a secret withdrawal, a folding up and putting away of nocturnal things. The children of darkness take themselves off to hideout, den and home. The moth goes to the under side of the leaf, and, spreading serine gray wings, becomes invisible shadow. The mightcrawlers pour away, visceral-colored and cleanly, into the sod, cunningly plugging their burrows behind them with old leafage and stone and earth vanish the rovebeetles, the clean and stone and earth vanish the rovebeetles, the clean wood roaches. The total immobilizes at the stump base, the color and the lumpy mobilizes texture of the loam itself. In the hollow of old orchards, the dew is a chill lake, not yet diamonded and rubbied.

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Out of the pit files the night shift of miners with empty pails. Women in gray wait for them, with arms still hugging only themselves and their fear.

Westward, the mirror of Ontario picks up the reflection of the zenith streamers, then almond Erie earther the streamers, then almond Erie earther, which is the stream of the stream stream and the contact the stream of the stream stream and the stream of the

Give a Lift to the New War Loan



Hard Lesson

Democracy For Germans

THE German people will learn democracy when they realize that nothing else will save them. They will not learn it some. They will not learn it any other way. They will not learn it from our teachers. They will not learn it from our books. They will go under without learn it from tour books. They will go under without learning it. They are going to learn it in the same way in which americans are cavining that isolation does not work. A people learns we truth when it butts its head into a stome wall while thing with a lie.

conserve better.

The plan also supposes that we have no history, either. What will our teachers teach? Will they either. What will our teachers teach? Will they to have friendly relations with him? But we have friendly relations with him now, and we might have them after the war. One of the bright boys in the class might ask a question which would send teacher history to be the beginning to further history to the date beparatment for further history that the properties of the properties of the properties.

wiring frantically to the State Department for further instructions. The state of the problem out of the beautiful, prim, world of Greek columns, out of the timeless would of sacedme space, in which we have occasually placed it. Actually, the problem of educating Ger-many for democracy must be placed right back into its setting, which is precisely the sweating; blistering world of 1948 and 1948, in all its feverish and intri-

German democracy is not going to start in the assembly room, after a democratic estection on the organ. It will probably start around the campilres of a civil war. Cival wars are not nice. The temptation upon us to curb this ane, when it beginn, to 'restore order,' will be enormous. After having possibly, asard the skins of Germanced and aided Hiller, we may then have a ray at our dream of "educating the Germans for democracy." But if amil-democratic elements are routed out of German life (perhaps put to work in labor hattallons, rebuilding the continent they service. A way of life can always teach itself, once it is established.

It is stilly to assume that the Germans made are anti-democratic "choice" or "mistake," out of which they must now be elaborately educated, German democracy was defeated in a naked struggle for power. That process must be unwound. The power relationship on the home front must be reversed.

causionship on the home front must be reverse. German faculation is not our problem. German faculation is not our problem. German faculation in German's problem. She can solve the problem when she le pld of her faculation when the le pld of her faculation, when they are and whom German wobblers and fence-alliers and whom German wobblers and fence-alliers are thereby convinced that faculam does not worth.

work.

'It may seem easy enough for those who are in favor of war against Germany to be also if favor of civil war within Germany. It does not follow that we shall be quite so clear. We shall have a temptation to interfer too much in the only purge of Germany that makes sense, a purge by Germans. In fact, thinking it over, it seems to me that we here at home are going to need a certain amount of colucation before we shall be quite ready to make German

Side Glances



"Tough luck, Joe! That's one of the blessings of working in an essential industry—I don't have to take time off to help the wife clean house!"

Press Wins Battle

Food Parley Open

By Raymond Clapper

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Tinally it has been settled that the United Nations Prod Conference will be open to newspaper correspondents in the manference will be open to newspaper correspondents in the manference will be a few or to the few press in democratic
Casablanca very much amitten with the way complete secrecy simplifled the conference. Newspaper reporters were not allowed in the
vicinity. A complete military blackout was maintained until the end,
when reporters were flown in for a staged news conference at which
no questions could be asked.

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o questions could be asked.

Nobody could compilate about that procedure at such a compilet milliary conference as Casablanca. But when Mr. Reosevett began to map out the first United Nations conference, to be held toward the end of this month, and to concern food, be thought it would be a grand idea to follow the method used at Casablanca. He would have the conference held at some beliefed spite it of the benefit of the such as the conference held at some beliefed spite. He would have the conference held at some beliefed spite its belief.

would admlt no newspaper correspondents even to the hetel.

That was the original idea. Just a few days ago a newspaper correspondent representing one of the United Nations asked for hetel accommodations in the hotel at Hot Springs and was informed that the Government had commandeered is beginning April 25. Foreign correspondents have fells if was unreasonable on the part of this Government to prevent them from having contact with the delegantines from their own countries. They did not lodge a formal protest, but they complained individually to OWI.

conferences have been reported in the past.

There is no reason why this conference should be held in secret.

Newapapers want mothing more than has been customary in all conferences. Of course closed seasions of committees will be necessitated to the conference of the conference o

Some high OVI people felt strongle that it would have cheen a terrible mistake to close up this first United Nations conference could have been clied with equal logic to justify closing this conference could have been clied with equal logic to justify exclusion from subsequent non-military conference.

military conference.

The issue is fortunately settled now in a completely satisfactory way. It is disturbing that it was ever raised—but perhaps it was brought up without having been thoughs, through. Mr. Roosevelt is most anxious, as he should be and as most of us are, that the United Nations get off to a satisfactory start in its first conference. I think Mr. Roosevelt was mistaken in his judgment as to how to do it. He has now acted on where second thought.

do ii. He has now acted on wiser second thought.

A dangerous precedent has fortunately been avoided. We can hope now that traditional free press coverage will obtain at the counties United Nations conference that are to seems—fee many years, I hope.

We have insisted upon the free press being allowed to continue to function as usual where no requirements of security make secrecy necessary. But having so instated, we are under even more obligation than usual to justify that independence and freedom by responsible and understanding reporting and comment, and to avoid malicious and irosible-making activity. The old distinction between liberty and licence as very much to the point in this instance.

Energ's Judgmeent

Age Is Unjust

A LOT of preachers, editors and social workers have recently been delivering long and learned dissertations on the alleged delinquency of the control of the

disbery us.

Another thing is that this generation has a lot of rules which had never been heard of when the greyheads of dodsy were growing up, we defort have so many lass that it took a dosen judges to interpret them; we didn't have bureaus always and forever issuing "directives" about something anent which they knew mothing; and didn't have a bunch of welfare officials gilbiy about "delinquency" when they could not define the word to save their soulk. We didn't have the bright to tak to us about "groups" and "contacts" and "objectives."

The hard and unpleasant truth is that a great many of us have become old and uty). A few rheumy-cycl old men think that women aren't pettly any more, hence they get mad become other than the state of the think of the state of

Their spirit of referm is really been of eavy.

Delinquercy is a good word which has fallen upon evil days and into evil hauds. It comes from a respectable Latin word which means failure in a duty, a fault, misfeasance or a misdemanor. Then who of us are not delinquent? The word needs to be despumated and put the control of the contro