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Elecenth Hour

Last Preparations For Invasion Go Apace

These are days of feverish prepara-tion for the great battles which will hall the end of the war in Europe. Day said night, Allied bombers tear at Ger-manys vitals, her people and her ma-chine of war. Italy ablives in fear of the coming blows; it becomes apparent that the storming of that nation will not be one of the major accomplish-ments of this war. There is the promise that Germans will soon be living every bour of every day in air raid shelters, and there is always the wall of strens in the Lowbands. These are days of feverish prepara-

that Germans will soon be living every boar of every day ha in raid shelters, and there is always the wail of airens in the Lowiands.

Within the next few days perhaps, and ertainly within a few week, the war will make its sharpest turn, and veer on foward victory for the United National Germany is not nearly done, but she will now be unable to do more than parry the great blows to be struck at her. The latest "retaination" by the Logitzengie, giving the lie to the prating Goering, was one of twenty planes beaching London, with high casualties. New comes the time when the Continent is being softened up for the last place, and here is no halting the larring potes of disaster. In all lands, it is being softened up for the last place, and here is no halting the larring potes of disaster. In all lands, it is a seen that the Author Conditions the Wedlersranes; the victorious Tunisian armies gather booty, and establish bases for the drives at Musselinit's land. In the Middle Bast, there is a great att as new troops loin reterans, and there are hints of another peak into the Baltans. In the Bast, bombs rain on the Burma Road, heeping the Jape busy. The war has cheanged, and in the past three months has tipped amost unbellevably in favor of the Allies. It has come so quickly, perhaps, that the people at home have failed to see nearing victory.

It is announced that American casualties are 180 every day, on all the frontal sits a time is coming when that figure will not be days for which millions have prayed; the war is now our, and the coming soon, and from the opening of that campaign the months of war will be numbered.

The Heroes

Give-Up Germans Get Cheer For Heroic African Retreat

Worth at least a laugh in the passing new of war is the final German com-unique from North Africa. The Ger-san High Command, at a loss to explain way the debacle of Tunisla, made talk like this

"The heroic struggle of German and Italian Africa detachments to-day came to an honorable con-

day came to an honorable conclusion.

"The last groups offering resistance in the vicinity of Tunts, after
having fought for several days without water and rations, had to case
fighting ofter their ammunition had
been used. They had to concede to
the lack of supplies and not to the
onstaught of the enemy.

"The enemy had to acknowledge
the superiority of our arms often
enough in this theatre of war as well.

"Africa soldiers of Germany and
littly have fulfilled their task to the
full extent. They lited up the strongest enemy forces in North Africa by
their resistance, which disputed
every yard of territory with the
enemy. In a fight that has been
continuing grimly for months, and
they inflited losses of the heaviest
order in men and material on the
enemy. The time thus won and the
relief on the other fronts was of the
greatest advantage to the Axis."

Indeed, the German-Italian heroe.

Indeed, the German-Italian heroes fought well; they held their own and pushed the enemy back so long as they held superiorly of numbers, equipment and factics. But once the Americans had been bruised and initiated to desert. warfate, and once the armies of Britain and France applied the pressure, came the order, "Heroes to the rear," run!" From the moment the Britain Eighth issued the Martth Line in a eweeping foray, there was nothing but flight. Living the lie to the communique are countainous piles of supplies shandoned Germans in Tunisia; the 178,000 who presidents or pletty had plenty of arms,

Descried by commanders and left to their fate, they simply cashed them-selves in, and got out of the war as swiftly and dishonorably as if they had

swittly and dishonorably as if they had described.

It is not to be taken for granted that German armies met on the continent will not give tough resistance: there is great sacrifice athead. But it must be realized that once the decisive blows have been struck the German Army, the German people and the myth of Nazism will collapse in one great, ruined heap. A false structure, it ngeds only the probing of free and honest men at arms to crumble. After the first great wave of blood has swept across European soil, the end may be expected to come suddenly, even if not quickly.

Japan's Number

Despite Drive On Hitler. Nippon Will Get Attention

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The time of trial for Japan may not yet be near, but the plans for her extinction are certainly being carried forward. Already, the, giant nutcracker begins to take form; it is likely that a twin drive of herole proportions will be made this Summer against Rippon, even while the thrusts against Europe are at their peak. The early developments of the push down the rocky Alcutlans forecast a short line toward Tokyo by air; the meeting of Admiral Halsey and General MacArthur hints at combined operations against Japan's Southwestern outposts. Further, the importance of General Wavell's attendance at the Washington Conference, and stories of growing British-American air power in the Burma the bot months big action. Yes, though the form of battle against Gennuy, there will also be heavy blowg rithed upon the evil kingdom of Japan. There of course, the fight will be as hard and blody as on the Continent; the Hitle men are dug in throughout a huge area. There will be one vital factor in favor of the United Nations this Summer, and perhaps the breathless world has let he important change pass by unnoticed. Henceforth, in every theater of the war, we choose the time and place of battle. Now that Tunisia is done, the privilege of initiative is ours completely. If we choose to hit the Jap from North, South and East at the same moment, we may do so, and place the galling burden of delense upon him.

And yet the great and growing power of the Democracies is such that the full hett of our might may be thrown at Hitler's armies at the same time. The three or four months ahead cannot end the war, but they will become the most

three or four months shead cannot end the war, but they will become the most decisive of all. Past the looming offen-sives, there is not the slightest chance of further Axis victories.

Experiment

Trusted With Power Bills. Public Is 99 Per Cent Pure

We'll never cease to be amazed at the increasingly marvelous revelations of the character of Americans during

the Increasingly marvelous revelations of the character of Americans during wartime. We are now advised that for stable section of the population of a small California town has been found to be 99 per cent honest by a power company—and that some 2,300 more citizens are henceforth to be trusted to read their own meters and make out their own bills for use of electricity. As much faith as we have in the basic honesty of great groups of people, we were laken aback at such news. Perhaps, even after the shortage of manpower has subsided, some power companies may continue to allow patrons to make up their own bills. Perhaps, if only one per cent of the nation's citizens is found to be dishonest in such a poll, all varieties of businesses may cut down on services and leave it to the conscience of the people to see that they get their fair return. Anyhow, we saw the item as a new note in relations between the public, the power companies, and a jealously watchful government. It could be that the day is coming when the phrase, "public utility," may not be spoken with such a slurring accent by young government experts, and private management in that field may be left more

government experts, and private man-agement in that field may be left more to its own devices.

And we still wonder how that Cali-fornia outfit discovered the crooked

one per cent among its customers

A woman in Texas who left a bull-dog to guard a fur coat is now adver-tising for same. One is mink and the

The Last Hitch

Little Germans Sacrificed

By Raymond Clapper

STOCKHOLM
A SIGNIFICANT development in Germany is the emphasis on the policy of wiping out small business and the policy of wiping out small business. This is considered here to be an indication of extrems difficulty over manpower and materials. The levilian economy in Germany has been squeezed severely for para, but this additional lightening has some long-quara, but this additional lightening has some long-quara, but this additional lightening has some long-quara, but this additional lightening has formed levels on the civilian economy so tight any damage to it at any point is caused to the long the composition of the long was a superior of the long that the long was a superior of the long the long through th

Once they practical to squeeze the neutrals against letting supplies into Germany.

One thing about Sweden that these water great and they are they get they are they are they get they are they are they get they are the are they are they are they are they are they are the they are t

the Germans.

In the second place, the policy of wiping out small business in Germany will complicate the problem of reconstruction, because it means Germany is destroying her private distribution system. When the governmental system of distribution collapses with the defeat of Germany, the whole private trade mechanism will have to be rebuilt.

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It is not criticions of our Resistant shy in any
cases to say it would not be for the best interests
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The Nucl implication of small business to being done in the quasal brailal way. All equipment is being done in the quasal brailal way. All equipment is dearn out of shope-flutures, each registers, section of merchandise are thrown out. The proprieter sends in the personnel into another boundary. Some better the section of the proprieter sends about increasing sulleanness among the German people, some seemingly reliable reports. Some seemingly reliable reports of band, with frequent second in the derived.

cented in the streets.

It has been accepted here for some time that Hitler is less important than the generals nev in strictly military operations. However, there is some doubt about undergreund reports that the Nazis are being elbowed out of power. A Bertin dispatch to one Stockholm newspaper asys all permanent employees of the Nagi Farty as well as member of the Richatag must resign their industrial and financial connections, such as directional control of the street of

torablys. Evidently this is a move to stop grafting. The more grim the military outlook becomes, the more spin the military outlook becomes, the more spin the resultant spin to acketering, Goering has been much criticized because he made minest! rich. His trival; Goobbels, is gaining popularity among the working class by closing expensive restaurants, bars and night clubs.

"Papa, That Man's Still Here!"

-By Dorman Smith



Thundering Crisis

Fear Of The End

ONE thinks again, these days, of that wonderful chapter in "War and Peace" in which Tolkov raises the question of why Ropoleon retraested from Moscow at all. There was no battle, to start him ununing for home. He sat in Moscow, the Russians sat outside. But, bit by bit, it became clear to both the French and the Russians that the Russians and outside. But, but by bit, it became clear to both the French and the Russians that the Russians and sectors, that they had become aironger, that they had become aironger, that the scale had been tipped. The Emperor turned and ran, though no visible disaster had struck him.

We are in that kind of neriod now. Itslines.

amagn no visione disaster had atruck him. We are in that kind of period now. Italians are running from Rome, from Milan. from Naples, from the big cities, sending their families to the comparative safety of rural regions. Trains and roads are crowded. Observers have seen the mattress high on top of the earl, the classic sign of uprotiment and flight.

of uprosiment and flight.

Yet the big events have taken place in Africa, not Italy. Italy has had some extra bombing; not much more. But the bears has been tipped. Haly's remaind the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties. It has become necessary to issue emergency alloiments of spaghetti and mearoni against bread tickets. This has been done to Italy by remote control, from Africa.

tickets. This has been done to Italy by remote con-trol, from Africa and in Sicily (and we may be doing hat even as these words appear) these frightened Italian mass movements must stand in the way of shipping defenders and materials to the fighting zone, or of evacuating them from it. At the lower levels of war activity, men and families buy moving toward safety cannot do war work or drama of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the contract of the determine of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the contract of the little transport of the contract of the drama of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the little transport of the contract of the little transport of the contract of the drama of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the drama of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the drama of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the drama of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the drama of Europe today is this drama of progressive deterioration of Facility to the drama of Europe today is the drama of Europe today i

Hiller moves his headquarters to the west. He does not want to move his headquarters to the west, any more than Napoleon wanted to leave Moxcow. He wants his quarters to be in the east, any and the headquarters to the But the invisible beam tips. Hiller is impelied, as was his prefeteeser. And when one is impelied,

one can he longer make free cheices. To put it another way, a situation has been reached in which all the cheices are bad.!

Furfous Russian activity breaks out around Noroccasis. What shall Hittler do, more his headquarters back? But he has business in Holland. So many Dutchmen have been killed that the population in a state of rebellion. He kills 33 more Dutchmen to stop the rebellion. But killings made the rebellion. The new killings means new larger for the rebellion. The new killings means new larger for the state of the state

sction.

He has business in Holland. But the central organization of Finland's trade unions choose this moment to demand that Finland shall make peace. So Hiller now has business in Finland, too. But he does not want to have business in Finland, too. But he has too much business as it is. Shall he try to crush Finland? But that would business the try. The has too much business as it is. Shall he try to runh Finland? But that would business in Flucker would have still more unfinished business.

wither would have still more unfinished business. When a crisk stage, has been reached, every increase in pressure, every additional stars of the screw, yields those double and quadruple dividends. The blow in Tunisia makes Naai armide aurrender. But it also sends Italians running down the reads at home, and embeldens Finnishabor. We get these second and third benefits for nothing. And these can lead to fourth and fifth benefits, of these can lead to fourth and secable but and had for the enemy.

us and bad for the enemy.

This is the moment when we are at last ready to present Hitler with choices as bad as were Mapoleonic and the month of the most accordance on the road back to Amolenak: whether to reliable the road back to Amolenak:

This is crisis, which must be caught when it is new, and used white it is fresh. Only if we let thus received and give Hitler time, can we restore that received models and the state of the war, if not yet a presence of

Visitin' Around

Bural Free Delivery

(Luck item, Marshail News-Record)

Oh, Sure, We Know Her-Th' Name's On Th' Tip Of Our Tongue

(Hot Springs item, Marshall News-Record) and small

and Mrs. Marsh in their country Those Tiresome Statistics

Marshall News-Record
The hens in this section are riving to do their bit by making their rats in the mail boxe.

Morganton News-Herald)

Which Repentant Sinner Dropped That \$10 Bill In Th' Plate?

117 being present, and the collec-tion amounted to \$20. What? No Position?

Not How Much, But How Good? (North Catawha item, Lenoir News-Topic) We had a very good many pres-



'Well, there's one good thing about this rationing business—it takes your mind off the war!"

Platform Of The People

Of Jeff Davis

Editors, The News:

Your recent editorial about the destruction of the old Philer home on North Tryon Street in Charlotte was interesting and informing. In the course of the editorial you referred to the last meeting of the cabing of Fresident Jefferson Davis being held "under a sessatras tree near Fort Mill." That was news to the writer—that is, so far as 'the variety of the "tree" was concerned, and was the first time I ever heard of the assestras bush being referred to as a "tree." Usually, the assessfras hush being referred to as a "tree." Usually, the assessfras in this section grows to a helpish of buly a few feet. So you must have drawn on your 'magination, just as you did in another part of the editorial when you referred to 'Mr. Davis as being "Lincolneque."

part of the editorial when you reterred to ask. Javia as being "Lincoinseque," at laws a set of the control of the Confederate cabinet meeting that was held in Fort Mill early in the Spring of 1855. The meeting was not held under a "assasfras tree." It was held on the laws of the home of Colonel William E. White, which is just ounside the limits of this town on the Steel Creek road. This meeting was a day or two asbequent to the meeting of the cabinet in Charlotte. It was not the "last" meeting of the cabinet, but was the last full meeting. All of Mr. Davis cabinet officers were present for the Fort Mill meeting, but a few days later another meeting, at which less than all the meeting was the last. Confederate history supports this statement. Celenet White Springs, great-grandeen of Colonel White. The home was built in 1827. During the last few practices as an extra the state was built in 1827. During the last few practices as all at either end, but the original part of the building remains as it was when the home was put up 111 years age. It is sufficient as all at either end, but the original part of the building remains as it was when the home was put up 111 years age. It is sufficient as all at either end, but the original part of the building remains as it was when the home was put up 111 years age. It is sufficient as all at either end, but the original part of the building remains as it was when the home was put up 111 years age. It is sufficient as all at either end.

was ever permitted to grow on the lawn of the elf home.

There is another home in this community linked with the visit of President Davis to this community. This is the old Springs home on the Charlotts highway three miles north of Pert Mill. This was the home of Colonel A. Baxter Springs, who was one of the grandfathers of Colonel Elicit White Springs. It is a statement of fact that Predicted Davis spent the night at Colonel Springs home before his cabines at at the home of Colonel White the following morning:

met at the home of Colonel White the following merning:

Older citisens of this section, including Charlotte, will recall
Colonel Springs. Some years before his death, a good many years ago,
he moved from the Fort Mill community to Charlotte and spend his
declining years in Charlotte. He was the lather of six boots and emes
the colonel springs of the colonel springs of the colonel springs
mayor of Charlotte. Breward D. Springs, who also lived in Charlotte,
and Colonel Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, Only one of the sons, Baxter
Springs of New York, and the daughter, Mrs. John M. Scott, of Charlotte, survive. Colonel A. Baxter Springs was a man of the Springs of New York and the daughter, Mrs. John M. Scott, of Charlotte, survive. Colonel A. Baxter Springs was a man of the Springs will be colored to the Springs will be colore

W. R. BRADFORD.

We freely admit the possibilities of error in the recording of such a vague moment in history; our tale, was reinforced by several reference works, sincluding the memoirs of Jeff Davis. He records that foreigness whe heast full cablent meeting—Automy General George Davis resigning white here. We got the Likelinesque angle on Jeff Davis Torn the old Story, apparently expenses the samp and our tracty, because of an uneanny teemblance to Lincoln. And Appat, author of a standard work on trees of the Eastern U. 8, lists the assairings as a tree. In opite of which, one that prova from 18 to 100 feet high as a tree. In opite of which, and makes a gentine contribution through lifelong study of the shelton of his section.—Essions, Tas News.)

Way To Peace

10 Commandments

By ERICH BRANDEIS Of King Features Syndicate

COLUMNS and columns are being written about it. The wisest men in the Allied countries are thinking about it, talking about, it, holding meeting, debating, planning, envisioning. How to have a permanent peace. How to put an end to wars.

That is the great problem and it seems to be extremely difficult to find the answer.

Well, gentlemen. I'll save you time and money. I'll save you iraveling expenses, reams of paper, gallons of inh. Fer I, no expert in concentes, politics, stemmethics, psychology or black money of the concentes, politics, and the paper man—I have the answer, and the concentes of the concentes of the concentes of the concentes of the Book of Exclusion the Old Testament was written. For in that chapter are contained the Ten Commandments, If we will but live up to them there can never be another war.

Each war, so far conducted, has been caused by the breach of one or more of the ten commandments.

Hitler created strange gods and took the name of the Lord in vain.

He killed. He bore false witness against his n

He coveted his neighbor's house, his servant, his ex his age and everything that was his. He showed no mercy, he stole, he henored neither father nee

And now that he and his accomplices have violated the com-mandments, there will be eye for eye, tooth for tooth, would for wound, stripe for stripe.

Don't you see how easy it is?

Why go to all the trouble of finding a way, when the way is set clear, the road so well marked, the whole thing written out—for centuries, ready for use?

centuries, ready for user

This is my plan, a plan I learned from my father and mother who had it handed down to them, generation by generation.

That's all you need to do, you learned statesmen and solen