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Face-Lifting

This page, we hope, will look a bit different to the reader's eye today. We are returning to something like the kind of an editorial page we used before the paper shortage caught up with us. Not that the shortage is over, by any means, but the new format seemed so much more desirable that we forced ourselves into the change.

You will note that the type is wider, that there is a good deal more white space on the page, and that the headline type is something like the headline story in that we are trying to make things easier for the reader, and all the little technical details that go into the making of the page are aimed to make reading easier.

The new headline type, for example, has a long history in that respect. It's trade name is *Tempo-Tempo Heavy*, to be exact; and it is nothing more or less than a modern, streamlined version of the old Roman type, which was replete with serifs and all kinds of fancy ornaments that were supposed to read like the Middle Ages. Gothic was the answer of craftsmen and artists to the old Roman type, which was replete with serifs and all kinds of fancy ornaments that were supposed to read like the Middle Ages.

Unless all modern experts on typography are wrong, this combination of wider type, white space and *Tempo* headlines should go a long way toward making the reading of *The News* editorial page easier and more pleasant. After they become accustomed to the change, we believe readers will come to that conclusion.

The Penalty

The United States has shucked off its isolationism. That was unmistakable in the recent election. We have split our ways on all sorts of other issues, but the voice of the people cried that we must enter into the affairs of the world. That was more than a political phenomenon, it was a mandate from the people to the President. The people meant it, they thought of it that all phases of American life must be subjected to the influence of a new day in world relations. They probably didn't stop to think what that decision meant in the way of sacrifice of sovereignty, or compromise of our ideals.

But by now they should be thinking of those things. As our Marquis Chids pointed out Saturday, isolationism is far from dead in this country. There is still the business world to convince. We have agreed to co-operate with other nations for peace, yet we can't bring ourselves to agree at this moment that we should be working out agreements on the world's basic resources with our allies. That is going to be vital part of international co-operation, you see. But it doesn't fit in with the way we've been doing business.

In plain words, this is it: Our experts have agreed with our allies that we should set up an international petroleum commission, with control over petroleum all over the world. No quotas were involved; it was just an agreement. The President thought it stood as a treaty, and he simply signed it. He turned it over to the Senate. It has rested in a pigeonhole since August. And there are reasons why it has been stuck away.

Opposition from the U. S. oil industry has been strong, and the Senate has not been able to bring itself to pass upon this question. Big oil interests want to continue to live in a world of wide-open, cutthroat competition. They want to race private industry of other nations to oil sources and depend upon their skill and equipment to win. And that is the old American way. This is blindness. If we want to live in a controlled world order, and hope for peace, then we must submit to restrictions such as control of basic resources. Wide-open economic competition and co-operation for peace do not go hand-in-hand.

Statesmen At Work

(Excerpts From The Congressional Record)  
Rep. LESINSKI (Michigan): Mr. Speaker, for many months past certain of the newspapers, radio commentators, and our friends on the opposite side of the aisle have been shouting war and peace propaganda to the high heavens and predicting the overwhelming defeat of President Roosevelt, and along with it, boasting that the American people would repudiate the Executive leadership of the House and elect an overwhelming Republican membership for the 76th Congress.

Cold Turkey

The City's good record of tax collections this year is a credit to the city. Taxes paid, a substantial portion of 1944 taxes already in the bag—is due, we would imagine, to two things. The plentifulness of money is one, certainly, and the better sense and greater diligence in going after the money is another.

That this was not always so is strikingly illustrated by the thumping amount of taxes long past due which are still outstanding. For the years 1928 to 1943 inclusive, the City has owing to it \$364,595, only \$48,500 of which represents taxes still due for last year. Chances are an investigation of the books would show that the persons who are still owing to pay their 1943 taxes are substantially the same as those who still owe for 1942, 1941, 1940 and so on back to 1928.

Beyond that year no taxes are due for the reason that the Legislature for the past few years, periodically, the Legislature has passed a sort of statute of limitations on unpaid taxes, cancelling those which are of an ancient vintage. It's about time for another revision.

And if you should come, the City would not only be out of some portion of the \$364,595 on its books — money which can be collected by the forced sale of real property and a levy on personal property — but it would also have demonstrated that it is possible, in some cases, to get out of paying taxes over a period of years by just not paying them, thereby compelling the persons who pay their taxes to pay more in order to make up for those who don't pay.

Times are lush. Taxes in Charlotte (and the same is true for Mecklenburg County) are not onerous. We are in favor, both for the purpose of converting the dead account into cash and as a demonstration of intent to collect all taxes possible, of putting on a drive for a hunk of that \$364,595.

End Of A Lease

We fancy that there was a chorus of amens all over the country when the President announced that the Lend-Lease would end with the end of the war. There had been considerable misunderstanding about that. A good many people thought we might just go right on through the post-war period of a "hot peace" and a "billions of dollars" worth of goods to our allies. That, however, is out.

Mr. Roosevelt has said for the nation that Lend-Lease, for all that it literally saved our own skin and made it possible, was purely and simply a war measure. It was dedicated to the task of defeating the Axis; it was a weapon, ours as well as that of the United Nations.

And the President made it clear moreover that repayment of Lend-Lease by other countries is not important. We have invested those billions in this war, and it saved us countless lives, countless dollars. In the first place, these countries are not to pay a dollar for what they did not do. That would only serve to hurt our domestic markets, slow down our economy, and produce industrial stagnation.

By and large, then, we will write Lend Lease off the record as an investment, and a good investment. As the President said, the amount repaid through reverse Lend-Lease is beside the point, and there is no possible measure of the value of our investment. It has been repaid in human life and suffering, in blood, sweat and tears. With victory, the debt is repaid. For Lend-Lease was for just a means of fighting. It took the place of sizable armies and mountains of American equipment which could not be rushed to the battle fronts early in the war. When the flow of goods has stopped, we must not renege our friendly relations with our allies, but must move closer to them, without Lend-Lease.

**BROTHERS-IN-LAW.** The ousting of Dr. H. H. King as Chinese Minister of Finance was a victory for Foreign Minister T. V. Soong. Both are brothers-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, both for a while were in the cabinet, and both were, but scarcely spoke to each other. Even Madame Chiang, when she came here last year, got back to her home in Chungking only briefly. But smart T. V. Soong returned to China, get back to his good friends of brother-in-law Chiang while his sister, the Generalissimo's wife, now not in her husband's good graces departed. Such is Chinese politics.

**LT. GEN. MARK CLARK'S** daughter, Ann sent a letter to her papa in Italy the other day addressed in the unique way. She merely drew her father's profile on the envelope under the word "AIR" and then drew the Fifth Army shield. There was no name or address, but the letter reached Gen. Clark near Bled, near Hillman, who sent shivers down Hannegan's spine but got out the vote, will leave for London shortly to help set up the world labor conference. R. J. Thomas of the CIO auto workers, and Emil Rieve of the CIO textile union, will go with him. That's why the AFL is playing aloof from London.

**FIERY FIORELLA LA GUARDIA** is talking about going to Italy because Brass Hats in the War Department won't give him authority. Says the Little Flower: "Either you're allowed to do something or you're not. And I'm not going to Italy to sit on my hands." One of the record makers of Winston Churchill's never did get out of London. He was the only one of the U. S. arsenal, and every thing to the last man. During subsequent applause, Churchill leaned over to Anthony Eden and said sotto voce: "But I don't know what you're going to do if it with. We're going to have to hit the buggers over the head with bottles." Although the world didn't know it, Churchill had captured the British Army would have them off to the last man. Another Churchill of the record book which Presidential sides are still chucking over English benches, the British Army would have them off to the last man. During subsequent applause, Churchill leaned over to Anthony Eden and said sotto voce: "But I don't know what you're going to do if it with. We're going to have to hit the buggers over the head with bottles." Although the world didn't know it, Churchill had captured the British Army would have them off to the last man.

The Watch On The Rhine



Fight For The Pork-Barrel

By Marquis Chids

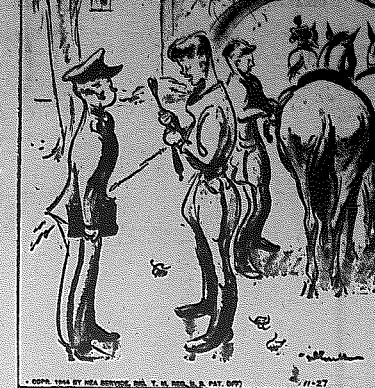
OUT of our political past we get some pungent phrases, and one from it is "pork-barrel." Upon Capitol Hill, right now, there's a threat to pork-barrel prerogatives and privileges, and the pork-barrel Senators are rattling round to protect an ancient tradition. For a great many years, Congress has used the Rivers and Harbors bill as a kind of cash-and-carry storehouse for pork-barrel projects. It's a kind of a cash-and-carry storehouse for pork-barrel projects. It's a kind of a cash-and-carry storehouse for pork-barrel projects. It's a kind of a cash-and-carry storehouse for pork-barrel projects.

**WESTERN WAR NOTES.** Decision for the present push against Germany was made by Gen. Marshall when he conferred with Eisenhower in France. Marshall made the final decision. It was made in France. Marshall made the final decision. It was made in France. Marshall made the final decision. It was made in France.

**NAVY-McARTHUR FEUDING** has broken out all over again. It was bad during the early stages of our war two years ago, but was patched up by Admiral Nimitz and MacArthur personally. Now MacArthur blames the Navy for letting Jap war planes ashore on Levite, while the Navy blames "Doug-out Doug" for jumping the gun with far too optimistic communications. Also, they point out that the Japs have built about 100 air bases on nearby islands and it's tough for carrier-based planes to compete with land-based planes. If Doug had built as many air bases as the Japs when he commanded the Philippines before Pearl Harbor, the Navy claims it might not have been necessary to retake the Philippines. With MacArthur the Navy has coined a new twist to the old "I'm not a soldier" slogan. In the Pacific, they say it's "Clear everything with Doug."

**TEMPERAMENTAL BRENDAN BRACKEN** III into the American press the other day for being the GOP's "sidney" campaign slogan. In the check in connection with Gen. Silvers' Bracken, in turn, criticized U. S. newspapers. Whereupon Newark University's Dr. Frank Kingdom III into the GOP's "sidney" campaign slogan. In the check in connection with Gen. Silvers' Bracken, in turn, criticized U. S. newspapers. Whereupon Newark University's Dr. Frank Kingdom III into the GOP's "sidney" campaign slogan. In the check in connection with Gen. Silvers' Bracken, in turn, criticized U. S. newspapers.

**FRANCO'S DEMAND** that Spain all at the peace table not come to get very far despite the frantic appeals of U. S. Ambassador Carlton Hayes. Roosevelt thumps down on the Franco proposal. Needless to say, because the Spaniards send air delegates to Chicago anywhere near the maining of the Peace Conference. Meanwhile, Ambassador Hayes is constantly dimming the embargo on the construction of merchant ship docks in connection with Franco's demands. Other strategic materials for Franco.



It's well that you want to join the cavalry, but don't let your love of horses make you forget that if there's a next war you'll probably be up inside an iron horse called a tank.

The Fighting Third

By Hal Boyle

WITH THE AEF IN FRANCE—  
Doughboys of the Third Infantry Division, an outfit made up largely of soldiers from the Pacific Coast, with a large number of replacements from other states—have been the mainstay of the American Expeditionary Force in France. Since they fought ashore in French Morocco, Nov. 8, 1942, they have been in the line for nearly 200 days. No one who hasn't been under fire himself can begin to understand what that means in terms of human endurance.

It is frightening enough to be under machine-gun sniping or shell fire for a few minutes. But there are no words to tell of the cumulative terror of living in danger day after day, under constant draining physical hardships of inadequate food, rain, mud and a lack of cleanliness. Doughboys in the last World War remember being pulled out for rests after only three weeks in the line. In this war, such outfits as the Third Infantry Division have had much longer stints. Wearers of the famous blue and white striped shoulder patch fought 38 straight days in Sicily from the morning they hit the beaches at Gela until the morning they stepped ashore in Messina to end the campaign victoriously after winning a race with British tanks to enter the city first.

They battled for 88 consecutive days in the Southeast Italy and, after two months of rest, returned to spend 65 days of hard fighting helping to hold that slender beachhead in one of the greatest battles of this war. And since then, they capped that great record by staying more than 75 days in the line during the long pursuit of Germans through Southern France to the Vosges Mountains. At least two other divisions have spent a few more days in the line than the Third Division, but none has equaled its battle performance. The Third captured Casablanca in Africa, Palermo and Messina in Sicily and crossed the Volturno in Italy before spearheading the Anzio break-through in the operation that has won the Italian Campaign. In France, one of its greatest feats was the ambushing of a column of 2,000 German vehicles twelve miles long at Montclair last August. When the Third Division's attack first finished the "serenade," the whole column had been wiped out with 900 German dead and 400 prisoners.

That victory was won at small cost. Most great victories are won at a small cost. Most great victories are won at a small cost. Most great victories are won at a small cost. Most great victories are won at a small cost.

A New America?

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK—  
I SHOULD like to close the editorial column for a few weeks with a trend. In all these places, Akron, Chicago, St. Paul, Des Moines and Detroit, the election fever has subsided with remarkable speed. There are new allances in the making between groups of the American people who have had little enough to do with the movement of the past. The old League of Nations crowd, for example, and the anti-New Deal crowd, are beginning to get together in a remarkable way. In St. Paul, for instance, the process clearly was at a meeting of an association devoted to furthering the cause of the New Deal. It was at a meeting of an association devoted to furthering the cause of the New Deal. It was at a meeting of an association devoted to furthering the cause of the New Deal.

Bring Labor Under Control

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spough, D.D.

EVERYBODY is getting a more favorable contract or by understanding the union's contract by working for less money or under less favorable conditions. Therefore, the union will probably be fairly and adequately discussed in a single short article.

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A NATION-WIDE Bible reading campaign designed to reach every Christian in the United States is planned by the American Bible Society and the National Synagogue Council. Members of the latter organization are the well-known figures at the head of the campaign. The campaign is being carried out through a national-wide roll of ministers and Army and Navy chaplains, reading Scripture portions which would be most helpful in times such as these.

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Sunday, Nov. 26—Psalm 1 Monday—Matthew 5 Monday—1 Cor. 13 Wednesday—1 Cor. 13 Thursday—Psalm 91 Friday—Psalm 91 Saturday—John 3 Sunday, Dec. 3—Isaiah 40 Tuesday—Rom. 12 Wednesday—Psalm 111 Thursday—Matthew 7 Friday—John 13 Saturday—Psalm 27 Sunday, Dec. 17—Isaiah 55 Monday—1 Cor. 13 Tuesday—Psalm 111 Wednesday—Psalm 111 Thursday—Psalm 111 Friday—John 13 Saturday—Psalm 27 Sunday, Dec. 24—Psalm 80 Monday, Dec. 25—Luke 22 Tuesday—Psalm 111 Wednesday—Psalm 111 Thursday—Psalm 111 Friday—John 13 Saturday—Psalm 27 Sunday, Dec. 31—Psalm 111 Monday, Dec. 31—Psalm 111 Tuesday—Psalm 111 Wednesday—Psalm 111 Thursday—Psalm 111 Friday—John 13 Saturday—Psalm 27