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"Men under M are not so plentiful any more," says part Director Heeshey so an introduction to the bad tidings that inclutions must be stepped up. The Army is getting to the point of laking what it can get.

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zations could cope with. There was—there had to be—a good deal of lost motion, waste and inefficiency. There seems to be still.

What's happened, apparently, is that instead of constantly attempting to tightlen up organizations and commands here at home, taking for combat duty every man who was fit and could be spared, the Army and Navy have depended on influxes of new man who had to be trained from scratch ad the non-fighting organizations and considered the service, who have been generally the service, who have been given all kinds of training, yet who even at this stage of the war have little to do and little prospect of more to do—suggesting that the Army and Navy are not making lany, where near the most efficient use of the manpower already in uniform. Too many field commands are shorthanded while too many camp commands have an excess of men, most of whom, to do them credit, would like to get link the fracts.

Now General Herashey is talking about drafting more and more men from the 23-27 age group, men who make marginal solders. We wonder if the processional of a service rule to the effect.

ginal soldiers. We wonder if the process couldn't be postponed, at least, by the passage of a service rule to the effect that the importance of home-front commands was to be judged henceforth by the number of men they freed for combat duty rather than, as at present, the numerical size of the units they command.

Spain has developed a train which takes curves at \$9 miles an hour, like Franco re-orienting himself politically.

The Alarm

. Perhaps Senator Guy Gillette, lame duck, is seeing ghosts—and perhaps not. His almost agonized statement that the war was already lost, politically, decerves attention in any event. It seems that he was over-enthusiastic in eastigating the OWI, charging that the Allantic Charter was never mentioned these days, by orders from above. He was wrong about that, and he was wrong in asying that a vast news blackout has fallen over our relations with our aillies.

wrong in asying that a vast news blackout has fallen over our relations with our allies.

As a matter of fact, the apparent breach between Britain and the United States, as concerns polley in Europe, has been the subject of free public discussion—and it is likely that the differences are not nearly so great as the public imagines. Yet, there is a great deal of truth in Senator Gillater's charges. There is, indeed, evidence that our once-high hopes of collaborating with Britain and Russia for a future of peace and freedom for the common man are fading.

The struggles in Belgium, Italy and Greece seem to indicate that power politics and national ambitions of great powers will order the world of to-morrow. It is depressing to watch the Glurchill Government Jockeying to keep the Britain monarchy in power, to weed the Britain monarchy in power, to weed the Britain monarchy in power, to weed the Britain monarchy in the subject of the Britain monarchy in power. The subject of the Britain monarchy in power and suppress democratic sentingly, and of suppress democratic sentingly, and of suppress democratic sentingly and sent

is the chief threat to human liberties. If Senator Gillette or anyone else has imagined that the high principles of the Atlantic Charter might be applied to our new world without regard for the strong wills of great powered and that a lasting data great power and the senator of the senator

A Deadly Foe

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Among the natural enemies of mankind of which we had not been aware
is the lovely little water hyacinth, to
a good many Americans nothing more
than exotle memory out of Marjorie
Klinnan Rawlings' Florida idyil, Cross
Creek. But in four states, of the Deep
South the wonderful floating plant has
become a menace of major proportions.
The Government has spent well over
a million dollars in Louislana alone
clearing if from waterways, where it
has invaded to drive out fish, shrimp
and oysters, block navigation, and
force abandonment of many homes and
fishing camps. Four states attack the
beautiful pest continually, for in addition to its other sins it seems to abot

beautiful pest continually, for in addition to its other sins it seems to abet in the development of larva-bearing mosquitoes.

Mechanical plant-destroyers, aresulc sprays, and flame tifrowers have been tried to no avail: The plants retuse to perish, the polson sprays are as dangerous to men and beasts as to flora, and burning only accelerates under-water growth. We are faced with a problem of considerable proportions.

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It began in 1884, when Jap agents distributed water hyacinths to all comers at the New Orleans Cotion Exposition, and the little fifth columnities have spread amazingly. Their mats are often four feet thick and so dense that men can walk across them on the water's surface. They grow two or three crops a season, and are likely with us forever.

And, as a pertinent comment on the law of supply and demand, the plant and seed catalogues offer thuy plants to gardeners for backyard pools—at the special low price of 50 cents each.

Our Churches

This week's session of the Charlotte Ministerial Association was to our no-tion, the most significant that body has known. And this was so because of the pointed and courageous indict-ment of the Christian churches in the ment of the Christian churches in the community by one of our most notable ministers, Dr. James A. Jones. The young Presbyterian pastor called for a council of churches in Charlotte, and proposed that it embark upon the vital mission of co-ordinating Christian activity, thus making the Church more of a unified force in the community. The inference was very strong that, though Charlotte is vertiably full of churches (at our last check there were 170), they are not exerting their new

churches (at our last check there were 178), they are not exerting their potential influence on the life of Charlotte. Dr. Jones was insistent, and properly so, we think, that the present lack of any cohesive organization among churches is to be deplored. He said it well in these words:

community the majesty or God ??

And he was not content to speak generally; he pointed out that the Church in Charlotte was not taking cognizance of pressing local problems. He mentioned murder and prostitution, and suggested that churchmen had their backs turned upon these things, content to let them pass with-

things, content to let them pass with-out even inquiring into them seriously. To follow his speech was to realize that at least one prominent minister understands there are serious short-comings in the program of the Chris-tian churches here, as everywhere else on the globe—and that it is a chal-lenge of this day that they be over-come immediately and intelligently.

Our national worry a year ago? Wasn't that when we were wondering if Patton was the kind of general to send into battle?

Statesmen At Work

(Excerpts From The Congressional Record)

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But where do we go from here?

The War Orimes Commission has been needing for over a year, and the results of the deliberations can be placed in a tiny agastic. What in thinder is it healthing thous? Reports come forth that it is enabled in the search for procedents and in

Congressional Record)

minute disputes of jurisdictional responsibility and procedure. The Nazis are guilty of unprecedented degrees of eriminality.

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The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

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Admiral William J Halley, who price comhad will william in the proprietiest of the deep war would be over!

Gen. "Hap" Arnold, chief of the Air Forces on Feb.
14, 1842, predicted "the German war will be over the proprietiest will be over the proprietiest will be seen will be over the spear."

Gen, Levin Campbell, Jan. 15, 1843.—"The war will be over in shoult two years. Artilless will."

ar." n. Levin Campbell, Jan. 15, 1943—"The war will in about two years. Artillery will gain as a fac-

or in the war."

Herbert Hoover, Nov. 6, 1943—"Certainly we are now in the last stage of the war."

Raymond Moley, Nov. 8, 1943, predicted end of the war "cariler than envisioned by the Administration." tration."

Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, Jan. 2, 1944: "The most conservative Swedish observers do not believe that Germany can endure beyond next June."

1941: "The meat conservative Swedshi observers do not believe that Germany can endure beyond next some the conservative Swedshi observers do not believe that Germany will be knocked out between the Spring and Summer of this year."

1944: predicted war would be over in two months.

1945: Sensior McKellar of Tennessee, July 21, 1944—"The Red Army will be in Berlin in 60 days. The war will be over in two months.

1946: Anny will be in Berlin in 60 days. The war will be over in two months.

1947: The don't see how, Germany can last through the rest of this year."

1948: Congressman May, Democrat, Kentucky, July 28, 1944—"Germany will capitulate by Dec. 1."

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1949: Gen. Chennauli, July 21, 1944—"I think Germany will be defeated within this year. Japan will be Germany of the Congressman Cannon, Democrat, Missourt, June 17, Congressman Cannon, Democrat, Missourt, June 17, Congressman Cannon, Democrat, Missourt, June 17,

1944—"There is general belief that the German armies will collapse not later, than the first or second west of Seplember!"

Winston Churchill, June 19, 1944—"The months of this Bummer may, by the victories of this Allinde campaign, bring full success to the cause of freedom." Gen. Sienhower, belding farewell to "Algiera, Dec. 37, 1943, predicted that the Allies would win the European war in 1944.

Willkie's Postscript

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One of the last things Wendell Willies wote, shortly before he died, Teulided in a friendly debate with his old friend, Josephus Daniels, Woodrow Wilson's Secretary of the Navy.
Wirling a guest column for John Tample Graves, Wilkies fold how, having been an ardent human the work of the Chicago Democratic Convention in 1932 to work for the nomination of Newton Baker. But at Chicago, he found that Garner, McAdoo and Jim Farley, had got together and no subject interested them less than the cause of world cooperation. it co-operation.

So Wilkie concluded with this "Postscript to an

world co-operation.

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A Postscript To An Epilogue

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manily. This year Rose-sett incernates the Wiloff an organisation that will insure the persanent
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utiliary of war. If we fall in secure an effective
world organisation to end war this time, the robot
will look like a child's top compared with the defull to the postwell that the postscript for the postpos

"Thanks, Sam, You're the Best Assistant I've Ever Had"



Of Friends In Government

By Marquis Childs

of such embatrasaments. In the come formed with a probability of the time for in the come formed with a probability of the come formed the com

mw. uney would not be penalized by theif less ethical colleagues.

For example, James Läwrence Fly has recently resigned as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to practice law in New York City. In my estimation, he was an honorable public servant in a second of the Commission of the Commission of the Commission if he were to come before them with a plea for clients.

An interesting case in point is that of Thurman Arnold. While he was head of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice, and making a real effort to smaah economic bottlenecks, several big busi-traffic. What they hoped, of course of their legal, after joiling up with them, would go back to Washington and argue their cause before his former sub-ordinates.

Arnoid retused these ofters. Forced to suspend his anti-trust drive by those who said it was impeding the war effort, he accepted a judgeshin on the Circuit Course of Course of Course of Circuit Course of Course of

anti-trust drive by those who said it was impeding the war effort, he accepted a judgeship on the Circuit Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia, His salary is \$12,500 a year, as compared to the \$40,000 or \$75,000 he might have got from private business.

Mr. Biddle should speak up to end this sort of thing, now.

The People's Platform

Editors, Thir Newa:

One of the hottest questions now seems to be what its going on in Greece and why Prince Minister Churchill would risk the very extensive of the tenure by putting in the House of Commont.

A good many people, not know high the potentialities of this action, assume wrongly that Great the control of th

comes from nearby British possessions. The reason, therefore, for this importance attached to Greece lies in acography. In Greece, East meets West.

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Communists it will leave England
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politics, England doean't need to
meets time to arm the opposition
and the opposition will take care
of the Communists.

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Editors, The News:
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a series of stories by Tom P. Jimison, published in your columns,
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dillons. How can decent-minded citizens of North Carolina read of such outrage on decency and the tumanities in a State institution—and to nothing about them?

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In a series are duplicated in Virginia. In Maryland, in New York, in Connecticuit, in Illinois and in they are duplicated in every state in the Union. I know from reading, from hearting from op-sidenia and from personal observation, "mental hospital" in America, both State - controlled and privately word, are places of filth and sy places of uter degredation and ty, places of uter degredation and profit of the series of the series

wonder.

—TROS. F. Opis, D. D.
Great Barrington, Mass.



"Why, dear, you needn't feel that you're showing off and just parading around with your service ribbons—every, body will only be looking at the baby anyway!"

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spaugh, D.D.

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THEINGS are happening today which would amaze our fore-which would amaze our fore-which would amaze our fore-which we have a construction of the state of the stat A thought provoking advertise-ment recently appeared in the Twin City Sentinel: The First Baptist Church of Winston-Balen cordaily theory of Thield the state of the thought of the state of the con-trolled the con-trolle

America's Fear

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

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brushed up. "Grammer is no harder than Morse Code."

I have now had two appreaches to this problem, an earlier solder-cerespondent having suggested that men with secure incomes of the superior of the superi

more.

I sometimes wonder whether dure fear of joblesaness, which is the consuming fear in modern American life, does not underlie our strange failure to celebrate major extrange failure to celebrate major chair could not be the unconsclous reason why we do not set off fire-crackers and cannon, and make the drums roar, when our troops the drums roar, when our troops into Leyte.

The President's call for a minf-

into Leyte.

The President's call for a minit-mum program of 60,000,000 Jobs may seem startling; but it does not approach the queerness of some political developments likely to come along in American life. If these particular fears and tensions are not relieved.

GI Jitterbug

By Hal Boyle

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was bumpling around in the dark."
Pri. Alton Massey of Trans was surprised to learned that he had anywed the comme overseas.

Before his regiment left the United States, Massey copped first place in a jitterbug contest at the Servicement's Center in Chicago, in March, 1904, and Life Magazine would be sufficient to the Comment of the C

WITH THE 2ND INFANTY DIVISION IN GERMANY—(Delayed)
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joyed by American soldiers.

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"I don't feel very hungry this morning," said Capit, Glies Gabarson, a 220-pound, file-foot-len company commander from San He waded through a plate of hot cales.

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