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In Desperation

To Americans back home, the Imag-ned speciacle of a revitalized German may rolling up our lives and striking in heavy, force into mig and discour-acing. The profession of the second striking aging. The profession is an addiscour-acing the second second in the front, but feed of the stitution at the front, but coording us that this is a formidable and dangerous thruit. At first thought, it not only seems a sort of disgrace to Al-lied and American arms; it seems cer-tain to prolong the European struggle, perhaps for many months.

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But a long-range view of the flerce counter-assault puts a different light on the disturbing turn of events this week. There are many reports—so many that they seem more than rumors—that Hitter or Himmiter ordered this new drive, against the advice of von Rundstedt. It is so vast in scope-that list object seems to be to break the Western front as it stands. And the Nazis are pouring so much of their manupower and aerial strength into the effort that it seems one of desperation.

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It may well be that, as in Tunisia and in Normandy, the enemy has gambled all available reserve strength in this counter-assault, and that it has been attempted as a last resort. That the offensive has been launched in such force (and has obviously made considerable gains) is evidence enough that the new campaign was not idly undertaken. Great German hopes ride with this offensive. When it has finally been checked, and its losses counted, there is checked, and its losses counted, there is every reason to believe the content of victory in the West, It is, the content of victory in the West, It is, the conceivable that this extraordinary effort may actually hasten, not postpone, the inevitable end.

Out Of Bounds

So far as we're concerned the Government has an air-light case against Sewell Avery and Montgomery Ward. The refusal of this man and his firm to co-operate in the common war effort by complying with a set of temporary compromise agregments adhered to by the vast majority of American business, constitutes a strike. We believe that the argument that War Labor, Board orders are only advisory is an empty one, and quite beside the point. Those orders have not been subjected to legislation for the very real reason that to do so would cripple and possibly stell war production.

We hope that Mr. Avery will not gain an inch in his current attempt to thwart Government authority, but there is one phase of this battle royal dis-

turbing to us.

Last week, in front of a Ward store in Detroit, a number of pickets were walking back and offer of pickets were walking back and offer, but any pole of picket were walking back and offer offer of the pickets walked one man who certainly should not have been there at all. Dan Gallagher, chaltman of the Clo membership of the regional War Labor Board, accompanied by Mortia Field, vice-president, reportedly picketed the store for several hours.

In this Instance, we find ourselves in agreement with Michigan's Clare Hoffman who commented upon this development with a question:

"Get that. A member of a Federal agency Joins a picket line. What kind of a fair and impartial agency is it when a member called upon to settle a dispute Joins one party in an effort to prevent workers going to their jobs?

Hold Tight

Dr. Herbits, director of the Committee on Cultural Relations with Latin America, accorned our policy lower of the Western States of

But Dr. Herring's specific objection was raised to our behavior in cracking down on the present Accentine regime, a military dictatorship apparently embarking upon a career of aggression. It was his point that we have outraged the Argentine people by invoking coo-

nomic sanctions and attempting to discredit their government. He believes that the verrage citizen of Argentia admires America and democratic processes, and wants to get along with us. But. he adds, they resent our telling them how to behave "They like us, before, a proud, quick-tempered, ambitious, have a sense of greatness, and won't take orders from outsiders."

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That's all very well. But it decem't alter our own appreciation of the State Department's tough policy of the State Department's tough policy of the State Department of the Argentine people might go as well for the German people — or the Japanese people. Surely, they must resent our cracking down on their government, whether or not they are in sympathy with that government.

sympathy with that government.
But when the case of Argentina became so scute that it was actually an lance involving our war, then it was time for stern measures. We do not see that we would benefit by recognizing the present Argentine Government, which is apparently abortive. This has a familiar sound. And, though it may be stretching things a bit, it brings to mind some similar errors we have been making since 1931, when Japan went into Manchuria.

Some seventeen theories as to Herr Hitler's condition are now available, all different except in one particular: Whatever it is, it's an advanced stage.

One Problem

The report of R. M. Rotingeb, hust-ness manager of the State Hospitals, was made yesterday, and it reflected progress during the past year and gave hope for the future. Within limitations hope for the future. Within limitations imposed by the war, the lot of the 20,000 mental patients in our four hospitals has been improved. It is obvious by now that we must wait until men and materials are available before real improvements can be made.

Most of all, perhaps, progress awaits the coming of a qualified Superintend-ent to head the entire hospital system, and to offer guidance to the Board of Control, But that situation apparently cannot be helped now, any more than overcrowded buildings can be enlarged or rebuilt.

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Today, Mr. Rithigeb reports, salaries for hospital personnel are higher, resulting in more efficient operation, for for, patients is better, sanitation and housing are improved, and crops and livestock herds have been increased. These things mean better days for hospital immates, But there is one respect in which no progress is to be seen, and that is a story Mr. Rothgeb was not at liberty to discuss.

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There is the problem of selecting a new business manager at Morganion, to succeed the able Maurice Hill. Though the Board of Control is specifically bidden by statute to select this man, it has given that task to the Morganion Board. The Morganion Board has been unable to find a successor to this moment, chiefly because some of its members insist upon finding a man approved in advance by the Morganion Superintendent. Dr. J. R. Saunders. It has been Mr. Rothgeb's contention that the letter and spirit of the statute should be followed, and that a professional business manager (who is not to be responsible to the Superintendent). Should be chosen by the State Board.

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the same Board.

Because of the Importance of the business managers in Governor Broughton's new program, we hold that this matter is vital, and that no considerations should be allowed to stand in the way of selecting a man for this job quickly, and solely on the basis of competence.

OPA rules that to be sold as such an antique must be seventy-five years old—like the cook book which starts off briskly. "Take two pounds of butter and a quart of thick cream——"

"Backward, Turn Backward, O Time, In Thy Flight," sang the poet, who ought to be here to get a load of Mus-solini-dead six months ago, and now iii.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

MIGS STANLEY (Rep. from New York).

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The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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Aff Landon ignored his advice in 1938, Hoover complained, and 80 did Wilkie in 1940. And so did Devey in 1944. They all aced as If they accretly admired Rocoevell—that was Wootsreadine Felt the last election returns vindicated the ideas and leadership of the party's old leaders, and that the party should get back to its original basic philosophy.

Commander Smith asked Hoover who he thought the Republican nominee should be in 1948 and, while comments about Governor Stamen of Minmesota. He said he understood Stassen had his foolish ideas about international co-operation knocked out of his head during the war.

Hoover was emphatic that Governor Dewey wouldn't

Hoover was emphatic that Governor Dewey wouldn't have a chance in 1948.

have a chance in 1946.

Cermony's Fresh Troops

Some startling facts have been gathered by Allied war strategists regarding. Hitler's ability to throw reserves into the Western Front. They give one explanation as to skip the war against Germany has lasted so much the start of t

It is also estimated that Germany's total strength on all fronts is just under 5.000 600 man.

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Discrining British
British Ambassador Lord Halifax has been entertaining colleanues with a story about a trip he took into
lows on a good-will speaking tour.

"After one speech," relates his lordship, "an oid
farmer came up to me and said I was making a great
I hanted him and asked him why he thought that.

"Well," said the farmer, "before we heard you, we
need to be frightened of the British. We thought they
were cleverer than us and could outsmart we every time.
But, after listening to you, we're not straid any mere?

Nazi Deserts Ship
It can now be revealed that one of the men Hitler
and Von Ribbentrop used for political penetration of
Washington, D. C., via the German Embassy, has resigned from the Nazi diplomatic service; and plans to
throw in his to with the United Nations.

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The former Nazi diplomat is Peter Rideci, ex-assistant military attache of the German Embassy here,
who since Pearl Harbor had Served in Sweden under
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who had escaped to Switzerland seeking refuge from the
Gestapo.

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Riedel came to the United States in the late '38, participated in a glider competition at Elmira, N. Y. T. Friends because of their mitual interest in glider flying. When word of this friendship reached Berlin, Von Ribbeutrop decided to make use of Riedel's "society contact."

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After Pearl Harbor, Riedel, who had married an American girl, avort to Stockholm, was assigned to report on American acromatical developments by duping American filters interned in Sweden, to make them reveal Allied air secrets.

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Allied air secrets.

When the Gestapo tried to involve him in a kidnaping expedition. Riedel resigned, asked Swedish permission to remain in that country for the duration, plantow to return to the U. S., become an American clitzen.

They've Now Joined Up With The Enemy



Reclaiming The Wounded

By Marquis Childs

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The People's Platform

Editors, Tur. News;

Not long ago I saw a letter from a soldier in the junger. In which he told about some box in his outfut who had been raught with the told about some box in his outfut who had been raught with the soldiers were thieves — which I guess everyone should know.

Ther should more that soldiers were thing to the same. It heard a feel to the sold in the soldiers had been soldiers as the soldiers are the soldiers. It had been soldiers had been soldiers as the soldiers had been soldiers belonging to thele Sam. I heard an officer make a speech once, in which he sold. The fitten per cent which he sold. The fitten per cent are pretty good hoys—and the rest. The revitation population is about the latter of its whole were shad it is not a soldier; some of its who wears khaki is not a soldier; some of its who wears that home. Everybady who were shad he home. Everybady who who killed two women should have been taken to a longitud under a doctor's care, rather than chapted the country and made a good record. It was drilled into him day after day, "do or die."

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appased to find the women folks of America not out having a good men in service. And when he didn't find this he thought of his huddles who had died and were drigg, if was probably half crasty or the didn't find the service. And when he was the didn't find this he thought of his huddles who had died and were drigg, if was probably half crasty or the didn't drunk, his nevers shot to he was the service of the service of the service when the service was the service of the service when the service was the service when the service was the service when the service was the service was the service when the service was the service when the service was the service was the service when the service was the service was the service when the service was t

pieces.

He had killed before and he didn't care if he killed again. The women are more to biame for what happens to them that the men who do it. The women who go out and throw all decency to the wind are more to blame than men who kill them.

-MRS. EVA GRANT Rockingham, N. C.

A Shortage

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Editors, The News:
This is the day of replacements,
in the Army Navy and Marines,
behind the lines, essential jobs are
performed by service women and
disqualified men. In Industry, essential jobs are filled by women,
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of essential war Industry.

know that if he draft all men now working in evential industry into the armed forces there will be a greater shorting in industry, let a greater shorting in industry. Yet a greater shorting in industry, let a greater shorting in the power and on the ather hand they also need the equipment turned out by Industry.

Now, the quotation 15 how can we bulance the equiation? The answer, which was a substance of the control of the

ed most?

Here is the answer to Mr. Brites problem. Re-classify the men physically disqualified for comial service. If their skill can be used to better advantage in war them on an inactive list to help where they are needed most.

MADELINE L. BERGER Maxion, N. C.

"Your mother tells me'she caught you smoking, and it will go easier for you if you'll tell me where you got the cigarettes!"

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spaugh, D.D.

By Galbraith

SIDE GLANCES

No Compromise

By Samuel Grafton

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Quote, Unquote

Undersecretary Ralph A.

If we settle for anything less than a total knockout, it simply neans that we have let ou men down and set the stage for another war-a war their children will have to wage.

New Undersecretary Raibh A