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The Fires Of Berlin

In the darkness of a February night.

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It took them twelve days to crush the head of the Reich, days the cush the learn of the Reich, days the cush the litterest fighting. They took a fear the lidli from an already battered city, and the the reported death of Hitler, use on your temperature of the world, and the can deal the supermen surrendered by the thousands. The reported death of Hitler, use on your for the reported death of Hitler, use on your for the reported death of Hitler, use on your for the russian flags flapped over the rubbled city, and a grim cycle of justice had made a full turn. Babylon had fallen. and a grim cycle of justice had made full turn. Babylon had fallen.

Climax In Italy

It is the Twillight of The Gods in the Third Reich, where a nation plunges to its doom, and Germany greets in Sefferdamerung with Wasperlan lury. In Italy, it is not so, For there, actement two years of bitter struggle, the war is at an end. The unconditions autrender of German forces there does not follow the Nazi pattern; it is the first chink in Nazi armore, the first sign that there will not be bloody resistance to the last man.

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But the end of things in Italy is not only a sign that the end approaches in Germany as-well. If, means the finish of one of the most desperate campaigns in military history—one of the most neglected campaigns of this war. For the hattle of Italy really began in July of 1943, when hallowed Rome was first bombed. Within six days Benito Musso-lini had been ousted by little Victor Emmanuele, Sicily had fallen and General Elsenhower was ready to offer the Italian people peace. But the Italians were not masters of their destiny. A shocking blood bath was in store for them.

On the morning of September 3 Alieb barges streamed across the straits in the starlight, bound for Calabria, and the iong struggle for Italy had begunthe (first "real" American invasion of the war. Secretary Morgenthau warned. Within a month Italy had declared war on Germany, but she could not wrench herself free. She became co-belligerent, but she was captive. The Ailled flood moved on, slowly. Its men fell by the thousands as battle flamed up out of the Italian boot.

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broke out of the rugged hills above the Po, and swept down that storied valley, rear and pummeled from all sides, he went to pieces as he had on Cap Bon in the prelude. And so Italy's labors were done, and the Fifth and Bighth armies might take a breathing spell. And in the instant that the take was done, eyes turned North to the Reich, where this surrender must be repeated soon. Italy was not, as we had thought, the "soft under belly of the Axis," but she was, finally, the key to victory.

Remember Dachau

In the days to come, when the crimes of Germany will be shrugged off by forgetful Americans and pacifists sneer at the atrocity stories as capitalistic propagnads, remember Dachau. Its name has spread terror through Europe since Hitrs shadow first fell over his own-conquered land. Its thousands of ghosts, first Germans, then Jews, then Austriaus, Czechs, Poles, French and Rustiaus, Czechs, Poles, French and Rustiaus, Land been legend all over the world. But it was not until the Americans came that the monstrous story became credible.

Really, they came too late. The 6,000 graves on the hill, where maimed bodien lay, had already contaminated Davids water. Twenty-eight Winter-of disease, starvation of the contamination of the contaminat In the days to come, when the crimes

And those who remained were verifiable skeletons, many of them reduced to brute animals by starvation and torture. The 32000 of them were scarcely recognizable as human beings. And they were just the pittid remnants. Other thousands had been marched away shortly before Americans arrived, to more death, to more torture, to remote prison camps. And not far away, near the prison where littler had written Rein Rampf, were the overflow camps. There, countless and unknown thousands had perished. They were found stacked in gruezone piles under the trees of Spring, and the oder of death hung in a telekenling aura over the placed-quarters of the S. S. corpa, Bittler's hordy of murderers. Here was the evil head of murderers, the was the evil head to thoughts must go, on the day when we come to deal with beaten Germany. Here is the answer to "soft" peace and forgiveness, to the fairy-tale that we must be stoned as strong Germany to mahilatin peace in the world. Dachau. Hitler's ghastly Dachau.

Everybody Wins

It is a happy augury, as they say, when the man and the office are well met. So in the case of Charlotte's Ben Douglas and the Highway Commission. Insofar as Mr. Douglas has further

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political ambitton, his appointment has
a double significance. It shows that he
has been recognized by the political
powers-that-be in North Carolina as a
gentleman of some influence in his own
right, to whom now is given an opportunity to make contacts which could be
exceedingly useful to him henceforth.
He will, whatever his immediate political
intentions, make the most of them.

Similarly, it goes without saying
that he will turn in a good job. As
three-time Mayor of Charlotte, Mr.
Douglas was discovered to be an exceptional promoter, an avocation which he
has been following on the side ever
since. In his political offices he has always managed to render a good deal
of aervice, meanwhile keeping an even
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The Highway Commissionership will be good for Ben, and Ben for the Highway Commission. Undoubtedly we shall have some streamlined roads as soon as conditions permit, and whatever else a practical mind and a lively vision can supply.

Statesmen At Work

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

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SEN. CONNALLY (Tex.) taking leave of the Senate as a delegate to San Francisco; come from a section of the country which not infrequently has received criticism and aspersions, as not quite measuring up to some of the other sections of this Republic. I bove the section of the country from which raditions. I am derivated to the memory of a father who sleeps beneath the soil of my Commonwealth. He gave all that be could give to a cause which was forevilled.

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What Happens To A Writer In His Home Town

O'N any Saturday I can stand on the atreet corner in Greenin, Kentiucky, and see characters come in from the control of these people know they are characters. And if I have used them in a way they think is favorable, they are yr proud of it. But if I have told a few things they didn't know I knew about they are none too proud. They just keep quite since their real names aren't used.

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Characters are supported to the pen I called the man by his had been controlled to the pen I called the man by his man, chart in an editorical of a little newspaper I had started. And while I was discussing this lawsuit with my lawyer, he took me into his confidence and told me a little story about his boyloced days. I had the story finished revised it and that is probably why. I forgot to take my lawyer's name from the story. It didn't any more reach the editor until it sold, and just as my trial was getting under way the magazine was on the newsciands.

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"Damn you, Jess Stuart," he said.

That story, I thought, I forgot to take his name out. I wondered if he would represent me at the trial but

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The Fly In The Loving Cup

Francisco OMFERENCE

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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By Dorothy Thompson

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united States immeasurably strong in terms of economic and technological strength- and-war capacity, but without a clear political concept of what to do with her power in world terms and with the Soviet Union the most obvious victor of the struggle.

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Signs that Russia is not disintercated in the Islamic world are innumerable and are to be found in
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Britain knows exactly her stake in Africa and the Mediterranean, and the United States has the immersurable good will exceed a state of the property of

Same Old Fight

By Samuel Grafton are weaker. We have gained one more poker chip in Latin America, to complete the neat total representation of the complete the neat total mind; but it was a chip we did not need, and we have loat regard in Europe. We have paid for this stilly victory be setting up global stilly victory be setting up globally upon Russia the role of defender of anti-faseks principles in the new organization; and anyone the complete complete in the new organization; and anyon the complete complete in the set large terms does not see it at all.

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NEW YORK NEW YORK
NOTES on San Francisco: 1. Molotov's lonely fight against admitting Argentina is like a horridparaody of some of Litvinov's lone-.

narrady of some of Littinov's innerly battles in the old League of Narpatient repeats itself. The world seems determined to force mon the position of being the one loud. Faurous. Impolite sagainst the more respectable forms of faction. Why doesn't one of the off faction. Why doesn't one of the platform, in a passion segment causer faction, shouling at it and reviling it? The wheel has come full circle, and Molotov fights the legally-recognized faction of Agrentina, as Littunov once fought the legally-

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th column of irrelevancies and treverencies, appearing irregularly. If readers run across brief material suitable for "Anything Goes," send it in).

Warning Of Stalin

O'n Christmas, 1922, Nicolai Lenin, father of the Rausian revolution, by on this death bed, unable that the stale of the Rausian revolution, and the death bed, unable the stale of the rest of the reliefs of Jaceph Stalin, and because it utreat that Stalin be refinered as General Secretar of the Party, 41 was published in full in The New York Theorem 1928 by Box Exercision Courport person upon the property of the Party of the Party 1928 by Box Exercision Courport person upon the property of the Party of the Party of the Party 1928 by Box Exercision Courport person upon the Party of the Party

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"There are so many Ghienaus who want to become
ambassador to Muscow," joked Foreign Minister
Fernandez in return, "That it is one of my greatest
problems," Mexico's Padilia, apparently on excellent
terms with Molodov, and: "All Latin America swald be
pleased if our sister republic, Argentina, was admitted to
the conference,"

Mood Changes

But a day later the mood was different. Padulla
arese in secret seesion to propiese Secretary Stellibilis
as permanent charman of the conference. Molator
promptly objected. He pointed out that four constities
and that the representatives of all four host countries
should rotate as charman.

Foreign Minister Padulla then delivered a rectuation
of previous precedents where the nation which served as
Molator, who had already pointed not that four nations
were hosts, got up and remarked;

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I suitable for "Anything Goes," send fundamental in the matter of stability is such members of the Central Committee as Stallu and Trotsky.

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aback. He mumbled something about always being prepared when he attended a conference, and sat down. After a long, hot debate, Molotov won his point. But the manner in which he imped on the Sedicar bit, the manner in which he imped on the Sedicar bit, and the sedicar bit,

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