

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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A Boomerang

Only a few weeks ago the Office of Price Administration brought cheer to millions of motorists with the news that the value of A gasoline coupons was to be doubled, and the amount of gas available on B and C coupons greatly increased. We suppose no one expected drivers to do anything else but give one big whoop, and proceed to buy and burn-the gasoline when they got it.

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were and welled bloody murder at the
far-traveline motorists.
This latest outburst reminded the
public sternity that the war was not
over, that the surplus of gasoline stored
in the country was for military use
alone—and that gas was still critical.
It gave the motorists a sound cussin
out, for buying all this extra gasoline.
Why, said OPA, these gas-hors are exceeding the expendable quota by enough
to drive a million miles and more! It
was a proper dressing-down, and perhaps some motorists quared, and pendered seriously whether they were betraying our cause, buying this extra
gasoline.
But we suspect those were few Every-

gasoline.

But we suspect those were few Everyone knows, OPA least of all, that people
wouldn't be buying this extra gasoline
if they didn't have the coupons.—and
everyone knows who gave them the
coupons. It sounds to us as if the OPA,
in hauling off and lifting the new quoclass by increased allottents and the neds
of rationing boards, had only itself to
hame. OPA sent the folks out to by
gas, and now that they're buying it, and
breaking every quota in sight, they're
being saddled with the guilt. We're
wondering just what OPA expected, anyhow,

The Refugees ,

A recent Army survey reveals that 35 per cent of the white Southerners in uniform do not Intend to return to the South after the war. That's not be South after the war. That's not the South after the war. That's not good, but it's something the South has done nothing to fight. It's an old story that the South perennially loses the finest of its youth to the North and West-and-that migration of its people of all classes has been steadily increasing. After the last war there was a great exodus of Southerners, both white and Negro. There is evidence that we are about to see another one.

It is our guess that there will be a great deal of moving about the country by veterans of all sections, but it is inevitable that the South will suffer most, and become by all odds the createst loser. The story is familiar enough. Lack of opportunity for youth, and a serious line, economically, culturally, edu-

that the South perennially loses the finest of its youth to the North and West—and that migration of its people of all classes has been steadily increased the control of the people of all classes has been steadily increased the control of the people of all classes has been steadily increased the control of the control o

growth. And we need it now. With every passing generation we will lose more millions of citizens who cannot be replaced. We are still wasting our most precious human resources.

Brave Man

Judge Vinson, the new Secretary of the Treasury, must be a brave, not to say intrepld man. We hope he is, at any rate, for the job he has taken over isn't one for a fellow who scarce easily

easily.
When Judge Unson scans his daily balance sheets he sees there a figure which isn't even in the arithmetic books. This 'gure reaches over into the 'thousands of millions of dollars, which is to say over into the in-calculable. Figure it out for yourself and see. If you had a million dollars, you'd be rich. If you had a fluon million dollars, you'd be rich a thousand times over. But want a minute.

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over. But wait a minute.

Suppose instead of a mere 1,000 milhous, you had 260,000 millions. And
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it. And suppose that in spite of owing
200,000 millions of dollars, you were
still spending more than you took in
by something like 1,000 millions every
week. Then you'd begin to realize what
sert of job it is that Judge Vinson has
taken over.

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States as of July 6 was \$200,470,476,349,84. More briefly but less graphically
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349,84. More briefly but less graphically expressed, the debt is a quarter of a trillion splus, if we must quibble over trifes, 14,000 millions). It represents, we'd purss, more mency owed (that is, money borrowed and spent) than it owed by all the other nations of the world put together. The interest alone on this debt will be deathe what they

on this debt will be deside what the U.S. Government used to spend in the years humediately preceding Hossevell for its entire operation. It is this incredible debt, the secretary of it and the increasing of it, to which Judge Vinson knickles down. He is, plainly, a man with a good atout nerve.

Invasion Now?

More than once our flexcest finhting men have come to grief with their predictions of the war's end, and their estimates of the strength of the enemy. There were bad guesses in Germany, and their have been bad once in the Pacific. It is more than two years, for example, since Admiral, Habsey predicted the Japs would crumble within a year. He belittled the Jap as a fightling man, and saw nothing but quick, ecclain victory. The Admiral has retired from the guessing same slace.

Acainst that background, the testlands

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, faccinous and comic excepts from the Congressional Record).

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establish the Renner Government. Further, the British note states:
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The highly stendiform British document follows;
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seites United States Government, and French Pro-visional Consernment. Matter does not admit of delay if we are to fere-stall isolated Seated action. We are endeavoring to con-cert with United States and French Provisional Govern-ment to parallel approach to Sortet Government.

AS President Truma and Secretary of State Syrmes what we more of Renner to far we have no particular objection to him. A proper time his might, plant can now be thrown on one extremely important plants of our snarled relations with societ Russia, which still remain the most important question facing the most proper time of the control of the control

Resignation of Justice Owen D. Roberts from the Supprense Court has roused specialition more more and the Supprense Court has received specialition manner and the Supprense Court has received specialition.

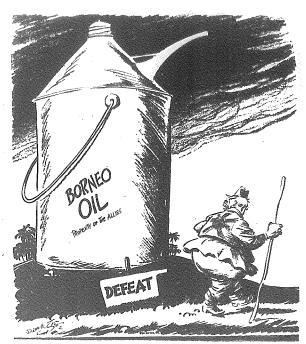
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Congratulations to the St. Louis Star-Times on its expose of the Passist-minded "eleventh hour" which claimed that German aircotty pictures were fake. The next and forced its editor, Lawrence Reilly, off the air as a commentator for the Lutheran Hour. . . Credit the Zamesville, Ohio, News with inspiring the lota of Potting of the Coping Copin

Another Marker Along The Road



The Heat On Hirohito

By Samuel Grafton

FIGURE proposed that we should promise to keep Hiramino on the throne of Japan, to shorten the war, and to help keep order afterward, is certainly an unlowly one. There is nothing taking, or the typeral heavy thought of a light in the typeral heavy thought of the typeral heavy thought of the typeral heavy thought of a light in the typeral heavy the typeral heavy thought of the typeral heavy through the typeral heavy to fill a seems all whom, as a picture it would make us book like a purportant society which sold home in which to finance it is the typeral heavy to fill a seems all whom, as a picture it would make us book like a purportant society which sold home in which to finance in the typeral heavy through the involved, those who take the possibility than the army the time to be the transited by experts, and one in which the greatering high can make no contribution.

By Samuel Grofton

REW YORK for keep third and mot the inverted captain for keep third and there is a larger argument against having after the war, relating an unit relating to the war, relating an unit relating to the war and the last that we have no maternal talent for inventing scaled systems for other contrates, were just must good at it. All our training in assure his vietness was treated as the strength of the property of the contract to learn any shows how hitle skill we have in this field. Yet it is proposed that the shadness of our present approach to Germany shows how hitle skill we have in this field. Yet it is proposed that the shadness of our present approach to Germany shows how hitle skill we have in this field. Yet it is proposed that it is what it would center the factor of the contract of the contract

own hostiny to him, too, an amount of apanese hosting to him, too, an amount of the him which to care many and a great strength of the essence of round conquered by. If there is such a thing, to be willing to place over the conquered some house. It is currous that we almost always think, in this sphere, not in terms of the best, but of the west, and to be a sign of limited perspectives, and the harrow has been a sign of limited perspectives, and the harrow the first of the control The frenters of arrown ruling scripes and extensive sometimes are respective when it proceed to been order by near time these captains of disorder to malitable their central But, of course, the experts may have many admitable things to say or this point; and I have just space left to file their testimony in the crowded drawer in which I keep their assertions of the late thrittee that

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Some of the women in the club like to beast-if they start comparing how many war bonds they have, just say we've got them stacked all over the house."

Sacrifice Of Science

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Same Old France

By Dorothy Thompson

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