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at Thir News, partly because he was in point of age and service the oldest man of all.

A few months ago, in this top, he had to drop, out because of a severe filters, but before hong he was back on the job. That was characteristic of him. And then tilhoss struck again, at his infinity, and he returned no more. Yesterday he died.

Loyal, kindly and obliging, he has carned his villogy; "Well done, good and faithful servant."

N.E.W. Y.-O.R.K.—::-A.N. "O-P-F-LC-I-A-L W.A-R.N-I-N-G-P-R-O-M W-A-S-B-I-N-G-T-O-N" T-H-A-T H-O-S-T-I-L-E P-L-A-N-E-S W-E-R-E R-F-P-O-R-T-E-D T-W-O-H-O-U-R-6 G-ULT-O-E-N-F-W-Y-O-R-K-C-I-T-Y-

It was incredible, but there it was, and every additional word that eame in con-litrace the genuineness of it. The enemy planes were placed off the Virginia Capes, headed north, and although no statement eame through as to the number or nationality of them—indeed, though their progress was not reported except by the lessenin of their estimated time away from New York City—air raid altarns followed one another up the seaboard like dominoes stood up in line and set to toppling.

There was always the possibility, of

course, that the warning was a mistaken one, a false alarm. But there was no doubting that Army and Civilian De-lense officials considered it the real thing.

Mustard Gas Japanese Revive a Dormant ...

Horror of Modern War

A few months ago it was reported and confirmed that the Japanese had attacked Chinese forces with shiells and bombs containing "mustard gas." This unpleasant stuff, even more deady now than the kind that gave American doughboys great sore-blisters during the

"Air Baid" East Coast Gets a "Test" Which Reveals Impotence

-WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1941

## Terrible Blow

The Prince of Wales Left a Grim Warning

Japan's terrifying successes against our dreadmanghts - and Britain'sreached terrifying peak today.

reached terrifying peak today.

The Prince of Wales is gone. The Repulse is gone. The Japs claim that one or more of our own capital ships have been destroyed.

Bitter as the news may be, we must accept the inescapable conclusion: if enemy planes can sink the Prince of Wales—the last word in dreadnaughts they can sink anything we've got.

they can sink anything weve rot.

It now appears certain that both Britsin and America baddy underestimated
Japan's air power and ability. There
every indication that she now maintains
air superiority on all of the major batdefronts of the Far East.

We had been counting on our capital ahips—great floating fortreases like the West Virginia and the Prince of Wales to carry the war to the shores of Japan. This latest blow cuts through our strat-egy like a flaming sword.

low we must have planes and more planes-air power that can blast black marauders of Nippon out of the aky, bombers that can strike Japanese factories a decisive blow. Roll 'em out!

#### At Hawaii

The Future, Not the Past, Requires Investigation

In wartime, when a sentry is found leep at his post, he is summarily court-artialed and shot.

martiated and shot.

Last Sunday, it appears, some pretty high-ranking U. S. Army and Navy sentitles dozed at their posts in Hawaii.

Sensiors are demanding that Secretary Rnox, and Admiral Hart be called on the earped and asked to explain why, and how Japanese warplanes were able to eatch American detenders of Hawaiii papping. Violent and reckless charges are being made: equally vigrous pleas for unity are sounding.

All that is generally known about the ttack on Pearl Harbor is:

(1) Many Army and Navy officers were daying golf or otherwise relaxing at the very moment bombs began falling;

(2) Many of the U. S. warships and iany of the anti-sircraft emplacements at Pearl Harbor were manned by skele-

(2) Thousands of holidaying soldlers and sailors were scattered over the city of Honolulu.

Our knowledge of military terminol-ogy is limited, but if U. S. armed forces were: "on the aler!" Sunday afternoon in Honolulu, we'd hate to think what would have happened had they been re-laxed. It is true that at the time the

would have happened had they been felased. It is true that at the thire the United States and Lapan were still officially at prace. But was an imminent. And the vocue of attacking first and explaining later is by new throughly comprehended even by civilians. The unity or disunity of the nation behind its Army and Navy are not affected by the case, have no learing and not appeared to the common cause; and fortitude: It hunters for no scalps, no sensation. It only wants to know that its Army and Navy officers are to be held strictly accountable for Salure to exercise due caution and sudement over their commands. to the end that our leadership shall be equal to the cleat which lies a head.

### L. W. Pridgen

Throughout a Long Life He Served The Charlotte News

Served The Charlotte Neura

R was just after the turn of the century that L. W. Pridgen came to work
for The Charlotte News. For 40 years
has was en the job, day in and day out,
lending the increasing number of machanes in his charge, working away in
file Illitic shop, delighting in cleaning.
Inadype marintes so that they would
just longer and print cleaner.
Just John of the Charlotte of the Charlotte
only a foll may lime he rendered not
only a foll may be a forest that logsalky, for between him and it hate W.
G. Dowd Sr. was the friendship of two
mean who knew that each could count
on the other.
To Mr. Pridgen, Mr. Dowd was gas warfare in earnest.
Therefore it was not at all surprising to hear that the first Japanese gas attack against British forces in Malayahas taken place right at the start. Apparently there is no weapon too inhumane for the little yellow brother.
The British pledge that she will ablied stiricitly by terms of the 1925 poison gas protocol of the Geneva Convention will bring only chuckles in Tokyo. These ruthless little weasels will kill by whatever means they can contrive.
The only circumstance that should give Japan pause is the crawling congettion of her own population centers. A few hundred gas bombs on Tokyo or Yokohama probably would send them ecresning for cover under the Geneva

on the other.

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## United By Bombs

Anne O'Hare McCormick In New York Times

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AMERICAN officers were playing
As their awais dunday round of
only on the sunny course hear
Honoliulu. In Washington the Becerary of State was holding a confrom Tokyn. Mr. Rull was angry,
to the bilistering laintuage of which
he is master on occasion, he was
earling the Japanese that in all
the planet had resorted to such
the blanet had resorted to such
fashed and distortions as he
found in Tokyo's latest note. This
president was waiting the Whita
message to the Emperor

personal
message to the Emperor

First THEINPRISERS.

We don't know what went on in the rest of the country, but the "false" at raid airm on the East Coast yesterday errtainly caused a fretit and enduring excitement in tills newapaper office. It was between two-star and three-star editions, with the first run almost completed and the second all ready to start, that the telestyners became, cellek out, in that ominous way they sometimes have: WAS RECEIVED THE DAY.

Mitchel Field, where the First Air
Force is stationed, further disclosed that
the warning placed the enemy planes
about two flours out of New YOYE avmoon, and that all precautions were beling taken, that civilians had been evacuated, all sergolite, but there is was, and
were additional sore that came in con-

that Japan would do the unexpected, they predeted a more acquisite
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same thing has happened. It
is sure to be said, moreover, that
the way war came is alimst too
those who argued third the bombs

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war lay in our heads.

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WITHOUT SAFETY, LAW
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Natis. They have a greater indicterrine to drain than the Russian.
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have an excellent military
incomed that we are less ready to
lake the offensive than we would
be if they waited. But at least
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of changer to nearly American. "At last
were for what it is the openlense officials considered it the real
thing.

If now appears that the alarm resultcd from a series of false reports and
misunderstandings. It was a mistake,
but the Army, asspecting as much, could
take no chance, and had to go through
with it all for nothing. And yet, was it?

When you consider that this reasonable facsimile of the real thing exposes
our utter vulnerability to attack in force
by air, perhaps you are inclined to be
grateful for the demonstration. At least
it shows how weak are our defenses and
suggests that it would be well to set
about strengthening them with might
and main while there is atill time. doughboys great zore-biliters during the First World War, had not been used, either by Hiller, his ensemies or his all-sie-althought the Italiana are known to-have burned Halle Selassie's bargeoused followers with it during the Duce's short-lived conquest of Ethiopia.

But it remained for the despicable Hitle yellow men of Japan to Tre-open Saw Wafare in earnest.

Therefore it was not at all surprising to bear that the little Langeous as at

#### The Flickering Films Of Yestervear

Chattanonga Times"

Olris and boys of yesteryear get out your pencils and check the photoplays you attended 25 years ago.

"In the Diplomatic Service," with Francis K. Bushman and Beverly Bayne

"War Brides," with Nazimova.
"Extravagance," with Mms. Pe-

The Return of 'Draw' Eagan,"
with William S. Hart.
"The Tides of Barnegat," with
Blanche Sweet. "Miss George Washington," with Margurrite Clark.

"The Common Law," with Clara Kimball Young, "Old Polks at Home," with Bir Herbert Tree. "Old Polks at assume the Blorm Country."
"Tens of the Storm Country."
with Mary Pickford and Harold-

Reckwood,
"Namette of the Wilde," with
Pauline Prederick.
"Puty-Pitty," with Norma Taj-

The Only Course-The Only Outcome -By Herblock



#### Widle The Man (Dunc

Eddie Doherty in Chicago Sun.

There once fived in this great-city a most pertilific man. He was, in many was, and exemptary char-acter. He did not drain. He did not source. He did not were not the never talled politics. He had he never talled politics. He had no hobbits. He was exercised with his money. He loved hus wife. And no drain title children indeed, he had only one yee. He was a Griffmantic be did not be other.

ne may done one vice. He was a borrelar.
Ordinarile he did bot bother about working at his trade in Culerge. He knew too many cons.
Ordinarile he was to the work town him. When he was to the mood for labor he would take a train to five York. Sin: Francisco. Buildinger, or now Borrelly-to any place where tail buildings grew in clusters.

buildings grew in clusters.

INCLE SAM

IDELITYRED THE SWAG

On a Saturday aftermeen or a Sunday morning he, would walk down the certified of, one of these buildings, mirrilly juiciling a yet of buildings, mirrilly juiciling a yet of buildings, mirrilly juiciling a yet of buildings, mirrilly juiciling a yet a semi-cast of the same semi-cast of the sa

self.
Such things as he decided to expropriate he placed in a broad manufacture precision which have bits name and address and sufficient stamps to catty it. As he word out he placed the envelope in the mail chuic tristing three Sam to being the away safely to his door.

HE BIBN'T CRY
OVER SPILLED SOUP
If he couldn't find the ALL MINN'T CRY
OVER SRILLED SOUP
If he confint find the combination he used other means of prying the safe wine open, instally
ing the safe wine open, instally
proved one safe wine, in reaching
for his keys, a small bottle of
coupt fell out of his pocket.
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was full of powdered placer and
broken glav. But the burgar was
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bort also me, I got 10 get a
dector.

THE LURE
OF "HOME WORK"
He was, one might say, a successful man. But he was lonely, too—and a little embittered that



One wandering patrol of 50 Halianz remains at large in Ethiopia. If it has nothing to do it could offer grand opera at popular prices.

Before littler undertook to re-organize the world, our idea of, an uphili job was house-to-house canvassing in the Alps.

It would be irksome if Japan-tried to give China back to the Chinse and they wouldn't take It. We have been through all this with the Indians. Differences of opinion not only make horse rares but a great deal of stuff that is given a nice position on page one.

It is supposed that among friends, like the twelve co-signers of the soil-Red pact, Ribbentrop laws his marked cards on the table.

With a plane, a meteorologist says, tornadoes could be bembed before damage is done. Count us out of this, We are not one to salinguities a lorenade.

Fractice the presence of God; live with him: Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought farth, or even thou hadst formed the earth and the norld, even from ever histing. Thou art: God.—Padim-90:1, 2. An ounce of confidence in year-thou-art God. Plaim ... All Sa. worth A. pound of confidence in others.

activity on Mankers, that he could have not been dearly on Mankers and the most of the futures of the wareted always of going out of the country of the street of the s

A Thought For Today

Chicago Dally News

## Side Glances



"He thinks I stood him up on our dance date—if he had stood up behind a counter all day, he'd know what the word meant!"

Japan Must Die

By Raymond Clapper



By Reymond Clasper

AMERICANS can be proud totay.
We can be proud that we this
to the bitter and to arole war.

In the inner a
advancing massagery
the United State
continued to labor
for peace. We tired
to throw our moral
wright saginst uggreation and for the
protection of all hatoportunity. We can
be proud that we continued to do this
until Jepan struck.

be proud that we continued to do this until Japan struck.

Twelve hours before Japanese planes appeared over Honolulu, President Roosevelt appeared personally to the Emperor of Japan to Join him in a peaceful adjustment. Even as the hexa of the attack was fashed to Washing-ton Receivery Hull was faithing with ton. Secretary Hull was talking with the two Japanese representatives in his office. We were shot at white still in the act of seeking peace.

WE CAN BE PROUD

OF OUR-PATEMOR.

A strong mation can lake pittle in that, and in the record of patience and fair dealing. We can be proud of President Roowerst and Secretary Hall, and their cool and steady lovally in those baste principles that must, after the last drop of blood has been splited, rise saids, to guide mations. Our efforts saids, to guide mations. Our efforts saids, the work of the property of th

of war.

Japan has made our decision for us,
This nation hates war an deeply, is so
convinced of its fuility as a method
of addition, differences, that we could
not take the initiative. Within the last
few days: I have heard diplomate, who
have participated in some of the Faf
Fastern discussions, express doubt that
the United States would go to war even
if Thistand, were attacked, japan. It,
would have been eary for Japan to avoid
any with the United States. any with the United States.

ALL DOUBTS, RELUCTANCE ARE SWEPT AWAY

But now all of our doubts, all of our reluctance, all of our hestitations, have relitations, all of our hesitations, have been away away for us. Practically every leading locationist already has been heard form. Their answer to the stack on Honolollu is that we must take on Honolollu is that we must liably where and Taff and McMars, leader of the Senate Republicans, have taken their stand with the Government, Japan has united this country for war Concers will very soon register the unity of this nation.

et the unity of this name.

This is suicide for Japan. A desperate fourth-rate nation, the spoiled little gangster of the Orient will have to be exterminated as a power. Japan has asked for it and now she will get it.

Japan sould have Joined the United States and Great Britain as one of the three controlling sea powers of the clobe. Her geographs and economic situation made that her logical course. clobe. Her georgaphy and economic situation made that her lorized course. Japan can live only by sea trade. But she has chosen to war with the two oliker sea powers. She preferred to take her chances with armed force just as Germany has done. Japan choes to live by the sword and she will die by the sword. Japan will be blasted, bombed, burned, started Her people will suffer shastly tertures; A nation which had possibilities of becoming need the ruleers of the world will be reduced to a pulled, budding people on a pool little group of tithants.

The modern world can no longer telerate the affairthy of conquest by fores. The two nations most addicated to this bathstalm are Germany and Japan. They mind to disarred, Force must be

that will the it to bring about a peace-ful world.

We will come out of this war with-fighting strength the like of which has rever—been seen. We will-have plenty-of it for our protection. I nops we will use it also in co-operation with other haltons so that he power again can commit such an assault against the peace as Japan has just been guilty of. This war must be fought until Jap-anese military attentible to exterminated. But more than that must come out of it. Our victory must -be used to bring about a new era of betavelent force which will secure for all men and women and their childran a new kind of peace in which the human race can progress (award that happier life which science and industry have just-power.

made possible.

America can open that door.

# Visitin' Around

Yeh, But Where Was Moses When the Lights Went Out

(Mt. Olive Hem. Morganion News-Herald) We sil feel like sitting on top flow since we have electricity in our homes. We really do enjoy the lights so much.

The Editor Takes A Leaf From Napoleon's Book (Davie Record)

The editor didn't have a turkey for The color dime have a turkey for thankagiting and if business doesn't improve and the price of turkeys drop, we will be minua a turkey when the turkey was all howe for the best but prepare for the work.