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Touche

Roosevelt's Billion-Dollar Diplomacy Pays a Dividend

The President announced that he had found the defense of Turkey vital to the defense of the United States. From the White House came this startling statement yesterday, coupled with the assurance that Turkey, also, will have a place at the Lend-Lease table.

At first glance, the President's statement seems almost fantastic. The defense of Turkey—vital to U. S. defense. On second reading the logic asserts itself. Britain and Russia must continue to fight Hitler for our own nation's safety. That is our whole policy.

"Dollar diplomacy" was a catch phrase long before the look office. However, it remained for him to change its meaning and put it on a billion-dollar basis. And all of us are hoping that billion-dollar diplomacy has smothered the German method of threat and intrigue in Turkey.

Word Or Deed

City Should Abandon Smoke or Repeal Its Ordinance

With the City's difficulties in getting a competent smoke-abatement man, are the injurious effects upon the health. After the last man was fired for reasons that were never made public, Councilman Sly, who was delegated to see about a successor, fell sick, and the matter awaited his recovery.

A little more forethought by the Council, by the Seven Iron Dukes, that is would have suggested retaining the former employee until a successor was in the hands. A little more aggressiveness by the whole Administration, perhaps, would suggest some makeshift expedient.

At any rate, the existing ordinance declares its purpose to be that of "regulating and controlling the emission of smoke and fly-ash so as to minimize the injurious effects upon the health and property of the citizens of Charlotte." The words need backing up with actual regulations and control.

Queens College

An Essential Institution, It Must Grow With City

Aside from—but not minimizing—cultural and intangible assets with which a college endows its home city, there are financial considerations. Removal of Winthrop College from Rock Hill, S. C., for instance, would be a blow that merchants there could not measure in trade dollars lost.

rium has been completely out-grown; the muscle building needs re-evaluated. But perhaps the greatest need is for a new central heating system. The present system is so inadequate that it cannot serve several buildings on the campus.

Saturation

There's a Debt Limit As Well As a Tax Limit

There is mighty little comfort for any of us in Senator George's statement that Federal taxation has just about reached the saturation point. For the Georgian looks beyond the immediate consequences and predicts that the national debt will soon rise to about 150 billion dollars.

The Senator is convinced that any new substantial tax increases may not be undertaken without tremendously weakening our whole economy. He hints that these increases might take us past the point of diminishing returns.

But how does the Senator reckon that this country will ever be able to pay the interest on a public debt of 150 billion dollars and have enough left over to pay its ordinary expenses—much less to pay the debt off? Interest charges on 150 billion dollars would run about six billions a year.

Prophecy

The Modern Prophet Is Inferior to Elijah's

One thing about letter-day prophecies; they are so often failed but not quite fulfilled. It was not so with Elijah and the other Hebrew forecasters of the Old Testament.

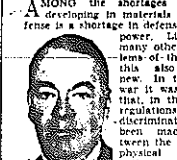
For instance, a year and a day ago, Mademoiselle Genevieve Tabouis, the famous French writer, spoke in Charlotte. She prophesied as follows: "Russia will attack Hitler and Italy will desert him."

Wherever Adolf the Protector has been, the fires of revolt begin to burn. How ungrateful of Europe, to bite the hand that doesn't feed it.

Death Was Now Armed With A New Terror—LORD BROUGHAM

Shortage Of Skills

By Hugh S. Johnson



AMONG the shortages rapidly developing in materials for defense is a shortage in defense manpower.

REPAIRING FIGHTERS FROM NON-FIGHTERS

On the great re-classification of December 1, 1941, the country divided physically as between those who were fit for any kind of combat.

NAVY BEGINS TO FEEL NEED FOR MEN

This whole subject is rapidly becoming a very serious one today. The Navy has been looking for men to man its ships and to man its aircraft carriers.

CLASSIFYING MANPOWER IS AN EXPEDITIOUS MATTER

To sum this whole matter up, the whole subject of classification for the purpose of making the maximum use of the man power of the country is one of the most important matters of the hour.

A Dusky Sentinel Gets Cynical

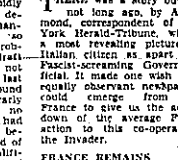
Fate lay in Winston-Salem Journal. A young Negro recruit was the victim of a black cat in a dark room.

Senator Soapier Says:

Come "what may, nothing can surprise us now. We've seen everything from a Secretary of War to a hot Garbo.

Using Cold French Logic

By Amy G. Bassett



FRANCE REMAINS AN ENIGMA

Allen Raymond had been cooped up in a dark room for several months watching the Italians as allies of the Nazis, and all he could see was that the Italian peasant in this "victorious" country of the Axis had been reduced to a low point of poverty and apathy with the Nazis riding high.

Back of the little we do know about occupied France there are many things that have not been said. We do know, and all our instincts cry against this, that the French people are not playing some deep game against these squarheads.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Gen. Summerall's Opinion

Editor, The News: I have just finished reading your editorial "Strategy" which appeared in the Nov. 22 issue of your paper.

JUDGE WARLICK FOR SENATOR?

Editor, The News: I see that the Herald is running again. Remember what money did to Cain? He can be beat by the right man. Hope I am here to help do it.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

If we try to keep all, we lose all. Thou shalt not deny thyself of thy harvest, and of the outflow of thy press.—Exodus 22:9.

"Don't Forget To See My Pal Here"

—By Herb Cook

Reneing Off Asia

By Raymond Clapper



WASHINGTON

THOSE who are trying to figure out the prospects in the Far East would do well to remember that the outlook that is going on now.

WE MUST ACT WITH FRANCE'S OWN REALISM

But—and now comes the hard conclusion—understanding of the French attitude here can be the actual French citizen; faith in the ultimate revival of a great people here is the veridical helplessness!

THERE CAN BE NO VICHY AMONG FRENCH PEASANTS

France in her fields and in her small villages, is what I am thinking about. There, there will be no Vichy there. These peasants are hard old philosophers and mere words are of little use to them.

Japan Continues Preparing For Attack On Thailand

Information here indicates the slightest intention on the part of Japan to halt the program of further conquest. Although the displeasure of this Government was made clear several days ago, Japan continues to mobilize for the expected attack on Thailand.

Such an attack will challenge the United States to defend its interests on three grounds.

First, there is the direct menace to the Philippines, which is the movement. Sooner or later Japan would find it necessary to reduce the Philippines, which lie on the flank of the present southeast push.

CLOSING THE PACIFIC TO "WHITE" COMMERCE

More broadly, the Japanese Government appears to be considering the white man out of the Far East. It would mean that if Japan were successful, no American ship could call on the Pacific with any certainty of being able to complete its voyage.

JAPAN IS OUT FOR MASTERY OF ORIENT

By all indications at hand, Japan has set out to make herself master of the Orient. The Japanese may work out some milder translation of Premier Tojo's speech over the week-end in which he said the influence of the United States and Britain must be purged from the Orient.

Palms of Progress

120 Years Ago (London Dispatch) Epidemic of wrong numbers follows inauguration of dial telephone system here.

Name Two

(Robertia Item) Concord Tribune) Yes, it's here! Old man Winter came at last, and it has brought some ice along. People who have been writing cold weather have got their desire.

We've Heard of Hooping

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