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Naval Claims

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supporting alone more or less in proceptable in the Mediterranean; in view portion in the Medilerranean, in view of the engencies in the Atlantic has probably not added more. It is there-tive evident that, if the claims are true, the British naval power in the Mediler-terious has been destroyed and the Sungaing has already lost control of the

Segmed has already lost control of the whole Mediterranean area.

Oddly enough, these certe British ships still seem also to sink convoys to Crete by nevel action and to fill the wine-darties with the corpses of Naxis.

It would be foolish to wax over-optimistic on this basis about the British channes of holding Crete. The Nazis can probably take it by sheer force of numbers if they choose to diarepard the point at which losses exceed its military value. But if they go no along that value. But if they go on along that course they can probably be eventually said to death.

Texas Law

State Enacts Fairly Strict Driving License Statute

Driving License Statute

Teras has begun somewhat cautiously to move toward a driving license law which will actually control fools and eriminals on the road.

Like North Carolina, Texas muce the fattlal mistake of handing out licenses without requiring an examination, subject to renewal without examination. And that error is not completely remedied in the new law which has just been passed. But the authorities are empowered to require an examination of sanybody whom they deem unqualified, even though he had a license from the beginning and has not violated any legal proviso.

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The authorities are empowered to retime a license to anybody who is not
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is law is not perfect. Obviously steely who drives an automobile sill be assimilited to the most rigid fast tests, should be made to show where to control the machine,

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sections of the country, he adds.

"The pressure group which has this country by the ears is the organization which presumes to speak for labor," states Mr. Woolf, "It happens right now to be two organizations but, while one is more acticulate and more demanding than the other, either one or other happens right and more demanding than the other, either one of any fermion of the point of a strong organization of both and the commitment of th

combination of both.

The result is not left to the imagination; it is here. Leon Henderson can crack down on the combod-year industry, and without right or reason, but neither Leon lienderson nor anyone else dares to do a thing about wage-spiraling. The Government has the power to force allegedly non-conjunctive to the contraction of the contraction of

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to example, can delay the entire defense program to a degree
infinitely more perious than can
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"In such a situation, what can
be done about it? Here are a few
singestive answers."

few industrial concerns.

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have the same power to freeze
wager as Leon 'functionon's agency

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Donald MacGregor
In The Reader's Digest
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in front of a barroom. As the
barrender service, those scopped
for the still more of
yours doesn't seem to feel very
good. Never easy such a wobbly
horse."

"On, he's all right—just having
a run of bad huck," said the man.
"On, he's all right—just having
a run of bad huck," said the man.
"On the barrend have been so work to be
the horse or a beer for me, and
the horse has lost for the least ten
days straight."

Slight Distinction

The Reader's Digest

The hour want too late, the heaty want too gay—with the result that the Met star yawned openly in the resort's face.

"I hope I'm not keeping you up,' dating," said smill," with a bored smill the replied, "re, but not waske,"

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If a majority of the nation's reference can choose a President, leg-

bodies to operate on the identical plan.

If democracy is good enough for my Government, it is good enough for my union.

E. L. SANDEPUR, Regional Director CIO. Winston-Salem.

Cotton as Protection Against Bombs

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Portrait of a Great Economizer at Work

The Saturday Review of Literature

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TODAY'S EIGHT THOUGHT

Thou has made known to me the ways of life; thou shall make me full of joy with thy countenance.—Acts 2:8.

Side Glances



"I see our son is trying to make an impression onew neighbor's daughter—your specialty was handstands."

Trenble In OPA

-by Nation

By Raymond Clapper

WARHINGTON: Drefhalling
OPM is becoming more may
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cavety. And unable to move de-Much work has been done. The lass year has not been wested. The im-portant thing up to now has been to get started. But the longer OPA's good on, the more chaotic it becomes. The detense program now is moving that the phase in which it can succeed only y' strong-handed and clear-minded operation.

CIVILIAN PRODUCTION IS CHIEF ISSUE

CAPILLAM PRODUCTION
IS CHIEF ISSUE
OFFA IS 1901 down the middle now
over a undeamental issue—the cuitalment of civilian production. This difference split the production divisio of
OPM at its top.
Last week W. L. Bait, Deputy Director
of Production for OPM, threw down the
challence publicly. In a speech he said
a "ratical change" of attitude on the part
of some people in the Overenment, in lastor and in industry was necessary. He called for cuitalment of civilian production
even to the detriment of the standard
of living for the time being. He said
business fears have to be overriden in
the expansion of production facilities,
even if there will be no use for such
facilities after the emergency.

MUSINESS AS USUAL POLICY IS COSTLY

POLICY IS COSTLY.

Mr. Batt, who is an industrialist but also a protege of Harry Hopkins, was in these remarks taking issue with his own superiors in OPM His chief, John St. Biggers, Director of Production for OPM, took exception to the speech of his substrate, and felt that unfortunate emigrants.

took exception to the speech of his supardinate, and felt that unfortunate emiphasis had been given to civilian cursialment. Mr. Biggers has felt that idpurpose of the defence program was isincrease employment. He has held that;
changers should not be abrupt in a way
to cause immeployment, but gradual.
William Krauden, Director of OPM,
shares that attitude.

That policy found expression in the
plan for 20 per cent curvaliment of next
year's automobile manufacture. Many in
the Administration think this is insuiticlent. Some believe raw material shortages will force curtailment far below that
figure. Even the 20 per cent in endient, some
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billiam of t anortages coming, current production of automobiles has been the largest in his-tory. This situation is a cause of bitter inside criticism.

BOME HEADS MAY

Equally bitter is the criticism of those OPM criticism who were responsible for underguesting steel and abundant capacity. Months ago Administration committees were uring large expansion in both steel and abundant capacity. Months ago Administration committees would be adequate and President Roseverti took their word for it. Now steel is on the point of being rationed and aluminum is under such article ration that civilian consumption may be cut almost to nothing. OPM officials turned down projects for a West-Coast steel development. At the insistence of Administration commissis, Fresident Roseverti has ordered a re-assorted and the business of the consumption of the co and the issue is far from dead, Samuel Fuller, Chief of Raw Materials for OPM,

under fire. Some who reflect the inner Adminis-Some who reflect the miner Administration viewpoint are now urgine inst a few heads fail. They argue that the Freudent has been gravely mided in two fundamentals—steel and atuminum—and that this is enough. Bad griesating they assert, is now foreing the nation into drawto rationing which would have been unnecessary had present defense demands been better anticipated.

Visitin' Around

Con't Ferget What The Good Book Says Midway Item,

Mr. Julian Tarleton is suffering with

Leroy's Business Must Be Picking Up (Dudley Shoals Item, Lenoir News-Topic)

Mr. Leroy Bowman has been doing some car trading. He has a 1941 pickup Pord.

and above all should be subjected to in-telligence tests. Most of the accidents are caused by morons. Still the law represents a vast ad-vance over North Carolina's, which im-morating real restrictions have in a few poses no real restrictions save in a few cases like drunk driving.

A Threat

S. C. Senate Waves a Club Over Critical Necespaper

The threat to freedom of the press

Is often assumed to come mainly from the executive branch of government. But yeaterday at Columbia, South Car-olina's State Benator Colesworth Pinck-ney Means of Charleston, and the Sen-ate with him, were bustly proving that it can come from the legislative branch

In the Senate Means blasted the newspapers of Charleston, and particular the News & Courier. The editorials of that paper, he said, "had wrought irreparable harm to the City of Charleston and the County of Charleston and the Legislature in the editors spend their lime thinking up ways to damn the Legislature in convince the people that the Legislature is unworthy and incompetent ... wrong, unwholesome, destructive ..."

And in all that, he was of course.

And in all that, he was of course strictly within his rights, and constituted no threat at all to the freedom of the press. Captain Billy Ball, the editor, and a gentleman of the most extreme Right, himself pulls no punches when it comes to charges and name-calling.

Right, himself pulls no punches when it comes to charges and name-calling. But then Benator Means went on to propose, and the Benate to adopt, a residuding sailing on, the State's Attorney General for an opinion on how the State's anti-trust and and-monopoly laws applied "to combinations of newspapers, news services and radio stations."

Neat Trick

Nazis Handled Zamzam Case As Expertly As Athenia's

The German handling of the Zamzam case has the earmarks of a very cleverly-contrived play in the war of propaganda

There is no doubt that the Germana sank the Athenia in the first days of the war, with many Americans losing their lives in the crime. And that also had the carmarks, when you look back upon it, of a cleverly-contrived piece of on the propaganda and nerve

front.

Theoretically, of course, it might have brought us into the war—the last thing the Germans wanted. But the agents of the German sembasy had been plumbing American opinion and, it may reasonably be surmised, had informed their masters at home that such a possibility could be discounted, and that in reality the total effect of the crime would be to furnish the isolationists over here a chance to thump and roar, to convince the people, that it was necessary to hang to the so-called Neutrality Act. Gertainly, that is the way it worked out in practice.

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out in practice.

But at present the murder of a large
body of Americans in a neutral bottom
might well serve to take us fully into
war, something Germany wands to avoid
until she has first polished off Britain and got the British navy and command of the Atlantic.

of the Atlantic.

So the Mazl navy very carefully avoided any loss of life in the Zamzani. For
once, it seems actually and autoniahingly to have followed the rules of international law meticulously—which is
as though the Devil should auddenly

Then Berlin sat back and kept mum until it was natural to assume that the ship had gone down with all hands be-fore a German aubmarine, and until British and American news sources were

As though to say:

"See, how poor Germany, the chival-rous, is maligned for the betrayal of the American people into a war which is to-telly unnecessary?"

Labor Rapped

La Guardia at Work

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

CHAIRMAN OF

JOINT DEFENSI COMMISSION

- CANADIAN

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Letters to the Editor:

sements and editorials, prac-all the big nowspapers and leats in the country are bit-denouncing labor, especially IO. for delaying defense in-

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the automobile industry, with Gen-eral Electric, with Westinghouse and a long list of others. Sen-sational stories detrimental union set in a continuation of the torial continuation of the torial continuation of the continuation of the continuation of the members get the criticism found among labor union officials, all labor is condemned. If employers violate labor laws—as great num-