WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1941

### Full Candor

President Abandons Vagueness And Tells People Facts

The speech Mr. Roosevelt made last alght was certainly the greatest he has made since the first hundred days of his first Administration—probably the greatest of his career.

He has been accused—with considerable justice—of lacking candor in his re-cent addresses. Vague diplomatic language has swathed all his meanings, and the simple people who make up th majority of the population have been left pursied and bewildered, unable to make up their minds about what

guite make we face.

But last night he dealt in candor it-But last night he deast in canour in-self. The enemy was named over and over-adolf Hitler and Natism. The purpose of that enemy-to conquer not only Europe but this hemisphere as well— was blumtly stated.

was bluntly stated.

And far beyond that he went. He said faily that Hiller's prime objective is to gain control of the Atlantic Ocean. He named Daker, the Canaries, the Azores, the Cape Verdes, and warned that Hiller's possession of any of these would mean that we were directly menscod, and that the Naxis would be well on that the Naxis would be well on d that the Marks would be well on eir, way toward gaining the mastery the Atlantic, since it would enable sen so cut off the supply line from a United States to Great Britain. And Britain fell, he said, the control of a Atlantic would be irrevocably lost, cause Biller would then inevitably fall seir to the British navy and to ship-milding facilities which we could not

match.

He warned that the Naris are already busy in Latin America, that they plan to get control of nations there by "revo-nition" from "within", in order to give themselves bases frost which to operate against the United States.

Coos were the wowel words about "short of war" and "foreign wars" and "see shall not send American boys to die in foreign fields." This, he said piainly, is our war quite as much as it is Britainly. Our destiny is as much at take as any other nation's. And—we war going to do whaterer is necessary to assure that England wins and thereby preserve our own freedom.

is ascure that England wins and thereby preserve our own freedom. That was a ironaudous statement. It deposes, of the curry controversy at a stroke. And it goes on he say we will, if necessary, Fight, to the last ship and gous and mass pather than see humanity, surseives included, reduced to slavery to a brutal so-called Master Ratear their hair and eachled, but Adolf Rittler today in Berlin Feels the approach of the strong. As the news leaks through to his people they will be the remember the doom that speared before them in April, 1917.

Finally, as the master stroke, the

rd, 1917.

Manly, as the master stroke, the sident took fate in hand and prolimed the full national emercency.

In look to his powers and use in the defense program remaining in a 
ddie. And he has explicitly put both 
joilar and labor on notice that obsuction, the desire to line their powers. mbere in this country Tues-

The atmosphere in this country Tues-day was like that on a sultry August day. Today it is clear and clean, as after a great thunderstorm. There is no, more excuse for anyone to doubt where we stand, and the people will back the President to the ultimate limit, certain of the rightness of his decis-

#### Warning

Which No Longer Has Point It Had Last Summer

Last Summer the Nazis were very indignant about the French. They themselves systematically and mercilessly
murdered French women and bables
along the roads of France. But when
the French captured some parachuts
thoops disguised as Belgians and, prepared to execute them, the Nazi spokenmen acreemed about international lawand promised to murder ten French
prisoners for every man thus executed.
Fresently they are very indignant
should be English. Frims Minister
chrockilli has told the Rouse of Commonths fight many of the German parachibits landing in Crete were wearing
the heitis dress of Anzaca. The British Last Summer the Nazis were very in-

radio promises them execution. It is against international law immediately bawl the Nazi spokesmen and any such executions will be paid for at the rate of ten to one by British pris-

A strange sound, that phrase, "Inter-national law" in the mouths of the national law" in the mouths of the people who invented unrestricted sub-marine warfare and the systematic murder of civilians

And of course it has no validity. Donning the uniform of an opposing army has always autómatically given a man the status of a spy and made him sub-ject to execution without trial. Fortunately, the British are in better

position to claim their rights here than were the French. Not a great many British prisoners are in German hands. And for a while at least the British can retailate man for man in the execution of prisoners.

## On Your Own

In This City Troffic Has To Take Care of Itself

To Take Care of Itself

We know a city, on the whole a progressive city, where traffic conditions are abominable. Where an ever-growning horizon of automobiles, busses, taxicabs and trucks are turned loose upon its atreets to make their way under the most haphazard regulation, each webicle for itself.

Where the authority over traffic resides not in a trained specialist but, undifferently, in a building inspectorand a good building inspector-he is said to be. Where the City Council voices to put up or not to put up traffic lighting as though this were a legislative function.

Where traffic bottlenecks are allowed

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Where traffic bottlenecks are allowed to exist with no apparent effort to eliminate them by the exercise of a little thought and some study. Where the rate of traffic deaths is alarmingly high comparison with far larger, more wided cities.

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Where the lethal custom has grown up of running through the tail end of the yellow signal or even the first rays of the red, and likewise of bealing the green. Where the police accept such driving habits as though they were strictly orthodox and never delgn to notice any but the most flagrant violations. Where earlety and convenience are at a discount, recklessness at a premium, improvement at a standaill, and where nothing at all is done about a vexation that everyboly talks about.

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The site of all these "wheres" is, of course, Charlotte. If ever a city needed a trained traific specialist and instruction for its traific police, this is it.

## Hill's Bonus

#### Expansive Tobacco Magnate Overlooks Trifling Detail

George Washington Hill, president of the American Tobacco Co., and saveral other officers of the corporation have been ordered by the New York Supreme Court to pay back \$2,163,033.44 pald to them over a period of years in company bonuses. Included in the sum was an item of \$180,000 spent by the tobacco company, at Mr. Hills direction, for the defense of a suit filled by minority stockholders over \$250,000 alleged to have been paid former Judge (now convict) Manton as a bribe.

Mr. Hill is an expansive gentleman who has been making somewhat over \$409,000 a, year through the bonus system. Two years ago he threatened to resten if minority stockholders forced a reduction in his bonuses. His self-respect, he said, couldn't stand it.

But the court admitted that Mr. Hill was pretty good, and in effect said that from the stockholders standpoint he deserved all he got.

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"Able, astute, ungresive executive ... vast and peculiar experience ... president of the corporation since 1926 ... gross .

## Freedom Of Seas

By Hugh S. John

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most wars. Our Revolution was
ty against the force of British
power to dominate and explost
se rolonies — Boston tes-party

to do.

We stopped a British ship and took off two Confederata enemies of the United States. That war was averted by our spology and restitution because Lincoln said, "One war at a time is snough."

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RUALLY WITH GERMANY

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ish only destroyed American com-inerco.

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Billy Arther, News & Views.

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Mr. Wilson Was Right

Letters to the Editor:

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"We need to retember the man made and not Coci-made." We could have been a second of the second

atruction of men's seekal and the behariarism that is devastating the world.

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Men who should know better are doing everything possible to divide and destroy us. This under the guise of patriolism.—EDNA C, HENDRICKS

Treasury Asks Aid In Bond Sales

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-H. MORGENTHAU, Jr.

Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington,

An Open Letter To Senator Pepper

Washington, D. C.
Dear Sit:

I am enclosing a copy of an editorial that appeared in The Greenshore Daily News, discussing some internal that appeared in the Greenshore Daily News, discussing some internal that are proposed in the Greenshore Daily News, discussing some internal to the Greenshore Daily News In your hours state of Florida. I use you most earnestly to devote a few minutes of your bury day to a throughtful reading of this edynamic advocating none wealths measures by our Government were not to save the things we believe insaffection to work out a more perfect demonstration of the control of the control

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-WILLIAM EDGERTON
Guilford College.

#### Boy Scout Council Thanks The News

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TODAY'S BUILT THOUGHT

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my breth-ten ye have done it unto me.—. Matt. 15-60.

## Side Glances



"I'm sorry, it was all my fault—I was trying to re-member if I had turned off the sea under my string beaus!"

EFA POWER MUST RE MAINTAINED

non TUTGEN MUST.

Taking the best aide of it, the United States and Oracle British between them have the dominant see power and it is possible for them to hold it. If given sufficient time our two countries may will look forward to achieving air, surperiority. The most favorable outcome of that estimation would appear to constant of holding Bitter on the Countriest, with England surviving as an outpost off the coast of Europa, supported by her Empire and her control of the air and the sea. Then, after our production was at full tide, it would be possible to consider carrying the offensive to the Constinunt.

tinant.

Taking the worst side of it, we might be left standing alone in an Arts worst, with the job of holding the was and the sir around the long Western Herniphere rosestime and maintaining an army capable of defending any part of the hemi-

NEET FIVE TEARS WILL

NEXT TYPE TARRE WILL

GO, TO WAR PRODUCTION

You can be optimistic or pessimistic
as you wish but in either case it second
impossible to escape the conclusion that
prolonged milliary and maral preparation is required. No malite which way
events go, it would seem that we minut
to as Germany did — rearm to the utmost, without setting a limit to what we
intend in 60.

most, without setting a limit to what we intend to do. I don't think there was any angurertion in the attender recently of Philip
R. Reed, chalman of the board of Geneeral Electric and a consultant in OPM.
He sald the prime demand on American industry for the next five years
would be for military products. He said
all industry faces tive years of shortage, rationing and allocation of strategic materials. He advised non-defense
industry to readjust likely to that outto readjust liself to that outthat civilian needs might be better met.

#### Visitin' Around

(North Wilkeaborn Hauter). It was remarked one day recently by reliable sources that Capitan C. P. Waller, former superfinitioned of the tanhery bern, better fillowed a car load of lime to stand to a tannery building over night. It was unalected care are of lime in that flooded shows that destroyed the tanhery test August.



by typing the undershalm and our situation is and them doing our triment to overcome it.

A frank appression of the situations seems to me to run whom is solution:

With every fresh deconstitution of the power of Miller's military smelches, the prospect of sensabling blass to life Conthent becomes more remote. Aprays of course, is the wishful thought dest his above might here to make a few of the continued course, in the wishful thought dest his above might here to make a few of the continued and the problem of the countries of say in which it is foolish to count upon say washes of the continued further than the combined further harden and the continued for the continued further than the countries of the continued for the continued for the countries which is indicated by the countries of the countries which is the risks of the countries when the countries

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FOR A LONG TIME
We are hoping to produce 800 bombers a month by a year from next FMI.
It does not seem possible that an offenanty could be undertaken until we had
reached that rate of production. Not for
two years will our shipbuilding be sufficient to handle the enlarged supplies that
would be needed. Tanks, which are base
hargedy in imagination. The little felliws now being produced dant count.
The mediums, of 38 ions or 3 hearabouts, are the tanks that would be
needed against the Germana-Only won
show models have been produced, said
come curious stories are in circulation
should them. The real facts about the
tank program are clouded in a mair of
rumps. Even if the situation is no worse
than is edmitted, real production is
some months away. Losses in tanks tur
high and a backlog, replenished by
heavy production, is essential for replacements. We can hardly produce the
volume to make our tanks a major factor
uptil late, next year. will late next year.

No More Necturnal Trips
(Arcadia liem,
Lexington Dispatch)
(7. T. Fran and S. L. Tesh had water
systems installed some time ago.

Whe'd You day Is (North Wilkesborn Hustler)