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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1941

End Run

Ickes Spies a West Const "Oil Shortage" From Afar

With an abrupt reversal of field that would have done credit to Mr. Shad Bryant, Gallopin' Harold Ickes, that stellar triple-threatener of the Roosevelt Administration, has evaded tacklers on the east end of the line and is now threatening the west flank.

threatening the west frank.

Undannied by the report of a Congressional committee accusing Mr. Ickes of crying "Wolf, Wolf" when he proclaimed an oil shortage on the East Coast, Harold now announces an impending oil shortage on tother extremity. Be had blamed the eastern shortage on the transfer of the true with the West Coast affustion is completed by the diversion of this to plicated by the diversion of ships to carry oil to Russia.

earry oil to Russia.

It is now confirmed that Harold can seent an oil shortage quicker than a hungry turkey buzzard can spy his dinner. The only difference is that, according to the record, the turkey buzzard's observations are more accurate. Furthermore, the vulture is a silent bird.

We do not know the actual status f the oil situation on the West Coast. but we seem to recall pictures of count-less oil wells in California. These may less oil wells in California. These may have dried up since the pictures were made, because the prints we saw were designed to be observed through a stereocope. If so, they must have given out one by one, for there has been no mensational story about the wells suddenly failure.

dealy failing.

If the wells are still producing, if railroads and trucks are all running, and plue lines still flowing, there would seem to be no reason for a shortage. But one never knows about such things. Any day now we expect to hear that Harold has tried the center of the line and decreed an oil shortage in East Texas.

The Hard Way

Why Repeal the Neutrality Act When There's Panama?

Act When There's Panama?

It is becoming increasingly difficult for us to work up a lather of indignation about these sinklings of 'U. 8." ships. They make bold headlines, to be sure, but the Mails have been found guilty of so many more vicious crimes that a mere torpedoing of an unarmed herechantman pakes by compasison.

The istest U-boat victim, the Pint Star, is headlined all over the country as an American ship. Technically, this is not true. She was American-owned, all right, but only by virtue of the fact the United States grabbed her along with other Danlish ships in American ports when Germany occupied Denmark. Our Government held the Danlish ships in eserow for several months and then in eserow for several months and then Our Government held the Danish ships in escrow for several months and then decided to lake them over, (with com-pensation to Denmark of course.) The Danish crew remained aboard and found themselves working for the U. S. Mari-lime Commission.

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There were further complications. The Neutrality Act forbade any ship of American registry from carrying munitions into the war sone around the British lake 80 our resourceful Maritime Commission, a full-fielded agency of the Government, set out to evade the Neutrality Act. a bons ride act of Congress. The device used was to put the ships under Panamanian recistry. This done they were no ionger United States ships under Panamanian recistry. This done they were no ionger United States ships were not subject to the provisions of the Neutrality Act. When the Maritime Commission put the Pink Star under Panamanian resistry, she did so with all knowledge of risks involved—indeed, in contemplation of those risks. Ships of the American Navy were patrolling the water in which the Pink Star was sunk. They had orders to istake any German raider on sight. But he raider got in his shot first and that sil there was to it.

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we are not familiar with the laws of We are not familiar with the laws of the Republic of Panama, but we under-sized that in general they are quite lib-sell. To our knowledge, Panama, and Bedding like a Neutrality Act; otherwise

the transfer to Panamanian registry would be pointless. So why bottner to repeal the Neutrality Act? Why not follow the Maritime Commission's example and register the entire American Merchant Marine as ships of Panama? The precedent is clear and the whole thing could be brought off without True and Switch.

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Instead of wasting weeks wrangling over the Neutrality Act repeal, Congress would be free to waste its time on something more amusing and quite as witless.

Siege

It Comes to All Cities That Only Stand and Wait

If it were Chicago, say, or New Or-leans under Nazi siege instead of Len-ingrad, perhaps we Americans would know the full significance of the Soviet announcement that "hastily recruited civillans" were being sent to the out-skirts of the beleaguered city in an attempt to hold off the Germans. Here is war at its worst-or, if you like, at its most glorlous. The taxleab army that stemmed the Kalser's spike-helmeted legions at the Marne and

helmeted legions at the Marie and helped save Paris were heroes. At least that portion who survived were so designated. But that was because the French emerged victorious.

If Leningrad falls, the "citizens with

If Leningrad falls, the "citizens with guna" will be just so many more corpses. If the Soviet itself goes under, they will be forgotten.

Suppose that it were New Orleans, or Chicago, or even Charlotte instead of Leningrad. Would our bank clerks and salesmen and carpenters take rifles and go out to meet a trained enemy equipped with flame-throwers, tanks, big guns and dive bombers? Or would they refuse to go, exqusing themselves by saying that the cause was hopeless?

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by saying that the cause was mope-less?

Heaven foibld that the citizens of any American city will ever be obliged to make that decision. The best way to make sure that our cities will excape algae is to destroy all would-be-besiegers. We know who they are and at the moment we have allies against them. But if our Government waits too long before giving effective aid to those resisting agaression, we shall stand alone. In that fatal hour, our country will have to decide whether to currender without a struggle or to make it almost certain that our great cities, too, will feel the pounding of explosives.

Day School

A Desirable Addition to the City's Educational Plant

City's Educational Plant

In the new Charlotte Country Day Behool the city has a facility which is another sign of its continuing metamorphosis into a metropolitan community. Up East, where populations are polyglot. Country day schools are somewhat of a fixture in the educational system. For that matter, private schools, used to flourish in Charlotte, particularly boys schools. For years Major James G. Baird, an enormous man of fiery temper inculcated knowledge into the youngsters of the town, specializing in Latin, mathematics and discipline at the strap's end. A Mr. Glasgow, as slight as Major Baird was huge operated the Charlotte University School for boys, and a little later on the city had florner Military Academy, which removed from Oxford but did not flourish for longer than two Ywentieth of May Parades.

The Country Day School will receive

Twentieth of May Parades.

The Country Day School will receive both boys and girls, and while its instruction in the beginning will be limited to the lower grades. College-preparatory courses will be added as the school enlarges and its patrons increase. In Dr. Thomas Burton, headmaster, it has a career educator who represents the highest simulated on this profession. Behind the school thancistly are a group of Charlotteans, who see its establishment in this year 1941 as the founding of unique, enduring and much needed institution for time to come.

Bubatitutes for materials needed in defense are now used in our telephones, and very appropriate, we should say, in case of being given an ersatz number.

Two stories we could listen to again and again are the ones about Andy Mellon underestimating a Treasury surplus by hundreds of millions, and the other about the Congo natives who ate the

Russia's Weakness

By Hugh S. Johnson



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Don't Forget the Lost Colony, Suh!

Richmond Times Dispatch
Those North Carolinans will be
the North Carolina and Its recent feat of
firing the greetest broadside in
history. Then there was the election of Miss Betty Condon, who
for the Society as "Glanour Girl;
of 1841-42". She will make her
dbut in her nature Ratelph on
Sept. 12. And now comes the
record-breaking ownion to Miss
record-breaking ownion to Miss
Charlotte, at the Atlantic City
beauty pageant for her soul-stirting rendition of Boogile Woogle
Figg. Richmond Times Dispatch

"We Must Declare War"

By Derothy Thompson



In an all-out bittring, Germany uses two and a half-million tons of oil per month. She can produce synthetically from three month, and from Rumania and Poland she can get another eight million tons per year. It is not hearly enough for a prolonged war.

heatiy enough for a protonged with the time of the collapse of France, she was deprently short. But victory brought her a great haul of reserves from the Continuous of the short of the sh

the risk.

If Germany does not get Persian and Russian oil Hitter cannot
wage a major campaign next
Spring. If he gets it he can
wage radies campaigns. If he
does not get it, this war will
never fouch out shores. If he
gets it we shall have war in the
pecan, and there had be a
very good chance of our looing it.
Hitter wants in destroy the rery good chaine of our losing it.

Hitler wants to destroy the
Red Army and get a separate
peace that will put him in possession of Russiax oil wells.

Would Russia under any circumstances conclude a separate peace?

WILL THE UNITED STATES SEE THE WAR THROUGH?

Editor, The News:

Thank you rety much for your letter of September 12. (Note in reply to an inquiry about the brochure 100.892). Editors, The News.)

Yes, I mailed my copies of your brechure in the early part of the manual control of the control WHI, THE UNITED STATES SEE THE WAR THROUGH AS WE'D AND THROUGH AND Editors. The News:

In Chatelaton today I saw a copy of the brechure on "100.690, The Story of The Quero City of The Carolinas!"

This is one of the finest pieces of multicity for a city, intro or multicity for a city, intro or person in the company of the company of the company of the city of Chatelatte are to be commended on this.

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Hitler has reserved complete
freedom of action as far as Russta is concerned. When Churchill

and Roosevelt demanded as a

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Bolshevist menace.

Hitler has not demanded the end of the Communist regime, in some part of Rus-sia, and has left bimself free



to Regulate with Stalln. If catastrophe oversiskes Stalln's armics and the United States remains in a twilight some of aid abort of something or other, no one can foreich what Stalln might decide to do.

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we stand.

CAMPACIONING OY

'I TOLD YOU SO

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'Meanwhile, in Congress and out
of it, men are conducting a war
on two fornta—on the high seas
and at home. The opponents of
the Administration range all the
way from honest but misquided
pacifists and partisan politicians to Letters About 100.899

HUBERT F. LEE, Editor, Dixie Business Charlestop, S. C.

Not as a former Charlottean, but as STILL a Charlottean, 1'd like to take this moment to congratulate you upon the fine work you have done in the publication of the "100,290."

The darn thing has given me

The darn thing has given me the worst case of sure-enough honfe-sickness like I'vs never had

Editors, THE NEWS:

or Jews.

Thus, at the moment when Russia is in a most critical situation and Britain must make momentous decisions, America presents a picture of raucous disunity
and unreliability.

This is the way wars are lost
and nations destroyed,

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and see, but to foresee. Analysis
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before. I am a son of the Queen City of the Carolinas, not by birth, but by adoption—but the ties are just as great had I been born and reared there. Keep up the good work! Maybe

my iest love.

Again, congratultaions and all good wishes.

JAMES McCLENDON Charleston, W. Va.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT Better return good for ceit: it is the sign of real man; say not I will do so to him as he halh done to me. I will render to the man according to his work—Proverbs 24/29.

Dear 100,809;

Inflation Antidote

By Raymond Clapper

IN THE LAST year prices of foodstuffs

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rose fet per cent; of farm; period

control of fartiles, 32 per

commodities, 17 per

cent.



Obviously another year of such rises would have most a serious effects. Either or vages and salared or most of the population would affect of a directle water because of doubled prices.

when this Government and the ta-rious Governments fighting Hitler are in the market with ravenous demands for supplies of all kinds, we cannot trust prices to be fixed by the normal law of supply and demand. Demand al-ready is swellen far out of its normal

aire.

Every member of the House and Sen-ate knows these obvious and elementary facts. Yet they act as if they were com-pletely unaware of them.

BILL WAS INTRODUCED ALMOST TWO MONTHS AGO

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After much preliminary discussion, a
price-control bill was introduced Aug. 4. dertaken is illustrated by the fact that certain 13-1035/rated by the fact that on the hight before the bill went in, Farm-bloc members made a midnight raid and shoved in a gouge for farm leans at 110 per cent of parity. The bill gathered dust for nearly a month and a half.

and a halt.

New hearings have finally begun.
But they have been daswillige. Committee members seemed prooccupied
with noising at Leen Henderson,
the price administrator. Some of
them, fellowing the lead of Representialitie Martin Diet, have been
trying to prose Mr. Henderson is a
Commanist. That pretense leeks a
little silty in view of the fact that
Bernard M. Baruch, dean of the oldline capitalist stock-market operators, told the House committee that
Mr. Henderson was the best man
for the price-central job. It may be that Mr. Baruch's testimony

Dear 100200;

Well. The surprised! Didn't your mama teach you has when a lady sake you shouldn't tell anybody—not even and reflect? And you did—and he put a lady sake you had to be supported to the surprise you. I like your blue suff—gentlemen are wearing, and II forgive you. I like your blue suff—gentlemen are wearing, blue now, aren't hey—and the passed passed of the suffer your blue suff—gentlemen are wearing, and the passed passed of the passed passed of the passed of t MR. BARUCH LISTS
THERE REASONS FOR CONTROL
Among numerous reasons. Mr. Baruch
singled out three especially to support
his pica for price legislation.
First, price control is a means of
taking the profit out of war. The inflation resulting from uncontrolled

First, price control is a means of taking the profit out of war. The in-flation resulting from uncontrolled prices enables some to reap large rewards while requiring the average person to tightness his best. Why should true families of soldiers have their budgets dashed by high prices while others was 11th? No tax program can entirely recapture exceasive profits. Profits must also be controlled at their source, which is rising, runsway pricer.

Second, price control is a means of protecting lated incomes if prices run wild, what will happen to teachers, was veterants, social security beneficiaries, politemen, firemen, the hundreds of thousands of Pederal, State and Local Government employees? Appropriations for defense articles will have to be greatly enlarged if prices continue to go up. No action could effect greater avings in the cost of government. which is now the heaviest dupper of all com-

form of economy than price control.
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structure, America can held but own and demand as a price for economic collab-oration just terms of peace. With a high oration just terms of peace. With a high price structure, we would loae our foreign markets and would have to lake
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be unable to provide full employment
for all of our workers. Disparities between farmers producing for export and
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the p Industries producing for home markets would be aggrayated and our own lack of foresight might well wreck us. If Clermany should win, the higher our price structure the weaker we would be

price structure the weaker we would be in reconomic war.

Those are only zome of the reasons advanced by Mr. Baruch. They gain force from the fact that he was head of the War Industries Board in the last war, that he participated in drafting the Treaty of Versalles, and that for twenty years since he has been sludying economic and industrial war problems and warning the country to profit by the lessons of the last war.

Visitin' Around

Her Dear is the Heart

(Silver Creek Hein,
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Miss Warp Fisher, Eoslek Pither and
Miss Wesh visited Mr. and Mrs. J. p.

Kumfelt Similary at Mrs. Fisher's old
home place where also was resided and
married. One said the place surely had
growed up and changed alnos are was

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Discussion in Tokyo —Ви Петblock IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN TURE OUT IMPORTANT THAT WE SAVE FACE! HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT WE DO NOT LOSE OUR PANTS! LOSE OUR PANTO! A

