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Both Sides of the Ledger

WE have made mistakes, and before the last shot is fired we will blunder again. Errors in judgment, deep, disturbing doubts lie ahead. There will be moments when we will wonder whether or not our sacrifices are being wasted.

The whole thing started off tragically with Pearl harbor. Then, while the British were matching our gross carelessness in the Pacific with a colossal show of stupidity and bungling at Singapore, the nation was set astir with a vaudeville side-show in Washington, where the idea of tripping the light fantastic was wedded somehow to the serious business of bomb defense and rescue work.

To top it off the Normandie burned at her pier, and we could not be blamed for beginning to believe the cards were stacked against us.

War is not a game of checkers that can be folded up with a yawn at bedtime. We face even more ghastly cruelties.

Yet even in this black hour other images are beginning to grow. The seared sides of the Normandie hardly had cooled before the Brooklyn navy yards spawned a new combat submarine and a 6,000-ton cruiser dipped her bow into the water four months ahead of schedule.

A day later another maritime maternity was consummated at Staten Island where the spick and span destroyer Meade slid down the ways. Twenty-four hours later Norfolk added the 35,000-ton Alabama, mightiest battleship in the navy nine months ahead of schedule.

Philadelphia and Camden floated a new cruiser, the Montpelier, and two destroyers, the Butler and Gherardi, in the Delaware river. At San Pedro, Calif., another Liberty ship, the 10,000-ton freighter Albert Gallatin, was launched.

Other pictures come crowding into the mind. In Detroit Henry Ford finally is geared to turn out planes in mass production. Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Youngstown and other great iron and steel cities are producing war sinews faster than a carnival vendor can make popcorn.

Yes, in spite of Pearl harbor and the Normandie, in spite of the mistakes yet to be made, this is America.

Oh, we'll stub our toes again before we emerge from the darkness of war into the light of peace. But we still have men with what it takes. Men like Colin Kelly! Men like the one-man Philippine army, Captain Wernuth, collecting Jap prisoners in the steaming jungle with the aplomb of a wholesaler in New York buying goods for the firm.

And Admiral Halsey, erasing the enemy bases in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands with the vigor and accuracy of a workman wiping fly specks from a grocery window.

There are ugly-looking figures on the debit side of the ledger of war. But a new page is turning, and the power is ours to keep it bright.

Clean the Shirts

NEWEST nightmare bedeviling the office of civilian defense reportedly involves musing into that organization by so-called patriots who once paraded in various colored shirts, or even night shirts. OGD Director James M. Landis plans to investigate reports that this breed snatched local defense jobs and excluded all others.

There never was and there never

er will be a place in the United States for brown shirts, dirty shirts, black shirts, stuffed shirts or any other group which preaches hate and intolerance camouflaged as 100 per cent Americanism or by a colored shirt.

Especially is there no place for such business now and that applies doubly in the vital civilian defense program.

Editorials on News

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of the offensive which she possesses.

We have to scatter our forces over the Atlantic and the Pacific. Japan, knowing exactly where she is going to strike, can CONCENTRATE at the selected point.

Any smart quarterback knows all about that.

JAPAN'S rulership of the air in her area of operations constitutes the greatest challenge ever put up to the people of the United States. It's up to us to BREAK it at the earliest possible moment.

It will have to be broken IN THE FACTORIES, where every hour is precious.

CHURCHILL predicts final victory—which, he says, might come UNEXPECTEDLY.

If anyone but Churchill had said that, we'd put it down as whistling to keep our courage up. Probably, coming even from Churchill, who has never painted the picture in an overly rosy light, that is all it is.

At any rate, there are no PUBLIC signs of a crack-up in the axis, which is all that could bring an unexpected end to the war.

FROM Russia (where the news has been hazy for weeks) comes a DEFINITE announcement of gain.

The Russians have captured Drogobuzh, about 50 miles east of Smolensk and only 15 miles south of the Smolensk-Moscow railroad along which the German armies are retreating.

Cutting an important rail line in the REAR of a retreating enemy is always important.

LORD Cranborne, who became government leader in the house of lords in the recent shake-up in Churchill's cabinet, says: "The British government is in favor of India's freedom."

He adds: "If the Indian leaders would get together and devise some scheme that would be satisfactory to ALL the Indian problem would be satisfactorily solved."

THAT means that in India the Hindus and the Moslems will have to be willing to get together and bury their differences—which would be roughly equivalent (although far more difficult, because the RELIGIOUS issue enters) to the AFL and the CIO getting together and burying the hatchet in the United States.

Suspicion of Reds Nazi Trap, Former Envoy Warns U. S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—(AP)—A warning that America must not fall into the Nazi trap by regarding Russia with contempt and doubt and suspicion was sounded today by Joseph E. Davies, former ambassador to the Soviet Union.

The attitude of too many Americans toward Russia, he said, was that "any stick is good enough to beat a mad dog with."

"When we adopt such an attitude, we should remember that it was made in Germany," he told an audience. "When we foster doubts and suspicions of our Russian ally, we should be warned that we are falling into Hitler's trap."

"We must never forget that the Nazis are still waging their offensive in the battle of the mind, that they are unceasing in their efforts to drive wedges between the United Nations."

Davies said that while the axis grand strategy called for a gigantic German-Japanese pincer movement directed against the entire continent of Asia, the Russian front offered the best opportunity for the United Nations to take the offensive against the axis.

Cantonment Calls for Huge Homes Program

SALEM, Feb. 26—(AP)—The four-county cantonment council was told yesterday that the proposed Corvallis cantonment would require construction of hundreds of temporary homes to house the 8,000 construction workers.

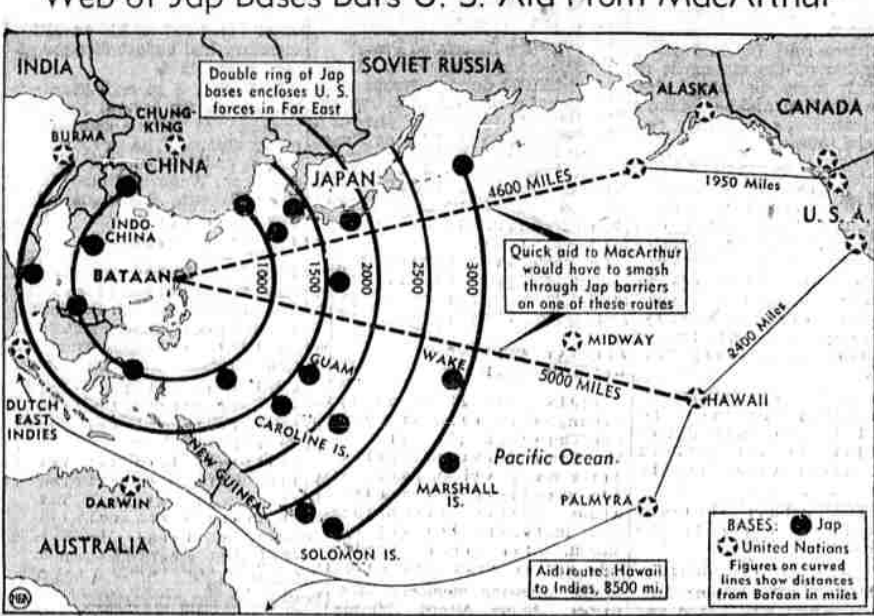
The construction payroll would amount to \$2,000,000 a month, most of which would be spent in Salem, Corvallis, Albany, Monmouth and other nearby towns.

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Web of Jap Bases Bars U. S. Aid From MacArthur



Hemmed in by multiple rings of Jap bases, the forces of Gen. Douglas MacArthur must fight on unaided on Bataan peninsula in the Philippines. Map shows how they are cut off from U. S. supply or bomber help.

Ulio Named to be Adjutant General Of U. S. Army

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—President Roosevelt sent to the senate today the nominations of 20 army officers for promotion. Most of them now command combat units.

Major General Joseph W. Stillwell, of Yonkers, N. Y., formerly on duty at the presidio of Monterey, Calif., and now assigned to a special mission, was nominated for promotion to Lieutenant General.

Brigadier General James A. Ulio was nominated to succeed Major General Emory S. Adams as adjutant general of the army, with the rank of major general.

Ulio, whose home is in Fargo, N. D., has been assistant adjutant general since December 28, 1939. Born in Walla Walla, Wash., on June 29, 1882, he enlisted in the army when he was 18, and served as a private, corporal and battalion sergeant major before he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry in 1904.

He served in France during the World war and later in Armenia, as assistant chief of staff for supplies. He received the distinguished service medal for staff duty in France, Italy, Montenegro, Panama and Greece.

People Want War Facts, G. O. P. Leader Says

SALEM, Feb. 26—(AP)—Marian E. Martin, assistant chairman of the republican national committee and head of its woman's division, said a republican rally here last night that the American people demand that they be given facts about the war.

She said there is much confusion in the country, but said that the Roosevelt administration is responsible for it.

All Oregon Will Be In Milk Pool for Defense

MEDFORD, Feb. 26—(AP)—The entire state of Oregon will be designated as a producing area for all defense pools, including the milk pool to supply Camp

Woman Swindler Gets Prison Term On 66th Birthday

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 26—(AP)—Mrs. Amelia Everts Carr, revealed by police records as a "petticoat Ponzi" with a half-century career, was sentenced today to serve eight to 12 years in prison on her pleas of no defense to eight charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Prosecutor William A. Wachenfeld of Essex county has estimated Mrs. Carr obtained \$1,000,000 in coast-to-coast operations.

County Judge Daniel J. Brennan pronounced sentence on the woman's 66th birthday. He decreed that consecutive terms of two to three years at hard labor be served on each of four charges and that similar sentences, to run concurrently, be served on each of the others.

"Mrs. Carr," said the court, "apparently during the better part of your lifetime, behind the mask of piety and pretense, you have hidden an incredible and almost grotesque duplicity and destroyed the confidence of decent, trusting people wherever you went."

"I suppose people like you get some perverse satisfaction out of the fact that a few old persons who have saved money against the specter of poverty in their old age are now bereft of their property, but you are forgetful of the proposition that civilized society operates on confidence, which is something that is akin to faith."

"Your whole adult lifetime has been a destruction of that kind of confidence putting people on their guard even against decent charity."

Conversion of Oil Burners to Other Fuel Requested

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(AP)—Deputy Petroleum Coordinator Ralph K. Davies disclosed to a congressional committee today that orders for the conversion of industrial oil-burning equipment to coal, gas and other fuels, wherever feasible, have been submitted to the war production board for approval.

Testifying before the house interstate committee investigating the oil situation, Davies said the action was prompted by what he described as a growing petroleum shortage along the eastern seaboard and in the Pacific northwest.

Petroleum Coordinator Harold Jakes previously told the committee and conversion, whenever possible, would be necessary because of the sinking of oil tankers and an acute shortage of transportation facilities.

"The job of assuring at all times an adequate, continuous supply of crude oil, natural gas and associated materials for all military and essential industrial and civilian requirements is a prodigious task, requiring the unremitting attention of both government and industry," Davies testified. "Failure to meet the obligation could well cost us the victory we now expect confidently to achieve."

Recent new discoveries of crude oil, Davies said, have not been encouraging, and "demand is now seriously pressing supply."

For the future, Davies could foresee "many and even more serious difficulties" and he commented that "optimistic assurances are totally unwarranted."

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- 4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
 - 4:15—Red Nichols' Orch.
 - 4:25—Around the Ring.
 - 4:30—Musical Matinee.
 - 4:45—Musical Depreciation.
 - 5:00—You Can't Do Business With Hitler.
 - 5:15—Orphan Annie, Quaker Oats.
 - 5:30—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine.
 - 5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.
 - 6:00—Dinner Concert.
 - 6:15—Phil Stearns News, Avalon.
 - 6:30—Spotlight Bands, Coca