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## No Favor sways Us, No Fear Shall A

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## Nails and Doorknobs

The Iche mere suggestion, voiced by Coordinafor Sunday pleasure trips, some weeks ago had
easterners in a terment. One may well judge that for the violence of this reaction, Mr. Ickes American public had earkier to blame. For the condititoned to the idee of sacrifice- particular
its sacrite of national defense.
That judgment is strengthened by more
reecnteventsif or the pubbic appears, to date
to be accepting practicall in tride to be accepting practically in stride the definite
and infintely more serious order that has onee
tions board-roughty to the effect that all down from the Supply, Priorities and Alloca
building and construction, however large small, must come to a halt uniess it is definitely
related to national defense or is necessary "Hor the satety, health and welfare of the general Nails and doorknobs-just to mention some
typical materials that go into the less pretentious construction projects are the factors that materials this agency hopes to conserve. age of construction laber butit is not so srititeal unemplovment upon an estimated million and shortage of sumber workers. There it is no neminious lion workers engaged in production of such ma
 orders had already slacked off seriously in Sep-
tember due to the uncertainty of absorb output of the volume that has reeently For some figures bearing upon the need billion dollars, equal to the highest levels ever
reached, back in 1922 and 1927 . Of this volume

 | obout six million tons, SPAB estimates that tis |
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| order will eut this last titem in halt; an an- | the intent of the order. It suggests that the

agency does not intend to turn down all re quests for non-defense building permits, thou
Hi may Jects and in those cases, strenuuusly urge the Construction of all types has employed
$\mathbf{2 , 4 0 , 0 0 0}$ men on the averaige but the peak reenentiy reached is $3,100,000$, of whem only
$1,200,00$ have been working on detense projects. This latter number will not be greatil
ficreased next year; those now' employed non-detense construction which mpst cease That may aftord a taint notion of the dis some compensations. Prices of building ma-
terials and other construction costs have adtion is alifead seriousl discouraged. And if
private
ochstruction virtualy halts now, there will be an aggravated need for such construc-
tion to cuishion that post-war letdown most people are dreading.
more than anything heless harves to emphasize
 ties shann not be too-congested beehives of ac tivity and others deserts of inactivity, Among to fight

## It Won't Be Long Now

Moscow a batde to the the theare over there around ening? The time tor making predictions, and It suits you tor placing bets, is before the openIng lickotit
Likewise.
 nowes. There are rumors of peace negetiations
rumors are teigh of the military battle Tine
 up if the going got tough enough. All cona thing. But it Hitler is so sure of winning this Though we fear twe things, a decisive German
victory and a collapse on the part of the Moscow government leading to a shameful armistice,
it just doesn't make sense that both can be
What the American public has known at what Buropeans have at no time has it been "the whole truth" How-
ever, sometimes mo have known more and we know less. In such a crisisis as this, all reports can afford to tell so untavorable truth
But it wont be long now. Hitler says he is limov it hotany: we ought by all means to to
 appancil ain tompr Hiter has neither here, ane sha you, the folk could low what's what over there now and

Unless Pennsylvania's legislature redistricts
the state before 1942's congressional eleection day,
one big parto or the other stands to make a tor-
midable kining there in the matter of seats in the
next national house of representer
midable, killing there in the matter of 'seats in the
next national house of representatives.
Several state redistrictingat are Several state redistrictings are in order in
variably, after each suceeeding countrywide census,
because with shitting populations it alwas hapbecause, with shifting populations, it always hap-
pens that a census shows a state here and there
to have lost a little in the represe tatorial strengt it's entitled to in Washington, with a few others
gaining eorrespondingly. This calls for a readjust-
ment of the boundaries of its congressional dis. ment of the boundaries of its congressional dis-
tricts by the legislature of each of such states. O Well, suppose a state has, say, ten congress-
men, chosen by their respective districts, and sup
pose that state: gains a congressman, but doesn' rese that state gains a congressman, but doesn
redistrict itestif In that event it continues to elect
ita original ten by districts, as betore, but the Its original ten by districts, as betore, but the
eleventh is elected at arge-hat is, by the whole
state, like a senator There usually are at least two, or three con-
gresmen at large on Capitol Hill gnd occasionally In redistricting, has more than one.
Two Lost In Discard
But supose a
 district. That state simply has its congressman
large lopped oft. Some years ago nlinois and Oh

 However, suppose a state with no congressman
atarge loses a seat and doesn't redistrcit. Then
hat state's whole delegation is chosen at large at Such is Pennsylvania's fix at present-unless
it redistriets, which it doesn't act like doing. Last year we had a census. Under it the Quaker
state is cut from 34 to 33 representatorial seats in state is cut from 34 to 33 representatorial seats in
Washington. rt hasn't acongresman at large, but
if tit fails to redistrict, ittl have all 33 at large next sestion, and the whole agave all 33 at large next
same political complexion. Why the rival parties both are hesi shown some democratic tendencies of late, of it its
present 34 representatives 19 are democrats; 15 are
COP. Senator GOP. Seanator James J. Davis is a repocratican, is Sen
ator Joneph . Gutfey's a democrat. Governor Ar
thur H. James is GOP. It the democrats can carry the un-redistricted
state in 1942 , they will sweep a solid 33 votes int
the lower congreestinal the lower congeressional chamber, with no 15 re
publicans mixed In. On the opposite hand, the re
publicans are hopetul that they can recor the
 shot, and it the eleetion's at all close nationally,
it may sive 'em a representatorial majority in
Washington. chance on it
of coure, a congresman in an areo thate
sately his way greatly prefers redistricting in hit
own own insereat to areaty prefers redistricting in hite
risk, but the higher-ups take a moubtre state comprehen-
sive view but A number of other states aren't redistricting, II that particelar one doeses't redistrict, it may
decide the partivan color of the next houe or rep-
resentatives- a matter of concern to the entire

## Thoo ceave chap rived the entire hive



Just Another "Mississippi Bubble" to Them-or Is It?

## Bits for Breakfast



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 nity ine ind ner. he whispered. Then he plunged
into the room, his fists whipping
out. He heard a low moaning. Someone fell upon him in the
darkness, a hard threshing shad-
ow with which he grappled, ow with which he grappled,
smashing at a face he couldnt
see. He heard Fan scream some-
ahere in the rome Where in the room.
The moaning went on: a wom
ants voice - "Dontt - Fred
David knocked over a table,
stumbled and fell., No one attacked him again. But he knew they
were there; Anna and some man who had followed her. He dree
out the .38, but did not dar
fire in the blacked-out room
an
Thet, to his feet ter the rug,
menh, from behind a
man's fingers dug
throat, choking hime, his
pressing throat, choking himi, pressing
him backwards. He staggered
and went down, hitting his heed.
Someone wrested the 38 from
his loosened grip.

David came to some hour later, in Fan Rubley's bed. He
fought silk cushions, tafteta ruflought silk cushions, tatteta ruf-
fles and a bofore he knew
where he was. He tossed a chilled cloth off his eyes, and glared Fan 8 tom .ood by the bed. She
wore a long creamy robe, and wore as as pale as the sheeets he
drew up to his chin, Behind her Selinda fluttered, guilty because
she had come home so late to fin stole through the windows. It
was dian. What the devl was
he doing here? He put his hand
he downg hereen He teput his hand
up to untamiliar white pajamas.
up to untamiliar white pajamas.
"The esuperintendent lent them
to yout. Now do be a good bog.

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