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Massed for the Kill

With synchronized leaps General Patton's Ruhr have crossed the Rhine. They are proceeding now to a general deployment on the east bank preliminary to the final cruncher blows against the German armies. Capture of Berlin and junction with the Russian armies now standing at the Oder will be early objectives, but the real aim will be to destroy swiftly Germany's fighting forces. All signs show that this cannot be far off. Radio Berlin, which has predicted the crossings of the lower Rhine was speechless Saturday morning after the blows fell. Finally there came the hollow assurance that the German high command "adopts the supreme principle of continuing the battle no matter under what conditions." That indicates resignation to conditions which have gone beyond its control.

The crossing at Remagen two weeks ago was what would be called in sports a lucky break. Dashing Americans swept so fast to the crossing that the Germans stupidly watching the clock instead of the enemy failed to set off the demolition charges set for destroying the bridge.

General Patton's Third army made a brilliant coup in effecting a crossing on Thursday night without the loss of a man. This was a carefully planned maneuver. Instead of depending on engineers to throw ponton bridges over the river on which men and machines could cross. Patton brought along amphibs and without giving the Germans warning by an artillery overture started ferrying his troops across. The bridgehead was secured before the Germans could get roused to know what was happening.

On the lower Rhine which the German armies have been guarding no such surprise was possible. So there was an artillery prelude. Parachute troops dropped down from the skies to help secure the bridgeheads and to link up positions with the ground forces. Armies which have crossed the lower Rhine include the U.S. Ninth, the British Second, the allied First airborne and elements of the Canadian First army. Already they are stabbing at the industrial

This is the climax of the long years of prepawhere is evidence of masterful strategy, the the crossings would be certain of success. This will be followed up with a flow of military might which leaves the German armies in utterly hopeless confusion.

From this point on deterioration within Germany is bound to be rapid. Great blocs of soldiers, cut off from command posts and short of supplies, will be forced to surrender. Defeatism will run ahead of the advancing allies. Even the gestapo and SS elements will lose their grip and they themselves may break to save their own skins. Soon, save for the bitterend nazis the very name of Hitler will be a cursed byword within the reich. We cannot set the date for V-E day; but it cannot be far off

Philippines' Losses

The figures on Japanese and American losses in the Philippines' campaign are so disproportionate as to prompt sketicism over their accuracy. The army communique reports Jap losses at 232,000 troops during the five months of operations in the Philippines. This includes the many thousands drowned when their transports were sunk off Leyte. But for Luzon alone the report is 145,000 Japanese dead and captured. American losses during the whole five months including the Leyte and Luzon campaigns are given at 3813 killed, 196 missing and 14,750 wounded, a total of 18,579. The ratio of losses, particularly as to Luzon, seems incredible. On Luzon the Japs fought no large-scale, all-out battles, except in Manila, but delaying actions and then retreated. We can't help but wonder how the enemy losses are computed, whether by actual count of bodies or estimates.

Citizens at Newberg are applying for a charter for a new state bank, with a capitalization of \$65,000. Recently new state banks were opened at Arlington and Tillamook. Both Tillamook and Newberg have been served with one branch bank each, while Arlington has had no bank since the closures of the early 1930's. Without doubt the repeal of the double liability provision of the constitution has encouraged loeal eapital to embark in bank financing. The superintendent of banks however will not encourage starting of banks in communities where the prospects of success are restricted. The state does not want a repetition of bank failures when periods of business reversal come.

In the Gervais Star Mayor Gus Moisan warns dog owners: "Your dog is running over your neighbor's garden and flower beds; loose dogs will not be tolerated this spring; so from this day keep your dog tied or penned up." When dogs in towns the size of Gervais have to be tied or penned up the phrase "a dog's life" regains something of its old meaning.

We wonder if it takes these girls as long to dress in calf-length blue denim pants with their shirt-tails hanging outside as it did their grandmothers who dressed in frills and flounces over several layers of petticoats. Probably, to get the desired effect.

The Astorian Budget quotes a Washington correspondent as saying "the absence of cheap, practical clothes reached a point that is almost a scandal." Summers past we have had the same near scandal from absence of clothes, though dealers' stocks were ample.

The GOP publicity chief at Washington is missing, but his clothes were found on a bridge across the Potomac. Might have been a de-layed action repercussion of November 7 last.

Tax Snoopers at Miami

Secretary Morgenthau says that his agents Third army and four allied armies opposite the are going to smell around in Miami and other fleshpots of luxury to see just who is spending what. His object is not puritanical. He is not trying to reform the wastrels. He is leaving to Director Byrnes the application of such moral discipline as the country needs, like the curfew. Morgenthau is merely hunting for tax dollars. He has a suspicion that goodly portion of the spending money being passed around in the bistros and casinos of the American Rivieras rightly belongs to Uncle Sam.

The treasury agents will get a line on the names of the big time pleasure-seekers. They may inquire whether a month at Palm Springs is being charged as a business expense. They may check to see if some good time Charlies are spending on a champagne scale but reporting only a beer income for tax purposes. They may pick up the scent on some black marketeeers, the boys who deal in "ten grand" and up, for cash; no records kept; no OPA embarrassment; no income tax record.

These boys know there's a war on, all right; and they mean to get theirs. Morgenthau's snoopers may do the country a good turn by putting a crimp in their operations.

Defacing the Capitol

High school students who came to Salem for the basketball tournament caused damage to the state capitol and grief to the secretary of state's office when they defaced walls of the capitol on the stairway leading to the dome. Names of 141 persons were written on the walls with lipstick and ink and some carving was done with knives. Some of these names were of Salem students. All names have been turned over to the superintendent of public instruction and the officers of the high school athletic association. We had thought that youth had outgrown the primitive period which produced the couplet Fools' names, like fools' faces

Are always seen in public places. Evidently that is not the case. Some discipline should be meted out to the young people at least to the extent of making them contribute ration, and the months of careful planning by to repairing the damage done, estimated at General Eisenhower and associates. Every- \$200. And next year there should be advance warning against defacement of the capitol, plus massing of ample power on the west bank so closer local surveillance when youth visit the

> When the heroes of Bataan arrived in San Francisco they were treated to a beefsteak dinner at the Palace hotel. They fell to with zest, hailing the steaks as one of the prizes of American freedom. Who wouldn't? Beefsteak remains one of the great symbols of the American stand-

Interpreting The War News

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR ANALYST

The Allies tightened the vise with a vengeance this weekend upon Nazi Germany.

The crushing military pressure being exerted from both east and west should bring a quick determination whether the Germans are offering a brittle shell or a hard core of final defense.

With the massive new crossings of the Rhine, coupled with the Russian onslaught east of Berlin, the final strategy pattern upon which the Allies are counting to break Germany's will to fight on is emerging from beneath the smokescreen of military

Soon the world should know whether the Nazi war machine, bomb torn as it has been, is capable of creaking along for an indefinite time, or is likely to collapse suddenly in ruins.

Four Allied armies and four airforces are involved in the newest onslaught against Germany. General Eisenhower was employing apparently more than 1,250,000 troops in an effort to bring Germany to her knees within the shortest possible

Germany appeared doomed as the last March week-end dawned.

Mighty Red armies in the upper Oder valley were on the move again. Knocking at the gateways that lead into the southern end of the great central plain backed up against the Bavarian Alps where Hitlerism and Hitler himself seemingly planned to make

Leaving a suicide Nazi garrison still holding out in Breslau to die on the vine, Ukrainian troops had virtually cleared the whole wide sweep of the Oder valley to the eastern flank of the Sudeten mountains. In the center they had set foot on approaches to the Sudeten passes that lead over directly to Prague. Northward they were poised at Lauban to strike westward toward Dresden or wheel southwestward through the Zittau gap and converge on Prague. Southward at half encircled Ratibor they were beginning to force a passage through the Moravian corridor that leads either southwestward to Vienna or northwestward to Prague. The sweep of that 80-mile wide new Russian offensive seemed to justify Moscow speculation that Prague might be its ultimate objective.

Five important city bastions in upper Silesia were obviously marked for early Russian seizure including Frankenstein, guardian of the central Sudeten passes, and Ratibor. Linked with swift and startling Allied victories across the Rhine the Red army breakthrough drive in Silesia gained added significance. It loomed as the beginning in the east of a concerted Russian-Allied plan to drive to a juncture somewhere in the heart of south central Germany to match a similar junction drive from the lower Rhine and Oder that would split nazidom

There is no reasonable doubt that in the joint Russian-Allied strategic directives drawn up at Yalta and now being put into execution, weight was given to the unchallenged conclusion that bitter as Nazi defense of bomb smashed Berlin might be, it has already been written off by the Nazis as no a delaying action. That is based on the inner defense conception with the central German plain and particularly the Alpine backed southern end of that plain as the final citadel.

The obvious answer is to split Germany apart in the south and the north simultaneously. The fact that she is bled white for manpower makes it all the more desirable to mount multiple offensives on all active fronts rather than to mass either east or west for single break-through drives.



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deals only with individuals whose addiction to liquor has gotten control of their lives. The method is not to employ drugs but to use what might be called mental and moral therapy, to enable the individual to regain control of himself and of his habits. The success the group has had accounts for its growth.

There are different reactions to indulgence in alcoholic beverages. Some persons seem able to do so with no temptation to over-indulgence. Others are affected differently. It may be that their systems crave continued dosages of alcohol once they have taken a drink. Or it may be that they have some physical allergy so that a small quantity of alcohol completely befuddles them. Or it may be that they lack moral discipline to govern themselves.

In any event these are the people whom intemperance claims for victims to their own ruin and disgrace and the humiliation of their friends and relatives. It is this class which Alcoholics Anonymous seeks to aid in recovery of their self-control. Obviously for them there is no such thing as moderation in drinking. They should leave liquor absolutely alone. A. A. by own methods builds up the moral resistance of the individual so he can abstain

The first essential to rehabilitation is recognition by the addict that he has lost control of himself; and he must have a sincere desire to redeem himself. The treatment consists in building up this resolution for selfhelp and to supplement it by encourgaging the individual to call on divine help for his own strengthening. Then when he is freed of the chains of his habit he is expected to tell his experience to other alcoholics to help them to overcome their habit. This movement cannot be

laughed off as just another reform. It has proven its worth in the hard tests of life. It is no universal panacea. Some will not respond to its treatment. The salvage of men and women from the isease of alcoholism is important business. The approach of Alcoholics Anonymous is untainted by commercialism and unaccompanied by freak meth-

It uses wholesome methods of applied psychology and religion to effect individual transformation. While it is regrettable that any persons de become confirm-

News Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON (Distribution by King Features Syndicate, inc. Reproduction in whole or in part strictly prohibited.)

ment's labor mediator throughout the new deal and before, quit his post some months back and is now announcing that he will be a private labor

John R. Steelman, the govern-

consultant, devoting himself especially to

the subject of "real wages"-in short the purchasing power of the dollar you earn, its real value in bread and butter, and not just the number of dollars paid.

More and more people are getting interested in this overlooked subject.

It seems to me Mr. Steelman is practically saying that after many years of fixing wage rates as a national arbiter - and he fixed more of them than any living person-he has become convinced that the actual rate does not mean as much as its economic value.

A friend of mine has produced some striking evidence on this avoided matter. Paying out his money for food at his A & P store in New York City, he was struck with wonder about how much the same food cost when Mr. Roosevelt first came into office with the new deal.

He went back into newspaper files and photostated the advertisements of the A & P markets for March 2, 20, 27 and 30, 1933, around the time Mr. R first took the oath of office, and compared the prices with the very same quality in the very same A & P markets this past March 15. He found out exactly how much his food dollar had been deflated.

Butter had more than doubled in price, from 21 cents to 48 cents a pound. Frying chickens were up from 21 cents to 47 cents a pound; sliced bacon from 19 cents to 41 cents.

Potatoes had more than tripled from 15 pounds for 19 cents to 5 pounds for 24 cents. Quaker oats cost 12 cents instead of 5 cents (20 ounces in each case.) Canned salmon was up from 9 cents to 22 cents for

ed alcoholics it is indeed of great social value to have some organization like Alcoholics Anonymous take as its special concern the rehabilitating of such persons for normal, healthy liv-

WASHINGTON, March 24- a tall pink can, from 15 cents to 39 cents for red. Rye bread cost 11 cents in-

stead of 5 cents (a sale price.) Evaporated milk likewise had doubled from two cans for 9 cents, to a single can for the same price.

Roast loin of pork had more than tripled from 10 cents to 35 cents a pound. Sirloin steak sold-or rather was priced-at 40 cents, up 11; porterhouse at 47 cents, up 14, top round 40 cents, up 13, chuck at 27 cents. up 10, lamb chops 55 cents, up 26; boneless chuck pot roast 35 cents, up 16.

Cigarettes incidentally sold at 10 cents a pack in those bad old days, \$1 for a carton which now costs \$1.44 (on the price list anyway.)

My friend's grocery bill has consequently just about doubled in the Roosevelt administrations, government statistics to the contrary notwithstanding. I do not believe my friend's salary has increased; it may have gone down some; at least his income after taxes has dropped a great deal.

Most people have been more fortunate. Their incomes may have increased 10, 20 or even 50 per cent, but there are very few people in the country whose income has kept up with a 100 per cent price increase.

The official figures show average weekly earnings for New York state had risen from \$24.35 to \$42.01 from 1932 to 1944, but this includes, I believe, only factory workers.

At any rate I have good reasons to doubt such economic statistics, which can be pushed any way the economists desire by including some factors and excluding others.

For example the official government figures on food claims a price increase of only 44 per cent between 1932 and 1945 and we have seen by my friend's proof that this simply is not true, but that the cost of food has just about doubled.

What profiteth a new deal which increases wages even say 50 per cent and prices 100 per cent? What profiteth even a unAT THE FRONT!

By Tom Yarbrough (Substituting for Kenneth L.

Dixon) U.S. 15th ARMY HEADQUAR-TERS-(A)-The new 15th army's makeup, mission and whereabouts on the western front remain secrets, but it's commanding general's name is on record and it is no secret that he is a man who likes to move fast.

He is Virginia-born Lt. Gen. Leonard Townsend Gerow, who has been in the army 33 of his 56 years. The famous Fifth corps which he commanded from July, 1943, until he won his third star and command of the 15th army last January, was the corps that liberated Paris.

The Fifth corps went many places in brilliant form, from the Normandy beaches to Germany, gaining a growing reputation for its dashing spirit. Gerow says he would have liked to have stayed with the corps all the way to Berlin.

Personally, Gerow is an intense man who talks fast but easily and with warm feeling. He has the soft speech of Virginia, and a ready amiability, but his force and incisiveness cut straight to the heart of the subject at hand.

"We have to do things fast," he says, with a quick gesture, "especially in the pursuit phase which we are now entering, and avoid written orders as much as possible."

Gerow was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work on the war plans and with the 29th infantry, the citation speaking of his "invaluable contribution to our military effort through his foresight and sound planning" and "his exceptional qualities of leadership in conducting the training of his division despite serious shortages in personnel and equipment."

Gerow recently received the British award of commander of the Order of the Bath in recognition of outstanding work before and after the Normandy Legion Works general of U.S. field forces in Europe for 11 months before the Out Program

day and he was the first into Paris.

The Fifth dorps' most spectacular job was closing the Falaise gap last August and forming the Chambois pocket where thousands of Germans were slaughtered or captured.

Gerow won the Silver Star at Paris, with a citation which said, manned by German troops, he proceeded unhesitatingly through the jobs available, and of the vetdangerous streets to effect an erans' aptitude, interests, ambiimportant conference with the tions, tastes and training. commanding general of French forces within the city."

That wasn't the first time in appraisal. Paris for Gerow. He was there

ion factory worker whose increases in wages can never keep up with the rising price era we adjustments advisable." have been in and which is to continue (the administration the Legion's national employment promises) for the postwar pe-

Mr. Roosevelt's figurers had they did government policy might soon be readjusted for the greater good of the greater number of people.

New U. S. 15th Amy's Commanding General Likes to Move Fast

with the signal corps in the first World war, when he rose to temporary lieutenant colonel and directed procurement and distribution of signal corps equipment, His permanent rank now is col-

In the battle of the Ardennes bulge last December and January, Gerow's Fifth corps held the north shoulder strongly against repeated German attacks. The significance of that stand was little recognized at the time amid the dramas of Bastogne and St. Vith, but its importance is clearer now.

Always Gerow's headquarters are well up toward the front and he keeps in tents until well into the winter. He is a general who likes to get out into the open with his men, who call him "General Gee."

Practical Religion

-by Rev. John L. Knight, jr., Counselor on Religious Life, Willamette iniversity

Sad afterthoughts are often the results of poor forethought. After a thief has once ramsacked the house, one will take care to lock the doors and windows of his home. After spending an evening in darkness because of the lack of a replacement, one is sure to keep a supply of fuses on hand. After the brakes on his car have once failed and caused disaster, one will make a conscious effort to *keep those brakes in good running order. How far more practical it would be to use a little more forethought!

So it is with character and faith. Many a person becomes serious about the deeper matters of life only after some unfortunate experience has found him lacking in inner resources. How far more practical it would be to use a little more forethought!

He was the first American For Vet Jobs

WASHINGTON, March 24 -(AP) The American Legion made public today what it called "a simple, clear-cut program" for the employment of returning war veterans.

Its four-point proposal was built around these basic elements: 1. "Welcome them back as men with a sincere greeting, an hon-"although many intersections est assurance that a job is awaitwere blocked with barricades ing them, fitted to their abilities. 2. "Make a realistic analysis of

> 3. "Fit jobs and veterans together as the result of such realistic

> 4. "Cooperate intelligently with the veteran after he is placed in a job; with a ready willingness to make adjustments as actual experience on the job makes those

The program was prepared by committee. The job of carrying it out was assigned to Ralph H. But he is the most favored of Lavers, the organization's nationall, while the average man of al employment director. It was the country in the office, store, made public by Edward N. Scheischool, even government itself berling, national commander, who must get along on what is rela- declared it was based on "sound tively his old established salary. business efficiency and necessity" It has long seemed to me that and not on "sentiment."

"These are the veterans, the better drop their pencils and cream of America's human retheir political statistizing and sources," a foreword read. "They go into the A & P for a better are the men we must employ first, judge of what has happened. If not because of duty, not out of sentiment, but because we cannot do without their courage, skill and initiative. . . . We cannot let their fresh leadership become embittered and disillusioned."

PORTLAND, March 24-(A)-The

New Vessel

The Literary Guidepost Navy Accepts By W. G. Rogers

Prokosch (Harper; \$2.50).

Flight preoccupies many of us, flight from the thought of war, from the scene of war, from its great dangers. Perhaps novelists don't mind; they benefit directly from the worldwide conflict, for it makes escape plots timely. But we benefit, too, when a

capable and sensitive writer (and poet) like Prokosch uses the theme. In his new novel, an Allied soldier, Jean-Nicolas Martin, half American and half French, is parachuted into the country near Annecy and joins a band of six escaping over the Alps to Switzerland.

The underground route has developed some breaks; men whom the Allies want to save have never reached their haven. Martin's perilous mission is to find out what's wrong, and do it in five

At the very start Prokosch creates suspense; whether out in the open country or in the French inn, the air is heavy with mystery; every gesture is ominous, every eye is bright with menace or dull with terror. Lives are at stake. One of those who flee by night and hide by day is a traitor. Is it Quivar, the Negro? Is it Milliquet, the man in black?

But your attention is thrown quickly upon other dublous characters. You see a cross-section of the blood-soaked but beautiful hills where the maquis fights for its existence, where everyo

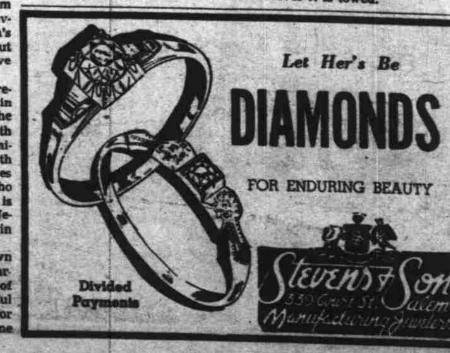
you meet may be a deadly enemy, where the only safety is to shoot first, yet where love still may be found. The picture broadens just when the interest height. navy today received the first of ens. This is all the borderlands six vessels to be built at Willamof suffering Europe, this is the ette Iron and Steel Yards here cruelest part of the war, the war in which father is pitted against combination hotel, hospital, and son, in which the weapons are recreation center. not only gun and bomb but also the most dreadful instruments of barracks for 800 men at advance

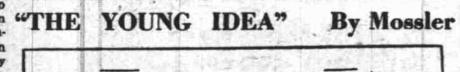
Prooksch has a story to tell the necessity of navy shore conand also some convictions to ex- struction along the island route to press. There is a skillful balance: Tokyo. opinions never get in the way of the fast-moving tale. You can't an APL auxiliary personnel, says help but listen to bits of philoso- it will serve as hospital, rest camp, phizing by men who, you fear, troop carrier or supply vessel are about to die. wherever it is towed.

which shipbuilders describe as a The 265-foot barges will provide Pacific bases and will eliminate

The navy, which calls the ship









"Mother's at the Red Cross, so I made supper all by myself tonight!"