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PUNCHES CLOCK AGAIN... FOR BOY IN JAP PRISON

Retired machinist back in harness puts 20% in War Bonds

Oscar used to be a first-class machinist. Five years ago he retired to live out the rest of his life on a pension.

The other morning he showed up again at his old plant, which now makes war equipment, and asked for his old job back. When payday came, he signed up with the Payroll Savings Plan to put 20% of his pay in War Bonds.

Seems Oscar's boy was on Bataan.

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With people like Oscar making real sacrifices to help win the war, is it too much for you to put aside as little as 10% of your pay for War Bonds? Sign up for at least 10% at your place of business today!

Go to South Carolina

Lt. P. P. Fitzhugh came in Monday night for a short stay and will return to new field of operation at Camp Croft, South Carolina. Mrs. Fitzhugh who has been working at the AAA office for the past year will accompany him, and lot of good wishes from this place will go with them.

Locals

Mrs. Rial Denman of Texas City, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Landers and Cregg of Fort Stockton, and Pvt. Marcus Turner of Goodfellow Field, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown of San Angelo, spent the week end with Mrs. W. H. Bell and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Roberts of San Angelo spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roberts. His mother went home with them for a short visit.

News has reached here that W. B. Hamilton a prominent citizen of yesteryear in Coke county died at his home on the Nueces river Jan. 13, and was buried at Montell.

Mrs. E. D. McDaniel of Floresville who has been visiting with her sister Mrs. W. H. Bell, left for home Sunday.

Pvt. Weldon E. Johnson has returned to Fort McPherson after spending a ten day furlough with his mother Mrs. M. W. Johnson and other relatives.

Sunday visitors in the S. M. Conner home: Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. J. E. Roberts of San Angelo, and Miss Gaynelle of Robert Lee.

John F. Robertson came in Monday from Dexter, New Mex to spend a few days at home.

Mrs. H. L. Scott visited her son Cpl. Horace L. Scott Jr., Tuesday, who is confined to the Base Hospital at the Bombardier School at San Angelo.

News comes that Jimmie Barrington who preached here last Sunday was killed in a car wreck near Midland, Texas, Tuesday.

National Red Cross P.T.A. To Plan Fund Champion Goal Definite War Work Set At \$125,000,000 At Next Meeting

Chairman H. A. Springer and War Fund Chairman, W. H. Maxwell, Jr. for Coke County Chapter, American Red Cross, announced today that the National Goal for the American Red Cross has been set at \$125,000,000 and that Coke County Chapter's quota has been set at \$1620.00.

Chairman Springer stated that this is the estimated amount that will be needed to carry on local, national and inter-national services of the Red Cross, during the coming year. He further stated that a large majority of this money will be spent on services to the "Armed Forces" as Red Cross's money direct contribution towards the winning of the war.

W. H. Maxwell Jr., who has been appointed as the War Fund Chairman of the Coke County Chapter, stated that it was the purpose of his committee to contact every individual in Coke County and ask them to give liberally to this most worthy cause. Opening date of the campaign has been set as March 1, 1943. Citizens of Coke County have always done their share and more of any worth while undertaking of this kind, and it is felt that in this instance, we will more than do our part in this campaign. So come on citizens of Coke county lets get behind this campaign and put Coke County "Over The Top".

FSA Loans

There is just one way to get more food production that is through helping our family-sized and small farmers to produce all they can. The big farmers with ample credit, already doing their best.

Miss Vera Martin FSA supervisor, wishes to remind farm operators in Coke County that they should make immediate arrangements to finance their production through the year ahead. FSA loans are being directed especially to any small farmers who with such financing can become qualified as "essential farm producers" under the war unit rating, by adding to their livestock or poultry or increasing their production of war rated crops.

Farm Security loans are available for almost every need in the farm home or on the land, and the loans are made usually for three to five year periods.

Buy Quality Shoes at CUMBIE & ROACH

Mrs. H. E. Smith and small daughter have moved to San Angelo, and Mrs. Bob Read is driving the mail truck in her place.

Attention!
Cleaning and Pressing
You can leave your, Suits, Pants, Dresses etc. At
Latham's Feed Store
We will deliver them and return for 25c, plus tax

Definite Contribution to war work will be considered by the Robert Lee P.T.A. Thursday, Feb. 18, five o'clock. This is to comply with a request from the National P.T.A. Congress. "Let us see to it that some plan, some project, some decision important to the war effort shall emerge from every P.T.A. gathering".

Practical war tasks will be presented to the local unit at this meeting.

A playlet by the sixth grade under the direction of Miss Eunice McLure, and a Founders Day number by Mrs. W. B. Clift are program features.

All past presidents of the local P.T.A. will be honored during the social hour.

Birthday Party

Mrs. Fred McDonald honored her daughter Joe Alice, on her fourth birthday with a party at her home Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

They were entertained in the childrens play room up stairs. Ice cream and cake was served to thirteen present.

Changes Location

Allen Davis and family have moved from Taft, Texas, to Big Spring, where he has been employed by Eberley Funeral Home. Mrs. Davis and two daughters have been here for several days visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift.

Baptist W. M. S.

The Missionary Society met in a business meeting with Mrs. S. R. Young Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Mrs. A. W. Littlefield brought the devotional on Paul and Barnabas sent out as Missionaries.

In the business session Mrs. Paul Good was elected president to fill out the unexpired term. A salad plate was served to six members present.

Buy good shoes, using No. 17 stamp in your sugar and coffee rationing book at Cumbie & Roach Dry Good



Lt. Dick Gramling

Mrs. Gramling received word from Dick at Cincinnati, Ohio, that he was going to the factory to pick up his plane, then go to port of embarkation, and on to foreign destination.

Important Dates On Ration Coupons

Feb. 8. Coffee stamp No. 25 becomes effective for one pound of coffee.

Feb. 15. Institutional users of sugar begin registration for next two months. Deadline for the registration is March 5.

Feb. 22. Registration for new ration books.

Feb. 29. Tire inspection deadline for B and C gas coupon books.

March 31. Tire inspection deadline for holders of A gas coupon books.

March 15. Deadline for use of sugar stamp number 11 which became effective Feb. 1.

Carry your waste fats to your local markets, they are needed for munitions.

Do not hoard pennies. Turn them into your bank for Stamps or Bonds. The nation is short of copper.

There's scrap on every farm and ranch. Round it in and keep the steel plants going.

Plant a Victory Garden.

Funeral Home Improvement

The W. K. Simpson & Co. Funeral Home have added a combination funeral car to improve the service for Coke County folks.

Observer Readers

Sgt. Howard Millican, Del Rio, T. C. Coffey, G. W. Tubb, J. L. Reid, Mrs. C. C. Davis, Amarilla, Sloan Boone, and C. E. Vestal, J. I. Williams, Guy Saunders, Dexter, New Mexico.

LOCALS

Judge Arnold is back from sunny California, and says Robert Lee looks good to him. One of his grand sons returned with him.

Robert Hester of Bronte is in Robert Lee visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Phelan, Mrs. Russ Mathers, Mrs. S. J. Augustine, of Sterling City, Garland Green of Abilene, visited in the Conner home the past week.

J. L. Williams of Valentine is here visiting. Jim is manager of Central Power & Light Co. at that place.

Word from M. K. Sparks that he wanted his paper changed from Roscoe, Texas, to Lorraine, Texas.

The editor received a nice letter from Pfc. Joseph A. Williams at Fort Bliss, in interest of the boys on the fighting front. For want of time space and censorship, we can only mention these letters.

Pvt. Finis Millican of Camp Maxey, is at home on a 21-day furlough to visit home folks.

Mrs. H. A. Jolley was rushed to the hospital Monday for an appendectomy, and at last report was getting along nicely.

J. B. Burrough is back at home after several days in the hospital at San Angelo.

Notice

Renewal application for B and C Cards, also highway E and R, can be made at any filling station before March 1st the dead line.

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"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

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"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH"

Also 3rd Chapter OVERLAND MAIL

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Friday and Saturday Feb. 12-13

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WITH

BRYAN DONLEVY-ROBERT PRESTON

Also Comedy and News

Tuesday only Money Nite Feb. 16

BOB HOPE-PAULETTE GODDARD IN

"NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH"

Also 3rd Chapter "OVERLAND MAIL"

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allied Command Moves to Clear Africa And Secure Control of Mediterranean; Hitler Decrees Added Nazi Sacrifices In Effort to Bolster Failing Manpower

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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How the U. S. task forces apply what the high command describes as "Swift Massive Strokes" against the enemy is illustrated by the above photo showing troops going aboard an air transport in New Guinea, equipped for marching or fighting or both when the plane reaches a destination in front of the Japs.

TUNISIA:

Activity Stepped Up

Indications that the long awaited offensive to drive the Axis out of North Africa might be near, were seen in reports of the recapture of several central Tunisian positions with which the enemy had sought to form a line of protection for the flanks of Marshal Rommel's army retreating into Tunisia from Libya.

Conferences of top American and British military chiefs in Casablanca even after the departure of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill had emphasized the importance of the next Allied moves.

Lieut. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's American forces had driven the Germans back from six to nine miles in the Cussetia Valley and had pressed steadily toward a pass through which Rommel's troops must pass in their effort to join German Gen. Von Arnim's army.

Rommel's widely strung out rear guard had been constantly under attack by General Montgomery's British Eighth army.

One of the heartening features of the American activity was that this drive had recaptured several positions of tactical importance previously lost by the French when German armored units had smashed through their lines.

AIR BLOWS:

By 'All-American' Team

Ominously prophetic of more and deadlier blows at the heart of German industries and naval bases were the first "All-American" daylight bombing attacks in which swarms of unescorted Flying Fortresses and Liberators smashed at the naval base of Wilhelmshaven and industrial installations at Emden.

While three of the unescorted American bombers were lost on the Wilhelmshaven-Emden raids, United States headquarters said that a "number" of enemy planes were destroyed.

Hitler's northern flank was given a pounding when the shipyards in Copenhagen, Denmark, hitherto unscathed, were bombed by the RAF. The principal targets of this raid were U-boat engine factories which are working for Germany.

RUSSIA:

Cause for Rejoicing

With President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill's joint note in his hands promising decisive blows in the West, "Uncle Joe" Stalin could look with considerable satisfaction on affairs in the East.

How well the Russian offensives were going was indicated by a steady parade of Soviet communiqués reporting successes all along the line. The Red army had driven forward to within 60 miles of Rostov, with the recapture of the railroad towns of Ataman and Yegorlyk. To the north, the Ukrainian offensive westward from captured Voronezh had pressed on to within 80 miles of the big Nazi base of Kursk, with the reoccupation of Gorsechnoye.

The Russian Stalingrad trap had closed its jaws on all but a few scattered remnants of the 200 Axis divisions of 200,000 men who had besieged that industrial stronghold.

SOUTH PACIFIC:

Jap Casualties Heavy

From New Guinea came Gen. Douglas MacArthur's consoling announcement that American casualties in the victorious Papuan campaign were less than half the Japanese losses. Previous statements had said that a Japanese Papuan army of 15,000 had been wiped out. This indicated American casualties might have totaled 7,000, including those incapacitated by sickness.

As General MacArthur consolidated his forces for the drive to clear the enemy out of the rest of New Guinea, military activity was limited to continuous bombing of enemy bases. The raids included a heavy concentration on Lae, which is expected to be the next target of MacArthur's offensive operations.

The navy department disclosed that a new Jap air base established within easy raiding distance of Guadalcanal in the Solomons had been strongly attacked by American bombers. The new Jap airfield is on Ballale island, about 300 miles northwest of Henderson airfield on Guadalcanal.

The navy likewise announced that in air action over Wake island, a number of Jap Zero planes had been shot down, while all United States aircraft had returned safely to their fields.

CORN GROWERS:

Reap Big Benefits

Corn belt farmers and western wheat growers will get the lion's share of the \$595,500,000 in benefit payments to be distributed among growers for complying with last year's federal crop control programs, it was indicated in a preliminary report of the department of agriculture on 1942 farm subsidies.

Southern cotton farmers will get the smallest amount since 1935, largely because of the improved price position of this crop.

The department's figures disclosed that payments to wheat farmers will total \$133,477,000, compared with \$107,353 for the 1941 crop. Corn payments will amount to \$188,219,000, which is the record for that crop. Payments on the 1941 crop totaled \$130,186,000.

Cotton payments for 1942 will amount to about \$78,833,000, compared with \$184,957,000 in 1941 and a peak of \$265,595,000 for the 1938 crop. Until the 1942 crop year, cotton payments exceeded those for any other commodity.

YANKEE FOOD:

Aids Russ Offensive

That American lend-lease food shipments have helped the Russian armies deal their deadly blows to Hitler's Nazi legions was revealed by Claude R. Wickard, secretary of agriculture.

Food shipments to Russia which rose sharply as the winter offensive progressed went directly to the Red



FOOD ADMINISTRATOR WICKARD

army, Wickard disclosed. "In December, for the first time," he declared in a report to the war council of the National-American Wholesale Grocers association in Chicago, "shipments to Russia were larger than the combined shipments to the United Kingdom and other British destinations."

Discussing the 1943 outlook, Mr. Wickard said that "our armed forces and those of our Allies will require almost a quarter of all the food we produce."

RUBBER PROGRAM:

Green Light on 55%

While a house of representatives naval committee ordered an investigation of charges made by Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers that "army and navy loafers" were interfering with war production, WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson disclosed that he had directed that 55 per cent of the synthetic rubber program for which Mr. Jeffers has been battling vigorously be carried through "as rapidly as possible."

Washington Digest

Nazi Submarine Menace Is Allies' Chief Problem

Pre-Fabricated U-Boats Said to Boost German Output; 'Vanishing Luftwaffe' Puzzles United Nations' Military Observers.



By BAUKHAGE

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"It will be a long and bitter war."

That was the remark of the Australian minister of defense in a recent interview. Two days later, I heard a general, who had visited many fronts, make a similar statement. You have heard the same prediction made from dozens of officials. And the strange thing is, it is usually preceded with an account of Allied successes. Nothing but a "but" stands between the enumeration of victories achieved and the prediction of the long, hard road ahead.

Since this perplexed me, I tried to get a concrete answer from various persons as to just what lies on the long, hard road. Out of the answers, two obstacles stand out, the submarine and the story of the "vanishing Luftwaffe." Only recently has it been definitely revealed that the enemy's greatest and most effective weapon is the submarine. For a long time, the British permitted only the most general statements regarding the sinking of Allied or even neutral ships by U-boats. Lately, because it was realized that the people were in ignorance of the extent of this menace, more detailed statements have been made, although still no figures are given out.

We know that America is building ships faster than American ships are being sunk. We know that the margin between launchings and sinkings is very narrow. And we know that launchings alone do not really balance sinkings hull for hull because the enemy sinks loaded ships—valuable cargoes are destroyed—trained men not easily or immediately replaceable are killed or at least taken out of action for long periods—gaps are left in the war effort with each lost cargo.

When I was in Berlin covering the outbreak of the European war in 1939, I heard a great deal of talk about Germany's counter-blockade, how the Nazis could fill seas with their U-boats. There was much talk of the great numbers which could be produced by the American method of the assembly line. I had no idea how much truth there was in those statements. Then in the months that followed, not much was said about the U-boats. For a period when they were operating on our coasts, America was conscious of their presence but when they were driven out of sight of our shores, they were driven out of mind as well.

Nazi Boasts

Largely Confirmed

Now we learn how great their depredations are on the shipping lanes where they converge in the eastern Atlantic, confirming to some degree the German boasts which are sounding again. It is stated by British naval observers that the Germans are pre-fabricating the subs, making the parts in factories scattered all over the Reich and assembling them in great underground caverns hewn out of the rock or covered with concrete on the shores of the Bay of Biscay in France.

Therein lies a clear and simple explanation of the Allies' greatest problem, the chief obstacle on the "long, hard road."

The second obstacle may be a fancied one but it is real in the minds of many. The unknown is usually more terrible than the known and perhaps this one is at least partly a myth but no hard-headed realist can afford to underestimate the enemy's potentialities.

Those who believe this "obstacle" exists, say it is hidden behind the mystery of "the vanishing Luftwaffe."

According to military men, there are at present very few German planes on the Russian front. I heard a recent estimate of one-seventh as many as a year ago.

There are not many German planes over Africa—the Allies have at least achieved parity in air power. Where is the German Luftwaffe? Its presence darkened the skies of Europe once—has it really vanished? Been used up? Worn out? The factories which turn out replacements all destroyed by Allied bombers? Is its necessary fuel and lubrication exhausted? Some people

think that this, at least to a large degree, is true. But that explanation does not seem reasonable.

German Advances In Synthetic Gas

We know that Germany has made remarkable advances in the manufacture of synthetic gasoline and oils. We know that some oil has been retrieved from the Maikop oil fields in Russia, new ones developed in Austria.

If Germany is not yet starved of gasoline and lubricants, if the Luftwaffe has not really disappeared from the earth, its absence from the air may have another meaning. We know that in spite of the heavy German losses in men and material in Russia, Germany still has a large and powerful army. Possibly over 300 fully equipped divisions—trained men.

It is estimated that aside from soldiers engaged in Russia and North Africa, the garrisons in the occupied countries, there must be a striking mobile army of a million men and more. Of course, these are estimates but they are not over-estimates. And besides this army there is the "vanished Luftwaffe." The assumption is that this great army like the airforce is resting, conserving and building up its strength for one of two things: either a long, last stand defense of the borders of the Reich or one more powerful offensive.

Meanwhile, we know that every day that Japan is allowed to occupy the rich possessions of her stolen empire, she is nearer to the exploitation of their resources, the development of which will make her stronger. And every day she is left undisturbed by a major attack, she is able to increase her fortifications, wear down the Chinese and spread her "silver bullets" among the less loyal war-lord followers on the fringe of Chiang Kai-shek's central army.

There are two factors which make the road ahead a hard one—the present successful operation and the rapid replacement of the German submarine flotilla and the probability that Germany is holding back a powerful army and air force either for another telling blow or to defend its strongly fortified terrain.

Ideologies—

Put Them on Ice?

As I go wandering round the town taking a look in every quarter—with apologies to Wan-Eyed Reilly—I have acquired data in the last few days that have convinced me that we will have to expunge the word ideology from the bright lexicon of war, if we are going to win.

I have observed three places where the ideologies have gotten in and done more damage than a buffalo moth in an overstuffed sofa.

Of course in North Africa—it may be the climate or the rainy season—ideologies have done some of their most devastating work. I have conversed with an army officer, an official, who knows that terrain and also what it produces, a newspaper philosopher and a radical—all of them look at the situation on the shores of the Mediterranean a little differently. The official explains that the politics are very important—the radical, happy over the success against all Fascists, but infuriated over using them even to help defeat themselves, shouts—"We should have shot Darlan the day after he served his purpose." "Well," remarks the official, "somebody did, didn't they?" The army officer calls the whole controversy a backyard row that will be forgotten as ground dries up and the Allies get a few victories.

But the correspondent philosopher paused to analyze.

He said: "You have heard that one thing that greatly improved the morale in the Russian army was making the officers supreme and removing the authority of the commissars which were originally placed at their elbows. You know the Russian officers could make no move without the okay of the commissar and yet the officer was responsible if anything went wrong. Now, the officer has the final word—many of the former commissars who had military training have become officers."

Gems of Thought

THE intellect of man sits enthroned visibly upon his forehead and in his eye; and the heart of man is written upon his countenance.—Longfellow.

The higher type of man seeks everything he wants in himself; the inferior man seeks everything he wants from others.—Confucius.

He slept beneath the moon,
He basked beneath the sun,
He lived a life of going-to-do,
And died with nothing done.
—JAMES ALBERRY

In this thing one man is superior to another, that he is better able to bear prosperity or adversity.—Philemon.

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MENTHOLATUM

SNAPPY FACTS ABOUT RUBBER



Reclaimed rubber is the product resulting from the processing of scrap rubber. It is prepared from used rubber articles that are cleaned, purified and made plastic for re-use in rubber manufacturing.

Crude rubber in 1899 was selling at \$2,200 a ton. At the 1925 high was selling at \$2,755.20 per long ton.

Engineers have designed the tires for one of the army's jeeps to resemble the camel's tread, nature's provision for support on shifting sand.

A commercial user of tires reported that an Ameripol synthetic rubber tire used on a light truck returned over 35,000 miles before it was re-capped. This tire, with 51 others, was placed in test service early in 1941.

A 35,000-ton battleship required 168,000 pounds of rubber.

Jerry Shaw

In war or peace

B.F. Goodrich
FIRST IN RUBBER

BOMBS BURST ONCE
By GRANVILLE CHURCH
W.N.U. SERVICE

THE STORY SO FAR: Jeff Curtis and his wife, Lee, are already on their way to Tierra Libre when Jeff receives a note from Zora Mitchell warning them not to come. Jeff is to be chief engineer for a newly organized fruit company. They arrive in Tierra Libre to find both Zora and her husband dead, and Jeff suspects they were murdered. Conversations with his employer, Senor Montaya, and with his friends Jerry McInnis, Bill Henderson and Slat's Monahan confirm his suspicions that there is something strange going on and that Mitchell and Zora were killed because they knew too much. Now on a tour of inspection with Montaya he is troubled by the apparently unfriendly attitude of Henderson and Monahan. A talk with Monahan reveals that he, too, suspects something is wrong. NOW CONTINUE WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER VII

The trip down river to Tempujo was a quick one, running with the current. In the car going back to San Alejo they stopped but once—at the culvert and cribbing on which Henderson's crew was still at work.

Curt had to talk with Henderson, get behind that reserve he'd met with yesterday, learn some facts he could get his teeth into. Getting warnings was no good unless you knew what they were aimed against.

But he needed a reason for stopping, for the senior was reluctant. Curt told Montaya he wasn't satisfied about the size of culvert being installed.

"It wouldn't take too much strain to wash out that fill," he pointed out. "Better to be safe than sorry."

Curt clambered down the steep embankment to examine the concrete pipe. He squatted on his heels, Henderson beside him, to make jottings in his little notebook. He measured the flume and hammered on it. An act for "The Dark Lily," for they were not many feet from Montaya. By lowering their heads they could speak in tones that wouldn't carry to the man above.

Curt wasted no time. "You put a note in my bag yesterday?" "Yes, Curt. Look, Curt, I've got to have a long talk with you. But not here and now, not in front of Montaya."

"We'll manage it soon. Bill, Slat's Monahan tells me Mitch was worried for days before his murder. That right?"

"Well, yes, Curt, he was." "What about?" "I—uh, don't know. He didn't let me in on it."

Henderson's voice had gone flat, lifeless. Curt considered, tried again.

"Why was he in a dither about getting to the Zone?" Henderson looked startled.

"He wasn't," the lanky man said slowly. "He only . . . I know a fellow there, name of Collins, comes from my home town, and Mitch . . . oh, hell, Curt," Henderson let go disgustedly, "this's why I want to talk to you, to tell you just enough to keep you from messing around about Mitch's murder. I know you from way back when something dirty pops up."

"Anyway, what's done is done and it's no skin off your nose. You keep out of it and I'll give you some dam' good reasons why, soon's we can have a talk. You leave it to me. I know what to do and how to do it, and there's nobody waiting for me with a candle in the window."

"It's no skin off my nose," Curt growled, "unless whatever did for Mitch is a danger to me by taking over his job."

"It won't be if you watch yourself—"

Montaya's feet, above, crunched on crushed rock as he tested a foothold for the easiest descent.

Curt rocked back on his heels, made another note in his little book, then rose and climbed the embankment. Montaya was patently annoyed but got into the car without a word.

Curt, his foot on the running board, called down to Henderson. "By the way, Bill, try to get up to San Alejo this week-end. Come to dinner Saturday night and meet the kids."

Montaya regained his suavity in a few minutes and began to talk of the work in general and plans for the morrow.

"You have yet to go over the rest of the tract before getting down to work. I should like you to cover it tomorrow and the next day. Unfortunately, I shall not be free."

"It's a lot of territory," Curt said thoughtfully. "Would you use a plane? Is there a place to land on the flats?"

"No," was the snap answer to this. "It will be fatiguing but you can do it by mule. The main drainage canal will take you one full day, and there you can use an out-board motorboat. You can catch the rest on the second day."

"That will bring you to Friday, no? Friday and Saturday you can study what you have seen, then we can get together—say Sunday? There is so much to be done, no time to lose."

"Sunday will do very well."

"I am giving you a—ah, a sort of secretary—bodyguard," Montaya went on, carefully. "But you must not be alarmed. I simply do not want anything to happen to you, Mr. Curtis, that is all. Engineers with your background in this work we do not find—you say?—growing on bushes."

Curt waited. "The man's name is Emilio Vargas. Tomorrow he will report to you. It is my wish that he go everywhere with you when you are out on the job. Everywhere. Please, Mr. Curtis, observe this closely. You will find him a competent stenographer and quite helpful in relieving you of minor details."

Curt pondered. A bodyguard for himself! That seemed to hint at danger to the Chief Engineer.

In the morning Emilio Vargas reported at Curt's office. He was a slick looking hombre, with sharp features, olive-tinted skin, snapping eyes. He had pointed teeth, and perfumed pomade glued his black hair flat to his skull. A revolver, a fancy chased affair in a holster that had seen service, hung at his side. From his mouth drooped one of the native, sickly-sweet, brown-jacketed cigarettes.

Curt found Emilio a good guide



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and untrining in the saddle. Furthermore, the young man was as good at taking dictation—in English—as Montaya had said. So he was an asset. He was also company—of a sort.

First impressions, suggestions, questions of the work at last on paper and out of the way, Curt phoned Montaya for an appointment early on Sunday, then went home. It was his first breathing space since arriving six days ago.

He played with the children for two hours. Curt took quickly to Zora Mitchell's small daughter. The shyness of her first few days had worn off in the lively company of Buddy and Chuck, and her loneliness for her mother was gradually fading. Lee had seen to that.

When it came time for the children's supper, Lee broke up the play in brisk fashion. She sent Curt to the shower, took charge of the children, and by the time Curt had had his bath and a cocktail, and was stretched out on the bed for a few minutes of relaxation before dressing, the youngsters were out of the way for the night.

Dinner time approached. This was the night Bill Henderson would be in for dinner. And that talk! Curt was thinking, as he blew smoke rings ceilingward. He'd make the mug talk! But how to do it without Lee wising up?

Thought of Lee was his Nemesis. She came breezing into the room, shooed him off the bed, made him dress.

"We'll give Bill Henderson one hour, no more," said she firmly, laying out a print dress. "I've planned dinner so. Unless he's changed . . ."

"Wrong this time, honey," Curt said cheerfully. He tucked a clean sport shirt inside his fresh white ducks. "Tell you what, I'll bet you

the evening at the clubhouse that Bill gets here in one piece and sober. I'll even dance with you without an argument."

Lee snapped him up on that. "It's a bet and I'll hold you to it, Mastermind, see if I don't! I can't come to stay this evening, in the kids wake up." She whipped up the print dress, put it back, and pushed hangers back and forth. "Let's see, something to dance in . . ."

She selected a pastel organdie and Curt found himself pressed into service, to fasten the rhinestone shoulder buckles.

The hour passed and Bill Henderson hadn't arrived. Curt became gradually quieter during that time, fiddling unconsciously with his pipe. Lee knew the signs, knew he was puzzled and disturbed. She ragged him some about giving her the evening so glibly, and made a show of getting out his coat and panama—"Just to be ready." But they sat down to dinner alone.

The meal was not yet over when the phone rang. Lee answered.

"For you, dear," she said, one hand over the transmitter. Her nose wrinkled as at a bad odor. "The Dark Lily." And you're not to go back to the office tonight, you hear me? You lost fair and square, and it's my evening. We're going to the club!"

Curt frowned as he took the receiver from her. Montaya's words were crisp and direct.

"I have just been told from Tempujo that Mr. Henderson has had an accident. He is unconscious and sinking rapidly. As you are an old friend—"

"I'll be right along. You're going, of course? Can we use a plane?"

"Sorry, we have no lights at the Tempujo field for night landing. You can get to the station in five minutes, no? Bueno. Dr. Berry has been notified—"

"I'll be there!" Curt sprinted to the bedroom and returned buckling on his gun belt. He grabbed up his coat and hat, gave Lee a flying kiss and explained on the way to the door.

"Henderson. Accident. Tempujo. Be back when I get here."

Besides the mestizo driver in the car that clanked down the mountain-side, there was Montaya, spotless as usual from fresh white shoes to panama; Dr. Berry, the American head of the hospital; a young blond fellow named Lister, carrying camera, flash, tripod and film. Curt Montaya was saying: "I would appear he was drunk . . . know his failing, Mr. Curtis. So long as he did his job I had no objection, but this . . ."

There had been a brief rain tonight, clearing the atmosphere. Though the airfield was a full kilometer away, grinding around a curve Curt saw plainly the lighted swimming pool and could make out tiny figures diving. Two more human ants were at tennis on the bright court.

Very little was said during the run to Tempujo, which took scarcely thirty minutes. On the lower badly ballasted stretches the car rocked dangerously. Young Lister chewed gum incessantly, vigorously; Montaya smoked his oversize Turkish cigarettes, lighting one from another—he was on his third as they hit the many switches of the storage yards. Dr. Berry dozed.

Henderson was stretched out on an examination table in the dispensary, in charge of Dr. Fisher, a newly graduated interne from the States. Dr. Fisher's chief duties at Tempujo had been dishing out quinine or bandaging minor hurts of the laboring force, and the present case seemed to be beyond him.

But so was it beyond his superior. Dr. Berry straightened up after an examination of only a few seconds, to shake his head.

"Hopeless," he said bluntly. "Both legs broken, and several ribs—at least five or six; a blow on the back of the head that has probably fractured the skull; the chest caved in, one lung punctured. It's a wonder he wasn't killed instantly—or that he's lived this long."

Bill Henderson was still alive, though unconscious, and frothing pink at the mouth in his wracking efforts to breathe. He'd lost a great deal of blood. Young Fisher kept swabbing the lips clean with gauze.

Still about Henderson was the smell of raw whiskey. Curt's thoughts were bitter. He'd seen so many men—good men, clean of heart—lose out here in the tropics because of drink. Now, Bill Henderson. And only a few days ago Bill had said he'd been on the wagon for some time. To be sure, "some time" with him might not mean what it would to another, but would he have gone to drinking tonight, when expected for dinner at San Alejo? That wasn't like the old Bill.

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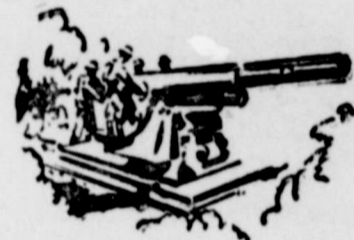
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Why the Change?

After talking with a number of congressmen and studying discussions of the measure in meetings of the Ways and Means Committee, I am satisfied that Congress has experienced a complete change of sentiment about passing out its legislative powers to others. I predict that bureau chiefs aspiring to make their own rules this year will be disappointed. Even those who have been doing so for ten years may encounter difficulty.

Many congressmen, without casting the least shadow of blame in the direction of the Chief Executive, claim that subordinate executives have used the President's influence to obtain, through legislation, powers which Congress did not want them to have nor imagined they would get. The President is busy every waking minute with numberless complicated problems of a world-wide war. Obviously he can't watch everybody. He must trust a great many people.

Fear Carte Blanche

Congressmen express belief, not without resentment, that some of the President's advisers have taken advantage of his preoccupation. They point to a series of disappointing experiences with laws requested by administration executives; cases where congressmen found quite a little difference between their understanding of a bill before it was passed and the uses made of it after it became a law. Consequently they are reluctant (not to say unwilling) to keep on giving a free hand to miscellaneous executives.

The price ceiling miff makes a good example: For some time, House members sensed an effort to force them to place legal price limits on food (products of the farm) without permitting them at the same time to fix an up-stop on wages—fruits of the laborer's toil. And finally, last September, Congress gave in, accepting assurances that the President would take care of Wages. Now certain congressmen complain that the law they passed is being used, not as administration men led them to believe when they voted, but quite differently.

Flouting the Senate

Then, too, there was the circumstance about salary limitations. Three times Congress had silenced with decisive vote, proposals to name a top figure for anybody to draw as a salary. Then an administration bill came along to give James F. Byrnes potent authority over payrolls. Some of its backers said the bill would not be used to lower existing salaries, but soon after passage, it WAS used for just that. Moreover the high limit was pegged at the very figure Congress had three times disapproved: \$25,000.

Probably the most comment grew out of the construction of a certain building in Washington, D. C., after the Senate had refused authority to erect it. Subordinate executives used money obtained from one of the "blank checks" Congress had given the President, and built it anyway. Naturally the Senate is a little particular about who "goes over its head."

Congressmen Speak

May I present some hand-picked utterances? Rep. Gearhart of California said, "We have begun to lose faith in some of the promises made, in the light of what has transpired since." And, with reference to the anti-inflation bill, Rep. Disney of Oklahoma remarked, "We have learned a lot of things since we passed that bill that we did not know then, and which we do not like now."

Opposition to giving the President authority to suspend laws controlling the importation of undesirable food products brought representatives of 4,500 farm associations to Washington. This has strengthened the conviction of congressmen that

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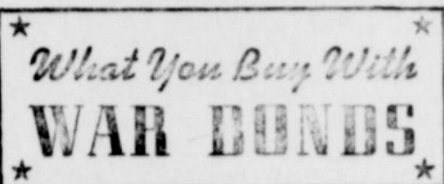
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A Still Worse Example

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"If George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were alive today," what message would they give to the embattled America of 1943?

When the second year of the Revolution began George Washington found himself commander-in-chief of what was little better than a "rabble in arms." To the members of the Continental congress he had declared "Lest some unlucky event should happen, unfavorable to my reputation, I beg it may be remembered, by every gentleman in the room, that I this day declare, with the utmost sincerity, I do not think myself equal to the command I am honored with."

Washington little realized then how soon "some unlucky event should happen" nor what a long succession of such misfortunes would devil him for the next six years. But he must have had a foreshadowing of them, for, within a week after he assumed command of the army, he was writing to his friend, Richard Henry Lee: "We are in an exceedingly dangerous situation. We have but about sixteen thousand effective men in all this department, whereas, by the accounts which I received from even the first officers in command, I had no doubt of finding between eighteen and twenty thousand; out of these are only fourteen thousand fit for duty . . ."

The smallest of his army was, however, only one of his many problems. Not only were the soldiers poorly armed, poorly clothed and poorly fed, but there was a shocking lack of discipline. Men accepted bounties to enlist, then deserted immediately.

Low Morale.

Morale among the officers was not much better, for in their attitude toward each other they reflected all the jealousies and suspicions which had prevented unity of the English colonies in the struggle with the French and Indians.

"Washington had to face not only wholesale desertions and furious mutinies among the private soldiers, but also the most exquisitely embarrassing feuds among his officers with threats of wholesale resignations," writes his biographer, Rupert Hughes. "His prudence, fairness and devotion to the government were tested to the last degree . . . It seemed to him, and it seems to the later inspector of the records, that at this time Washington was almost the only man in America who had a sense of national entity and national duty. The rest talked of liberty, and indignation at tyrants, but their interests were almost altogether individual, municipal, or provincial."

Such was the situation as the year 1776 opened. Up in Canada Benedict Arnold's forces had settled down to their fruitless siege of Quebec. Washington's siege of Boston seemed equally futile until early in March when he occupied Dorchester Heights. Then on St. Patrick's day Lord Howe evacuated the city and Washington and his motley army marched in.

It was a victory for the Patriot cause, of course, but it was far from decisive. For Howe's army was still intact and there was no telling where it would strike next. Washington guessed correctly that it would be New York. So in April he marched his army there only to find himself in a nest of Tory intrigue and, two months later, narrowly to escape assassination at the hands of a member of his own body-guard.

Meanwhile, outside of Quebec, Arnold's army was rotting away with cold, hunger and smallpox and by the middle of June its shattered remnants had been chased out of Canada. Thus ended in failure the expedition upon which Washington had counted so much—the addition of the Canadians to the Patriot cause.

While this was taking place, the

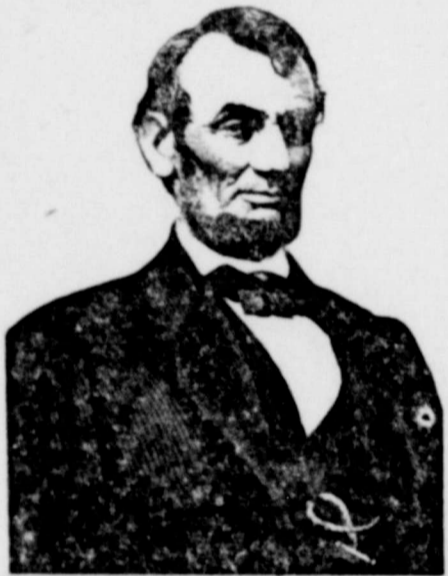
Continental congress was debating independence from the Mother country and on the immortal Fourth of July it took the decisive step. Up to this time Washington had been leading a fight for the rights of himself and his compatriots as Englishmen. Now the congress had given him something else to fight for. They called it Liberty—the king of England called it Treason. Witty old Ben Franklin had told his fellows that they "must hang together or assuredly we shall hang separately." If the Revolution failed, one of the first candidates for the hangman's rope would be that arch-rebel, the commander-in-chief of the rebels-in-arms.

That danger seemed perilously near soon after Washington had his troops drawn up on parade and the Declaration of Independence read to them. Up the bay came a British armada—400 transports and 32,000 soldiers, convoyed by 10 battleships and 20 frigates, manned by more than 10,000 sailors. A little later they were joined by 10,000 Hessian mercenaries. Against this aggregation of British might Washington had a motley horde of not more than 20,000 men, many of them unfit for service or unwilling to fight because congress had failed to pay them or even to provide them with enough clothing, arms and food.

A Series of Disasters.

Then followed the series of disasters which was to make the "Year of Independence" one of the blackest years in the whole struggle for liberty. In August General Putnam's army was cut to pieces at the Battle of Long Island and narrowly escaped capture. In September Washington was driven out of New York and his army retreated to Harlem Heights in panic rout.

In October he was defeated at the Battle of Red Bank. In November the British captured Fort Mifflin, one of the chief defenses of the Hudson, and forced the Ameri-



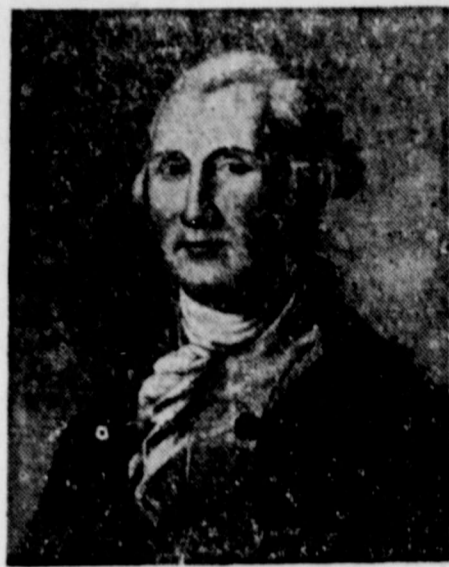
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cans to evacuate Fort Mifflin, the other. The last month of this dismal second year of the war found him retreating across New Jersey and, although his splendid victory at Trenton on Christmas night somewhat lightened the gloom, there was still many a discouragement and many a defeat ahead of him before the next year should bring the turning point of the war at Saratoga.

But despite the seemingly impossible nature of his task and the mountainous difficulties which he overcame, the record is clear that George Washington never lost his courage and his belief in the rightness of the cause for which he was fighting. If in this second year of our great struggle America suffers severe reverses and at the end of it victory may still seem far away, then may George Washington's fellow-Americans draw new courage from a sentence in a letter he wrote to his brother during the retreat across New Jersey. It was an expression of his unshaken faith that he would "be once more fixed among you in the peaceable enjoyment of my own vine and fig-tree."

A House Divided.

While the second year of the War Between the States was not so dark for Abraham Lincoln as 1776 had been for George Washington, there was many a reverse in 1862 that would have caused a lesser soul to despair. Not only was he the head



He looked forward to "the peaceable enjoyment of my own vine and fig-tree."

of a "house divided against itself" but even in his own "family" there was dissension and disunity.

When the war began many Democrats, among them Stephen A. Douglas, steadfastly supported the President but others violently opposed a war which they declared had resulted from the election of a Republican President. It was this group who brought into existence the Knights of the Golden Circle, the secret organization of the Copperheads, who criticized the conduct of the war, hoped to gain control of the government and make some sort of compromise peace with the South. Even within his own party Lincoln had enemies who tried to thwart his efforts to save the Union. One faction induced congress to create a Committee on the Conduct of the War which was almost as damaging to the war effort as the activities of the Copperheads.

Stormy as was the political situation when the second year of the war began, the military situation was more encouraging. In the West Fort Henry had fallen, "Unconditional Surrender" Grant had taken Fort Donelson, and Farragut had captured New Orleans. But in the East, then regarded as the most important theater of war, a military genius named Robert E. Lee was threatening Washington and another military genius named "Stonewall" Jackson was outmaneuvering and outfighting every Union commander sent against him in the Shenandoah valley.

McClellan Fails.

In March, General McClellan, the Union commander, had begun his Peninsular campaign "which for numbers engaged and losses suffered surpassed any previous operation in North America." By June it was apparent that the campaign had failed and that the volunteer system could not produce the number of men needed for replacements after the blood bath McClellan had given the Union army. In a confidential message to the state governors Lincoln appealed for 100,000 new troops, saying "I would publicly appeal to the country for this new force were it not that I fear a general panic and stampede would follow, so hard it is to have a thing understood as it is."

This appeal brought him the troops he needed but, having lost confidence in McClellan, he placed General Pope in command. The result was the terrible defeat at the second Battle of Manassas and McClellan was again in the saddle. Thereupon Lee invaded Maryland and was stopped at the Battle of Antietam, after which he recrossed the Potomac. McClellan might have crushed Lee but failed to do so. Lincoln again removed "Little Mac" and gave command to General Burnside, whose attack on Fredericksburg resulted in the loss of 10,000 Union dead and wounded.

So the year ended in failure and a deep gloom settled over the North. Even greater was the depression in the White House, for the election of Horatio Seymour, the Democrat, in New York, was regarded as a repudiation of Lincoln's conduct of the war. He could not foresee that the next year would bring the turning point of the war with the victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg—both achieved on the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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Lesson for February 14

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JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

LESSON TEXT—John 9:1-38.
GOLDEN TEXT—"One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."—John 9:25.

The love of Christ is seen in its full beauty against the background of man's hatred and unbelief. Last week we saw Him coming away from the stones with which his enemies sought to kill him. As He passed by He had the time and the compassion to stop and help a man who had been born blind. His disciples, afflicted in some degree with the speculative tendencies of their time, saw in this blighted life only an illustration of a theological theory about sin.

But Jesus, by a loving and gracious act, stirred in the heart of the man that faith which caused him to obey—to go, to wash, and to see (v. 7). The enemies of Christ were not willing to believe even what they now saw to be true. Their stubborn unbelief shut the door to blessing for them, but the blind man received three things by faith:

I. Healing (vv. 18-23).

The argument with the man's parents hinged on one point—he had been healed of his blindness. The parents were unwilling to risk excommunication by discussing the matter, but they did know that he had been blind and now could see. That was clear.

An experience like that is impossible to deny. The healing of the soul of man in regeneration is also a stubborn fact which deniers of God's Word and God's grace are unable to meet and overcome. The one who was blind and now could see had no questions about the deity of Christ and His saving power.

Note the difference between the three classes here: Blind and stubborn unbelief (v. 18), faith too fearful to speak (v. 22), and the assured faith of the one healed. That is our next point.

II. Assurance (vv. 24-34).

The appeal of the Jews in verse 24 based on their statement: "We know that this man is a sinner," reminds us that there is no knowledge so absolute (and so absolutely wrong) as that of ignorance backed by self-conceit.

They said they knew, but did not. The man had complete assurance by faith and by experience. He did not argue (v. 24), he simply restated his healing. "I was blind—now I see." When they evaded that reply (for they dared not meet it), he thrust deep with the convicting fact that God does not perform His miracles in response to the prayers of a wicked man. That was too much for them, and they cast him out.

Even as the stupidity and stubborn willful unbelief of our Lord's enemies grew step by step, so also did the healed man's assurance grow as he testified. First he called the Lord "a man called Jesus" (v. 11); then "a prophet" (v. 17), and then at last, "the Son of God" (vv. 35-38).

Standing true to Christ and speaking for Him means growth in faith, in knowledge and in grace. It may mean persecution and even exclusion, but remember that when the man was cast out by the haters of Christ, he met Christ.

III. Fellowship (vv. 35-38).

He did not know Jesus. He had heard His voice, but he was blind then and had not seen Him. He probably did not know where to find Him. Then, too, he was now an outcast under the disfavor of the authorities, and even his friends would fear to be seen with him.

But Jesus sought him. Ah, that's the glorious difference between our Lord and those who look at the outward appearance of things. He went to find the man who now needed fellowship, instruction and encouragement.

He had sought the man out to heal him, now He sought him again to help him spiritually. We need to learn of our Lord that we are not to wait until the sin and suffering of men force themselves upon our attention and force us to do something. We are to go out into the highways and the hedges and urge sinners to come to Christ. We have failed in this. We have built churches and expected the people to come, instead of going where the people are, and bringing them the gospel. The war is teaching us some lessons in that connection, but we are none too quick to learn and to act.

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The musician shouted back: "The violin!"

The driver crouched over the steering wheel, peering ahead. He yelled: "That's a pity!"

"Why is it a pity?" demanded the musician.

"It's a pity you don't play the harp!" yelled the motorist. "The brakes won't work!"

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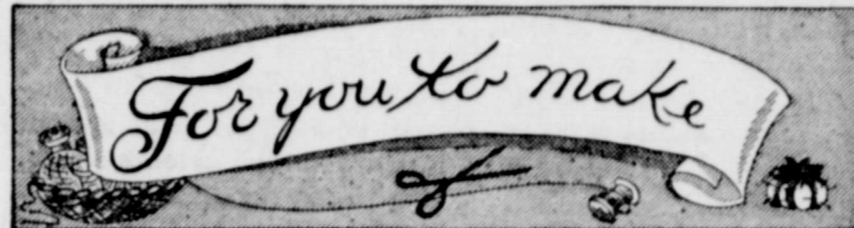
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1. What instrument is used to measure illumination?
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4. Which of the coast lines of the United States (Pacific, Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico) is the longest?
5. How many beats does the human heart make in 24 hours?
6. In which ocean is the international date line?

7. Rocky mountain sheep are popularly called what?
8. A student of conchology is concerned with what?

The Answers

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3. Colonel.
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