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## Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

problem which now confronts the people of this country is the problem of a courageous spirit and optimistic outlook. It is essential to courage without hope and incentive to face the future with a smile. Two people meet now and it is ten to one that the specter of the European war will come up. The contention is almost certain to be a note of pessimism. That we are not to expect to the extent that we do not send men to the ocean to fight. We think, despite all the thinking and hoping and out of the conflict, all the arguments and involvement in and a strict neutrality would deny to both sides either supplies that the American life cannot long entertain a world dominated principle of force and conquest. We know Hitler should win this war and the world would be in the hands of the victors should rest their fleets of warplanes be grounded and the pilots should return to the patrol. From the sphere the war shift to the economic leadership which is unprincipled and cannot be expected unless so in the process of trade penetrations. The record to refer to the willingness of nations to apply any fair or foul, toward world domination economic "blitz" as well as war smash-

## Marriage to Split Up Famous Keys Quadruplets



Robert Fowler, Oklahoma City, Okla., sits beside his betrothed and apparently can't make up his mind if she is the one or not. Mr. Fowler is about to wed one of the famous Keys quads of Hollis, Oklahoma. Left to right in the Keys ring are: Leo ta, Mary, Roberta and Mona.

## NAZIS EASE THREAT OF PARIS ATTACK

PARIS, May 20 (AP)—Five German mechanized divisions, carrying today in a drive toward the English channel, were easing the threat of a smash at Paris. The apparent objective was to drive a wedge between the French forces defending Paris and the allied forces, French, British and Belgian, in Belgium.

Whether this meant that the nazis definitely had abandoned the idea of striking at Paris remained a conjecture. Northern allied forces dropped back to meet the threat.

Information from a ministry spokesman disclosed this afternoon that the French had "evacuated" St. Quentin Sunday in face of the German advance.

## Germans Remove Troops From Swiss Border

BASEL, Switzerland, May 20 (AP)—German forces concentrated in Swiss frontier regions moved their armored cars and light tanks away from the immediate border sector Sunday, but where they went was a German secret.

Some observers expressed belief they had sped northward toward the battlefields of Belgium and France.

Others, however, speculated it was a ruse to lead the French into sending their mountain forces into the northwestern battle, and that the Germans actually had withdrawn only a few miles.

The French countered by removing similar equipment from immediate border regions, but where, too, it could not be learned whether they went or whether they merely remained on guard out of sight.

Despite the German movement from Baden, Wurttemberg and Bavaria, small forces of troops known to have been concentrated there still could be seen from Switzerland.

**TWAS MOTHERS' ROOM**  
APPLETON, Wis., May 20 (AP)—Winifred Fowler of Minneapolis and Barbara Boyce of Wauwatosa, Wis., Lawrence college freshmen, live together in the same room on the campus which their mothers shared when they attended the college. The girls' fathers were graduated from Lawrence too.

**Weather**  
EAST TEXAS: Partly cloudy, warmer in the interior Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy, scattered thundershowers in northwest portion.  
WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy, with scattered thundershowers Monday; Tuesday fair, except local thundershowers south portion; warmer Monday.

## Eastland County Groups to See Food Lockers

Several groups of farm men and women from Eastland county are making plans to inspect the cold storage food locker plant at Stephenville Thursday afternoon at 3:30. Arrangements for the trip are being made by county extension agents, who urge community groups or individuals wishing to go to make their own transportation arrangements and meet the agents at the locker plant at Stephenville at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, where they will be divided into groups of about 25 and taken through the plant. Extension agents of Erath county are cooperating in making arrangements with the operators of the cold storage locker plant.

Those making the trip will have an opportunity to see how the farm families living around Stephenville are storing their meats, fresh fruits, and fresh vegetables so as to have access to them the year around. They will also get to observe how these same people can get their home raised pork cured at all seasons of the year.

During two meetings in Eastland county last week, attended by about 100 farm men and women and business men, C. E. Bowles, extension specialist in cooperative marketing told how farm families can get cold storage locker service by first developing an interest by tours and meetings, then organize cooperatively and construct a food locker plant. Bowles showed a motion picture he had taken of the actual operations of co-operative cold storage locker plants in Texas, of which there are more than thirty in operation and more being built. Those attending the meetings showed extreme interest.

## Funeral Conducted For J. S. Heath

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 3 o'clock for James S. Heath, 69, who died at the home of R. L. Bennett, Eastland. Death was the result of a sudden heart attack.

The services were held at the First Baptist church in Scranton, with the Rev. J. W. Weathers of the Eastland Baptist church officiating.

Mr. Heath, who lived the greater part of his life in and around Cisco, is survived by a sister, Mrs. Will Weed, of Cisco, and several nieces and nephews of Arlington.

## Sewing Room Week Schedule Announced

The schedule of operation of the WPA sewing room in Cisco for Tuesday, May 21 to 24, will be as follows. It was announced today:  
Tuesday—8 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.  
Wednesday—8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.  
Thursday—10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.  
Open house will be held each evening from 8 to 10.  
Friday—8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

## COUNTY BAR WILL HONOR JUDGE SCOTT

On Thursday evening, May 23, at 8 o'clock, the lawyers of Eastland county will be hosts at a banquet at the Connellee hotel at Eastland in honor of Judge D. K. Scott of Cisco, dean of the Eastland county bar and long a beloved citizen of the county. He was formerly a law partner of the late Senator H. P. Brelsford.

This is to be a stag affair, and all members of the bar are urged to be present. Judge O. C. Funderburk will be master of ceremonies, in charge of the interesting program which has been arranged. Several long-time friends of Judge Scott from other counties have been invited and will be present.

The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of F. D. Wright, R. N. Grisham, L. H. Flewellen, Clark Roberts and V. T. Seabury, Jack W. Frost and Earl Conner, Jr., have charge of ticket sales in Eastland. See one of them for reservation.

## NYA Supervisors Meet at Ranger

RANGER, May 19 (Spe)—A two-day National Youth administration shop supervisors meeting was conducted in Ranger Friday and Saturday, with shop men from Fort Worth to New Mexico being present. The meetings were conducted in the NYA shops. Principal speakers included Ed L. Williams, head of the industrial education department of Texas A. & M. college, and George Johnson, state architect of the NYA.

Shop supervisors present at the meeting included Ernest L. Moody of Ballinger; James A. Cowan; Snyder; Earl R. Riley, Coleman; Johnnie Williams, Childress; Ralph W. Douglas, Lubbock; Y. R. Panks, Lamesa; Frank Powell, Abilene; Fred L. Weaver, Vernon; J. H. McLaughly, Jr., Ranger; Guy Laney, Bowie; Haskell Baker, Fort Worth; J. C. Forrester, El Paso; R. L. Sifton, Wichita Falls; G. L. Charles, Sweetwater; John Cate, Vernon, and A. J. Gamblin, Amarillo.

NYA officials, who are not shop supervisors, and who attended the two-day meeting, included Jamie Wray, district shop supervisor of San Angelo; Ed L. Williams, head of the department of industrial education, A. & M. college; Travis J. Lewis, field supervisor; H. A. Ziegler, district director; Bala Williams, area supervisor of Wichita Falls and Jack Hale, area supervisor, Eastland.

## IT'S DISCOURAGING

LOGAN, O., May 20 (AP)—A shoe salesman had the right idea. Knowing that packages and bags in a car often attracted thieves, a shoe salesman affixed this sign to the window: "These cases contain half pairs of shoes for salesman's samples. They are of no use to anyone but the salesman. Please do not disturb." The sign has worked.

## CATTLEMEN WILL BE HERE ON WEDNESDAY

### Guests at the Chamber of Commerce Dinner Forum

A large number of members of the West Central Texas Cattle Breeders' association and their wives will be guests of the Cisco chamber of commerce monthly dinner-forum Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Laguna hotel. The cattlemen, coming at the invitation of G. P. Mitcham, Cisco rancher, will conclude a two-day tour of cattle ranches in West Texas with the dinner Wednesday.

Business of the chamber will be deferred, and the entire time spent in the entertainment of the men and their wives. J. D. Lauderdale, vice president of the chamber, will be toastmaster.

Cisco business men and their wives were urged to be present for the dinner and give the visiting cattlemen a hearty welcome.

## Community-Wide Singing Tuesday

A community-wide singing school program will be held in the auditorium of the First Christian church of Cisco on Tuesday evening, May 21.

The "community singing," which is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock, is to be conducted as a form of local observance of "National WPA Week" by the recreation section of the professional and service division.

Tuesday night's program is to be county-wide and an exceptionally large number is expected to be in attendance, it was announced today.

An invitation is cordially extended to every member of this community and the surrounding territory to participate in this activity. There will be no admission charges.

## Six League Teams Are Well Matched

(By Softball Reporter)  
This week's play in the softball league finds all six teams matched well. It should be one of the most interesting weeks of this division.

Tonight finds Putnam pitted against Recreation. Putnam seems to be the up and coming team of the league, while Recreation will be fighting to get into the win column. This promises to be one of the most exciting games. Recreation is solving its error problem, and should give an excellent account of themselves.

Wednesday night Miller-Penny meets Scranton in a crucial test. Miller-Penny broke into the win section and will be hard to stop. Don't think Scranton won't be in there battling. They are determined to avenge the crushing defeat administered by Red Front.

Friday night, the game of the week seems to be on deck. Red Front meets those rough and ready Conoco Gems managed by Smitty Huestis, who says (quote) "Connie Mack has everything figured." He is getting lots of advice and incidentally sneek up on A. D. and Smokey Tuttle in a huddle. They let a lot of valuable information slip. After being discovered, he was told that Friday night when any man could get a ball hit by those school boys that they should immediately throw it to home plate to try and cut off the runner.

Lots of thrills, fun and enjoyment are promised this week. All six teams are fairly even and competition is keen. It is almost enough just to see that kid George Warfield pitch or see Ganaway play short stop. If that isn't enough watch Cozart play third for Recreation or J. D. White apron a few for Miller-Penny. Added to this, keep an eye on Coy Warren or Y. J. Rylee hit the ball to far places.

No predictions are forthcoming. Come out and see for yourself. In all of these games, anything can happen.

## British Entrenched at Louvain



Amid the bomb-torn buildings of Louvain, Belgium, a British anti-tank gun unit has set up its piece behind a shallow barricade of sandbags and awaits the arrival of motorized nazi units, blasting their way across Belgium.

## Italy Scheduled to Give War Stand

ROME, May 20 (AP)—Italy must say and will say its word in European events, and only awaits the order of the day, Count Galeazzo Ciano, Foreign Minister, told the Italian people Sunday as air raid precautions were ordered for areas in the northern part of the country, facing France.

"Italy cannot remain a stranger to events in European life," Ciano said in a speech at Milan, but the people must wait until Mussolini speaks to know what to do next.

"Italy of the Ethiopian undertaking and victorious in Spain is not a stranger to events in European life in which Rome must say and will say its word," he continued.

Ciano spoke briefly on the first anniversary of the signing of the pact of steel, the Italian-German military alliance.

While Ciano was speaking in Milan a rumor circulated in Rome that Premier Mussolini was planning to speak Monday night from his balcony at the Palazzo Venezia. It was in the spirit of its victories, Ciano said, that Italy was hastening these new tasks for which it will be called.

Ciano said he knew the people would not expect him to say more because "the order of the day will come to us all from Il Duce when he will have decided upon it."

The foreign minister spoke at a time when fascists hinted Italy was being drawn to the brink of war by German successes on the western front.

By his speech Ciano broke a five-month silence on foreign affairs.

## They Run, Sing, Knit When Bombers Raid

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 20 (AP)—Now that she's out of the war zone, Helen Moore, visitor from Edinburgh, Scotland, can tell about air raid warning. "You grab your knitting or sewing and run for the shelter," she says.

People who can afford them have private shelters; others run for public shelters that accommodate from 25 to 50 people. Inside, they sing hymns and popular songs for amusement.

Miss Moore says she saw an enemy plane only once—a crippled German ship that crashed, killing the crew.

## One Sign That's Hard To Believe

TRENTON, Mo., May 20 (AP)—Several times a month, Trenton officers are called to explain to curious passersby that the sign on the city jail window doesn't mean exactly what it says. The sign says: "Keep Out—This Means You." It is aimed at loiters who might want to talk to prisoners through the bars.

## WEYGAND IS NAMED ALLIED COMMANDER

### Veteran Replaces Gamelin in Move for Bolder Tactics

PARIS, May 20 (AP)—General Maxime Weygand Sunday night was named commander-in-chief of the Allied land forces, replacing General Maurice Gustave Gamelin.

President Lebrun signed the decree placing the head of France's near eastern army over the joint Allied command, the war ministry disclosed.

General Weygand's title in the official communique was given as "chief of the national defense general staff and commander-in-chief of the Allied land forces."

The communique failed to mention what post General Gamelin would take.

The substitution of the veteran French general had been expected for days.

Paris evening papers all published pictures of General Weygand without captions.

The communique announcing the change said: "The president of the republic signed this evening a decree by which Gen. Maxime Weygand, was named chief of the national defense general staff and commander-in-chief of all theaters of operations."

This appointment resulted from the conference which brought together Premier Reynaud of France, General Petain and General Weygand and which lasted one hour.

German blitzkrieg troops and French soldiers fought desperately Sunday on the outskirts of the textile manufacturing city of St. Quentin and France expected the next 24 hours to tell whether the Germans would drive on westward toward the sea or turn down the Oise river valley toward Paris, 85 miles to the south.

Renewing their fierce westward push toward the channel ports at dawn, the Germans shoved a motorized army corps, estimated at about 60,000 men at least, into a battle between Guise and Landrecies, in the St. Quentin sector.

**Fighting At St. Quentin**  
On the tenth day of the Nazi offensive which has carried the German flag through Holland, Belgium and deep into France, a war office spokesman told of fighting between small advance units of the German army on the edge of St. Quentin and said larger groups of the belligerents were battling "in the woods outside of town."

The military spokesman declared the "general situation" had not changed. He added that it still was not determined in what direction the nazis would drive—whether toward the coast or upon Paris—from positions on the Oise river, which flows between Guise and St. Quentin.

French counter-attacks in the Maubeuge region, 15 miles north of Landrecies and within 10 miles of the French-Belgian border, resulted in recapture of a number of positions, the military commentator said.

In Belgium, he added, the withdrawal of British and Belgian troops was "progressing satisfactorily." The Allied forces in Belgium were said to be dropping back in a maneuver to keep the battle line straight.

At the southern extremity of the German thrust into France, the French held their positions and recaptured several villages near Rethel in counter attacks.

The German pocket in France now is about 80 miles wide at its greatest width and varies in depth between 30 and 50 miles. Its deepest penetration is about 75 miles from Paris.

## RECITAL FRIDAY NIGHT

Piano pupils of Mrs. A. L. Thomas will be presented in recital at the East Ward school auditorium. The recital will begin at 8 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Howell Foy is spending a few days in Dallas.



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## The Weary Old Story of Death

SO now they are dying again in Belgium. The battle rages where it raged 1800 years ago, and perhaps long before that, in the cockpit of Europe.

Caesar, whose commentaries have plagued generations of school children, wrote: "Of all these the Belgians are the bravest, because . . . they are nearest to the Germans who dwell beyond the Rhine and with whom they are continually waging war."

In Caesar's day there was plenty of "lebensraum," or living space, for all the scattered and barbarian tribes. And today there is living-space in Europe and in the world for all, if the peoples of the world could only bring themselves to see it.

There lies the tragedy of the present war. The Germans had a case. Their need for "lebensraum" was real, in the sense of a broad region which could function together

in close economic affiliation. In this sense, Canada and the United States are part of the same "lebensraum." They are an economic unit in a broad sense. But each remains entirely independent politically. There is no political pressure on either side of the border. The economic unit is natural, unforced and unpolitical.

Germany might have taken this path. The opposition aroused by "anschluss" or customs and economic union with Austria was due not to the thing itself, but to the fact that everyone knew it meant political and military union as well.

At Munich Germany was given a free hand. She could then have settled down quietly to develop her economic "lebensraum" in southeastern Europe peaceably and in a non-military manner, gradually reducing the army which was giving all Europe the jitters, and creating by free co-operation and mutual advantage the economic living-space she needed.

BUT Tacitus, writing of the Germans 1800 years ago, noted this thing: "Without being armed they transact nothing, whether of public or private concernment."

And the German quest for "lebensraum" took the familiar pattern. Instead of going to neighbors with mutual advantages to be freely accepted, she went with the threat of planes and tanks. And what has happened is the only thing that could have happened.

Along with the Trojan Horse revival, we see they're pulling the old Mahomet play, too. It seems the Kaiser couldn't go to Germany, so Germany's come to him.

Now it's the nickel-in-slot, five-minute movie that captures a nation's attention. For \$2.10, then, you can see GWTW in 42 installments, providing nobody usurps your position at the machine.

This war thing is taking on the aspects of a barber shop, with the mustached man behind the chair continually letting the razor slip and hollering "Next!"

With DiMaggio back in the lineup, the Yanks assume their usual form, and proceed to drop a few more games.

## Allies Have Manpower; Nazis Have the Planes

AP Feature Service  
WASHINGTON, May 20.—In 1914, the allies had the Entente powers outnumbered at the outset of the war two to one, thanks to Russia, whereas today the allied advantage in numbers is only seven to six.

Oddly enough, the German air force was superior in 1914, just as it is today. Then it was 600 standardized planes, perhaps 10 zeppelins, and 1,000 trained pilots.

## BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

BY BRUCE CATTON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—People here who try to weigh the chances of the United States getting involved in the war are beginning to look west and south rather than east.



Bruce Catton

Few see from its danger that the U. S. army or navy will be sent to Europe. There is a good deal of concern, however, about the shape things might take in Mexico and Japan.

Mexico has a presidential election this year, and there is a good deal of danger the election may be followed by a revolution. Washington advisers are to the effect that if that happens it won't be just another Latin-American squabble between the ins and the outs, but a deadly and serious affair in which one of the parties will have important Nazi-Communist backing.

The Communists are strong in Mexico. They are reputed to have an understanding with Nazi agents there. More important, according to current reports, is the fact that some thousands of leftists veterans of the Spanish civil war have found asylum in Mexico. These men brought their guns with them. Since Mexico is a good deal closer to the Panama Canal than the United States is, it goes without saying that this government would be unlikely to sit on its hands if a rebel group with a definite Nazi-Communist tie-up seemed likely to get control.

In that connection, note that there is now a heavy concentra-

tion of U. S. troops in Texas for army maneuvers.

**FLEET STAYS NEAR DUTCH EAST INDIES**  
THE Japanese angle, of course, has to do with the Dutch East Indies. It may or may not mean anything that the U. S. fleet is not coming back from its maneuvers in Hawaiian waters, as originally scheduled; instead, it has been ordered to maneuver some more, 800-odd miles west of Hawaii, in a spot which just happens to be on the flank of the Japanese route to Java.

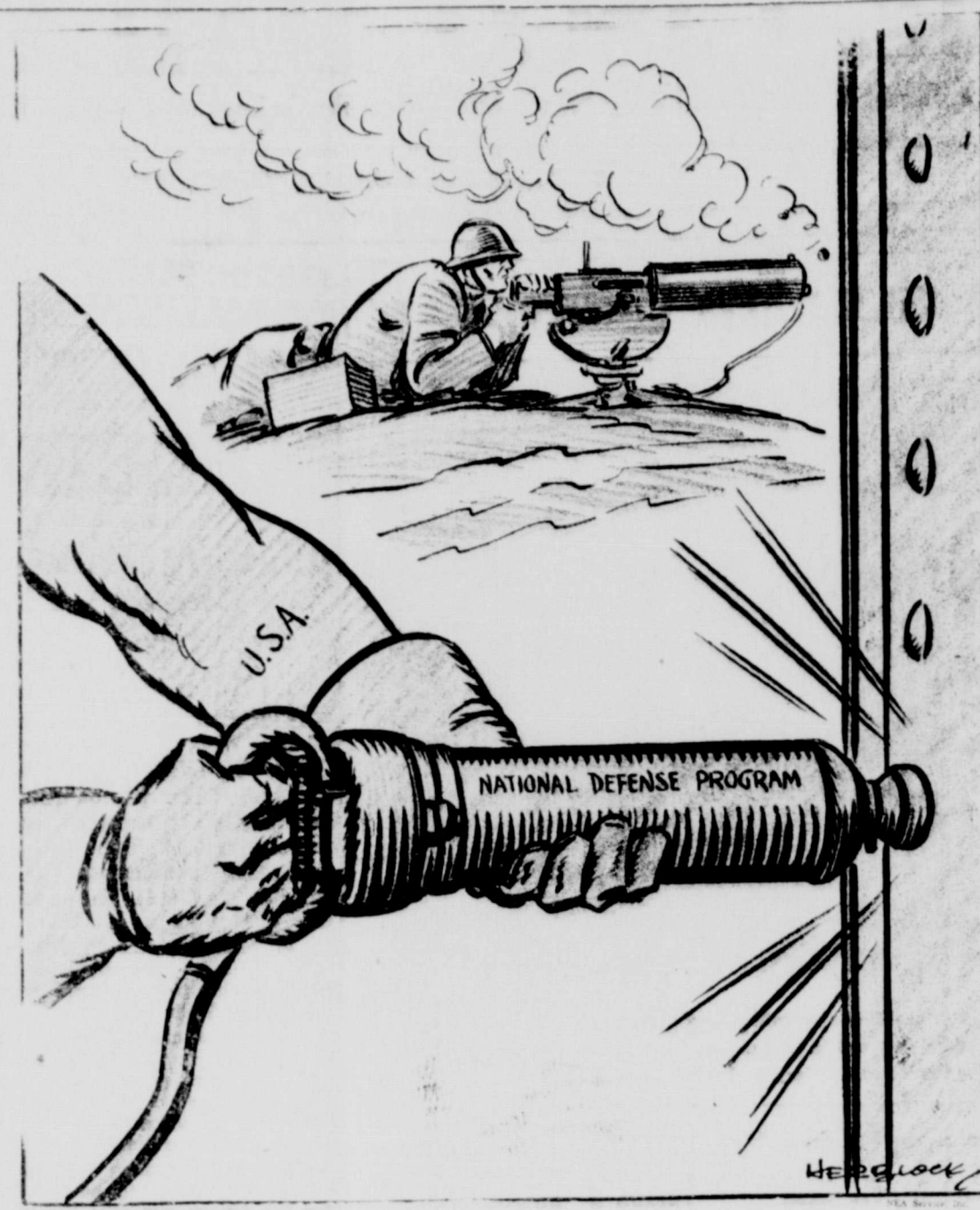
Note, too, a queer shift in congressional sentiment about the fortification of Guam. Quite a few of the men who voted against the plan last year have quietly given notice they'd vote for it if it should come up now; but some of their colleagues who worked hard for the idea a year ago are reluctant to push it this spring.

Right or wrong, these men feel the situation in the Pacific is just too ticklish—that if Congress did vote now to fortify the island, Japan might simply move in and take it before anything could be done.

**U. S. MIGHT MAKE DEAL FOR TIN**  
DESPITE the noise you're hearing about it, don't look for much of a push to modify the Johnson act so that direct loans can be made to the allies. What you might see, however, is the advancing of a somewhat similar proposition—that loans be made to Great Britain, secured by big quantities of tin and rubber.

Those commodities rate as strategic materials, the U. S. needs them badly, and Britain has lots of 'em. Talking point for this plan is that if the loan should go in default, Uncle Sam would get something out of it.

## Echoing Over Here



## 5 New Warships Added to Fleet by Great Britain

By JACK CULMER  
AP Feature Service

LONDON, May 20.—The Royal navy is commissioning five 35,000-ton battleships for its fight against Germany.

Experts say the new men of war are "the most strongly-protected battleships in the world." The new ships were laid down in the last five months of 1937. Called the King George V class, each carried ten 14-inch guns and sixteen 5.25 guns plus what the British admiralty calls "enhanced defense against air attack."

In addition to the King George V, named for the present sovereign's father, the class includes the Prince of Wales, named for the king's elder brother, now Duke of Windsor; the Duke of York, commemorating the title the king used before his accession to the throne, and the Jellicoe and the Beatty, after the World War admirals whom Britain rewarded with earldoms and big grants of money.

**Armor 16 Inches Thick**  
The 14-inch guns of the new ships are a new model, officially stated to have greater effective range than the 15-inch guns of earlier ships, "as measured by the perforation of any given thickness of armor."

Unofficial but "authoritative" reports placed armor weight of each of the new ships at 14,000

tons, and waterline thickness at 16 inches.

Main armaments are the four-gun turrets, one forward and one aft.

Experts say the King George V ships carry "probably three" sea-planes. There are no torpedo tubes. The King George V class is exceeded in size only by the 40,000-ton Lion and Temeraire and two unnamed others of the same class which still are under construction, and by the 42,100-ton battleship Hood, largest warship in the world.

In addition to the 4-gun turret of 14-inch guns and many smaller guns, mostly anti-aircraft weapons. Each will carry 1,500 officers and men compared to the 1,361 of the Nelson.

Weight of defensive armor in each ship is 40 per cent of her displacement of 35,000 tons, reportedly a world's record. The speed is more than 30 knots—34 1-2 miles per hour—compared with the Nelson's 23 knots. The battleship Hood, launched in 1918, has a designed speed of 31 knots.

**Shells Weigh 1,400 Pounds**  
The "new model" 14-inch guns fire shells weighing "at least 1,400 pounds and probably more," and have a high rate of fire. They are superior to the 15-inch guns of Britain's older battleships in range and can penetrate thicker armor.

Completion of the King George V class raises Britain's capital ship strength to 19, with at least four more building.

Ireland produces about 4,000,000 tons of peat yearly.

## Political Announcements

The Cisco Daily Press is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the offices under which their names appear, subject to the action of the voters in the democratic primaries of 1940.

For Congress.

17th District of Texas: OTIS (Oat) MILLER, Anson, Texas.

C. L. (Clyde) GARRETT, (Re-Election)

THOMAS L. BLANTON SAM RUSSELL

For the State Legislature, 107th District: OMAR BURKETT (Re-election)

For State Senate, Dist 24—JOHN LEE SMITH, Throckmorton County

For Legislature 106th District—(Eastland County) J. M. WILLIAMSON

For County Tax Assessor-Collector CLYDE S. KARKALITS

For County Clerk—R. V. (Rip) GALLOWAY WALTER GRAY

For Sheriff—LOSS WOODS (Re-election) WALTER EVANS W. J. (Pete) PETERS

For County Judge—W. S. ADAMSON (Re-election) R. L. RUST C. S. ELDRIDGE

For County Treasurer—GARLAND BRANTON (Second Term)

For District Clerk—JOHN WHITE (For Second Term)

For Criminal District Attorney—EARL CONNER, JR.

For County Comm'r, Precinct No. 4 ARCH BINT (Re-election) L. H. QUALLS W. L. (Roy) PIPPEN JOE DONAWAY

For Constable, Precinct 6: R. L. (Tub) WILSON J. J. HONEA (Re-election, second term)

For Justice of the Peace, Pre. 6: HENRY S. STUBBLEFIELD R. W. H. (Judge) KENNON

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## Washington Daybook

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON, May 20.—To hint at the collapse of a nation—even if that nation should be one whose acts you don't like—is 99 times out of 100 more wish than thinking.

Nations just don't go bust—poof, like that. Remember only a few short years ago, economists were writing about the sour predicament of Germany. Now she's waging a war, the cost of which would black out the most vivid imaginations.

This is all by way of cautious prelude, because Washington is hearing that Japan is in a bad way. I don't argue that it is not. I just mean that if you are a Japanese sympathizer, don't go committing hari-kari—or if you are anti-Nipponese, don't start holding any joyful wakes.

The facts are pretty simple. The three-year Chinese interlude has been costly. The cost of living has skyrocketed. Wages (except in the munitions industries, which are creating the most amazing class of nouveau-riche you ever heard of) haven't. The foreign trade business looks good in yen, but the country is painfully short on foreign exchange . . . and-or gold.

**Jolted by Weather**

Last year, Japan had a drought. It knocked the very warts out of the vital Japanese hydroelectric power system. A coal shortage caused householders to turn their charcoal braziers into central heating plants.

Then came that same blizzard spring which swept America. Latest reports say it has put the blight of frost on Japan's important crops. Latest government information is that the Japanese silk crop may be affected as much as 80 per cent by the spring freezes.

This much of it is truth and I can give you the figures if you

are mathematically minded. For example, the general retail index is 58.1 per cent above June, 1937, level. The wages for March was only up 1 per cent in the last year. The comparative smallness of the population, accounts a lot of that. Spring estimates indicate subnormal crops of barley and rye. There's a trend toward inflation, a cant decline in the absorption of national bonds; an increase of 10 per cent in the national debt; much heavier tax burdens mounting shortage in commodities; a decline in efficiency.

**Prices Keep Climbing**

The inability of the government to control prices was a contributory cause to the the Abe cabinet. Price control is one of the major aims of the administration.

Your government has confidential or official information for all of these statistics.

There are other straws in the wind. Washington hears that the morale of the Japanese is at its lowest. There are grumblings to end over shortages; over the high prices; over the high wages; over the high inflation shown munition makers over the thousands and thousands of "little white boxes" of war dead that keep coming in from China; over the endless chain of propaganda to be used to bolster the masses.

One government report little more lyrical than the included the phrase that in the cities but in the open pan wears the pitiful air-tension swept by plague.

I wouldn't know. What truth, Washington is finding between comments on the Europe, to talk about the

Two airplanes of identical build, capacity and weight may vary as much as 100 per cent.



## HERE'S HOW TO SOLVE YOUR HOME BUILDING PROBLEMS

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**YESTERDAY:** Larry's car is found abandoned but undamaged. He talks to Colonel Harris, gets the details of the smuggler's operations. Larry, driving around town, is almost run down by a speeding car, when he crashes a stop sign. Only the expert driving of the other motorist avoids an accident. Larry discovers the driver is a girl, Monnie Miles. And it was on the Miles ranch that Hugh was killed!

**CHAPTER III**

It took Larry half an hour to buy a pair of cowboy work boots, two pairs of "levis," a few blue shirts and a \$25 sombrero. When he checked out of his hotel, he had lost all resemblance to the Larry Collins who worked for Stevie Clark, the Larry Collins whose by-line was familiar to a hundred thousand readers. He was a cowboy—His clothes looked too new, but a few minutes scuffling along the highway, and crawling under the car would take care of that.

He remembered to buy Texas license plates for his car. Not many cowhands came from New York.

Larry pointed his car northward, picked up his highway marker and drove steadily. The picture of the girl, furiously angry, would not be dispelled. What a temper! Monnie . . . Monica Marcia Christina. Must be part Spanish. That accounted for some of the temper. And the black hair and flashing eyes.

"I think you're swell, Monnie," he announced to the world in general. "Even if you don't think



Illustrated by Ed Gunder  
Monnie's laugh tinkled beyond a haze of dust and moving landscape. . . . Larry's hand was jerked loose, he was in the air . . .

so much of my driving. And if you don't give me a job you'll be seeing Larry Collins every day, Monnie darling!"

Colonel Taylor Miles was mad. He stomped up and down the porch of the ranchhouse, punctuated every step with a few choice words that are found neither in the dictionary nor Bible. As a "cussor" the Colonel was without equal. With the Colonel, swearing was an art.

Right now the Colonel was displaying his ability, with undiminished fervor, for the benefit of two sheepish-looking cowhands, who stood a few paces away from the porch.

"And you call yourselves cowhands!" the Colonel was shouting. "Rodeo cowboys! You may know how to rope, but by the seven-foot horns of old Alamo, that's no excuse for breaking the necks of half my calves and rope-burning most of my cows."

"You've got your money—Get your stuff and get out! One of the boys will take you to town. Get out of my sight, you—you!" He stormed off down to the corral to see how his foreman, Pete Barnes, was going to get along with two less hands.

It was there that Larry found the Colonel an hour later. Larry had read the sign when he met the Hayhook truck, heading for town, a few miles from the ranch. Three cowhands, warbags and a saddle. There'd be at least one

job open on the Miles place, Larry was sure.

Larry looked for Monnie as he parked near the bunkhouse, but there was no evidence of her nor of her car. A houseboy answered his knock and told him he'd find the Colonel at the corral. "He'll be cussin'," the boy added.

The Colonel was cussing. Larry heard him a hundred yards away, telling Pete Barnes in no uncertain terms how the cowpunchin' business had gone to the devil, along with the profits. The Colonel warmed to his subject, and was branching off into politics, when Larry interrupted.

"Colonel Miles? . . . I'm looking for a job. Top cowhand."

"Can you rope?" The Colonel roared back at him.

"Nope. At least, not very well." Larry knew he had to tell the truth. It had been years since he'd ever been on a horse.

"Bulldog—wrassel steers?"

"Nope."

"Ever been in a rodeo?"

"Nope."

"You're hired. Thirty and keep. Pete, here, will tell you anything you need to know. . . . That your car?"

Larry nodded.

"Paid for?"

"Yes."

"You must be all right. Where you from?"

"El Paso, and points west."

A cloud of dust swirled along the highway, in the wake of a speeding car.

"Monnie's home early," the Colonel grunted at Pete. Then to Larry: "Here comes my daughter. Keep away from her if you want to keep your job." He walked up to meet her.

"Come on," Pete ordered, leading the way to the bunkhouse.

From the porch, Monnie Miles watched Larry drive his car into the old carriage shed.

"So you hired that for a cowhand, Dad." Scorn filled her voice. "He's no more cowhand than than the houseboy."

"Says he is, Honey. Wants a job and we're two hands short." The Colonel smiled indulgently at his only child. "Owns his own car—and it's paid for. Come up from El Paso."

"That car had New York tags on it this morning," Monnie countered.

"You met this fellow already?" the Colonel demanded. "Guess I will fire him, if he's come chasing out here after you."

"Met him—" Monnie's anger flared—"Met him"—He almost wrecked me this morning. Drove through a stop sign, right in front of me—Almost crashed a filling station trying to keep from killing him—Met him? I'd like to get my hands on him—"

"You didn't wreck anything, did you?"

"Luckily no, Dad. Can't afford to have any accidents. After that wreck on Dead Man's curve—if I had a smash-up now, people might get to wondering—But Dad, you're not going to keep that fellow around, are you?"

"Have to, for a while, Honey. I already told him he was hired. We need him. But if he's no good, I'll run him off. Go along, now. Change your clothes and we'll drive out to the upper camp."

So he followed me out here, Monnie thought to herself, as she pulled on her boots. "I'll fix that guy—I'll fix him."

Monnie was sitting on the top rail of the corral fence when Pete Barnes and Larry came from the saddle house.

"Some of the boys have their own stuff," Pete was saying, "but we keep a few saddles around for fellows like you. You can use mine. It's over on that black in the corner"—he nodded toward to a black horse tied to a corner post—"try it out, see how you like it."

**THIS CURIOUS WORLD**

By William Ferguson



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ANSWER: Some giant cypress trees of Mexico are estimated to be 6000 years old . . . much older than the big trees of California.

"Thanks, Barnes," Larry started toward the horse.

"Just a minute, Collins," Barnes halted him. "Want you to meet Monnie— Miss Miles. The Colonel's daughter, and the real boss around here." Barnes grinned up at Monnie, winked broadly. Larry walked over to the fence.

"Miss Monnie, this is Larry Collins, the new hand your Dad just hired."

"I've met Mr. Collins, already, Pete. We have met, haven't we, Miss-ter Collins?"

Larry met her challenge with a smile and an apology. "I'm awfully sorry about that, Miss Miles. All my fault. If Miss Miles hadn't

been such a good driver, Barnes, they'd still be digging tin out of me. I'm glad to know you, Miss Miles."

Monnie ignored Larry's outstretched hand and his apology. "If this cowpunk can't ride any better than he can drive a car, you better give him a burro, Pete."

Larry turned, walked to the black. If he hadn't been so angry, he would have noticed the horse tense his muscles as Larry swung the reins over his neck, twisted the stirrup around to mount. But Larry missed that.

He almost missed the saddle, too. The instant Larry's weight hit the stirrup, the black jumped—

sideways and away. Before Larry could find the other stirrup, the black's head was down between his forelegs and he was bunching his muscles for a pitch.

Larry pulled with all his strength to get that black headed up, but failed. The horse bucked—hard. Larry grabbed the saddle horn—pulled leather. . . . If he could only find that right stirrup. . . .

Up—up—then that crashing, spine-jarring smash as the horse hit earth. Once—twice—

Barnes' voice came to him faintly—"Ride him, kid!" And Monnie's laugh tinkled beyond a haze of dust and moving landscape—

Larry's hand was jerked loose—He was up in the air like a diver off a springboard— Something fell on his head. . . . Blackness.

Barnes was running to Larry, swinging his hat to drive the black, still pitching, away from the thrown rider.

"We shouldn't have done that, Miss Monnie. . . . Maybe we broke his neck."

(To Be Continued)

**They Watch While Tempus Fugit**

DENVER, May 20 (AP)—John Haynes, ninth grade teacher, has what he says is a sure remedy for students who sleep, dawdle or waste time in classes.

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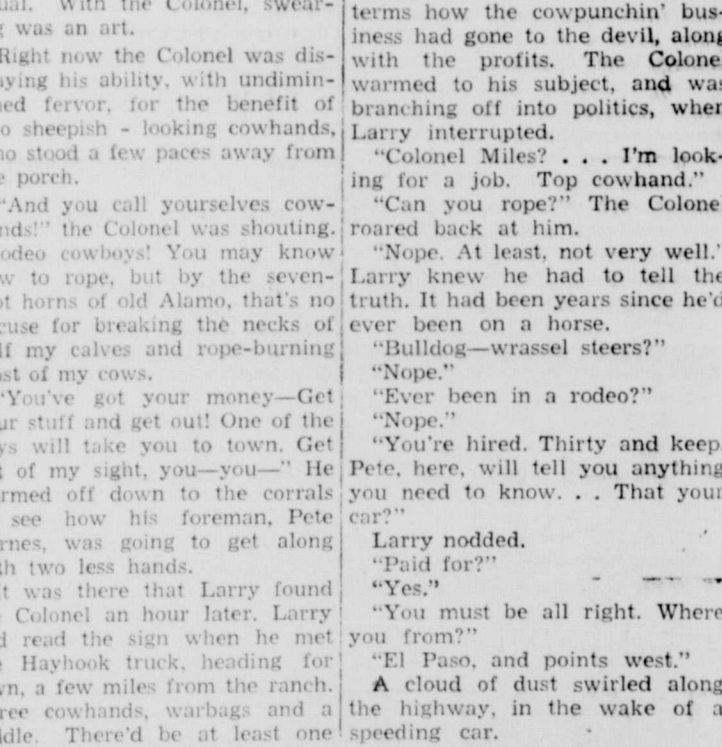
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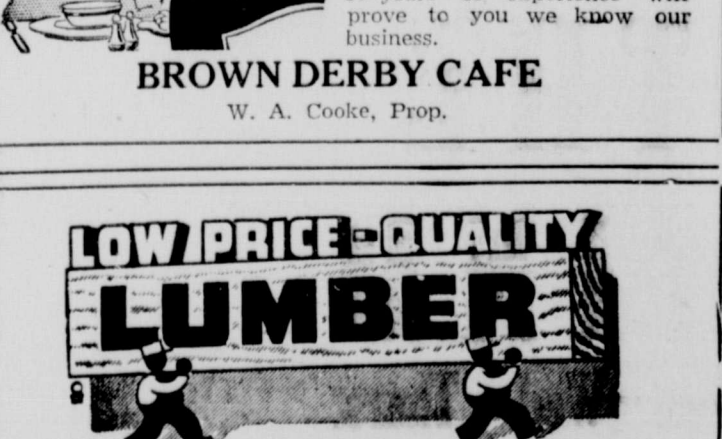
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The Notebook

Tuesday
Circles of the First Baptist Women's Missionary society will meet at 3:15 as follows:
B. L. Lockett with Mrs. O. J. Russell, 1307 Bullard.
Viola Humphreys with Mrs. G. A. Eppler, 1508 West Fifth.
Lewis Hanna with Mrs. W. D. Brecheen, 1309 West Twelfth.
Wilson Fielder with Mrs. E. L. Jackson, 409 West Nineteenth.
Hattie Stalling with Mrs. J. E. Burnam, Randolph Hill.
Elizabeth Truly with Mrs. J. R. Burnett, Avenue D.
Maybelle Taylor with Mrs. A. V. Osburn, 604 Avenue G.
The First Baptist Y. W. A. will meet with Mrs. Judson Prince, 1065 West Tenth, at 7:30 to make pillow slips for the Abilene hospital.
The Women's Missionary society of the First Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. E. O. Elliott at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. R. W. Merkett, J. E. Harvey and Jim Sauls as co-hostesses.
Group Two of the First Christian Women's council will meet with Miss Alice Bacon at 3 o'clock.

Miss Tompkins Honors Seniors With Party

Miss Myra Jean Tompkins was hostess Saturday night and Sunday to a group of graduating senior girls, members of the 4G club, and others.
The guests met at the Tompkins home for a slumber party following the junior-senior banquet Saturday night, and Sunday they had lunch at Edwards' cafe. The afternoon was spent in various forms of entertainment at Miss Tompkins' home.
Those present were Misses Alice Slicker, Jane Moore, Jeanne Jamison, Katherine Loftin, Betty Lou Muller, Catherine Mae McDaniel, Mildred Kimmell, Betty Jane Wilkey, Marian Jacobs, Reda Wray Clark, Sara Siddall and the hostess, Miss Tompkins.

Leach Store Employees Are Picnic Guests

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Leach were hosts Sunday when the employees of the Leach stores in Lampasas, Olney and Cisco met at Lake Cisco for an all-day picnic, an affair held annually at this time.
Each guest brought a lunch, and after the noon meal, the afternoon was spent skating, boating, swimming and kodaking, highlighted by an impromptu program by the guests. After supper, the group attended the picture show.
Those present were: T. J. Blackburn, Jack Nall, Elsie Leonard, Mary Evelyn Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. Rector Walt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fagg, Evelyn Weaver, Mary Collie, Annie Lou Lockhart and Catherine Collis, all of Lampasas; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Carter, Dorothy May Burke, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Smithwick and daughter, Frances Dawn, Nell Blainett, Carl Wilhelm, Odessa Sledge, Welden Wood, Grady Simpkins, Eva Stephens, Carolyn Veazey and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Westbrook, all of Olney; Tilbert Embry of Dublin, and from Cisco Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Leach and son, Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Blackburn and daughter, Dorothy Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dawson, Velma Lee Tickner, Edith Gilmore, Myrtle Van Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, Martha Joe Pass, Etoile Akers, Bobbie Shirley, Nadine Wofford, H. L. Short, Mrs. Gregg Simpson, Mrs. Alton Roan, Blanche Haskens and Arthur Lee Chatman.

BAND PARENTS MEET

The Band Parents club will meet at the high school tonight at 7:30, it was announced today. Members are urged to be present.

Personals

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Russell Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Butts and daughters, Barbara and Roberta, of Covington, Judge and Mrs. B. L. Russell and Miss Topsy Russell of Baird.
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stamey visited in Brownwood Sunday.
Miss Marian Jacobs of Abilene spent the week-end here and attended the senior and junior-senior banquets Friday and Saturday nights.
Miss Georgia Hall and Coach Jim Snodgrass of Olden and Miss Zona Miller spent Friday in Austin visiting Miss Miller's brother, Hunter, and were accompanied home by Gaston Alford of Kelly field, San Antonio, to spend the week-end here.
Mrs. Rex Moore has returned from a short stay in Dallas.
Mrs. D. E. Franklin and daughter, Carole, of Wichita Falls are spending this week with Mrs. Franklin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Olson.
Misses Billie Mae Logston and Berla Joyce Perkins, and Roy Kemper of Abilene spent Sunday evening with Miss Marie Tune.
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Simpson of Big Spring have returned to their home after a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Simpson.
Miss Edith Altman was expected to return today from a short stay in Abilene.
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grace of Moran transacted business here today.
Mr. and Mrs. Guyle Greynolds and children, Helen Louise and Guyle, Jr., attended the annual regatta at Lake Brownwood Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jackson and daughter, Eula Mae, are visiting in Walnut Springs.
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Garrett attended the boat races at Brownwood Sunday.

Class Meeting Is Postponed

The meeting of the Loyal Women's Sunday school class, scheduled for 6:30 this evening at Lake Cisco, has been postponed, it was announced today. The next regular meeting hour will be announced at a later date.
The enthusiastic reception of this competition by housewives for the past two years has demon-

Studio of Hjalmar Bergh in Recital

Piano and voice students of Hjalmar Bergh's studio will appear in recital at the First Baptist church this evening at 8 o'clock. They will be assisted by the Cecilia singers.
The public is cordially invited to attend.
Shelterbelts, totaling about 2,500 miles in length, now exist on approximately 4,000 Kansas farms.

RED RYDER By Fred Harman



360 Women Will Receive New Refrigerators

Three hundred and sixty housewives throughout the United States and Canada will be awarded new deluxe Duchess model Servel Electrolux refrigerators in this year's Servel Electrolux-P&G soap contest, it was announced yesterday by O. L. Duckett sales manager for Cisco Gas Corp. Cash prizes amounting to \$21,000 will also be awarded.
The contest will be conducted from May 20 to June 30 on a weekly basis. Sixty refrigerators and \$3,500 will be awarded each week during the six-week period.
'We are happy to announce that we are going to participate in this year's Servel-P&G contest, which has proved so popular among housewives throughout the country,' Mr. Duckett said. 'This is the third year the contest has been jointly sponsored by the manufacturers of these two well-known products.
The enthusiastic reception of this competition by housewives for the past two years has demon-

strated that the need of scientific household refrigeration is being recognized everywhere.

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'Those who have won in the past years have been well repaid for their efforts. Not only did they win a handsome modern refrigerator, but they have also won for themselves a safeguard against food spoilage.
'The deluxe Duchess models which are again being offered this year have a six cubic foot food storage compartment.
'Our company invites all who are interested to drop in at our salesroom, where we will be glad to give them complete information concerning the details of the contest. We will also supply entry blanks to all applicants.
'The popular Proctor & Gamble radio program, 'The Guiding Light' will explain the competition and announce the winners. Winners will be broadcast over the NBC nation-wide Red network every day except Saturdays and Sundays from June 10 to July 19.
'The contest is sponsored by Proctor & Gamble, the well-known soap manufacturers, and Servel, Inc., manufacturers of the Servel Electrolux refrigerator. This contest being nation-wide in scope required that the awards be suitable to the needs of winners' homes regardless of where those winners' homes were located. Servel Electrolux refrigerators alone could fill this requirement, for they successfully operate economically on all types of fuel. On gas for city homes or bottled gas, tank gas, or kerosene for homes beyond the mains.
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Specs---

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many other bad factors which are not apparent while attacking force is gaining ground but which become glaringly apparent in reverses.

If the Allies are in a precarious position, so are the nazis. It isn't all beer and skittles with the Hitler boys. The war has only begun. Even if Germany should win all France and cut England in two she would still have the world-wide blockade established by the joint sea power of the Allies and the strong forces in control at strategic points of entry to deal with.

American armed intervention in the war is not necessary. America can do more to win the war for the Allies simply by providing them with the planes and the guns and supplies which they need to fight with and to feed and equip their troops. It would be a great deal less costly to us to sell these munitions and supplies to the Allies for a song in order that they may win the war, than to withhold these necessities, see the allies defeated and prepare for the prospect of fighting the victorious dictators on a world-wide basis later on, which is sure to come.

It is this prospect of American support which is apparently driving Hitler to a supreme effort in order to win quickly. And it is one of the main reasons why Germany is in a precarious position. Mussolini certainly realizes it, and that may be a real reason why he hesitates to

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