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Great Achievements

The Axis powers have really accomplished a great deal in the past 21 months.

Not the military conquests. They have accomplished a great deal more than that.

They have done other things. Things they had no idea of accomplishing. Things like these:

They have completely uncovered to the whole world the naked audacity, the shameless unscrupulousness, of their plan to force into the Nazi mold as much of the world as pleases them.

They have resurrected the soul of the British people; discredited and driven from power a leadership which was indifferent alike to the Nazi menace and to internal failure to adjust the British economic and social world to modern times.

They have shown the colossal folly of the exaggerated nationalism which caused the tiny nations created in central Europe by the First World War to hate and shun one another; they have shown them that their only safety in future lies in collaboration.

They have destroyed the illusion in the United States that so great a people can remain indifferent to what goes on in the rest of the world; they have breathed life and reality into a Pan Americanism, and suddenly switched it from sentimental idealizing to life-and-death practicality.

They have virtually assured greater degrees of independence to component parts of the British Empire, including India, when the war shall be over. They have shown that old-fashioned conquer-and-colonize colonial policies of the 19th century are not good enough for the 20th.

They have created among Norwegians, Dutch, French, Czechs, Danes, Belgians, Greeks, and among all the peoples of Europe, nay, of the world, myriad masses of people who know now to their cost the priceless worth of liberty, and who will not soon again allow the jewel to slip from careless fingers.

Seeking to destroy liberty, they have restored to it the strength and the dynamic it has not had for a hundred years.

Seeking to turn the clock back to a medieval despotism, they have opened the way to progress and the development of a real 20th century civilization which shall be neither Communist nor Fascist, neither socialist nor yet capitalist in the sense that 1870 was capitalist.

They have opened the way to a free world in which the individual has air to breathe, a chance to live and grow, bending the neck to no fellow man, bowing only before his God.

Delay in munitions production makes it impossible to send ammunition to Ireland, says F. D. R. Maybe they'll accept bricks and baseball bats.

LEAPING BEAST

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes a small illustration of a leaping beast.

Eagle's Nest



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services to the country as well.

"Railways form the biggest part of our war machine of transportation," Lt. Col. J. T. C. Moore-Brabason, Minister of Transport, says in a foreword. "There are two features of railway working which give special cause for pride and confidence. One is the astonishing powers of recovery possessed by the railways; the other is the cool courage of all grades of workers."

Among the typical examples of typical of the powers of recovery of the railways is the case of a bomb explosion on a double track just above the subway for passengers at a busy station. Rails, timbers, girders, platforms were blown out. Two wrecking and supply trains were rushed to the blasted station, along with gangs of men. Both tracks were reopened, the signal lines were restored, and the station was again in service within less than eight hours, in this particular case.

Among the typical examples of courage under fire are those of switching crews who moved train loads of blazing ammunition to points of safety, or unloaded high explosives from cars already on fire; of men who continued work on emergency wire repairs right over an unexploded bomb and then help the bomb disposal squad to remove it to a nearby river, and of others driving bombed and machinegunned trains, or working signal levers amid falling bombs in signal boxes already on fire.

OUT OUR WAY

BY WILLIAM



Old Pots, Pans To Go Into Aluminum Collection In State

Collection of old aluminum pots, pans and other household articles containing the valuable metal will be supervised in 72 East Texas counties by the County Councils of National Defense, organization of which was recently completed throughout East Texas by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and local chambers in each county, J. A. McGill of Paris, chairman of the regional chamber's National Defense Committee, announced today.

"Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York City, Director of Civilian Defense for the Federal Government, has called for the collection of scrap aluminum through out the nation on Monday, July 21," said Mr. McGill. "And this presents the first opportunity for the East Texas County Councils of National Defense to render an outstanding service to the nation, since their organization was completed recently. These councils are broadly representative, each including the county judge, the mayors of principal towns, representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, the schools, churches, labor organizations, farmers and rural communities. The County Defense Councils in East Texas will function as a clearing house, enlisting the help of all organized groups and individual citizens who are willing to help on the aluminum collecting campaign, and taking responsibility for the success of the effort in our region. This is but the first of many tasks for which the County Councils will provide the trained leadership in the local East Texas communities, to guarantee efficient performance and unified support for every phase of the defense program in which the government asks the people to cooperate."

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ARMY BEANS GET BOOBY By United Press BASIN, Wyo.—Attention, farmers! Farmers in the center of Wyoming's navy bean-growing dusty—aroused by reports of beans as a luxury at New York army posts—have written congressmen urging that beans included on the menu at training camps.

Texas National Defense Day's observance, at 8 p. m., July 21, when mass meetings will be sponsored by the local defense councils and the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, in every county, rural and urban, throughout the 72 counties, Mr. McGill reminded.

66 CLOTHING COUPONS ARE CHALLENGE TO BRITAIN'S CAGY WOMEN SHOPPERS

BY ROSETTE HARGROVE

NEA Service Staff Correspondent

LONDON.—There's a mighty lot of figuring going on throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles since clothes rationing was sprung on a totally unsuspecting public.

"Sixty-six is a number which has assumed unlimited importance in the minds of British men and women. This represents the exact number of clothing coupons which will be available per year and per head.

The official list of rationed clothes is a long one. There is one for men, one for women and one for children over four years old. Roughly speaking, men will need 26 coupons for a suit, 16 for an overcoat, 8 for a shirt, dressing gown and pajamas, which hardly leaves anything over for accessories.

Women fare a little better. Seven coupons are needed for a silk or cotton dress, but 11 for a woolen one. A coat will eat into either 11 or 14, according to the length, over or under 28 inches. A blouse, sports jacket or cardigan needs 5 and a skirt 7 coupons. Shoes come dear with 5 coupons and stockings 2 coupons, while pajamas call for 8 and night dresses 6 coupons.

FAIR DISTRIBUTION IS GOVERNMENT'S AIM FOXO OLIVER LITTLETON, President of the Board of Trade,



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put a fast one over the British public. To begin with, he gave the news too late for most people to rush the stores and timed it so that the official Whitsun holiday came in between. He struck hard and fast, but strangely enough there has been little resentment. While there were a few leakages to the thrifty sort official negotiations, the great majority of the public first learned of the new decree from their Sunday paper.

Fair distribution is what the government is aiming at. Stocks are getting lower and lower, and valuable shipping space is needed for the transport of food and war material before anything else. Wardrobe-planning is going to assume the proportions of a major field operation for most people and wee betide the man or woman who just cannot think or plan ahead.

People with large wardrobes of course will feel the pinch, but on the other hand they will have large reserves to fall back on. It's the less fortunate, so-called "white-collar class" (the typists, shop assistants, clerks) who are going to be hard put to it to preserve appearances on 66 coupons a year. "Shabbiness," declared Captain Lytleton over the wireless, after his decision had been made known to the general public "will be as glorious as the battle-strained uniform of the warrior."

LOOPHOLES WILL BE STOPPED

Three women—a business girl, a housewife and an experienced store buyer—and five men, all experts in trade administration, and of varying ages and tastes, advised the Board of Trade. There will be some amendments of the scheme, because some aspects of the results of this rationing were overlooked.

The "wranglers" of course got busy just as soon as they could. Women tried pre-dated orders to stores for yard goods as well as ready-to-wear garments, hoping they would be lucky enough to have them accepted.

One specialty shop in Mayfair was literally besieged by women with fat pocketbooks ready to buy as much as \$100 worth of quality fabrics at a time. They met with no success at all, despite attempts to bribe saleswomen. With the scheme coming into operation immediately, no retailer, however tempted, would have risked making a sale without coupons, in view of the fact that in future all replacements will have to be done against coupons.

One of the loopholes overlooked by the Board of Trade was soon spotted by smart women. All household goods—sheets, curtains, blankets, bed covers—were unrationed. Stores found themselves selling large quantities of these articles which women proposed to turn into summer frocks, sports coats and dressing gowns. Another loophole—second-hand clothes—is being closed up by the authorities, because here too wangling would and could evade the "fair-to-all" rationing scheme.

BOOM IN SPECIALIZED TRADES PROBABLE

Extravagant fashions, as well as white weddings, will suffer an eclipse until the end of the war. So far, though, lace and net are not included in the clothes rationing, nor are hats. Already shops are going over their lace stocks—old and new—and this fabric is scheduled for an unprecedented volume until stocks run out.

Working out the clothes coupon, it seems as though women will have to manage on one frock a year, while a coat will have to last two years and a suit three. This is the only way to make the ration coupons cover all the odds and ends which a woman needs—shoes, stockings, slippers, lingerie, blouses and sweaters.

It is obvious that, when possible, women will pay more for clothes bought under the rationing scheme, because quality means better value and longer wear for the money.

A boom in cleaners' and dyers' work is forecast and people who specialize in "turning" suits and overcoats are practically unable to undertake any more work for the time being as they are literally snowed under. Stores are contemplating "renovation departments"



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DISPENSATION FOR WAR WORKERS

While inter-trading for gain will be considered a serious offense, a family may pool its coupons and doubtless will have to do so to meet emergencies. "Blitzed" people who have lost all or part of their clothing will be granted special replacement coupons.

The wife of the artisan, on the other hand, will benefit because her husband's "boiler suits" (or dungarees) are not rationed and presumably he needs fewer clothes than she does. This also applies to women munition workers, at any rate those who wear overalls, because aprons and pinafores are included on the rationed list.

In the eyes of most Britons, clothes rationing is the end of shopping appearances.

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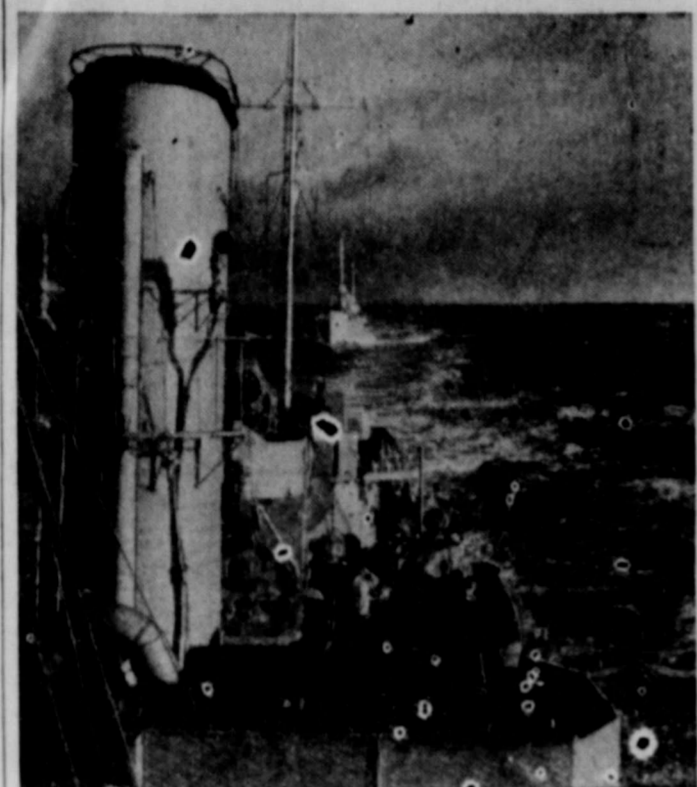
SERIAL STORY

MURDER IN CONVOY

BY A. W. O'BRIEN

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YESTERDAY: The day wore on and soldiers are to leave for England in convoy. The convoys are called for, and the men are called in and orders are issued for the sailing. The men are ordered to withdraw from the dining room, but no one obeys.



Here Is the First of 11 Photographs Taken by Author En Route to England

CHAPTER II
BULL-VOICED foghorns blared through the waterfront haze. In a distance two bells clanged monotonously. With a shriek the wind, an Army lieutenant leaning on the deck rail as blacked-out lines gently rose fell at the doxside.

The giant troop ship had gone to sea. The only sounds that came from the ship were the occasional signals of a sentry's boot on the deck or a muffled command from the general direction of the bridge.

He couldn't see more than a ball throw in any direction, but the lieutenant knew a number of men on the deck. He saw a man hugging another pier. The last load of troops had pulled in hours ago and all men were aboard. Endless thousands of Army ammunition boxes had been stored in the holds. Shore passes had been refused. All in readiness to sail.

He thought Lieutenant Rollins, he had been terribly impatient about sailing until a few days previously. The long months of camp training followed by hectic embarkation leave in England had climaxed in his allocation to this former luxury liner, now known as "T. 9." That was three days ago and the lockdown after activity and excitement had been terrific. But things were picking up. The reason for this, certainly not more than 24, slightly taller than average, eminently suitable for a sentry's job.

Lieutenant Rollins found him in the darkness. The sentry was evidently of the serious type, but that dimple in his left cheek held interesting possibilities. He had noticed it when she was only half-way up the plank, and he was trying to make out the color of her eyes as she had looked at him.

He promptly raised a gloved hand to his service cap in an salute and added a wide smile for good measure. She gave a short fleeting smile in return, but it was a somewhat distant one.

He stepped briskly from the plank and onto "B" deck, marched along with the sentry to the stairway leading up to "A" deck. Lieutenant Rollins followed her. She was undoubtedly the prettiest of the 47 sisters bound for a Canadian hospital in England. The thing about it all was he had met that girl somewhere before. It was quite un-able, though, that he ap-her, bow deeply, and say: "Good night, Sister, but haven't met somewhere?"

She would speak to him, of course. Would tell him a few facts about herself. He name a few places he had been. She might suggest a few. Then, in an awkward sort way, he'd be forced to shrug, lightly and give up. That he never do. He would bring the previous meeting only after were on cozy terms.

"Lieutenant Rollins, sir?" the young officer came out of a room with a start. He turned and a sentry at salute. "Yes, I'm Mr. Rollins."

The O. C. Troops would like to come to his quarters im-mediately, sir."

LIEUTENANT ROLLINS felt his way through the darkness to the nearest entrance. He found the door handle and suggested it open to meet even inkier dark-ness. He reached forward and pushed aside the heavy curtain so placed to prevent light from show-ing when the door was opened. For a moment he blinked into the corridor lights, then quickly strode down to the suite at the far end. Over it hung a sign, "O. C. Troops."

He knocked twice. "Come in!" Colonel L. S. Stephenson, M. C., was seated before a desk. He looked absently at the young officer for a moment.

"Oh yes, Lieutenant, I merely wanted to point out that it is after midnight and unless I am mis-taken there are sounds generally associated with singing coming from the direction of the bar. As orderly officer," he paused sug-gestively, "I must ask you to at-tend to the matter immediately."

"You will be held accountable for an infraction of lights-out reg-ulations during your period on duty tonight and, by the way, I also have an underlined order to the effect that orderly officers are to report any unusual incident, no matter how slight, that comes within their notice or the notice of the sentries."

The colonel turned to his paper. Rollins saluted, wheeled smartly and stepped out into the corridor.

The officers' bar was having difficulty getting closed when Rol-lins pushed open the glass doors. "Break it up, boys," Rollins in-terrupted, "the O. C.'s orders."

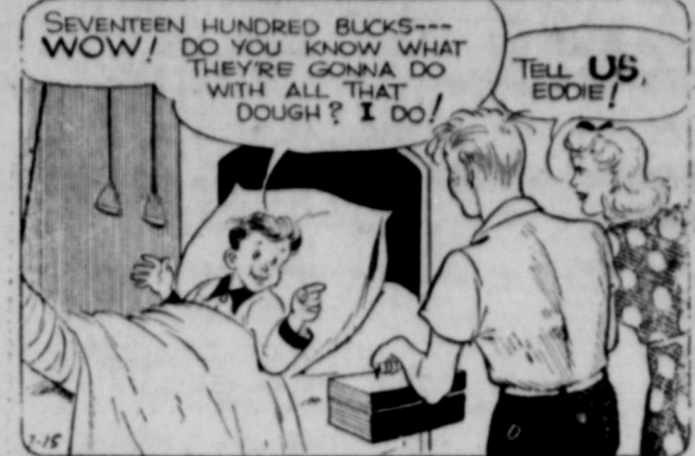
A captain grinned from a stool at the bar.

"Okay, Gregory, and I'll bring along a Scotch in case you're chilly when you come off watch at two."

Rollins winked his thanks. He and Captain Sydney Tees had been friends since the old rugby days at university. In fact, Syd recommended him for his com-mission with the Royal Westmount Regiment after he had obtained his Officers Training Course Cer-tificate "A."

Back out on deck it seemed in-creasingly chilly and lonely. Rol-lins grumbled to himself as he started another long tour of the ship to check on the sentries. All these precautions by the Old Man

FRECKELS AND HIS FRIENDS



By PETER EDSON

"Price" Henderson Suffers Historic Headache With Wise Men Trying to Beat Price Control

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Service Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Of all the headaches in Washington today, the man with perhaps the most thankless job in the whole defense set-up is Leon Henderson, administrator of OPACS, the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply.

All the man has to do is keep the prices of every-thing, including rents, from getting too high, and protect consumers in their wants after military demands are met. The object of all this is to prevent profiteering and inflation which in the last war ran costs up about \$15 billion more than they should have been and helped bring on the crash.

This sounds noble in purpose if ever anything did but the OPACS theory has run into the hard cold fact that the business conception of keeping prices down is to keep them down on everything except the particular animal, vegetable or mineral kingdom items which the fellow you're dealing with happens to be interested in.

When the idea for OPACS was first announced by the President last April, it was thought that its purposes were so meritorious there would be no subsequent, the agency was set up by executive order and without legislative authority. The only enforcement given Henderson for his price-fixing decrees was the power of publicity. When some firm wouldn't conform, as one auto company behaved on the recent price rise order, publication of the act was supposed to make the company step back into line. It didn't work.

THEN some of the smart gents began to figure ways to beat Henderson's schedule of prices. Records were falsified. Bills of sale were made out for larger quantities than were actually delivered. Phony freight rates were charged. Dealers were designated as buyers' agents, entitling them to commissions which ran the prices above the ceiling. Lower quality materials were sold at higher quality prices. Machine tools, instead of being sold, were leased at rates which turned speculators more than purchase prices.

Better business and fair trade simply went right out the window, in other words, in the competitive demand for materials and the lure of sellers to make the most profit possible.

There are a few government economists and thinkers in Wash-ington who say that what the country needs is a good inflationary boom. Let prices rise, they argue. Let's have a good old inflation such as Germany had after the last war. The middle classes may suffer, but it's the only way the government can pay off its debts with cheap money, and in that manner get the country out of the hole. This idea is held by so few men that they talk about it only in private.

THERE have been some feelers on price-control legislation. Hender-son's office says it will not recommend specific legislation, leaving that job to Congress, though OPACS lawyers have done all necessary research. There have been rumors that the President would soon make a request for such legislation.

THE PAY OFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON
NEA Service Sports Editor

CLIPPING George Sisler's modern consecutive-game hitting record of 41, Joe DiMaggio then cracked William H. Keeler's national League and all-time major league maximum of 44 with towering home run into the left field stand at Yankee Stadium.

Old-timers consider Wee Willie Keeler the most scientific bat-ter who ever belted a baseball. The story of how his string was broken is interesting.

Frank Killen, a highly excitable left-hander with an uncon-trollable temper and rabbit ears, performed the feat.

Connie Mack relates how the year previous, while he was man-aging Pittsburgh, he stuffed Killen's ears with beeswax and cotton and then covered them with tape so the susceptible south-law couldn't hear bench jockeys.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES, led by Ned Hanlon and egged on by John J. McGraw, were a hard-hitting, chip-on-the-shoulder outfit, the members of which were not at all choosy about their language. Against them it was a case of protecting yourself at all times. The devil took the hindmost.

Knowing Killen's weakness, the immortal Orioles called him all the vile names in the book and some that were never included, but the coked ear couldn't be annoyed. He could have pitched in a boiler works with rivets double timing.

So it was that Keeler was halted, June 17, 1897, after hitting safely in 44 straight engagements. He batted .432 that year.

ALLEY OOP BY HARMAN



WOMEN MAN BUCKET BRIGADE
By United Press
MARCELINE, Mo.—A two-woman bucket brigade had the situation well in hand before anyone called the fire department. Mrs. Oscar Minich spotted a small fire on the roof of Mrs. George Ross' home. She notified Mrs. Ross and the two went to work. Mrs. Minich got a ladder and climbed to the roof. Mrs. Ross carried the water.

DENVER AMPHITHEATER READY
By United Press
DENVER.—Denver's great open-air amphitheater at the foot of the Rockies—the immense Theater of the Red Rocks—is complete after nearly five years of work. The project cost approximately \$2,500,000, and the sloping, rock-surrounded seating area has facilities for 10,000 persons.

An inventory of American re-serve supplies lists 37,000 tons of pepper stored in New York warehouses. And that's not to be sneezed at.

Texans On Range Tour In Idaho



Texas ranchmen and AAA officials who attended the recent National AAA Range Conference and Tour in Idaho inspected range conservation work in that state and compared it with work done in their home state. Here Charles McCann, ranchman from Victoria, extreme left, is seen with M. C. Puckett, ranchman and state AAA committeeman from Fort Stockton, R. M. Evans, national AAA administrator, and Howard T. Kingsbury, ranchman and state committeeman from Santa Anna.

D RYDER

By Hamlin



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