





WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Allied Chiefs Map Invasion Strategy as Axis Staggers From Heavy Blows; American Troops Tighten Jap Noose by Occupation of New Britain Island

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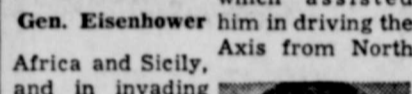
SCHARNHORST HERO—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser (at extreme left) walks deck of English flagship with Britain's First Sea Lord A. Alexander (left) and U. S. Admiral H. R. Stark before his home sunk Germany's 26,000-ton battleship Scharnhorst.

LABOR: S. Runs Rails

Railroads fell into government hands as President Roosevelt moved quickly to avert strikes which threatened to tie U. S. freight and passenger transportation into a knot, and turn to private ownership was promised after passage of the emergency act.

INVASION: Eisenhower Chief

"We will win the European war in 1944." With these words Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower assumed command of the Allied forces for the invasion of the western gate of Hitler's Fortress Europe.



Gen. Eisenhower

Africa and Sicily, and in invading Italy. As his deputy, General Eisenhower has British Air Chief Marshal Arthur Tedder. To U. S. Lieut. Gen. Carl Spaatz has gone the task of strategic bombing of Nazi supply and communications centers.



Marshal Tedder

Naval Action

Naval action featured the war in Europe, with Germany's 26,000-ton battleship, the Scharnhorst, going to the bottom off the North Cape of Norway under the heavy salvo of Britain's home fleet commanded by Adm. Sir Bruce A. Fraser.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: Vise Closes

While the Tokyo radio bleated that Japan's No. 1 South Pacific base of Rabaul must be held at all costs, U. S. troops tightened their foothold on the western end of New Britain island on which it stands.

Beans and Peas

Despite record production of beans and peas in 1943, U. S. civilians receive a per capita supply in equal to the average for 1935-'39, the 23,000,000 bags of beans and 1,000 bags of peas which will be available in 1944, U. S. military service will get 3,441,000 bags of beans and 300,000 bags of peas.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

FEDERAL PAYROLL: Number of employees on the federal payroll declined in October for the fourth consecutive month, now standing at 2,013, as compared with 2,960,019 on Oct. 1.



If I Wrote the Peace

A cooling-off period would be taboo. After more than a decade of Nazi and Jap infamy, their guilt shouts. Why sit back and allow their mouthpieces, both here and abroad, to stifle justice by baiting our sympathies?

Frozen-faced Junkers and Jap military hop-heads must be deprived of their tools. Bullets are their bread. They dedicate their lives to war. The loss of one tussle is only the signal for blue-printing another session of blood and steel.

Bumdist Fritz Kuhn and his cronies now in the hoosegow should be shipped back to their Fatherland on the first cattle boat. Allowing them to go free in America is unthinkable.

The war against intolerance must march on. Racial hatred was a disease before Nazism popped out of the wall, and it will remain after Nazism is under a tombstone.

Our military forces should never again be allowed to rust. Our muscles must be in fighting trim at all times. The Air Age has shrunk the globe. Tomorrow's Pearl Harbor could be New York, Chicago, L. A. or a town in Montana.

Channing Pollack (in Your Life mag) climbs out on a precarious limb. He insists that wives hate their husbands as much as they love them. I don't believe it.

Navy men returned from the sea tell this column that a ship is still silhouetted against the lighted Florida skyline—especially on moonless nights. If anyone tells you the submarine is whipped in Southern waters—ask the survivors.

Probably a coincidence, but some railroad wrecks seem to happen when loads of soldiers are riding trains bound home on furlough. Couldn't some of those wrecks come from Nazi war prisoners who escape internment camps? Not all of them have been caught, have they? A good Nazi would do a job like that, wouldn't he? Our agents abroad do it for us.

On the 20th Century Fox lot they were gabbing about Woodrow Wilson, whose saga is being filmed. When Wilson was ill and paralyzed the Senate sent Senator Fall to check if he was insane or removed.

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Russian Generals Visit Allied 8th Army



Major General Vasiliev is pictured saluting as his party of Soviet generals drives away in a jeep after a visit to Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery's 8th Army command. Vasiliev was named as the commander who directed the campaign which cut off the German armies in the Crimea.

Railroad President Becomes Colonel



Ralph Budd, left, president of the Burlington railroad, as he was sworn into the army as a colonel of transportation. He was placed in charge of all railroads in the central western region when the army seized the railroads as a strike threatened to disrupt service.

Marshall Inspects Oahu Jungle Fighters



Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, and Lieut. John H. Ferguson (left) of the infantry, watch a well trained jungle fighter crash a barbed wire obstacle with a fast lunge.

Marching Through Mud on Bougainville



Heavily laden marine infantrymen slog through deep mud of a jungle trail as they near the battle front. Continued American attacks on Japanese positions in the Pacific are steadily lengthening our striking power from the air.

Furlough Fun



McKinley Park, a luxury hotel in Alaska, has been taken over by the army and is used as a recreation center for women war department employees and soldiers stationed there.

Mediterranean Chief



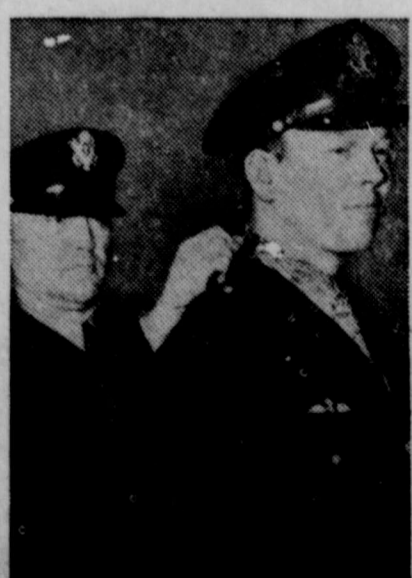
Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, who was named supreme commander in the Mediterranean theater of war succeeding General Eisenhower of the United States. Wilson formerly was the British commander in chief of the Middle East.

FD's Son, Grandson



Lieut. Franklin Roosevelt Jr. shows his son, Franklin 3d, age 5, one of his grandfather's boat models. This picture was made at President Roosevelt's Hyde Park home.

Given Highest Award



Lieut. John C. Morgan as he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He returned his plane to England while the pilot and all gunners were unconscious from injuries.

WAR ON ALL FRONTS. A SERIES OF SPECIAL ARTICLES BY THE LEADING WAR CORRESPONDENTS.

G. I. Paradise

By Gordon Gaskill

There is a spot in Palestine surrounded by orange groves where the U. S. army has established a rest camp for tired or vacationing soldiers. It can handle 750 at once and draws them from a vast, 5,000-mile territory stretching from the Persian Gulf to the west coast of Africa.

Next to home, this is a sort of paradise which soldiers dream about. The kind of place where captains tiptoe in and ask if there's anything they can do for you.

The official name of this unique spot is "Levant Recreation Center." The army shied away from the name "Rest Camp." They were afraid the boys would think they had nothing to do but sleep, eat, read, and knit khaki-colored wool. They needn't worry. The G.I. grapevine works fast, and by now every soldier from the West African jungles to the sweltering Persian Gulf, and in all the great desert lands between, knows that this is a place where a man can write his own ticket.

Sure, he can read and knit if he wants to. But he can also—and 96 per cent do—spend only \$14 for an all-expense tour of Palestine which, as a peace-time tourist, would cost him at least \$500. Holy Jerusalem is only 75 minutes away by car. He can loll on the army's private and fancy beach if he likes lolling. Within 15 minutes he can be in clean, modern Tel-Aviv, which is the world's greatest all-Jewish city, for as much hell-raising as suits him. A little over 99 per cent do that.

Like Luxury Hotel

Arrivals at the Center meet first Capt. Lloyd Howard, who runs it. He makes a short talk to each incoming batch of soldiers.

Howard used to be superintendent of playgrounds at Lynchburg, Va. One morning I watched nearly 200 new arrivals come in. They carried only musette bags containing toilet articles, mess kit, and a few extra clothes. The camp supplies everything else. Only a small handful of them had ever seen action.

It's different with the Private Spanos of the army. Their work is essential but unexciting and monotonous. This was Spanos's first furlough in 14 months. He had been stationed in a godforsaken desert aircraft repair depot. I asked him what the climate was like.

"Climate!" he snorted. "There ain't no climate—just half heat, half sand. Whatta hole! All we needed to be really buried was to have a little dirt sprinkled on us."

Then Private Spano looked out over the great, green gardens the Jews have created in Palestine, out to the blue, white-edged Mediterranean and to shining Tel-Aviv.

Nearly all the men had the army's famous eight-day furlough. Most came by train (a few arrived in trucks and planes) and coming and going gobbled up two days. Only six days, or 144 precious hours, were left, and Captain Howard was wise enough not to waste it on red tape.

He has pared the checking-in process to a bare 15 minutes. Men move swiftly past a row of tables. One table gives Palestinian money for whatever kind the soldier has.

Once through this line, which is the last concession to military organization for six days, a man is practically a civilian again. He can do what he pleases and go where he pleases. It's theoretically possible—although nobody does—to spend all of one's leave at the camp and have a swell time absolutely free.

From morning till evening, the camp is bathed in music, played softly over loud speakers everywhere. One of the camp's principal charms is hot showers all day, which seems like a mirage to men overlong in the desert. Another is a plentiful supply of ice water at fountains. Another is the fact that you can sleep as long as you like in the morning.

The best G. I. foods are supplemented in season by vegetables, grapefruit, oranges and pork from the camp's own farm.



BOB HOPE, BETTY HUTTON A DUO



STARRED in Paramount's picturization of the Cole Porter musical, "Let's Face It," are comedians Bob Hope and Betty Hutton. This is their first screen appearance together and, according to reports, the film which will be shown at the Palace Friday and Saturday, is one of Paramount's happiest comedies. Others in the cast are Dona Drake, Eve Arden, ZaSu Zulu Richards and Raymond Walburn.

**Missionary Met Friday**

Federated Missionary held its first meeting of the year with Mrs. B. M. Cropper as co-hostess. Mrs. C. B. Beldon opened the meeting with prayer. During the session Mrs. J. N. Hall resigned as secretary. Mrs. F. B. Hughes was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Gage also resigned as secretary. Mrs. W. A. Minick was elected to fill her place. Mrs. H. Cecil was appointed reporter. Committees appointed were as follows: Finance, Mrs. M. McMurtry, Sam Cope, J. C. Martin; Devotional, Mrs. Boyd I. DeVore; Entertainment, Mesdames O. Wid Phillips, Wells, W. C. Cropper, H. C. Welfare Committee, Mesdames Frank Watkins, F. R. J. H. Cecil, J. B. Ady, O. General meeting on Jan-

uary 31 all new officers will be installed at the Central Christian Church. After the business session Mrs. H. C. Gilbert brought a beautiful devotional from the 90th Psalms entitled "We spend our years as a tale that is told." The meeting was closed with prayer. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. H. C. Gilbert with Mrs. J. B. Ady as co-hostess. Lovely refreshments were served to Mesdames H. C. Gilbert, B. L. Turner, C. B. Beldon, Frank Watkins, W. C. Gage, J. B. Ady, A. H. Bazell, B. M. Cropper, A. H. Lohoefer, F. R. Knauth, J. N. Hall, J. H. Cecil.

**Baptist Hour**

7:30 - WFAA. Sunday morning at 7:30, over WFAA you will be able to hear Dr. Douglas S. Freeman on the subject, "A Free Church in a Free State." You are urged to tune in on this noted Southern Baptist Leader.

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**Boys In Service.....**

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thinking on the part of a veteran Texas Coast Guardsman on New Year's night resulted in the jailing of two smuggling suspects after they had attempted to bribe him with a \$100 bill, Lt. J. T. Nelson, captain of the port here, revealed this morning.

**SEAMAN I-C HOMER PROVENCE**, Burkburnett, Texas, won praise from Lt. Nelson for his quick action in capturing and holding Aaron Romm 31, a seaman and William E. O'Kelley, 32 a crane operator, both of Ft. Lauderdale. The pair was attempting to smuggle in six cases of Scotch whiskey about 11 p. m. Saturday from a small boat.

Providence refused a \$100 bribe offered by one of the men if he would look the other way and let them complete their work, Lt. Nelson said. Later, after he had refused, one of the men started to make a break, but quieted down when Providence threatened to shoot.

The Texan then herded his captives to port headquarters and then to Broward County jail, Ft. Lauderdale. Later they were transferred to Miami, where they await federal prosecution.

Providence, born in Antlers, Okla., now calls Burkburnett, Texas home, when he is there. He enlisted in the Coast Guard at Wichita Falls.

**PVT. WARREN H. SIMPSON**, brother of Mrs. A. C. Horn was transferred from Sheppard Field to Fort Logan, Colorado.

**PFC. Wm. (Bill E. JEFFERS)** arrived Wednesday morning from Fort George Wright, Washington to visit with friends and relatives for a few days and will return by Artesia, New Mexico, where he will spend the rest of his furlough with his parents, Mr and Mrs. E. Jeffers.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan.—**WILLIAM E. COBB**, of Burkburnett, Texas, has been promoted from Private First Class to Corporal in the U. S. Marine Corps, it has been announced at the Marine Base at San Diego, Calif.

**Blue Bonnet Club Holds Meeting Tues.**

Members of the Blue Bonnet Garden Club were entertained Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Fred Brookman with Mrs. A. H. Bazell as co-hostess.

In the business session the constitutions and by-laws were read by Mrs. F. G. Jeffers, secretary and roll call was answered by seventeen members on Do's and Don'ts in Parliamentary. Mrs. W. C. Gage presided over the session.

Mrs. D. A. Westbrook was leader of the program and presented Mrs. Jeffers in "Reviews of the New Annual Flowers". Mrs. Fred Hunt talked on Window Gardening and Mrs. L. J. Lorang conducted the Garden quiz.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Edna Peed, Nell Lorang, Sadie Jones, Zella Mills, Rosa Bazell, Alice Goodwin, Florence Gage, Loretta Hunt, Lillian Raines, Maud Teal, Eunice Miller, Julia Boyd, Ethel Cope, Florice Jeffers, Ada Westbrook, Emily Houser, Grace Brookman and Mrs. Ellen Prater, guest.

**Shirley J. Berringer Honored With Party**

A delightful party was given at the home of Mrs. J. R. Berringer, Friday, January 7, in hon-

or of her daughter, Shirley June, who celebrated her ninth birthday.

Numerous games were played and prizes were awarded for the winner in each contest game.

Refreshments were served to the following: Erma Mae Smith, Verona Joyce Maxwell, Wanda Jean Gist, Peggy Nan Shoefstall, Bobby Houtchins, Billy Frank Lundberg, Melvin Ramos, Robert Amer, Billy Joe Turnbow, Robert Glenn, Harold Turnbow.

Those who sent gifts were Norman Dodson, Patsy Nell Sutterfield, Donald Wills, Jon Hi Bear, and grandmother Walker. Out of town guests were Betty Davis, and Mrs. Bernice Hart of Wichita Falls.



- For December, 1943**
- Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Welborn, girl, Dec. 2.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nelson, boy, Dec. 3.
  - Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Clark, girl, Dec. 4.
  - Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Greene, boy, Dec. 14.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Hamilton, boy, Dec. 17.
  - Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Nelson, boy, Dec. 20.
  - Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stradley, girl, December 20.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Veach, boy, Dec. 21.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Odell Wise, boy, Dec. 23.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hall, girl, Dec. 23.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Robert England, boy, Dec. 30.

**Boy Scout Activity**

In trying to Scout pace a mile in twelve minutes, the Campers Patrol missed the time only five seconds in Monday's meeting.

Troop 35 under Scoutmaster Gray, has agreed to furnish competition in the firebuilding for the enter troop contest February 24.

Trop 155 plans to secure a Wichita Falls troop for competition in signaling and first aid and games.

Dues were placed at ten cents each in this troop. The budget for \$5.00 each year from each scout will be drawn up and published.

A new prospective member, James Stiggins, was at the meeting along with former scout, Willis Bartley, who plans to attend regularly. Billy Boyd from troop 35, was a visitor.

The stage was set for the April Court of Honor when Johnnie Cecil was given charge of a campfire meeting for a program. He will have details of a musical entertainment within four weeks.

The troop magician, John Fisher, will be given a chance to puzzle the public in April, too.

Program for January 18 will be opening, stunt by campers patrol; fire-building contest; demonstration, first aid; patrol contest, mile in 12-minutes; patrol meetings, discuss coming contests; signaling, semiphone code as a group; closing at 9:30, Scout benediction.

**Car Owners Urged To Check Drivers' License**

Austin, Jan. 12—Approximately 450,000 operators licenses of the current issue have recently

expired, State Police Director Homer Garrison said today. These licenses bear serial numbers from one to 300,000 and 1,000,000 to 1,150,000.

Garrison urged drivers to check their licenses, which expire two years from date of issue, so that the licenses can be renewed prior to expiration.

When a person's license expires, the law considers him as a new driver, and he must take a driving test.

A State Highway Patrolman will be in Burkburnett each second and fourth Thursday's of each month for the purpose of issuing drivers' license.

**Burkburnett Man Charged With Rape**

A charge of statutory rape involving his 13-year-old daughter was filed here Saturday afternoon against a 40-year-old local resident. The charge was filed by W. Taz Locke, assistant district attorney.

The man waived preliminary hearing before R. D. Laney, jus-

tice of the peace, and was taken to the Wichita County jail early Saturday night on failure to post \$3,000 bond set in the case.

Arrest was made by W. M. Green, chief of police at Burkburnett, Locke said.

The offense was charged in the

complaint to have been committed Dec. 30. A statement in the case was obtained from the father by the prosecutor in questioning him at Burkburnett.

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★ Government Bonds Owned	20,000,000.00
Net Gain Over Last Year	8,500,000.00
★ Capital, Surplus and Special Reserves	5,000,000.00

ABOVE are the principal items of our Company statement at the close of 1943. A more detailed statement will be published later and mailed to all concerned.

Our business for the year 1943 showed substantial gains over the previous year. These gains are significant in that they indicate an increasing desire by the public to strengthen their future financial security and protect their families against want. It especially reflects their appreciation for the life insurance service and protection extended by the Great Southern. This is encouraging to those associated with the Great Southern.

Many of our personnel—from the office force and selling ranks—have answered the call of their country to serve in the Armed Forces. These men and women have gone with our blessings, with our financial aid and assurance of a place awaiting them upon their return from work in the Field of Victory.

We are pleased to make this report to our policyholders, stockholders and the general public and express our sincere thanks to all for their loyalty and support which makes it possible. Let us join you in hoping that 1944 will bring victory which means Peace for all the world.

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SURE

I TOOK OUT MORE FIRE INSURANCE

OH! OKAY THEN

**OLD OLD STORY**

**Good Old Days**  
Harry—What's a western sandwich?  
Jerry—It's a sandwich with onions and ham and eggs in it.  
Harry—Not any more. Now a western is two hunks of bread with wide open spaces in between.

**From Killarney**  
Captain—Have you ever been to sea before?  
Irish Hand—Sure an' did ye think I came over from the sulid country in a street car?

**Shampoo Plus**  
Harry—You say your great-grandfather had trouble keeping his scalp in a healthy condition. I didn't know anybody back in the old days was troubled with dandruff.  
Jerry—Not dandruff. Indians!

**No Account**  
Lady of the House—I thought, Matilda, you didn't have any man friends to hang around the kitchen.  
Matilda—I don't, ma'am. That's just my husband.

**PRECOCIOUS**

Writer—Yes, it's too bad. My little boy got at the book I'd just written and tore it all up.  
Critic—Marvelous how smart youngsters are these days!

**Well Brought Up**  
Smith—Brown swallowed his summons the other day, but it didn't do him any good.  
Jones—Why not?  
Smith—The judge made him cough up ten bucks anyway!

**Lend Lease**  
Bill—I'm sorry I've got to be going. I've got to see Jones about one twenty.  
Harry—I'll come along. I'd like to see him about two tens and a five!

**Vote Getter**  
Harry—The new mayor has a glass eye.  
Jerry—How can you tell?  
Harry—Well, if you look at both his eyes pretty hard, the one that has a gleam of human kindness in it is the glass one!

**No Bargain**  
Wife—Women aren't extravagant. A woman can dress well on what would keep a man looking shabby.  
Hubby—Right you are! What you dress on, keeps me shabby!

**Kathleen Norris Says:**  
*The Modern Stepmother Problem*  
Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



Yesterday's event was Carol's teasing her father to send Mommy a fur coat. "She said she would give me the prettiest doll in Watson's if you would give her a fur coat."

**By KATHLEEN NORRIS**  
**I** SUPPOSE I am just one more confidential secretary who pitied a lonely and misunderstood man," writes Alice Carter from Buffalo, "but it didn't seem that way three years ago, when Fred and I were married. His wife was entirely willing to divorce him and hand over to him full custody of their three-year-old daughter, Carol. Fred's and my love was the only thing in my life that mattered, but I adored the child for his sake, and indeed, until recently, when she has been getting somewhat out of hand, Carol was as sweet a baby as I ever saw. She is very pretty, and her mother, who has her every other week-end when she is anywhere near, spoils her. She has consulted Hollywood talent scouts about Carol, and got Carol a permanent when she was only five years old, which annoyed Fred and me, who want to keep her childlike.

**CHILDREN! COME FIRST**  
The welfare and progress of their children should be the first consideration of all parents. Usually this is the case. The exception is presented this week in the story of a mother who is upsetting her child's personality by cruel and spiteful actions against her former husband and his second wife. She had divorced the man and turned full custody of their child to him when the child was three years old. But now, three years later, she is systematically undermining the child's confidence in the second wife and the father. The stepmother asks Kathleen Norris' advice on how to stop this dangerous menace to the child's well-being.

Carol is becoming confused by all this, and with a child that means impudent and unmanageable. A few days ago she said to me, "Mommy says you like money. She says you would never have married Daddy except for his money. She asked me if Daddy had his face lifted before he married you."

woman can. Can you suggest any way by which we can settle this? Arlene lives in a town 12 miles away, so that she and the child would not meet ordinarily.

**Child Must Have One Guardian.**  
Alice, this is just one more variation, and a not uncommon one, of the second-wife problem. My only suggestion would be that you have a talk with Fred about it, and insist either that Carol go to her mother to stay, which I can assure you in advance wouldn't be Arlene's idea at all, or that she be handed over entirely to you and her father.

**Confused Child Is Impudent.**  
Fred is 42; Alice just 20 years younger. But even women much older than Alice often become dazzled by the prospect of a happy marriage, and pay small attention to the settlements and promises that precede it. Now she finds herself fretted on three counts: Fred's awakened interest in Arlene, Carol's growing independence and rudeness, and Arlene's machinations to destroy her domestic peace.

Fred might well sprike Arlene's guns at this proposed luncheon by telling his former wife that there is to be a new baby at his house, that Carol is growing somewhat unmanageable, and that he would be glad to turn the child over to her completely. He would be perfectly safe in doing this, especially if he suggested that Arlene's alimony would be expected to cover the child's expenses. If Arlene begged off this responsibility, as she would do, he might then decree that the week-ends must stop, explaining that they are growing demoralizing to the child.

Since Arlene abandoned her baby at the age of two years and preferred to take her own way, she certainly will not want the responsibility of a six-year-old now. It is an exacting age. There are considerations of school, lessons, clothes, gym, dentist, health, parties, friends. Arlene might try it, briefly. But she would inevitably turn toward a boarding-school, and because boarding-schools are expensive, that would mean that the child was once more restored to her father and stepmother. There is a hint in Alice's letter that Arlene may be an unfit guardian for a small daughter, and if that is true, she will be all the less willing to have a witness to her affairs.

**Parents Must Consider Child First.**  
Children ought to be the first consideration in the life of all fathers and mothers. Many a woman, if she knew the irreparable injury that quarrels, separations and legal questions would do to the growing minds and hearts and souls of her children, would adapt herself more heroically and self-sacrificingly to the home conditions she has thought insufferable.

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