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Waiting Game

Allied War-Cautious Sounds Like a Berlin Deceit

Britain's Lord Louis Mountbatten, spirit of a Broadway military machine, went through a long interview with an American editor.

And that was an expression of a new British spirit. On the surface, perhaps. It was just that. Upon examination it became just the same old English war tune—and the tune by which, like it or not, America is dancing today. Things have not changed with the English or with us.

At Tobruk, after over a year of costly, non-decisive fighting up and down the desert, 25,000 men were lost. And material of war that was not enough for the English use, but just enough to defend.

One loss, or even a dozen, will not lose the war. But a few thousand here, a few more there, retreating here, consolidating there, and only defeat for us all.

There is a military act of thought, expressed with a beautiful simplicity by the German Army, which holds that it is better to make your sacrifices of life and material in attack, rather than in some stubborn holding operation.

Any possible setback following an unsuccessful attempt at landing on the German continent could be the worst. It would mean the up-to-now loss of this war by world-wide erosion.

Yea, Wade! A Famous Coach Makes A New War-Time Play

For a long time college football has been in need of some sort of check in its rush towards pro footballism, and now the check is here.

That is, our college football will do more service than ever before in pointing the way to the new game.

Major Wade is, himself, our case in point. To a succession that he passes in the business of learning his job in the new army and become a coach-in-training this fall.

We enjoy remembering that, when he was commissioned, he asked specifically for combat duty. They used to be no physical training work for him. He wanted war duty, and the fact that many a younger man of his profession had landed a brilliant line job meant nothing to him.

It makes his battalion a good one. They might have guessed that from the start. He climbed from private to captain in the first World War and has never done a poor job since.

As a keynote address on the question of sport and the war, he held his speech before the ranks to be perfect. And, because we can even now visualize the almost casual brutality of his battalion's striking force and its hard-bitten morale, we rejoice that Major Wade's wife will have him for keeps—and will have to give him up to a lesser name.

Labor Bumbles The Union Pick Worst Time To Plot Strikes

In Washington there is an official impression that Labor is preparing a new war-time patch for what it believes to be its ancient rights.

For one thing, Labor seems to think it is doing more than its share in the program for food operating in an almost normal fashion. The zero hour for new trouble is said to be set for a possible adverse decision of the War Labor Board.

Whether or not Labor's feeling of being overburdened is justified, higher wages are not going to help win the war, and for that reason alone should not be considered.

The unions themselves are having something of a field day in increased membership and dues paid, and their people, we think it may be argued, can afford the most satisfactory gains since the American entry into the war.

Strikes will be fought by the Government—which is, apparently, only waiting until after November elections to turn on the heat. After that crisis, Labor may expect to be drafted, to be headed off with a security law, or to be the prospect, strikers of protest now will not help Labor at all.

The Crack-Down The County Approves Not To Be Bluffing This Time

County Attorney James I. DeLaney, proposing to the County Commissioners yesterday in the County Tax Assessor's Tax Assessor, said that a number of foreclosure proceedings were being proposed and would be instituted unless notices of the properties in question made satisfactory arrangements to settle up.

Only three or four lines in his career has Mr. DeLaney, County Attorney, actually foreclosed a piece of property for taxes. From time to time there have been threats to foreclose, and foreclosure proceedings have been begun in several instances.

This time, however, the County appears to mean business. And if it goes through with the intention of taking title to any number of properties, it will represent a new, tougher attitude in County Administration.

In The Modern World

The U. S. Lives In Historic Grandeur

By Dorothy Thompson

THE Churchill visit combined with a number of other makes it apparent that the center of the world is now in Washington. Here the major military, economic, and political decisions are being made.

That we have become the center of the world is a matter for pride to the largest and richest of the world's republics. That pride must give precedence to responsibility. The first rebel against the British Empire is today, to an incalculable extent, the explosion of the English-speaking world.

It is a pessimistic spirit that does not see in the opening of unlimited opportunity for the gratification of the spirit of the great Anglo-American world, who not only know how to wage a successful war, but how to build a better world.

Letter To A Soldier By Paul Mallon

A LETTER to Private Charles R. Holloman, School Squadron, Flight 1st, 488th Central Postal Directory, Mississippi.

In our search for peace and justice in this war world, we are not content with a choice between Hitler and the United States. It is not a question of making a heaven on earth by one means or another, but rather a question of looking at the world as it is and deciding what we can do about it.

That is why I have objected to untrained idealism of some of our leaders. It is an afraid that they will erect a new idealistic state without a practical foundation and then it will crumble to dust before, and all our hopes of peace and security will be thrown back into the years.

China has 452,000,000 people, which is much more than anyone else and more than three times our population. In a world democracy such as you suggest, she would be the biggest force.

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England, but a new community altogether. In proof of the power that lies in heroic resistance to challenge. The challenge then was small compared with today's.

Mr. Churchill's eloquence suggests that his visit here is chiefly of military significance. Its unpopularity suggests a crisis. The previous visit of Mr. Molotov suggests that action is urgently needed to relieve Russia.

The relief of Russia is now supplemented by the necessity to relieve the Near East. And the speculation must be in the minds of the councilors: How best can this be helped? Shall we try to pour much greater forces into Japan, or shall we direct the German forces to another theater of war, where we take the initiative.

To some extent, the Libyan war is a diversion on Hitler's part. It occupies British forces where they are greatly handicapped. The Axis can reach Libya from the tip of Sicily with minimal loss.

A grand array of the Axis in the Near East—go through to India—requires greater forces than

and front would then be opened, but under Axis initiative. Our own interests are deeply concerned. For were Russia unrelieved in Europe, she might be forced to abandon her maritime province, fighting only delaying actions in Siberia, and relinquishing her we might need against Japan.

Finally, great political perspectives were unfolded through the visit of Molotov to London and Washington. In China agreements all the United Nations are concerned, and the visits of so many heads of European states in this country have doubtless been stimulated by the preceding conference.

Political and Economic Plans for post-war reconstruction have been suggested and far-reaching in such a critical moment, but it is foolish to obscure the political and military aspects of our struggle.

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to support our victory with confidence in the future. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Vellie's speeches are part of the conduct of this war, powerful contributions to the world-wide morale that the magnitude of some immediate and hazardous military task will demand.

We must therefore regard the under-lying of Churchill an suggesting crisis and opportunity. We must at all times temper our sanguinity with soberness. All the stars which we use in our world critical six months in world history. This is probably, however, whether or whether we are in for years of strategic significance. It may be valuable in exact proportion to the clarity of our vision. Neither our purposes. Neither our purposes. Neither our purposes.

Hoover Hits For Peace By Raymond Clapper

NEVER having been regarded as an enthusiastic Hoover fan, I was not on the list for an advance copy of his book, "The Problems of Lasting Peace."

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Even if Mr. Hoover gave nothing more than that in his book it would be welcome. He can convince many people who wouldn't believe anything that came from an official of this Administration. For him to speak his convictions in this matter will help to bring the nation into unity on this fundamental question of policy.

We haven't won the war yet and sometimes we may even be pulling the cart before the horse in talking of peace before the war is won. Yet this is not a single-track war. The fighting is only the bloody climax of a war that went on from the day of the last amphibious landing.

On the day of the last amphibious landing, the inter-allied machinery that had been built up began to be dismantled. By the time the peace conference met the disintegration of the society of nations that had been born out of war was well under way.

The point of talking about these questions now is not that anybody forgets in a moment that the war has to be won first. It is that the war will not really be won unless we are set to follow through afterward.

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The Ugly Duckling

By Herblock

Brother, I guess we had you all wrong.



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Visiting Around

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