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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1941

Damn the torpedoes! Go ahead!
—Commodore Farragut at
Mobile Bay, Aug. 5, 1861.

#### Guilt

Hawaiian ShakeJ p Has Nothing To Do With It

Replacement of the key commanders of the military, naval and air force at Hawaii may give the impression that all these min were guilty of during on the job--or of something worse. It should not eligible to bit of factual evidence has been made public involving Admiral Kimmel or Generals Short and Martin. All that has happened is that the Section 1 of the Navy with Navy with the control of the Navy with th Kimmel or Generals Short and Martin. All that has happened is that the Sec-retaries of War and of the Navy, with the approval of the President, recalled the three men so that if any or all of them were guilty, there would be no chance of their mistakes being re-

peated.
Perhaps only one of the recalled men is chargeable with dereliction of duty.
Perhaps all are xullity, perhaps none.
That is for the special investigating board to determine. At any rate, the men certainly are presumed to be innocent until proved guilty, and any disgrace the public intends to confer upon them should be withheld until after the boards findings are announced.

In these titch times we need all of the

sources findings are announced.

In these tight times, we need all of the
good admirals and generals we can produce. It would be shameful to ruin an
innocent and valuable leader by disgracing him before he had had a fair hearing.

That is why the statements given out by Secretary Kinox and Secretary Stimson should be accepted at face ratue. Supplied hangs over every high-ranking officer at Pend Barbor, including the secretary stimson should be supplied by the second barbor and supplied to the second substitution of t

### Trespass

Congress Invades the Province Of the Military Authorities

The refusal of the House to lower the draft age from twenty-one to nineteen, or, as a compromise, to twenty, is understandable. The Congressmen are probably thinking in terms of their own property transming in terms of the serious one, some of whom at mineteen are still n prep achool, mere infants who have no business going up against seasoned reterans of the enemy.

Ti so happens, however, that many of those seasoned veterans are themselves towere, rather-mere infants. They sear quickly. They are dataptable. They map back from utter weariness by calling on the reserve of endurance that only the youthful constitution stores up, blder heads have thele uses in warler heads have their uses in war-ie, but there is no substitute for phy-

sical vigor.

If must be remembered, too, that drafting a boy at ninetern or twenty doesn't mean that he is to be set straight-away in the front lines. He has at the least six months of atrenuous training ahead of him, a period in which he will mature at double time. Will a year's training he is converted into an adult. In any case, the military case

training he is converted into an adult.

In any case, the military men into whose hands events have thrust the sateguarding of the republic, are confident from their experience that the minimum draft age should be lowered from twenty-one to inheteen. Countress has no business interposing its own sensitivents.

# Scenario

High Adventure on the "Forbidden" Isle of Niihau

Memo to Samuel Goldwyn or any other

movie producer looking for a sure-fire war-comes-to-the-South-Seas idea;

Brunt of Its Evacuation

Out of London comes the report that then Kong's position is desperate, that the fortified British possession may have to be evacuated. This raises the rather important question: By whose navy? It's a cinch the British Far Eastern Fiest can't do it alone, Until the Prince of Wales and the Republic arrived, British has power at Singapore was relatively light. Now both heavy alogs are gone and its previous status obtains.

Nor can the Dutch Navy do it, nor the Chinese Navy. That leaves the finger pointing right straight at Uncle Sam. If Hong Kong must be evacuated, the American Field will have to bear the brunt of the punishment. It will be not unlike Dunking, except that we may not hope to maintain even temporary air superiority over the Japa.

It will be a bloody and contly underlaking, but American sallors have proved war-comes-to-the-South-Seas Idea:
Get this, boyz. Fade in with a closeup of happy natirea living simple lives
on the forbidden Island of Nithau.
Strumming guitars, iagoons, etc.
This Nilhau is an unspoiled paradise,
see. Part of the Hawaitan group—but
white men are forbidden to live there.
No Fadios or any other modern communication. Strictly Lamour stuff.
Buddenly an airolane motor drones.

Buddenly an airplane motor drones, failives look up, but they are used to bianes. There is a crash and every-nody runs down to the beach. Pan-shot of wreekage. Smiling that somehow initiated: Edite Japaness steps out. The

natives welcome him with great hosoitality.

Here's the situation this Jap has just fluished bombing Pearl Harber. But the natives don't know it. They haven't amy idea a war has started.

So everythine rooks along for four or five days. Then, cut to natives pading furiously toward shore in out-ric-ger cance. Thry jump out and run up the beach. Great Jabbering in native tongue. War declared.

The Jap, connered and crafty, overhears. He aneaks back to the little gray shake where he is living with a native couple. When he tries in excape, his host controls him with the trith Jap puits pistol, shoots unarmed native there times—hane, bane. Enter wife of native. She catches on to what has happened, picks up a rock and brains the Jap on the spot.

Some scenario, buth? It seems that it really happened.

really happened.

Big Job

Pacific Islands Are Larger Than They Seem

One of the penalties of looking at small-scale maps is a tendency to underestimate the areas of islands. Particularly is this so, we find, when the map in question attempts to display the broad Pacific in one panoramic sweep.

defending the place, ch?

Bornea, where the Japs landed the Bornea, where the Japs landed the Heat State of the Japs lander and Japs lander miles. It's more than twice as big as North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia combined.

The Philippines compined an area of 114,000 square miles—two and a half times as big as North Carolina. Luzon, where most of the lighting is going on the lighting i

is almost exactly the same size as the Old North State.

Hong Kong U. S. Navy Would Bear

Brunt of Its Erneuation

It will be a bloody and costiy unner-taking, but American sailors have proved that they are equal to 1t. If they are ordered to 60 the job, they'll do it. At least it will be a co-operative venture, including action by each of the Anti-Axis forces in the Pacific—all, that is,

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broad Pacific in one panoramic sweep. The size of some of those groups of specks and even of the pin-points, we find on booking them up, is amazine. The single island of Itawaii, for instance, is about one-tent the size of North Carolina, Hawaii, 4030 squaremies; North Carolina, 48740. It's about an large as ten awerage Tar Heel counties. Sort of sives your a new slant on defending the place, ch?

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is almost exactly the same size as the Old North State.

Mindanno in the Philippines is considerably bigner than South Carolina.

The Netherlands East Indies control 735,000 aquare miles—an area one-courth as big as the whole United States.

The Malay Peninsula reaches 000 miles above Singapore and includes an area almost as large as that of Florida's—about 54,000 square miles.

Not only does the very size of these possessions favor the Japanese Attackers, but their primitive or undeveloped transportation systems make them hard to defend from landings that may be attempted almost anywhere.

It's going to be the biggest job this nation ever attempted to hold the Japs off in the Pacific with one hand and jurn the heat on Hitler with the other. It takes a michty hig may to give us an idea of the assignment we've had laid out for us. TO WIN THE WAR SHOULD BE SUPPRESE PURPOSE.
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Put your dollars on the firing line against Japan. Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps today—and buy as many as you can. The Comforts of

Business Week

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The advantage of being a judge
was never made clearer than the
other day when a district judge in
Oolden. Colo. ordered the County
Commissioners to provide new furniture for the judges' chambers—or
be held for contempt of court.



Our All-America selection is any eleven men in the recruit-ing office photo,

The backroom boys having completed their critiques of the North African campaign, the situation is now taken over by the barroom admirals.

Police in Pennsylvania pick up a thief with fourteen foun-tain pens in his possession as he stepped into a store for a two-vest auit.

Who is this bathing miss who adorna the enver of every Florida resort folder, with no name and, as far as one is able to assertain in a careful reading, no phone number?

What's your list of ten favor-ite desert islands on which to read a book?

# Blame It On The People

NEW YORK
COLONEL KNON'S report puts
the best possible face on the
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SO WHAT?

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We shall not "get by with our lives, We shall have to work, and



fight, on a quite different level, if this nation under God shall survive and have a new birth of freedom. Let us pay tribute to those amongst us who have not accepted the philocophy of medicerity. Let us pay libbute to the efficient and the brave. Let us pay tribute to Golin Kells.

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seement, and the control of the cont

Secretary knows personal report on Fearl Harbor is one of the most moving and trajec records in all military history.

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Glory Above

By Raymond Clapper

Sad Facts

It is trigile because it records the plain, dismaying fact that our armed services were not on the alert when the surprise attack camescrime of needlecture for which full investing allow has been or or which full investing because It reports through many indents the great heroitm of the rore and their officers as they fought to save the heavy from the most appointing disaster

that could be imagined.

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NOT BE FORGOTTEN

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did after the attack began will ring
through time. Their individual heroism
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pointain because it was all to retrieve
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leases were far less than Congressional
goods had indicated, and our Pacifia
situation should improve steadily.

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as frank as an reasonable person could expect in revealing the details of the danner. Discussively, the properties like Senator Tobes cought to be extituted like Senator Tobes cought to be extituted now, actioning they promote softly the actioning affair has been handled, and in the refusal of the President or Secretary Kinn to reach for the whitemach brush. And as can be ground of the rest of the story and of the kind of men who are standing bettind our guins.

After this we ought not be imas frank as any reasonable person could

Attenting behind our guns.

After this we sught not be impairent about draly in disclosing details. The you know how the Japanere found out they had bit the Arisona. They featmed it when the Navy Department announced that Admiral Kidd had been billed in hattle. The day following that casualty announcement, the Japanese radio stated that the news of the death of Admiral Kidd was taken "as indication that the Artisma, of which Rera Admiral Kidd was expitale, has been seriously damaged."

JAPR HAD ONLY TO CONSULT NAVAL DIRECTORY Admirst Kidd was not capitaln of the Arizons, but that was a slight error. The Navy Directory, published in April, 1841, 1814 Admirst Kidd as commanding battleight division No. 1 with the 1941, listed Admiral Kidd as commanding battle-ship disiston No. 1 with the Affrona as his flagship. The directory is a public document. The inside cases carries the note that it can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documenta for 50 cents.

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Admiral Kind, the Jananies had only to lack him up in his public directory, task a chance that he was atill on the same site, and claim the bit. That is only a crude example of how casualty large claims to corny intelligence officers. Secretary Kinox and some of his advisers show they are determined to reveal as much as can be pushished without they are fulled to forbearance from the public.

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### Visitin' Around

Post Script (Lanes Creek item, Monros Journal) Afra, R. E. Rotte reports beans, cu-cumbers and tomators from her garden,

Construction Company
Becomes A Joint
Hostin Wilkesborn Hissilers
Joe Lane, youngest son of late D. S.
Lane and whose father was chief police,
has laken a position in Panana with
the Nello-Terr Construction Company
for which point in that country ha last
here last Thursday.

## Time To Get Going By Dorothy Thompson

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THIS TIME, WE WONT "GET BY"

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

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By Amy G. Bassett

· Our Yankee Correspondents

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