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There is nothing which God cannot do.— Cicero.



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Why We Failed at Bataan

When an aged and beloved parent dies after a lingering illness, the grief is no less bitter because the end has been long expected. Thus, broken-hearted America mourns the heroes of Bataan and vows by the Eternal God that they shall be avenged. What a contrast: We at tables stuffed with plenty and they starving on short rations. We in a land blessed with modern medical science and those boys out there in the foxholes wacked by malaria.

More men were lost by us at a single stroke than served in George Washington's Continental Army at the time of its greatest strength. No United States force as large as Wainwright's 36,000 has ever before been destroyed in a single battle in our history. Even worse, we have been obliged to give over to Japanese prisons the bravest of our brave. We failed them miserably because we did not have the vessels to carry in planes, big guns, food, reinforcements, or to effect a rescue.

Since it is steel for shipyards we lack, then by ruthless, supreme efforts we must find the scrap. We must gather everything from stray hairpins to elevated structures—tear down obsolete skyscrapers, rip out ornamental grills and fences, even melt church bells. And what about oak-beamed yachts, fishing smacks, pleasure cruise steamers, old mud cowsews tied up on docks or our uncultivated forests waiting to be fashioned into hulls? Some river, lake and coastal freight could be fashioned from these sources to release more vital ocean craft. Wooden ships and iron men won our first two wars, why not their help now? These Lagoon dead shall have died in vain unless American resourcefulness, energy and new methods smash this shipping bottleneck.

Tough Job Well Handled

When preliminary plans first were announced by Lieut. Gen. DeWitt for evacuation of Japanese from the combat zone we felt confident the task would be performed with greatest consideration for the evacuees, and we gave assurance to that effect in these columns.

As the work has been carried out to date we feel our assurance has been wholly justified.

Two points must be remembered: one, that the undertaking is of tremendous magnitude, the other that never before has the army been called upon to perform such a job. The smoothness, speed and kindness with which it has been executed thus far are a fine tribute to the army, its command and the other federal agencies that have participated in it.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

Three breathless sunny Sundays in a row were too much for us and last Sunday, trying hard to brush aside thoughts of tire conservation and gas shortage we set out to do a little "back-road" exploring on the Tacoma side of the sound. It was nearly all familiar territory, yet in company with an exceptionally good chauffeur and guide, we learned a lot of new things. For instance at Shelton, one of Washington's oldest cities, we learned that the city hall is old fashioned not only in appearance but in name for it is still called the "Town Hall." We stopped to inspect the old bell tower which was erected in 1826 to commemorate the building in 1833 on that site of the first Protestant church north of the Columbia river.

We circled back on the Military Road Number 1, as it is marked, which afforded the only route of escape from the Puyallup Valley to Port Bremerton during the Indian war of 1855 and along which in 1864 was built the Russian-American telegraph line.

We cut corners to visit the little settlement of Fircrest, distinctive for its attractive new homes and learned that some 30 to 40 years ago Mayor Brown purchased all of that land and subdivided it for the building of homes. However, his real estate venture was not as promising then as it might be now with his rise to prominence. These days, however, the land passed into other hands.

From there we visited the Lakewood Community Center which looks like something that got lost

into the sea (Carol), is official to join the navy? It's now official that Owen Wallace, the Dolores Del Rio have ceased their wedding talk; she now claims a Mexican political biggie... Newest Holy Lamarr-George Montgomery rumors in that they'll wed at the Chateau-Bon-Bon-Bon Nevada ranch, with Clara as matron of honor.

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LAUGH OF THE WEEK: Babe

The Old Rope Trick



The 'Round Towner' By The Staff

On the rounds with the 'Round Towner—Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Martin from over Manette way chatting with friends—L. E. Cunningham on the avenue—R. C. Washburn honoring an article for The Sun—Mrs. Harry Pritchard and Mrs. Lynn Allison downtown together—Mrs. O. B. Purcell taking time out for lunch—Mrs. Jack Strickland making purchase for the birthday party of her young son. Dewey.

DEFINITIONS DEPARTMENT A cow—according to a southern paper—is an angular feminine, bony, with four legs, an alto voice, a well established milk route and a face that inspires confidence. A cow's husband is a bull. A cow's hat is a circular, flat, wooden, with four legs, an alto voice, a well established milk route and a face that inspires confidence. A cow's outfit is a pair of denim overalls with a buttoned placket and a face that inspires confidence. A cow's vitamins for double cholesterol milk until she is old enough to enter a can of corn-beef hash. Her tail is fastened to the rear of her back. It is a universal joint at one end and a fly-sweater at the other. An old cow has a tough time of it. In the end, she gets skinned by those who has benefited—even as you and I. A slice of a cow's hidequarters is very valuable to a cow but it is worth only a nickel to a farmer, 16 cents to a meat packer, 46 cents to a retail butcher, and \$1.25 in a restaurant, not counting the tip.

In Hollywood By Jimmie Fidler

HOLLYWOOD, April 21.—(Just) Frases and Producer Glenn Tyron will see a preacher when his divorce is final. The Richard Carleton will make it four in the fall... There's talk that Ann Sheridan and George Montgomery rumors in that they'll wed at the Chateau-Bon-Bon-Bon Nevada ranch, with Clara as matron of honor.

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Capital Comment

WASHINGTON—Political bosses in American cities may never but the increasing violence between city and the gangsters has been temporarily stopped. With billions of dollars spilling around in war-contract money, the political bosses and racketeers have a sufficient reason not generally realized. The system has attracted considerable interest in both parties. The reasons which have not yet crept into the headlines with the appropriate attempt of the (Tom) Vandenberg crowd, whose old leader served time for treason, are, only recently the good government faction in the House of Representatives. Several high officials have been rebuffed in their hunt for elective and appointive office because of their unimpeachable association with "but not solid acquaintance with District organizations cannot renege nor revamp their lines and weapons for the next elections seeking favors. The latter are now getting a new lease on life. Even national committee collectors have trouble in getting lists of executives harassed by taxes, priorities, shipping, etc.

The future for the professional politicians also looks bleak. They are being treated by local business prospects are wearing uniforms or overalls. Uncle Sam is starting for the down-town. Once depended on clubhouse baskets and coal. In short, the nation was never less steeped in old-fashioned, plain business politics than at the present moment. This reform, which is to prevent a recurrence of Al Capone during and after the conflict, was accomplished by local business, as city virtuosos are dubbed by hard-boiled gangsters. The political bosses are being attacked by the down-town. It was effected by Uncle Sam's use of the income tax weapon, as an official summary now in preparation will discuss.

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Let Your Answer to Bombs Be—BONDS!

We are fighting enemies who will stop at nothing. With our backs to the wall, we are fighting for our lives and the lives of our children and our country. Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps every day, every week. Buy as you your life depended upon it.



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