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'Enemy Alien' Brand Should Be Removed Very Carefully

HAVING lifted the stigma of "enemy alien" from Italian residents of the United States, Attorney-General Biddle lets it be known that he is considering doing as much for German nationals. Particular attention will be given, he says, to Germans who have fathers, sons and brothers in the American armed forces.

Two Beloved Actresses

WITHIN a fortnight, the stage has lost two beloved actresses whose talents have delighted audiences on both sides of the Atlantic for decades—in the United States, May Robson; in England, Dame Marie Tempest.

Here He Is Again

ONCE more the time is at hand for reelection of Horace P. Chapman as commissioner of the Port of Seattle. This has become the regular order of procedure, whenever he approaches the end of a term.

No Manpower; No Wonder

WHILE federal government agencies of all sorts continue to increase the number of their employees and so expand their payrolls, many American citizens persist in belief that all the necessary business of government, except in the armed services, could be as well performed by fewer persons.

Community Decency Allows No 'Technical Exceptions'

NOW that state authorities, at his request, have clamped down on the "bookies," with incidental revelation of other interesting matter, Mayor Devin promises to keep the clamps tightly in place, unless and until the courts tell him this questionable line of business is entirely within the law.

Civilian Air Crews Unsung War Heroes

WASHINGTON—Miracles in the air by our fighting planes are getting the headlines, but there are other kinds of miracles being performed by transport planes that have become almost routine.

THE job being performed by the civilian airline companies throughout the world is amazing in its scope. Had it not been for the preparations made through commercial flying, the bringing together of the farthest points of this global war in days and hours rather than in weeks or months would never have been possible.

GEN. HAROLD L. GEORGE of the Army Air Forces directs this vast operation in what is known as the Air Transport Command. But the government has very sensibly not attempted to duplicate the civilian job with military pilots and has kept the military system under civilian personnel, with the Army working in close cooperation at every point.

AMERICA'S airplane operation in the passenger and transport field was the largest in the world before the war. It will be the largest after the war. It has met already a challenge in cargo-carrying which is a source of wonder.

SUSPICION of a German offensive is based on the fact that since the beginning of the second Russian campaign the Nazis have not used any long-range bombers which have been built in large numbers in the last 12 months in the factories of occupied Europe.

IT is true that the equinoctial rains and the bad weather which prevails generally in Europe after October 15 are likely to be a severe handicap to air operations. But this applies mostly to bombing and air raids such as the Germans used to make after the fall of France and such as we have been making this year.

YEARS of peace-time training have enabled the air carriers to do a clock-like job in the great emergency. The government has wisely drawn on the "know-how" of the private airline companies and, despite the fact that the air-traffic controllers have been compelled to contribute large numbers of their personnel to the military and naval services, the air carrier organizations are doing an even bigger job than in peace-time.

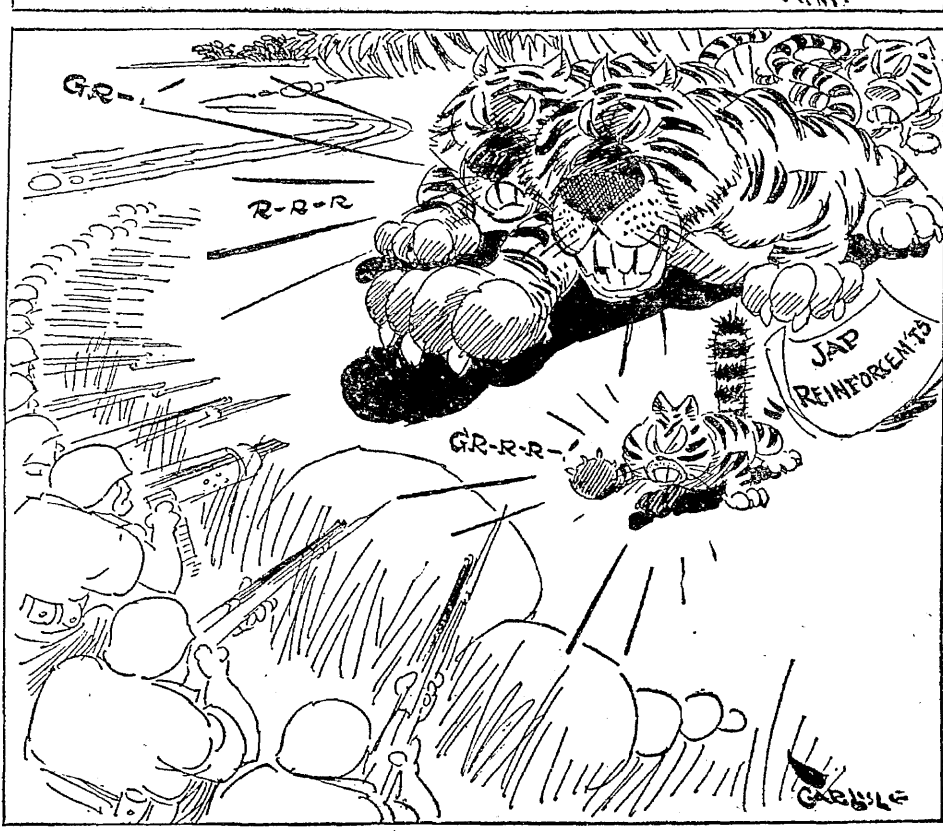
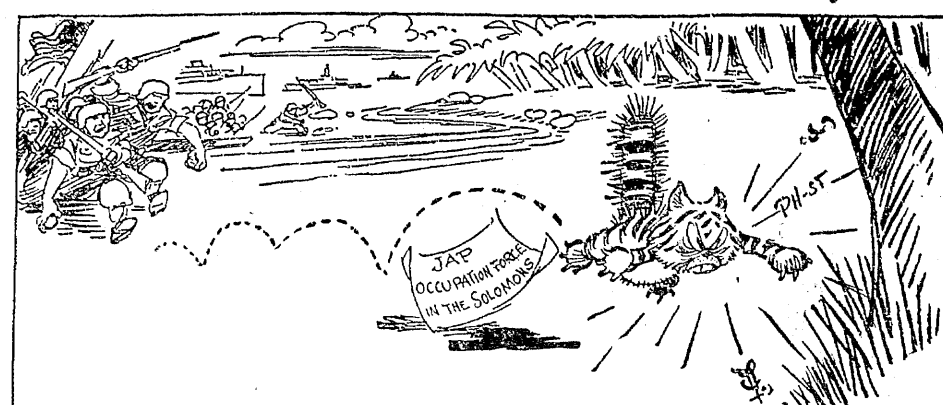
AMERICAN air carriers are proud of what their radio-controlled planes are doing in carrying troops and freight, what their trucks have done in carrying men and materials in shorter hauls, and what their private airlines have done to span the globe in this big emergency.

Triumphs on that front may enable the Axis to prolong the war for many years but will not offer

OFF THE RECORD By Ed Reed



COMING BACK WITH THE GANG



Nazis Ready to Renew Blitz on Britain

WASHINGTON—A German air blitz combined with amphibious operations against the British Isles is not considered an impossibility.

THE question is frequently asked, "Why didn't the Germans try to put England out of business in 1940 when the British had only a few trained divisions and a totally inadequate air force?"

Palaces and Circus Tents--- U. S. O. Have 1,015 'Homes'

NEW YORK—Former bank buildings, palatial homes, a casino in the Caribbean, a hotel club in Bermuda and a log cabin built in a few days by citizens, service men and American Legionnaires in Alaska—these are a few of the many unusual buildings pressed into service by the United Service Organizations to provide the comforts of "a home away from home" for American boys.

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IN Michigan, a three-story junior high school is now a U. S. O. club; in Louisiana, one of the centers for maneuvers was once the oldest women's college in the country.

A Coast Guard warehouse in Alaska now is operated as a U. S. O. club. It stands high on stilts over the water of the bay.

There was a stick-up and everybody had a wallet but me!

Censorship Recalls Days of Childhood

NEW YORK—It is my conviction that, a great deal of the unnecessary military censorship is due to the fact that many of the men who impose it are still little boys who refuse to grow up. You know—still playing secrets.

Remember how when you were a boy you were always organizing or joining clubs of various sorts? And how all these clubs had a password, a secret grip and a lot of other things that only the members were priviledged to know?

I can recall a dozen of them. There was the Panther Athletic Club, the Delta Dums, the Mysterious K Klub. It was within our powers, as members of these exclusive groups, to befuddle outsiders with inside knowledge. We revealed in it.

THE same thing is going on right now in regard to military censorship. The men in charge can really play with secrets. Here is the biggest game of all, and they're in charge. They can really be mysterious and knowing. They can really look knowing and wise.

I'll never forget a trip I made to Halifax, Nova Scotia, last year. They turned me over to the head censor of the Maritime Provinces. He had to pass on everything I wrote. And did he love it! Before he got this job I don't know what he did. Probably was a master bricklayer.

But he saw a military secret in everything. If I mentioned that the drive into Halifax was enjoyable, he knocked that out on the grounds that it told the enemy that a paved road led into the city. If I wrote that the tuna were biting, he put a pencil through that, using as his right that tuna bit only in good weather and I had no right to inform the enemy that the weather was good.

As he rode around in his car he gave me the impression of a fellow who hoped the war would last 15 years so he wouldn't have to go back to bricklaying or furniture upholstering or whatever it was he did before he got a title and a fistful of authority.

A FEW days ago I visited my home (home Daytona Beach, Fla. There I saw a fine example of nonsensical military censorship. I don't know who was responsible for it, but kids behind a barn couldn't have cooked up a sillier bunch of mumbo-jumbo.

Daytona Beach has been selected as a new Waacs camp. The weather is good the year 'round (strictly a plug for the home town, that) the Army is going to make it a second Des Moines for the girls in khaki.

WHEN the first Waacs arrived, all dressed up in their suits, no one on the papers could interview them. The reporters could try to interview them, and did, but all they got was:

Secret stuff, you know. Very important that any movement of Waacs be kept quiet. How many were coming to Daytona Beach? That was censored. Where were they going to stay? Censored too.

WHY didn't the Army send a publicity man (they must have thousands of them around) to Daytona Beach and tell the city that the Waacs were coming; that they would arrive on such and such a date, and that they would be quartered in this and that place?

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It Pays More To Be Killed These Days

NEW YORK—When I was considerably younger, I used to delight in a Saturday afternoon's Wild West bill of fare at the neighborhood movie house.

The chief attraction was dauntless Eddie Polo, who shot so many bad men that the sound effects man couldn't keep up with him. (The sound effects man in those days sat in the first row, and every time there was gunfire on the screen, he slapped a leather chair seat with a slat.)

IN my more mature years, I have been mildly curious over the declining marksmanship of screen heroes, but now I know the answer. The rates for being killed have gone up from something like \$10 a day to \$35.

AND when you're making western pictures on a small budget, podner, you only kill off the snakes-in-the-grass that need killin' bad.

I'VE just learned that, and a few other things about westerners, from Roy Rogers, one of the top screen cowboys of the era, and the name attraction of the recent rodeo in Madison Square Garden.

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HE is about 6 years old, and Roy has had him for five. He can do 45 miles an hour on the straight-away, and Roy would like to put him up against Whirlaway in a 100-yard sprint.

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THE NEIGHBORS By George Clark



"Don't worry about what the kids will think if they have to do without a few things! What do you suppose they'd think if we failed to live up to our War Bond pledges?"