





KALTENBORN SAYS:

Enemies Stalemated After 6 Months Because Defense Outshines Offense

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AT THE end of the first six months of war we find that the major belligerents have not yet begun to fight, while the major neutral powers have begun to fight for peace.

Only in Finland is there a major military effort and mighty Soviet Russia does not even admit that she has gone to war against little Finland.

Defense Is Major Factor. The primary reason is that in modern war, defense is stronger than offense. The war in Spain showed the world that air attack on large cities is tremendously destructive, but it also showed that it is not likely to be decisive.

The fear of such wholesale air-raids led France and Britain to surrender at Munich. Now, after a year and a half of additional intensive preparation for air-defense, they no longer fear German attack.

Why Poland Was Weak. The two great surprises of this war so far have been Poland's weakness and Finland's strength.

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H. V. Kaltenborn attained eminence in the radio news field during the European crisis last autumn, when his frequent and accurate reports over the Columbia network were awaited each day by millions of listeners.



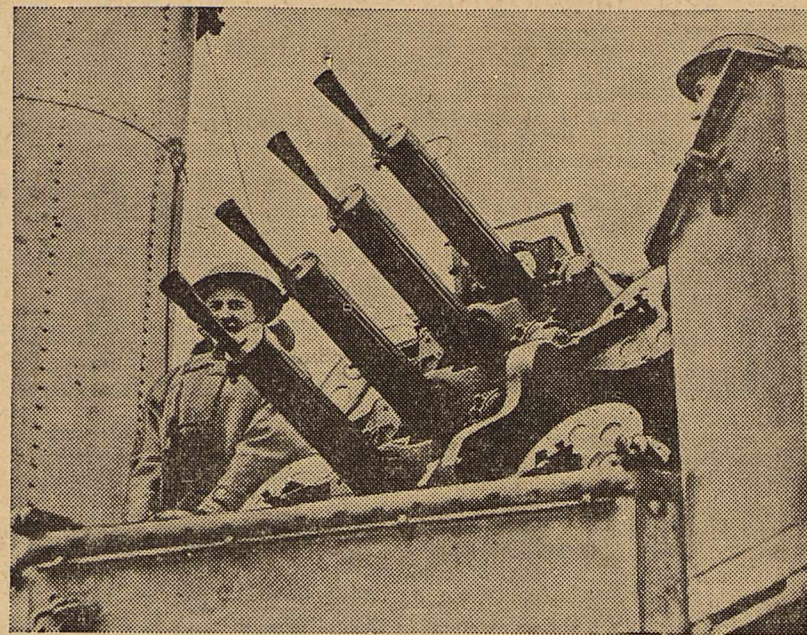
their popular nor efficient. The Finnish people are literate, sturdy and possess a strong sense of social and political independence.

Just as the failure of Poland's defense plan undermined morale, the success of Finland's well-organized plan of defense has given tremendous encouragement to the army, the people and the government.

Western Lines Inevulnerable. Already Finland's Mannerheim line has withstood an overwhelming Russian assault for more than three months. It is apparent, therefore, that the much more completely organized and much deeper Maginot and Siegfried lines would be similarly invulnerable to attack.

In considering the progress of this war, we are too much inclined to dwell on military factors. Yet during this first half-year the military front has been less important than the diplomatic front and the economic front.

Radio and loudspeaker systems have made it possible for belligerents to talk to one another incessantly, directly on the fighting lines



BRITAIN GUARDS THE SEA—Somewhere in the North sea a multiple anti-aircraft gun aboard a British mine sweeper watches for enemy raiders.

or indirectly through the air-waves. Nazi leaders are apprehensive about casualties in the propaganda battle. They impose severe punishment on anyone who listens to a foreign broadcast.

More Activity on Sea. At sea, a war of movement has been possible. This is why there has been much more activity at sea than on land.

The Near Eastern Franco-British army of half a million men under the leadership of General Weygand is now waiting in Syria, ready for instant action against Russia or Germany in any part of the Balkans.

Germans' commerce-raiders were swept from the seas much more quickly than during the World war. The Graf Spee lies wrecked in Montevideo harbor after being put out of action by the combined efforts of three small British cruis-

netic mine sown by the Germans proved very destructive for the first few weeks in which it was used. Then more effective mine-sweeping methods and the establishment of narrow ship-channels which were carefully patrolled reduced the successes of Germany's mine-laying airplanes.

British Also Unsuccessful. On the other hand, the British have been no more successful in their raids against the German navy. Both German and British submarines have destroyed an occasional warship, but these forays have been costly to the submarines attempting them.

Talk about the Germans building one submarine a day is nothing more than talk. It is more likely that the Germans are completing anywhere from six to ten U-boats a month, which is just about the rate at which they are being destroyed.

Already Planning for Peace. There is, then, nothing decisive in action at sea or in the air. Defense is stronger than attack. But what about the economic front? That is probably the most important front of all and the one that will be dominant long after the war has ended.

Every country in Europe, neutral and belligerent alike, has mortgaged its future. Only if the New world remains out of the war and stands ready to lend its resources for European reconstruction is there any hope of true peace.

What After Collapse? France and Britain count on economic pressure to bring about the collapse of Germany, but one wonders whether they have asked themselves, what then? Will they march into Germany at the head of a victorious army, establish a new Kaiser and a new Junker government? Or will they stand aside while Germany's underground Communist movement re-asserts itself and calls out for assistance to the Red brethren in Moscow?

There is the third possibility of organizing those liberal forces that have either been driven out of Germany or driven under cover within Germany, and helping them to re-establish constitutional government by granting them a generous peace. That would be the hardest task.

Meanwhile, there is more pressure behind the economic than behind the military war. Members of the Rumanian government are being bribed, bulldozed, flattered and cajoled by both sides. Both are seeking to purchase Rumania's oil and Rumania's grain. Each wants it so that the other cannot have it.

On the diplomatic front, the Allied powers won their greatest victory in winning Turkey to their cause. This gives them control of the Dardanelles and the Black Sea, in case of war with Russia. It also assures France and Britain complete dominance of the Mediterranean thereby discouraging Italy from siding with Germany.

Already submarine torpedoes are far less successful in destroying shipping than mines. The new mag-

AROUND THE HOUSE

When poaching eggs, let water come to a full rolling boil, drop eggs into it, turn out gas and eggs will finish poaching in the boiling water.

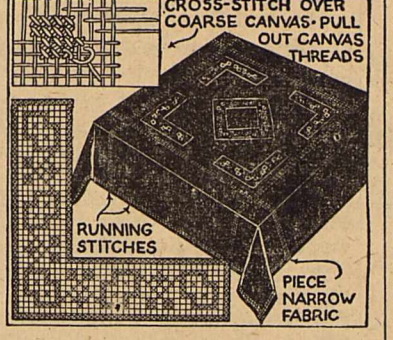
If a drawer runs unevenly and causes trouble in opening and shutting it is not always necessary to have recourse to the carpenter, for frequently the very simple method of rubbing a little soap on the inner edges of the drawer will overcome this difficulty.

Don't throw away bulbs grown in the house. After they are through blooming set away until leaves dry and plant in the garden in the spring. They may not bloom until the second year.

Save the Buttons.—The continual ripping off of buttons by the clothes wringer can be prevented by folding the buttons inside the garment and holding it flat as you turn it through the wringer.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



CROSS-STITCH is combined here with plain running stitches to make a smart luncheon cloth that may be embroidered quickly in coarse white embroidery thread. The material may be broadcloth or other smooth-finish cotton. The color is a deep maroon and the white design is very effective on this background.

green are other fabric colors that are being used with white embroidery.

This cloth is made of two 1 1/2-yard lengths of 36-inch-wide material. Split one piece lengthwise through the center and join to the sides of the other piece by machine. The seams are covered by the rows of running stitches. You do not need a stamping pattern to make the cross-stitch design. Baste coarse open-mesh embroidery canvas over the material; then follow the design given here at the lower left. Repeat the corner of the design to make the four corners of the center square.

NOTE: There are 36 embroidery stitches illustrated in Mrs. Spears' Sewing Book 2; also several original designs for table covers; men's ties; mittens; hats; purses; Baby's bassinet; doll's wardrobe; five ways to mend fabrics. Ask for Book 2, enclosing 10 cents coin. Address Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

ASK ME ANOTHER

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

- The Questions
1. Were the blood vessels in a human body placed in one line, how far would they reach?
2. Was the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor brought here as a finished statue?
3. What is meant by a runner getting his second wind?
4. When was the Mississippi river formed?
5. What kind of fruit is a monastery?
6. How many primary human emotions are there?
7. What portion of the Great Lakes belongs to the United States?
8. Why are bananas picked green?
9. What people first became civilized?
10. Do Mohammedans use coffins in which to bury their dead?

- 7. Of the Great Lakes, 60,770 square miles lie on the United States side, and 33,940 square miles on the Canadian side.
8. Bananas are picked green because they do not ripen properly on the plant. If they are not cut when green the starch fails to turn into sugar and the fruit is unfit for human consumption.
9. The Chinese claim that distinction. Early history being largely legendary, it may be other civilizations antedated that of China, such as that of Assyria or that of the Aztecs of Mexico.
10. Mohammedanism prohibits the use of coffins, the dead being wrapped only in a burial cloth.

The Answers

- 1. Over 2,000 miles.
2. No. After being exhibited in Paris, it was taken down and shipped in cases.
3. An adjustment of the heart rate to the intake and outgo of air in the lungs.
4. During the latter part of the Ice age, about 20,000 years ago.
5. A rare fruit from Puerto Rico with a taste similar to the pineapple and banana.
6. There are 3 primary human emotions: anger, fear, and love.

It Takes Desperate Action To Correct Some Conditions

Into the infants school rushed an excited woman, brandishing a heavy hammer. "Where is Miss Davids?" she cried. The teacher named fled, frightened. The principal said to the noisy visitor: "Madam, come to my room, where we can talk." "Never! I've brought my hammer and I'm going to use it! You're going to see something! My young rascal has ripped his breeches—" "But Miss Davids has nothing to do with it!" "That's quite likely, but I'm not going away until I've driven in the nail my boy tore himself on."

35 Miles Down

The greatest depth at which engineers have tapped for oil is just over three miles. Seismographic readings tell us that there is oil 35 miles under the earth's surface, but with our present methods of drilling we cannot hope to tap this store. Now oil experts have decided that the more efficient of two possible methods must be used. Both of them do away with the heavy, unwieldy shaft, thousands of feet long, which must be capable of standing enormous stresses and temperatures.

One method is to send down a motor which fits snugly against the sides of the well, and which can be driven by thin, steel-encased wire. The other is to have a small water turbine behind the bit, and drive it by means of water and mud, pumped at high pressure. This method is being used in a modified form in many parts of the United States and Central America.

Strange Facts

18,300 Degrees Hot Sooty Toppers Living Submarine

The hottest man-made flame in existence is found in the atomic nitrogen electric arc and reaches a temperature of 18,300 degrees Fahrenheit. The heat is developed by the separation and recombination of the two atoms of each molecule of nitrogen as the gas flows through the arc at a pressure of 14,000 pounds per square inch.

The traditional headgear of chimney sweepers, members of one of the world's sootiest professions, is a formal silk hat.

Although a mammal, the hippopotamus is able to walk on the bottom of rivers and lakes and graze on the aquatic vegetation.—Collier's.



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### Border Planting Protects Soil And Develops Bird Life

Border strips and strip cropping will be used by many farmers in the Stratford area this year to protect their fields against wind erosion damage and also to provide food and shelter for wildlife, according to Jody F. Boston, Agronomist of the Soil Conservation Service Demonstration Project located near Stratford.

Areas where border strips will be planted usually are those especially subject to wind erosion, Boston points out. A narrow strip of Sudan grass or grain sorghums along the field borders will check soil blowing from adjacent fields or roadways and at the same time will favor development of desirable species of birds and animals. Alternate strips of close grown crops,

such as wheat, oats, or drilled sorghum with intertilled crops such as listed sorghum on the contour will eliminate runoff water and at the same time be one of the best measures to control wind erosion.

The clean cultivation of large areas of farm land has been an important factor in the depletion of wildlife, and thus favored the increase of insect pests which native birds and animals on the farm tend to keep under control, Boston points out. From a wildlife standpoint, the development of strips of protective vegetation is more desirable than the same area of vegetation in a compact block, he says. Such strips provide travel lanes for birds and small animals and afford more extensive range into adjoining fields.

Gullies and other severely eroded areas also provide ideal sites for the use of plants and shrubs that will serve the dual purpose of con-

trolling erosion and improving wildlife environment on the farm or ranch, Boston says.

### Baptist Circle No. 2

Circle No. 2 of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union met with Mrs. R. C. Lening February 21. Mrs. McQueen brought the devotional from the third chapter of John. \$1.10 was received on the Baptist Hundred Thousand club. The second lesson on "Things We Should Know," was taught by Mrs. R. C. Lening. The circle voted to adopt "Guide to Daily Bible Study," and plans were made to order copies of that book. Those present were Mesdames Joe Brown, A. H. Ellison, Lena McQueen, John Lavake, Burk Green, R. J. Davis, S. J. Farris, D. B. Houser, and R. C. Lening.

### Spurlock Cooperator Stores Meat In Oil

"After I had heard so much about how fine meat kept when it was stored in oil," says Mrs. Arthur Folsom, Spurlock Home Demonstration club Cooperator, "we decided to try storing our meat that way too."

"We had on hand one ten gallon stone jar, and we bought one more to put the meat in. Our only other expense was the oil. We got five gallons of oil for meat in two ten gallon jars."

"After the meat had cured, we washed it off, then cut it to fit closely in the jars, poured the oil to cover it, and that was all there was to it."

"Of course we put a weight on the meat to make sure it was all under the oil, then we covered the jar to keep the oil clean, too."

"The initial expense, we do not

feel was too high," explains Mrs. Folsom, "and we plan to take good care of the jars and oil so we can use both for several years."

The Folsom's have stored the sides from four hogs and three hams in the jars of oil for their cured pork supply for 1940.

There are several other families in the Spurlock community who have stored their meat in oil this year for the first time, and others are still planning to use this very fine method.

### Baptist Circle No. 3

Circle No. 3 of the Baptist Church met with Mrs. Mollie Davis February 21. Mrs. D. Taylor led the devotional. Those present were Mesdames Hunter, Collins, Butler, Wright Davis, Allen, Taylor, and Lee. Mrs. Massie, Mrs. Donelson, and Mrs. Green were visitors. Visitors are always welcome. The next meeting will be at the church.

### B. Y. P. U.

Subject: What is the Grace of God?

The Grace of God is the summing up of God's Attitude to men: Leon Guthrie.

God's grace expresses itself in His Compassion: Travis Blevins.

God's grace expresses itself in His Patience: Eugene Farris.

God's Grace expresses itself in His Forgiveness: Robert Cooper.

God's Grace expresses itself in His Impartial Kindness: Ira Guthrie.

God's Grace expressed Itself in His Sacrifice on Calvary: Mrs. Lening.

### Y. M. P. U. PROGRAM

God's Part in Christian Life and Growth.

Bible Quiz: Mrs. Jim Brown.

Devotional: Deuteronomy 7:6-11: Mrs. M. Wright.

Discussion: Mrs. John Kelp.

God Draws Us to Himself: Mrs. W. Davis.

Christ Keeps that which He has Saved: Mr. Blevins.

We Have Access by Faith into This Grace: Mrs. John Kelp.

The Grace of God is unto the Fruits of Righteousness: Mrs. Houser.

By God's Grace We are Enriched in all things: John Kelp.

President in charge: Mrs. Jim Brown.

### KERRICK NEWS

(Miss Fannie James, Reporter)

Those attending the Cal Farley show in Stratford Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Wadley, and Paulagean, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crabtree and children, Mrs. Minnie McDaniel and children, Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Wadley, Hosie McDaniel and Tom, Louis, Lois, and Fannie Sue James.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Hunter visited Mrs. Mettie I. James and children Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crabtree attended business in Amarillo Saturday.

Those from Stratford who attended church here Sunday afternoon were Rev. and Mrs. Dean, John Kelp and son, and Mrs. R. C. Lening.

Mildred Crabtree and Fannie Sue James are attending a Study Course at the Baptist Church in

### THE DUSTER

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except I think we all had a pretty good time at the Girls' District Tournament. Especially Jerry and Marcella. Please don't ask why.

I really think this is enough for this time so be restful until you hear from us next week.

### SEVENTH GRADE REPORT

Mr. Graves has given us back some of our exam papers. We made pretty good grades but we could make a lot better.

Several members of the class went to Dumas Monday afternoon and the rest of the class said they got the worst things.

Well, there are just two more six weeks and we have really got to work hard so that we can have good grades at the end of the school term.

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Miss Mildred Crabtree and Mrs. Frank James attended a party at the home of Miss Marie Moore in Dalhart Friday night.

The club meets with Mrs. Jesse James Wednesday.

If you read one expert on the war, you know everything; if you read two, you become a bit confused and if you read as many as three, you don't know anything about it.

Of course, there is nobody in the United States so simple as to believe that, if this country were engaged in war with Japan, there would be no nation ready to take a poke at us in the Atlantic.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS: COUNTY OF SHERMAN:**  
TO THOSE indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of Henrietta M. Smith, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed Executor of the Es-

tate of Henrietta M. Smith, deceased, late of Sherman County, Texas, by F. B. Mullins, Judge of the County on the 5th day of February A. D. 1940, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his residence in Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this 5th day of February A. D. 1940.

HOWARD E. SMITH,  
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### Economic Highlights

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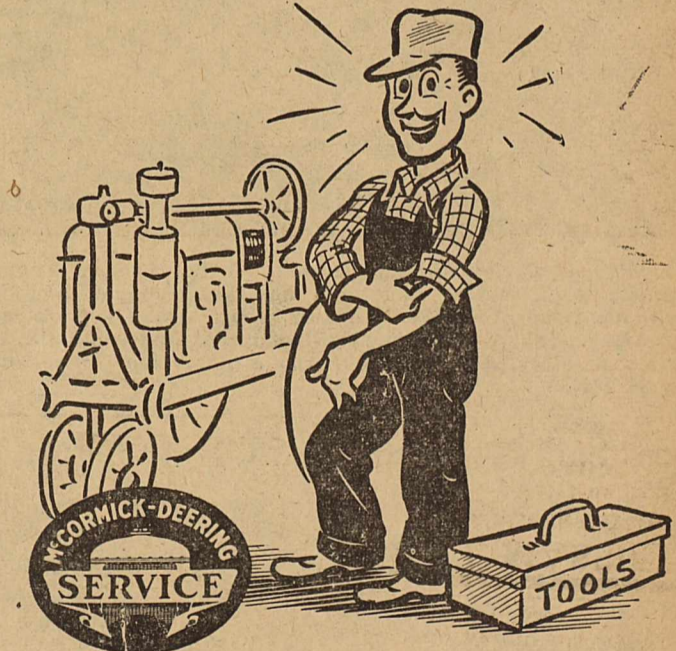
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