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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.
Proverbs 22:1.

They Can --- If They Will

Secretaries Stimson of War and Knox of the Navy have assured Senator Vandenberg, and incidentally the public, that there is nothing in the law to prevent General Douglas MacArthur or Lt. Com. Harold Stassen from submitting to a presidential draft.

Once either the general or the lieutenant-commander had been elected, it would be up to President Roosevelt whether he would release his successor-elect to accept the office. However, if the Republican convention should draft either of the officers, and he should be elected, it is hardly conceivable that Roosevelt would defy the popular mandate and leave the country without a chief executive.

To us, it does not seem as though the question posed to the two secretaries, hypothetically, by Senator Vandenberg, is the question really at issue.

What troubles many admirers of one or the other of the two potential G. O. P. candidates now in uniform is this: How would General MacArthur stack up if he proved willing to leave his great task in the Pacific, to pigeon-hole his promise that he will return to the Philippines at the head of a victorious American Army, in order to run for the presidency?

The problem with regard to Commander Stassen is not quite so clearcut. His importance in the naval picture is hardly so great as that of General MacArthur in the military. His departure from his wartime assignment would not leave so great a vacuum.

It is not difficult to conceive of General MacArthur, or for that matter of General Eisenhower or General Marshall, running for the presidency after the war and perhaps winning it. That has been done before.

George Washington did it. So did Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison, Ulysses S. Grant. But they waited until the political activities would not interfere with their military duties.

The question isn't merely one of active seeking. Human nature being what it is, even modest receptivity on the part of a military officer might interfere with the close liaison that should exist between a high field commander and his superiors in Washington.

It might prove easier to find a G. O. P. presidential candidate than to replace MacArthur satisfactorily in the Southwest Pacific.

—Buy War Bonds And Savings Stamps—

Commercial Airlines In War

U. S. Airlines are at last to be given public credit for the job they have done for the Army Transport Command and the Naval Air Transport Service, in flying war freight and passengers all over the world. Office of War Information is issuing a report on the subject after weeks of headaches and delay, trying to get everyone concerned in agreement on what could or should be said.

The jealousies going into this thing have been terrific. Nearly every airline has been afraid that it would not get full credit for what it had done, or that one of the competitors would get more credit than it deserved, or that the Army Transport Command would get credit for something that the airlines had done, or that ATC would not let the commercial airlines announce what they considered major achievements. Trying to keep the ambitious airlines happy about what they have been doing for the war effort has been a real problem.

The OWI report on commercial airline operation in the war comes out just in time for what may be a swan song on their effort. In the beginning, the commercial airlines did the whole job. Army and Navy had no personnel, no planes, no experience for a transport job, so the airlines furnished everything and did all the work.

Today, on the transport operation, the commercial airlines are doing about 30 per cent of the work. By the end of 1944 the commercial airlines will be doing only about 10 per cent of the work. If the war lasts long enough, there may come a time when the services will be doing all their air transport flying, and the airlines will be back in private business exclusively.

For the airlines have taught the services how to run an airline. The airlines have run schools to train transport pilots and navigators and ground crews and operations personnel.

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Often a selfmade man appears to have quit the job too early.

Experience is a wonderful teacher, but she doesn't always explain things.

A fellow may not always accomplish what he sets out to do, but you have to admire him for trying.

Nowadays the way to make the best of things when a tire blows out is to have your shoes half-soled.

Making an appropriation to buy the wife a fur coat should come under the head of defense appropriations.

A good way to keep somebody from knocking a chip off your shoulder, is to keep your shoulder to the wheel.

Banks have made it comparatively easy to borrow. Now if someone will just invent an easy way to pay back.

Seventy-five per cent of the members of a prison band were paroled before their terms were up. Even in the pen, peace is a blessing.

Due to shortage of help a west coast auto dealer has converted his place into a fix-it-yourself garage. We've had one of those back of our house for years.

A Leaf From John L.'s Book



Serious Shortage Of Food Reported In Southern Italy

NAPLES—(AP)—Stocks of food in Southern Italy have diminished to a serious if not a critical point, the Allied Military Government disclosed Thursday. Officers said some of the densely populated districts might suffer extreme hardships this winter.

British and American economic experts attributed the shortage to the destruction of the wheat crop by retreating German troops and cutting of roads and highways and destruction of flour mills.

Must Import Food

Key to the situation is white flour for bread or "pasta," two staples of Italian diet. The average consumption of both per person in Naples is 500 grams a day. Present rations provide 100 grams of bread and 70 grams of pasta daily.

Stocks of meat, milk and eggs are either virtually non-existent or so badly restricted by transportation difficulties that they cannot be considered as factors in the problem.

Shipyard Strikers Ignore WLB Order

CLEVELAND—(AP)—Approximately 1,000 AFL craft unionists at the American Ship Building Company's big west side yards Thursday ignored a regional War Labor Board ultimatum and failed to return to work on the day shift. A company spokesman said 368 men reported.

Advertise Or Be Forgotten

Personals

Mrs. A. E. Collyns of San Angelo has arrived in Midland to spend the Christmas holidays with her son, Bill Collyns, and his family.

Pvt. Watha W. Cutbirth has been transferred from Camp Fort Lewis in Washington to a training school at Camp Adair, Ore.

Pvt. Carter C. Cutbirth has been transferred from Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to Fort Knox, Ky.

Leland Howard left Thursday for Fort Worth where he will visit during the holidays with relatives and friends.

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Tito's Council Denounces King

LONDON—(AP)—Denouncing the "hostile attitude" and acts of King Peter's Yugoslav government-in-exile, Marshal Josip Broz' (Tito's) council of liberation has ordered Peter's regime deprived "of all its rights" and has "forbidden" the young king to return home until after Yugoslavia is entirely liberated.

The strongly-worded declaration came as the Allies were giving military aid to Tito in his war against the Germans and attempting to settle differences between the two Yugoslav factions.

After Yugoslavia is freed, "the problem of the king as well as the question of the monarchy can be decided," declared Tito's council, recently established within the strategic Balkan nation.

The council's statement, broadcast by the Free Yugoslav Radio, leveled three accusations against Peter's government sitting in Cairo: Of "maintaining a hostile attitude toward the struggle for liberation in which the Yugoslav people have been heavily engaged."

Of "abusing the hospitality of our Allies by spreading lies and slanders about the struggle of the Yugoslav Army of Liberation;" Of organizing, through War Minister Gen. Draja Mihailovic, "civil strife in Yugoslavia and through him and his subordinates including a lasting agreement" with the Germans and their satellites.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Dublin Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Charles Dublin, 70, of Jal, N. M., a former resident of Midland, will be held in the First Christian Church at 4 p. m. Thursday. The Rev. J. E. Pickering will officiate and interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Dublin died in Hobbs, N. M., Tuesday. She was a pioneer rancher in New Mexico.

Nazis Claim British Forces On Madeiras

LONDON—(AP)—A landing of British naval forces in the Madeiras, Portuguese islands of the Atlantic coast of Morocco, was reported Thursday by the Berlin radio.

While it said "there is no concrete evidence yet that the report is true," the International Information Bureau, Berlin propaganda agency, added: "The main object of this occupation is to guard Churchill's future place of residence." It speculated that the British prime minister, recovering from pneumonia, "intends to spend the winter in Madeira to restore his health completely."

The British have established bases in the Azores, also Portuguese-owned.

Livestock

FORT WORTH — (AP) — Cattle 200; calves 600; unchanged; medium and good slaughter steers and yearlings 10.00-13.00; good fat cows 9.50-10.00; butcher cows 8.00-9.00; good and choice fat calves 10.50-12.00; comm to medium calves 7.50-10.00; stocker steer calves 8.00-11.50; heifer calves 11.00 down; stocker and feeder steers and yearlings 7.50-11.00; stocker cows 9.00 down.

Hogs 1300; steady for good and choice 200-300 lb. butcher hogs 13.00; top; good and choice 150-180 lb. averages 10.00-13.35; sows 11.00-50; pigs 3.00-9.00.

Sheep 1500; weak to 25s lower, common to good slaughter lambs 7.00-13.00; feeder lambs 9.00 down; ewes 5.00-6.00. Other sheep scarce.

Delightful gift selections remaining at Western Auto Store, opposite Western Union—Open 'till 10 PM daily.—Adv.



Because this Christmas will be so different

IN MILLIONS OF AMERICAN HEARTS, there will be little joy this Christmas, and little spirit of holiday celebration.

But there will be, we believe, a deep realization of the spiritual meaning of the Christmas day. There will be a realization of how blessed it would be—once again—to have "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

And there will be, in many hearts, a solemn resolve to punish those who have made a mockery of all the things that Christmas stands for . . . and so to bring back those things to a war-weary world.

As an expression of this kind of Christmas feeling, there are no finer or more meaningful gifts than War Bonds.

When you give War Bonds you are truly giving the "present with a future" . . . not only for the future of the one who receives your gift, but for the future of the world as well.

For, by buying and giving War Bonds you will bring Victory so much closer and help save the lives of clean, decent Americans . . . that more of them may come back to enjoy Christmas as Christmas should be.

Think about this when you're deciding what to give to those you hold most dear.

Think about it . . . and give War Bonds.

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The Haunted Man or, The Ghost's Bargain

By Charles Dickens

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CHAPTER XVI

THE little Tetterbys were not accustomed to regard that meal in the light of a sedentary occupation, but discussed it as a dance or trot; rather resembling a savage ceremony, in the occasional shrill whoops, and brandishings of bread and butter, with which it was accompanied, as well as in the intricate flings off into the street and back again, and the hoppings up and down the doorsteps, which were incidental to the performance.

"These children will be the death of me at last!" said Mrs. Tetterby. "And the sooner the better, I think."

"Poor people," said Mr. Tetterby, "ought not to have children at all. They give us no pleasure." He was at that moment taking up the cup which Mrs. Tetterby had rudely pushed towards him, and Mrs. Tetterby was lifting her own cup to her lips, when they were both stopped, as if they were transfixed.

"Here! Mother! Father!" cried Johnny, running into the room. "Here's Mrs. William coming down the street!"

And if ever, since the world began, a young boy took a baby from a cradle with the care of an old nurse, and hushed and soothed it tenderly, and tottered away with it cheerfully, Johnny was that boy.

MR. TETTERBY put down his cup; Mrs. Tetterby put down her cup; Mr. Tetterby rubbed his forehead; Mrs. Tetterby rubbed hers. Mr. Tetterby's face began to smooth and brighten; Mrs. Tetterby's began to smooth and brighten.

"Why, Lord forgive me," said Mr. Tetterby to himself, "what evil tempers have I been giving way to? What has been the mat-

ter here?"

"How could I ever treat him ill again, after all I said and felt last night!" sobbed Mrs. Tetterby, with her apron to her eyes.

"Am I a brute," said Mr. Tetterby, "or is there any good in me at all? Sophia! My little woman!"

"Dolphus dear," returned his wife.

"I—I've been in a state of mind," said Mr. Tetterby, "that I can't bear to think of, Sophy."

"Oh! It's nothing to what I've been in, Dolph," cried his wife in a great burst of grief.

"My Sophia," said Mr. Tetterby, "don't take on. I never shall forgive myself. I must have nearly broken your heart, I know."

"No, Dolph, no. It was me! Me!" cried Mrs. Tetterby.

"My little woman," said her husband, "don't. You make me reproach myself, dreadful, when you show such a noble spirit. Sophia, my dear, you don't know what I thought. I showed it bad enough, no doubt; but what I thought, my little woman!"

"Oh, dear Dolph, don't! Don't!" cried his wife.

"Sophy," said Mr. Tetterby, "I must reveal it. I couldn't rest in my conscience unless I mentioned it. My little woman—"

"Mrs. William's very nearly here!" screamed Johnny at the door.

"My little woman, I wondered how," gasped Mr. Tetterby, supporting himself by his chair, "I wondered how I had ever admitted you—I forgot the precious children you have brought about me, and thought you didn't look as slim as I could wish. I—I never gave a recollection," said Mr. Tetterby, with severe self-accusation, "to the cares you've had as my wife, and along of me and mine, when you might have had hardly any with another man, who got

on better and was luckier than me; and I quarreled with you for having aged a little in the rough years you have lightened for me. Can you believe it, my little woman? I hardly can myself."

Mr. and Mrs. Tetterby were not a bit behindhand in the warmth of their reception. They were as much attracted to her as the children were; they ran towards her, kissed her hands, pressed round her, could not receive her ardently or enthusiastically enough. She came among them like the spirit of all goodness, affection, gentle consideration, love, and domesticity.

"Oh, Dear!" said Milly, "what delicious tears you make me shed. How can I ever have deserved this! What have I done to be so loved?"

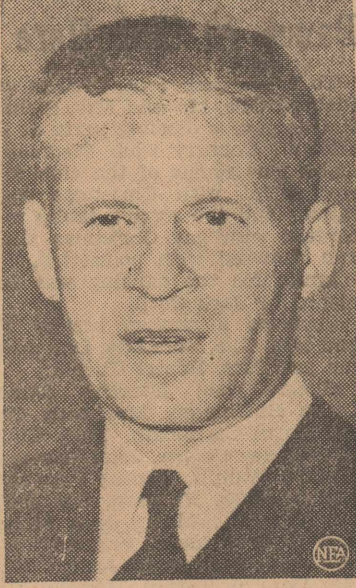
"Who can help it!" cried Mr. Tetterby.

"Who can help it!" cried Mrs. Tetterby.

"Who can help it!" echoed the children, in a joyful chorus.

(To Be Continued)

Seabee Chief



In New York after a tour of Pacific combat areas, Comdr. S. I. Mittler, Civil Engineer Corps, USN, head of the Seabees, is pictured as he described construction miracles wrought by the Navy's fighting workers in jungles and under fire.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY
America's Card Authority
Jack Kushner of Springfield, Mass., was in New York recently and we played in a duplicate game, trying out his T. N. T. system. While we got into a rather peculiar contract on the hand shown, it worked out all right because Jack played it very well.

With all the cards I held and after Jack's bid of two spades, a

McKenney
♥ K
♦ A
♣ A Q 8 3

▲ J 10
▲ J 9 8 6 2
K 5 3
10 6 2

Dealer

Kushner
▲ A 9 7 2
♦ A Q 4
♠ J 10 8 6
♣ K 4

Duplicate—None vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
6 N. T.	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—3 ♠ 23

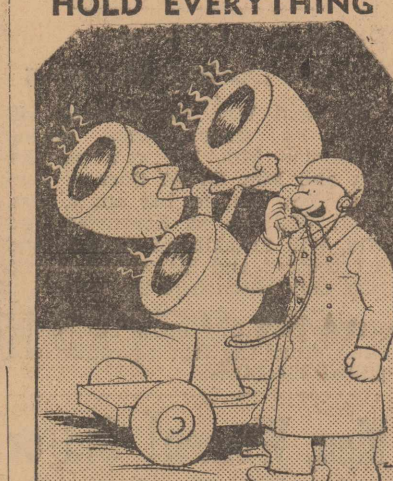
Now You See Him . .



(Fort Ord photo from NEA)
At left, above, Pvt. John Scaglione looks like a walking lettuce salad as he displays new helmet camouflage and war paint known as "G. I. Facial" at Fort Ord, Calif. At right, he demonstrates his "invisibility quotient" in jungle warfare. Think you could spot him at 25 feet before his rifle knocked you off?

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HOLD EVERYTHING



"Calling headquarters—hello, hello! We're picking up sound of jingle bells, sir!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THE FEATHERED HEADDRESS, WHICH WE ASSOCIATE WITH ALL INDIANS, ACTUALLY WAS WORN ONLY BY THE SIOUX AND CROW TRIBES . . . AND THEN ONLY IN CEREMONIES AND WARFARE.

QWZ KQNER

CAN YOU NAME THREE ANIMALS FOUND IN THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC?

INSEPARABLY UNITED . . .

RUSSIA.

THANKS DR. WA. C. DE BENIS, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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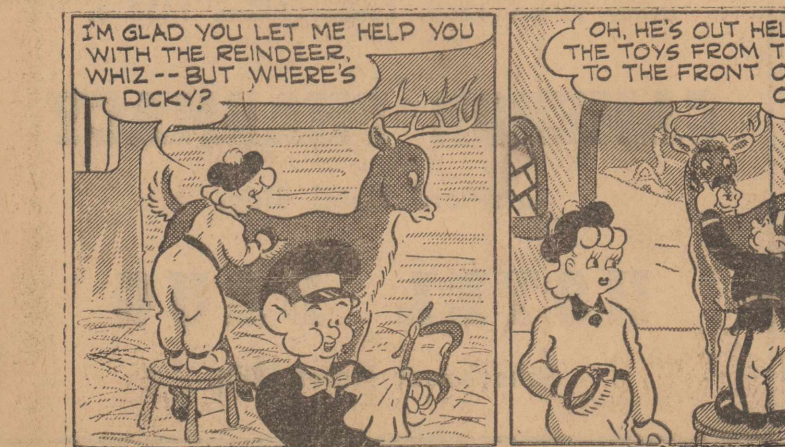
ANSWER: Ram, bull, lion, goat.
NEXT: When more than foods were frozen.

SIDE GLANCES



"Yes, those same stars shine out in the Pacific, and Dad's probably looking at them and thinking about next year's Christmas just like us!"

FIRST AID FOR SANTA—



—By HAL COCHRAN



A. & M. Livestock Expert Joins Army

COLLEGE STATION—(AP)—D. W. Williams, head of Texas A. and M. College's animal husbandry department for 20 years, will report Dec. 26 to Camp Custer, Mich., as a major in the Army Specialist Reserve Corps.

Recognized as one of the outstanding livestock authorities in Texas, Williams will assist with work involving the rehabilitation of livestock and agriculture in Europe's devastated countries.

STATE INSTITUTIONS GET MEAT SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

AUSTIN—(AP)—Meat subsidy payments totaling \$14,762 have been received from the federal government by 15 state eleemosynary institutions in the last six months, the board of control announced.

Payments represented 11 cents per pound for 1,342,040 pounds of livestock produced and slaughtered at the institutions.

The Panama Canal has a summit elevation of 85 feet above sea level.

YOUR PICTURES ARE FINISHED . . .

If your pictures were promised this week, please call for them NOW!

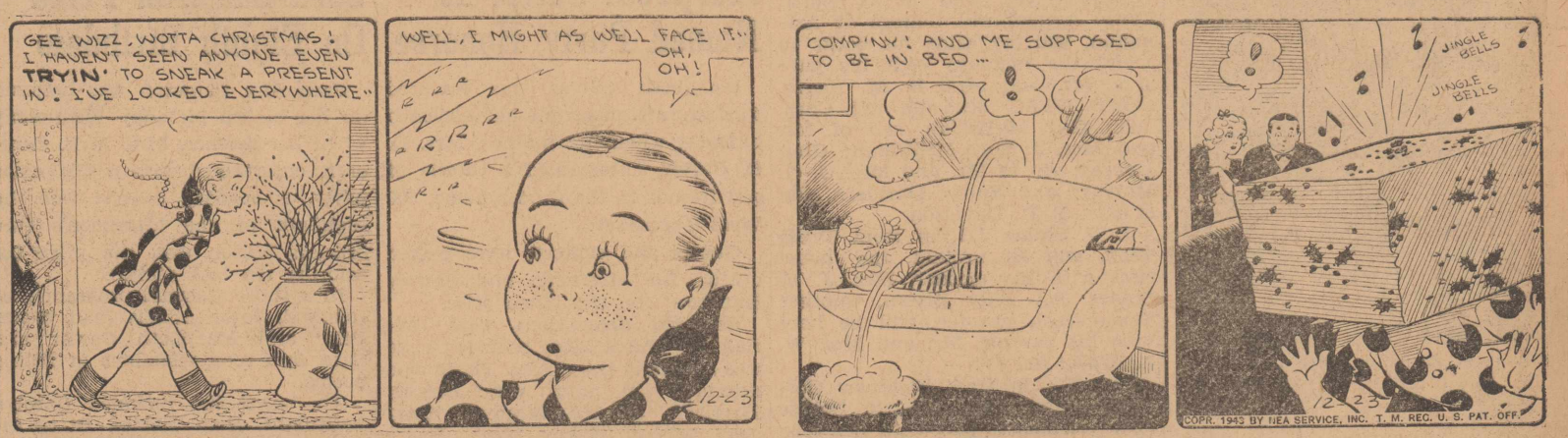
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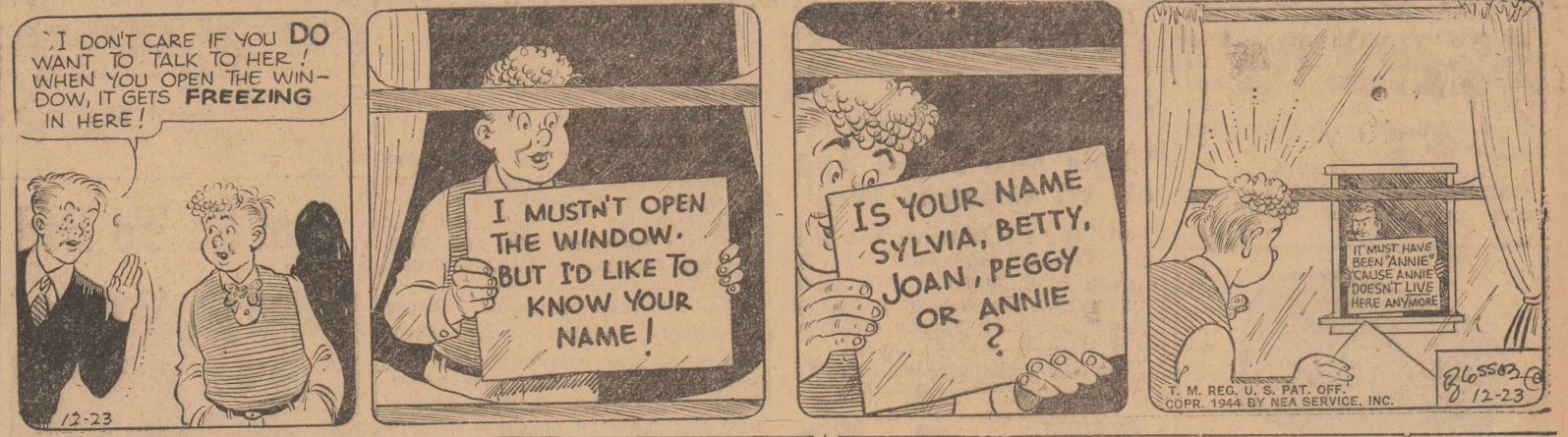


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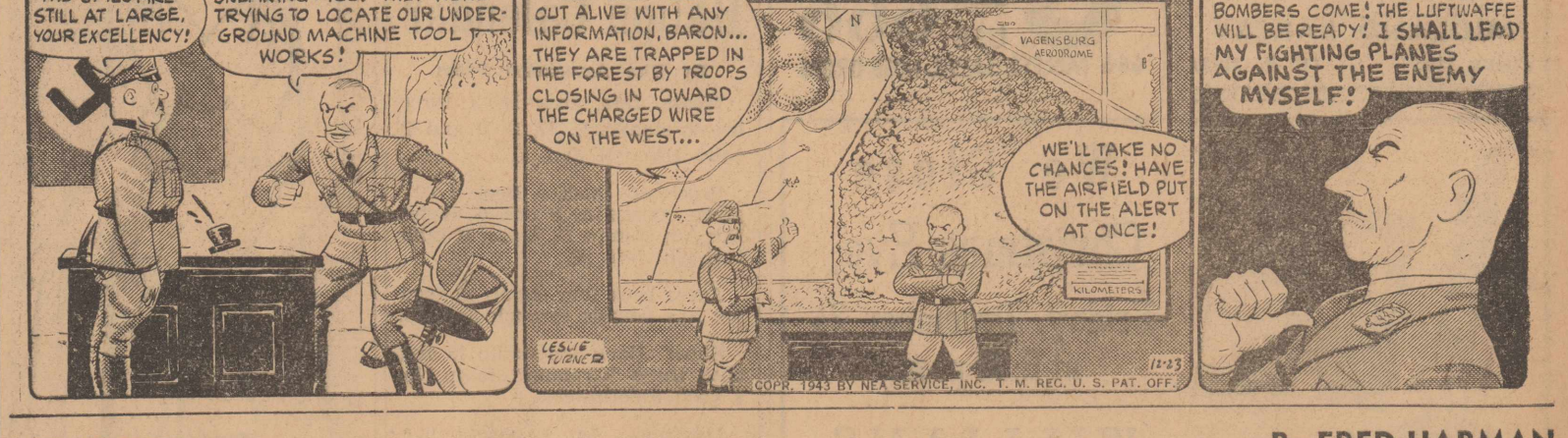


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