

**THE LLOYD GEORGES ON HONEYMOON**



The radiophoto above, flashed from London, shows 80-year-old David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister during World War I, with his bride, the former Frances Louise Stevenson, 55, at Churt, Surrey, the Lloyd George estate where they are honeymooning. Mrs. Lloyd George had been the statesman's private secretary since 1913.

**THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events**

**Russian Victory Looks Like Their Greatest Of The War**

The Germans have lost the battle for the lower Dnieper and the Crimea. The ultimate extent of the Russian victory now depends on how well the Germans can extricate their forces from an extremely dangerous position.

From now on, the area of Russian territory to be regained by the Red Army is not as important as the fate of the German forces within that area. Russians reconquest of all the lower Ukraine and the Crimea is almost a foregone conclusion.

The question is, how much of German armed strength in Southern Russia can be smashed in the progress of the enforced retreat. It has a vital bearing on the future course of the war in Russia. If the Germans can be made to pay heavily enough for their ill-advised attempt to hold the line of the Dnieper, the consequences could be tremendous.

The Russian victory already looks like their greatest of the war. It might in the end turn out to be a decisive one.

**Campaign In Burma**  
It is no secret that the Allies are aiming a blow at Burma, says The New York Times. The monsoon rains are ceasing and both sides have reported patrol clashes along the Burmese border. But it will be many weeks before the waterlogged river valleys dry out, and even limited operations can hardly begin until Admiral Mountbatten, Allied commander in south-east Asia, returns to India from his conferences with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The map is a poor guide to the coming campaign. The contiguity of northern India and Burma is deceptive. On paper it may look like an easy matter to march a strong army from Assam into Burma, drive the Japanese invaders back in one grand wheeling movement and open China's supply routes again. But this approach is one of the most difficult in the world. It leads through a roadless angle of 8,000-foot mountains into country which would do us very little good to regain. The strategic approach to Burma is by sea, through Rangoon and up the river valleys which slice the land into north-and-south strips. This was the path of Japanese conquests.

**An Amphibious Project**  
It is because the invasion of Burma must be chiefly an amphibious enterprise that the Brit-

ish have hitherto been unable to undertake it. Neither they nor the Americans had the fleet and cargo ships to clear and bridge the Indian Ocean. With the surrender of the Italian fleet and the opening of the Mediterranean both are now available. To defend the Indian Ocean, Japan will have to risk splitting her fleet, hard pressed by the Allies in the Pacific. This is not only to say that we can now move boldly on Ragoon and take it by assault. It will first be necessary to seize the Japanese-held Andaman and Nicobar islands as air bases. After that Admiral Mountbatten may prefer the broader strategy of a direct attack on the Kra peninsula, that narrow neck of land which connects the Malay States with Thailand and Indo-China and eventually free the South China coast.

Such an ambitious project, requiring a huge force, may seem beyond present hope. But it is not too much to expect that before the monsoons start again next May the Allies will have made a real beginning.

**The Road To Rome**  
Further Allied advances in Italy represent successes against the Nazis, the weather and the terrain.

Reports of the fighting above the Volturno River indicate that the American and British troops are faced with a grim tenacious adversary whose intention is to make capture of Rome a costly and protracted action for the Allies. The enemy, being on the defensive, is aided by the mountainous character of the country, and has dug himself into high positions from which his artillery fire gains effectiveness. Rain has hindered the Allied advance and has hampered air operations.

It is plain that this battle is a thorough test of the fighting qualities of Allied troops; one reads magnificent personal histories between the lines of the news reports. The public should prepare for periods in which progress seems to be small, as measured in miles.

But if the fighting on the land is sometimes a slow business, there are points ahead at which new amphibious thrusts will become feasible along the coastline of Italy. These ventures should have the effect of drawing off and confusing the Nazis who are now resisting frontal attacks.

**VOICE OF THE PRESS**

**THEY'LL CATCH YOU**  
A California girl announces her engagement to marry Gunter Haegg, the fastest runner in the world. Whereupon a columnist comments: "Which only goes to show, boys, that no matter how fast you run, they'll catch up to you."  
—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

**IMPORTANT QUESTION**  
Then there's the story of the Chinese laundryman who telephoned a dentist for an appointment. "Two-thirty all right?" asked the dentist. "Two-thirty all right?" asked the dentist. "Yes," replied the Chinese. "Tooth hurtee all right. . . . What time I come?"  
—Christian Science Monitor.

**O-U-T SPELLS "OUT"**  
The shopkeeper's prewar motto, "The customer is always right," has given way to what might be called the penny-meeny-miney-mo policy: "If he hollers let him go."  
—Christian Science Monitor.

**FOR HIS COUNTRY**  
A Salvation Army lassie whispered to a young veteran of a naval action: "I'm sorry you lost your arm." He shook his head and replied: "I didn't lose it, ma'am. I gave it."  
—Dunville Chronicle.

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—Chatham News.

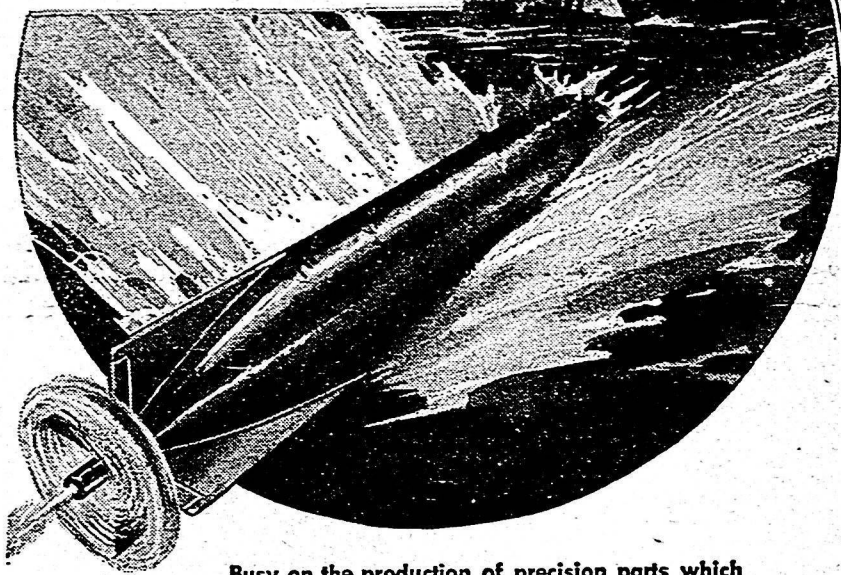
**COSTLY FIRE**  
Every bonfire burning leaves at this time of year robs the soil of humus the Creator intended to go back into the land.  
—London Free Press.

**Objects To Use Of Flag As Drape**

A clergyman, Rev. D. L. Ritchie, has made public his objection to the use of the Union Jack as a pulpit drape, and he has been severely criticized on this account. We are in complete agreement with his point of view. We do not like to see the flag used as a drape for a pulpit, or a chairman's table at a public meeting, or for any such purpose; that is not what a flag is for.  
—Peterborough Examiner.

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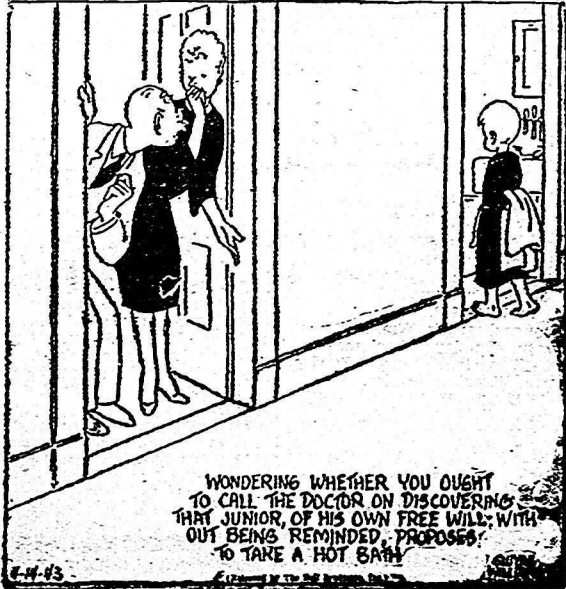
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