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on foot or on tires. Drive and walk
carefully.

The Red Cross campaign to
raise a quota of \$7,800 will soon be
completed. Get your name on the
roll of honor.

Watch the advertisements in this
paper. Live merchants will tell
you from day to day what they
have to fill the needs of the trad-
ing community.

If we lose this war, we shall
lose everything. Our homes, our
right to labor, our hard-earned sav-
ings, our cherished liberties will
be taken from us. — Fort Wayne
Journal-Gazette.

A few pennies a day will soon
buy a bond. Invest in defense
stamps until you have \$18.75 and
then buy a bond. In ten years it
will be worth \$25, a good invest-
ment and you will thus help Uncle
Sam.

Join the crowd from here and
attend the Washington dinner of
the Adams county Democratic Wo-
men's club at Berne this evening.
The feature will be an address by
Mary Catherine Smeltzly of Fort
Wayne, world traveler and well
known lecturer.

Clarence Budington Kelland,
novelist and publicity director for
the G. O. P., is a conservative, who
still thinks the nation ought to re-
turn to the days of Mr. Hoover.
The New Deal may some day be
supplanted by a Newer Deal, but
never by the Old Deal.

Republican sniping at both na-
tional and state administrations un-
der the guise of "constructive
criticism" may lead to serious con-
sequences in destroying American
unity. It was bad enough before
Pear Harbor but is unbearable
now and will react.

Most people have ceased worry-
ing about what is going to happen
after the war. The thing we all
agree on now is that we first must
win. Then if and when we get
back to normal life, we can cuss
and discuss and plan and criticize
as we did in the good old days.

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crat by mail, please renew your
subscription promptly. We are
regulated by postal laws. Of course
we want you to get the paper and
we therefore urge you to cooper-
ate. We will give you the news
you are most interested in first.

Be sure to give at least one
book to the boys in camp. Take
any fiction or text book you may
have enjoyed or think would help
educate the lads, to the library or
the American Legion home, where

they will be packed and sent on to
the camps and ships. It's a good
way to help.

Decatur must have a hundred
new homes this spring to take care
of her growth. Any way you can
help in this, either by building new
residences or by changing old ones
into apartments, will be appreciat-
ed by the Chamber of Commerce
committee now at work on the
problem.

A new significance has been add-
ed to Indiana's movement for the
conservation of natural resources
—a result of our participation in
the greatest war in our history.
Today the members of Indiana's
conservation clubs are facing their
greatest challenge, the conserva-
tion of that greatest of all herit-
ages—American citizenship.—Gov-
ernor Schrickler.

The financial statement for the
Decatur light and power plant
shows earnings of more than \$80,-
000, net for 1941 and a total valua-
tion of nearly two million dollars.
The plant did a total business of
nearly \$323,000 with operating ex-
penses of about \$226,000. The city
has \$153,966 in cash and bonds and
\$53,000 in reserve funds and is in
a good position to meet require-
ments. More than 25,000 tons of
coal were used in operating the
plant, the cost being \$114,752. The
plant is a worth-while asset to the
city.

Indiana Young Democrats are
planning to take a leading part in
the coming primary and election
campaign under their new presi-
dent, Robert Agnew of Frankfort.
Answering the requests of Gov-
ernor Schrickler, made at the recent
state convention, they are expend-
ing every effort to see that capable
and intelligent candidates are be-
ing selected to represent the party.
These young Democratic Hoosiers
have volunteered their services to
every county chairman to assist in
the registration of voters. They
already are engaged in furthering
the registration of young men go-
ing into the armed forces.

Don't be misled by propaganda.
The war is serious for you and for
every one in this country. The
enemy is creeping up on Panama
and along both coasts. If they suc-
ceed, it will mean destruction here
like that which has come to France,
The Netherlands and other portions
of the world. We must defend and
that costs billions of dollars. The
government asks you to buy bonds
to help meet the expense. To re-
fuse or neglect this request is
surely against your own interests.
Let's stand together for a great
cause that freedom and all the
privileges we have enjoyed, may
continue.

The Banking Job:

War and defense make the job
of the banker—which is hard in
any period—infinite harder.

It would take many pages to
chronicle all the duties that fall on
banking in this emergency. Here,
for instance, is a partial list of
what banks, large and small, are
doing now: financing war produc-
tion; selling government securi-
ties; handling payrolls for war in-
dustries; providing banking facili-
ties for service men and civilian
employees of war plants; furnishing
vast amounts of cash for paying
enlisted men; advising customers
on government contracts; working
with the government in freezing
foreign funds; cooperating in con-
sumer credit control; helping to
maintain confidence, prevent hoard-
ing and encourage orderly security
and money markets.

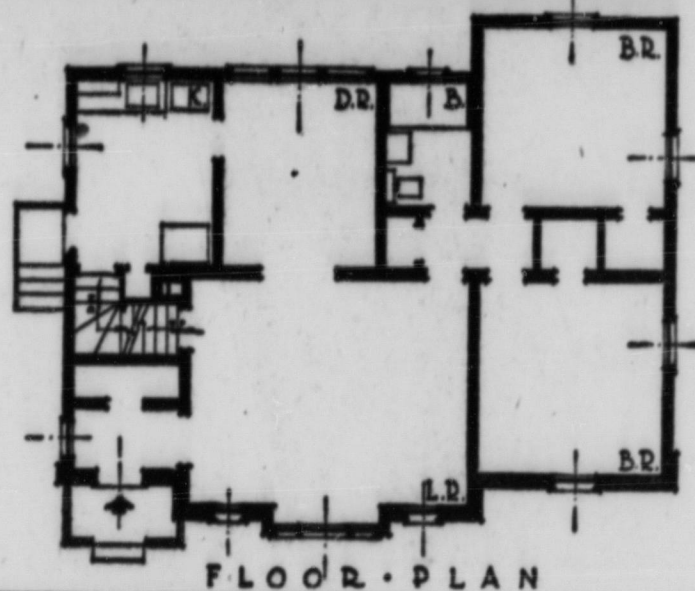
Every one of those jobs is neces-
sary. Every one of them requires
the highest degree of knowledge
and competence on the banker's
part. All of them must be handled
swiftly and efficiently, without de-
lay or confusion.

Banking is the backbone of war
industry and peace industry alike.

Build A House Like This In Decatur



Located in a suburb of
Louisville, Ky., this combin-
ation stone and brick-front
house is typical of many be-
ing built in that area. It
has five well-planned rooms
that offer a high degree of
convenience and livability.
There is a full basement,
an unfinished attic that can
easily and quickly be con-
verted into an extra bed-
room, and a detached gar-
age.



FLOOR PLAN

TODAY'S WAR MOVES

(Reg. U. S. Patent Office)
By Louis F. Keenle
Of the United Press War Desk

Soviet Russia is preparing for a
long war and for a reorganized
post-war Russia which will not be
vulnerable a second time to inva-
sion from the west.

That is the conclusion to be
drawn from the decree ordering the
permanent settlement in eastern
Russia of millions of workers who
evacuated their homes and factor-
ies in the west in the face of the
German invasion. It does not mean
that the Soviet union is abandon-
ing European Russia as a probable
loss and is preparing to withdraw
into its shell beyond the Urals.

It does mean a new Russia with
a different, stronger economic and
industrial balance. It is to be ac-
complished by one of the greatest
population shifts, achieved in an
orderly manner, in history. How
many millions are involved it is
hard to say, but the figure might
be around 10,000,000 or more.

This Russia re-settlement is not
to be compared to the mass shift
in populations callously carried out
by Hitler in Europe, particularly
among the Jews and Poles. In the
latter case, millions were booted
from their homes, farms and busi-
nesses, stripped of their possessions
and money and herded into
Today it is showing the fine stuff
it is made of.

non-productive regions to starve
and die.

The Russians will be given land
and material to build permanent
homes. They will be fruitfully em-
ployed in the new network of in-
dustries being set up east of the
Urals and in Siberia.

The exigencies of war have served
to speed up a vast project
which already was under way. Rus-
sia years ago saw the danger of
invasion from the west and the
threat to her unbalanced economic
structure because of the top-heavy
concentration of her industry west
of the Urals. Under the second
and third five-year plans, emphasis
was laid on the development of
Siberian coal, iron, copper and other
resources, and the building of
heavy metal, machine and textile
plants.

In the course of the German in-
vasion, vast quantities of machin-
ery and industrial equipment were
moved bodily to the Urals, along
with the men and women who op-
erate them. Shops and factories
were dismantled and moved almost
intact for reassembly in the east.
What could not be moved was so
far as possible destroyed and the
Germans got no productive good
from the territory they overran.

In the east, locations were wait-
ing for the transplanted factories.

Smelters, blast furnaces and shops
were already under construction.
This was three months ago and
substantial production was already
reported at that time. It undoubt-
edly has been stepped up amazing-
ly by now through hard work,
necessity and determination.

The national resources of Asiatic
Russia have scarcely been
tapped. It is mainly a question of
development. In time, production
there should equal or surpass the
pre-war output of the developed
west.

Even if the west were lost, Sovi-
et leaders are determined there
always will be a Russia. But they
do not count on losing the west.
They envision the factories, mines
and power plants of the Ukraine,
Donbass and elsewhere back in op-
eration, making Russia twice as
strong as before. It is a gigantic
operation but possible to a people
which accomplished such indus-
trial miracles under the five-year
plans.

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COURT HOUSE

Appearance Entered
In the suit of Nathan C. Nelson
against C. M. Laisure, appearance
for the defendant was entered by
Ed A. Bosse.

Change of Venue
In the suit of George Hindenlang
against the estate of Esaias Dailey
an affidavit for a change of venue
from the judge was filed submitted
and sustained.

Set For Issues
The suit of Dale E. Bedwell a-
gainst the New York, Chicago and
St. Louis railroad was set for is-
sues for March 2.

Estate Cases
In the estate of William Clinton
Heard, the report of the inheritance
tax appraiser was filed and the
notice ordered returnable March
14, 1942.

Proof of publication and notice
of appointment was filed in the
estate of Mollie Chronister. Cer-
tificate of clearance was filed. The
final report was submitted, exam-
ined and approved. The adminis-
trator was discharged and the es-
tate closed.

In the estate of Gladys Teeple,
the final report was filed, exam-
ined and approved, the adminis-
tratrix was discharged, the costs paid
and the cause dismissed.

Answers To Test
Questions

Below are the answers to the
Test Questions printed
on Page Two

1. Joe Louis.
2. Suez.
3. They were prepared for ser-
vice at a minute's notice.
4. Hamlet.
5. California.
6. True.
7. A kind of cloth.
8. Jade.
9. William Cullen Bryant.
10. Before (1481 A. D.)

Household Scrapbook
By ROBERTA LEE

Broken Glass
When glass has been broken in a
room, and there is danger of small
particles remaining on the floor,
wet a piece of absorbent cotton
and pat around the place where

As Japan Strikes in Burma



This map of British Burma will help you follow the war news in
that area as Japan, flushed with victory in Malaya and Singapore,
begins a major thrust in Burma, aiming at Rangoon, the capital,
and key city feeding China's Burma road supply line. The Japanese
attack was directed at Pegu (A), on map, important rail center,
whose fall would cut the railway feeding the Burma road. Shaded
area shows extent of Japanese advance.

the glass has scattered. The small
pieces will readily adhere to the
cotton.

Sore Throat
At the first symptom of a sore
throat, try gargling with a solution
of one teaspoonful of salt and one
teaspoonful of carbonate of soda
in a half glass of water.

Whipped Cream Substitute
Slice one banana and add it to the
white of an egg. Then beat it. The
banana will dissolve. This makes
a delicious substitute for whipped
cream.

One-eighth of the gold mined an-
nually in the U. S. comes from the
Black Hills.

Modern Etiquette
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. What is the correct thing to
do if a mistake is made in wait-
er when dining in a restaurant?

A. Tell the waiter in a courteous
manner, and try to attract his at-
tention as possible.

Q. Is it necessary to introduce
children to adults?

A. Yes, it is good training and
they should be taught at an early
age how to acknowledge an intro-
duction properly.

Q. Is one supposed to leave one's
card at a wedding reception?

A. No, it isn't necessary.

MATA HARI'S Daughter
By MAURICE DEKOBRA and LEVLA GEORGIE

SYNOPSIS

A Fifth Column blitzkrieg is un-
der way in England led by an eu-
sive Ajax who is more menacing
than Stuka bombers to the defense
of the realm. The confessed trea-
son of Mara, ace English spy, fol-
lowed by the murder of Capt.
Hugh Kenley, have put Sir John
Sanderson, British Intelligence
chief, in a desperate quandary. Sir
John's ward, Brinda Duncan, had
given a lift in her car to a limping
stranger whom she mistook for an
Englishman. But he was a Nazi
parachutist and, when leaving
Brinda's car, he shot Capt. Kenley.
Brinda met Lieut. Richard Mal-
den, a former beau, in the Intelli-
gence Office's "rogues gallery." He
told her that his engagement to
Gladys, daughter of Lord and Lady
Mountwain, is to be announced that
evening. Brinda had unpleasant
memories of Gladys as a school-
mate. But Sir John and his ward
went to the Mountwain party,
where Gladys proudly showed off
the rapier-like Russian, Prince
Vaslav, described by Dick as "a
sort of society entertainer." Dur-
ing a Vaslav-directed "blackout
dance," a low cry is heard. Lord
Mountwain tells Dick, "Colonel
Sanderson has been stabbed." Then
assured him that none can escape
from the grounds. While Brinda
administrators first aid, her wounded
guardian warns her to be "Care-
ful... especially in this house."

Brinda straightened, and found
Lord Mountwain close at her elbow.
"Catch what he said?" he asked
anxiously.
With an effort, Brinda smiled.
"Nothing important — just some-
thing about — looking after the
house."
Lord Mountwain thoughtfully
eyed his prospective son-in-law.
"Dick... I'm especially sorry
that this should have happened to-
night. Not a very pleasant way to
celebrate an engagement — asking
people and having them stabbed in
the drawing-room! I fancy Gladys
will be more than provoked... By
the way, where is the girl?"
"Probably with Vaslav," Dick
spoke without heat.
"Vaslav?"
"The Prince. They seem to get
along."

Lord Mountwain pursed his lips
shrewdly. "The green-eyed mon-
ster, eh? Never fear, my boy. I dare
say Gladys is merely trying to make
you jealous—thinks you need stir-
ring up. Though he has his points,
that Vaslav; at least I can under-
stand why the women like him. Al-
ways putting life into things... A
bit on the bizarre side perhaps—
some of his ideas—but highly novel
and original."

There was a gleam of amusement
in Dick's eyes as he glanced over
Mountwain's head toward Brinda.
"Yes," Dick said, "there's no
question that describes them...
You'll excuse me now?"
"Why, yes. Going to have a word
with Gladys?"

"No," said Dick from the door-
way, "I'm going to see whether
Vaslav has had any more novel and
original ideas." With a bow to
Brinda, he departed.
"Queer chap," observed Lord
Mountwain. "What do you suppose
he meant by that? Do you suppose
he's really jealous?"
"Perhaps," said Brinda.
"Very sad for him, if he is," re-
marked Mountwain. "Gladys will
make hash of a jealous husband.
She'll like him better if he's indif-
ferent."

There was a thunderous knock at
the door. Then the rumbling forth-
right bang of Doctor MacDonald.
"I'll announce myself, thanks...
Good evening, all!"

With a nod to Brinda and Mount-
wain, the doctor moved to the bed-
room. "It could be worse," he pro-
nounced after a swift inspection.
"That is, provided there's no infec-
tion."

Then to the patients: "You're a
hard man to kill, John Sanderson.
And for that your friends can be
thankful. Because you're a little gift
for keeping out of danger."

For perhaps a half hour, Dr. Mac-
Donald was deftly busy with anti-
septics and instruments, swabbing,
probing, stitching—now and then
muttering deep-voiced orders to
Brinda.

Sir John endured it all without a
groan. "Thanks, old friend!" he
whispered when it was over.
"You'll thank me by taking bet-
ter care of your hide," responded
MacDonald gruffly. Then address-
ing Mountwain, "He'll be all right.
Save for that knock on the head
and the loss of blood, we could take
him home tonight. As it is, 'twould
be better if he's not moved for a
day or so."

"Quite," Mountwain agreed.
"Happy to keep him here, I'm glad
it's no graver."
"I'm sure we all are," said the
doctor, "except the blackguard that
did the knifing. A strange affair
... I wonder by any chance could
he be the same assassin who mur-
dered Captain Kenley?"

Brinda gasped. It was the ques-
tion that had been hammering at
the back of her own thoughts. Un-
expectedly, it was Mountwain who
came to her rescue.
"How could that be?" he asked
quickly. "As I recall it, the man
who killed Kenley was lame. This
man plainly had the use of both his
legs."

"Humph!" MacDonald's growl
was one of self-annoyance. "You're
right, of course. Wholly illogical of
me to connect the two. I wonder
why I did." He snapped his fingers
recounting. "Of course! Association
of ideas—coincidence!"
"Coincidence?"

"Certainly. The coincidence, Lord
Mountwain, of finding you present
on both occasions. Most remark-
able, when you stop to think of it
... eh?"

"Yet, like all coincidences, per-
fectly natural," Mountwain's tone
was cold.

"Good lord, yes, mon! How could
it be otherwise?"

Ready to take his leave, Dr. Mac-
Donald paused for a final look at
his patient.

"The devil!" he exclaimed on see-
ing Sanderson's eyes wide open.
"You're supposed to be asleep. Do
I have to give you another hypo?"

"No more hypnos, Doc," replied Sir
John, his voice faint but firm. "I
want to talk to you."

"Tomorrow, John. You're in no
shape to talk now."

"This has to be tonight."

"Well, I'll stay a bit longer," said
Dr. MacDonald gruffly.

Brinda hesitated a moment, then
slipped quietly from the dress-
ing-room to the outer door and thence
into the unexplored vastness of the
Mountwain mansion.

Her goal was the drawing-room.
There, she assumed, she would find
Malden. For it was to Malden that
Brinda had decided that she must
turn for help against the unknown
perils that seemed to be gathering
over her own head as well as Sir
John's.

After a while Sir John asked for
Brinda. "In yonder room," said Dr.
MacDonald, indicating the alcove.
"A brave girl, John. But then that's
to be expected—the daughter of
Andy Duncan could hardly be a
coward... But she never got her
beauty from Brinda."

"It's about Brinda I want to talk
to you, Alec. And about her mother."
He looked at the doctor
strangely. "Alec, do you believe in
fate—I mean the kind of fate that
lays out our lives ahead of us?"

The physician's face set stub-
bornly. "As an old soldier, maybe;
but as a man of science, no. Fate's
just another name we give to heredi-
tary—a blessing to some, a curse to
others. But it's all heredity, John
—all heredity."

"Heredity!" Sir John pondered
the word. "I've heard you say some-
thing like that before, Alec. In fact,
it's by way of being a hobby of
yours, isn't it?"
"You could call it that."
"Well, that's one reason why I
need your advice."

"But why must you have it to-
night? As your physician, John, let
me suggest you just go to sleep. We
can talk about heredity any time."

Sir John shook his head weakly.
"No, I have to get this off my mind,
one way or the other. Certain things
have happened—things that make
it necessary."

"What things?"

"Kenley's murder, for one."

The doctor looked at him with
concern. "If your temperature were
a half degree higher, I'd think you
were delirious, John. What in the
name of reason was Kenley's murder
to do with your ward and with
heredity?"

"I'll tell you something I couldn't
tell any other living man," Sir John
said slowly.

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