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made the mistake of leading public opinion into a too optimistic appraisal of the situation. The charge is undeniable. Bad errors of judgment seem clearly to have been made by the command at home, and bad errors of strategy by the generals in the field.

our home economy through which inflation will rush in to do its business of destruction. If they fail in this test the public will not spare its condemnation of them in the miserable times to follow.

A BLOW AT THE FEDERAL BENCH

President Roosevelt's nomination of Thomas F. Meany to be judge of the Federal District Court of New Jersey was unmistakably made for political reasons. It is not the first of the President's political nominations to the Federal courts.

Topics of The Times

This department has made there sure of an adequate provision of good war news for 1942 the next fortnight by a device which is as simple as it promises to be effective.

In The Nation

The Straight Party Vote on Judge Meany
WASHINGTON, July 2.—The contest in the Senate over the nomination of Thomas F. Meany to be a Federal judge in New Jersey was important because his designation by the President is an example of politics as usual in a time when the public is called on for the highest expressions of idealism and for acts of heavy sacrifice.

Letters to The Times

Would Aid in Salvage Work
Youth Organization Desires to Proceed on More Active Basis
TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES: United Youth for Victory seeks no quarrel with the New York City Salvage Committee, but we wish to clarify our position in reply to the letter of the vice chairman of the committee, printed in your columns on July 1.

Post-War Plans Disappoint

Little of Constructive Nature is Seen in Manufacturers' Program
TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES: The proposals of the committee on post-war problems of the National Association of Manufacturers come as a bitter disappointment.

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Salvador, Spain and its Colonies, Uruguay and Venezuela.

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Now, at this moment, when the fate of Egypt hangs in the balance, and Mr. Churchill tells the House of Commons that these are "times of mortal peril," let us reaffirm our faith in British courage, British endurance, British honor.

Invitation to Inflation

In the war against inflation we have now come to a decisive battle. Let us make no mistake, the demand for a wage increase of \$1 a day in "Little Steel" which is now before the NWLE is a crucial test case.

Sevastopol

Sevastopol was defended as Winston Churchill said Britain would be, and as Britain surely would be: on the beaches, on the landing grounds, in the fields, in the streets, in the hills.

Virginia Ends a Chapter

Odell Waller, put to death yesterday morning in the Virginia State Penitentiary, is beyond all explanations or forgiveness. He took a man's life, his landlord's, and the State took his, a penniless Negro sharecropper.

He Couldn't Age

If William Henry Jackson, climber of so many peaks, hadn't had the misfortune to fall in his room he would have gone out this month, as was his custom, to look upon a landscape which he has recorded so admirably.

and active of body. He was an artist not only in photographs and water-colors but in life. He must be counted among the most fortunate of men. He went into the Western country when it was largely unknown.

Turning, then, to the spot news of July 3, 1942, we find Berlin announcing that it has overthrown the Red Army in a ten-day "battle of annihilation."

Old School Friends

mate of ten million "functionally illiterate" Americans may be a bit on the copious side, as such sweeping numbers are apt to be.

Tax on Radios Recommended

Why does the government not tax radios? There must be millions of them in use. A \$5 tax on each one would amount to a nice sum which might relieve some of the taxes on business and be a great aid to victory.

Bathing Suit Measure Approved

The letter signed "G. H. K.," condemning the bathing suit measure, calls for comment. Laws are not made to preserve the morals of those who do not have them—that would not be possible—but to protect the orderly from the disorderly.

The Darkest Hour

Before the dawn, there comes the darkest hour, The hour of unknown dread and mystery, When earth and sky and sea wait silently, And life is at its lowest ebb of power, Held by a slender thread, a fragile flower.

Helping the War of Nerves

The excellent work of the FBI in capturing Nazi saboteurs is extremely gratifying news. The publicity attending this capture has in this case a certain value in convincing "grouser" that the protective measures which the Army, Navy and Coast Guard have been taking to remove enemy aliens from certain coastal areas, license short-wave diathermy sets, etc., are completely justifiable and are not merely restrictions of civil rights.

War Risk Insurance Anomaly

War risk and bombardment insurance on a modest-sized apartment building of which I am trustee apparently is to cost \$455, which is almost as much as the fire insurance cost for a year—to be exact, 83 per cent as much.