

THE CONGRESSIONAL FRONT
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DISTRIBUTION OF ALIENS

Preliminary figures are now available indicating the distribution of registered aliens among the states of the Union and it is interesting to observe that 25.7% or more than one-fourth of all registered aliens reside in the State of New York. This means a total of 1,212,622 for the Empire State. California is next with a total of 526,937 or 11.1%. This probably reflects the number of Mexicans and Japanese in the Golden State. Pennsylvania is third with 361,475 or a total of 7.6%. Illinois fourth with 319,385 or a total of 6.7%. Smallest actual number of aliens is found in Mississippi which has but 3,003 or less than one-tenth of one per cent of the total number. The fact that 61.5% of the 4,471,971 aliens who have been registered under the Alien Registration Act are found in the six states of New York, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan and Texas is testimony to the concentration of our alien population in the large industrial centers of the country.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE - PROTECTIVE CONSTRUCTION.

This is the title of a bulletin issued by the War Department which is intended as a guide for civil officials and engineers if protective structures should ever be necessary in the future. It deals with the aerial weapons now in use and their effect. It then suggests measures for the protection of buildings, utilities and plants against air attack and details concerning the construction of air-raid shelters. One table of estimated figures dealing with the penetration of demolition bombs is of especial interest. A demolition bomb may vary in weight from 50 to 4000 pounds altho the bombs in use in the present European conflict are in large part less than 550 pounds in weight. The estimated depth of the crater made by a 100 pound demolition bomb with a delayed-action fuse is from 5 to 10 feet thro earth, sand and gravel. In the same kind of material, a 300 pound bomb has an estimated penetration from 9 to 17 feet. For a 500 pound it ranges from 12 to 23 feet and for a 2000 pound bomb from 30 to 57 feet.

CHARGE IT PLEASE!

In each end of the Capitol there is a restaurant. They are respectively designated as the House Restaurant and the Senate Restaurant. The Senate Restaurant is under the supervision of the Senate Committee on Rules. This Committee has power to select the staff and managers who operate the eating establishment where Senators and the public may partake of breakfast and lunch. In 1935 when Senator Neely of West Virginia became Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, he appointed a young man who was active in politics in that state as Restaurant Manager. Senator Neely thereafter was elected Governor of West Virginia. Shortly after his departure from the Senate investigation was made into the financial affairs of the Restaurant and it was alleged that the hashery was short \$7,000.00. Whereupon a charge of embezzlement was lodged by the Senate Rules Committee under the Chairmanship of Senator Byrd of Virginia. The General Accounting Office of the Government was also called into audit the Restaurant accounts and it is now said that among the assets which were unvovered is a large number of I.O.U.'s and uncashable checks. It would appear, therefore,

That somebody has been subsisting at the Senate Beanery and felicitously adding a benediction to the meal by saying "Charge it please!"

BEHIND THE LINES

You have heard much concerning the immediate and large-scale need for machine tools in the defense program. What is meant of course is the need for lathes, shapers, punches, presses, drills and other machines which are indispensable in producing guns, tanks, planes and other instruments of war. Many of these machines are costly and complicated. Many are specially designed. To produce them takes time and money. Yet without them, the necessary parts for weapons and planes cannot be produced in large quantities. All this is a testimony to the mechanization of war and how large a domestic army is needed to keep a field army supplied. When Caesar was attempting world conquest about 1900 years ago, one man at home was all that was required to supply one man in the field; when Napoleon was carrying out his imperialistic ambitions it took 2 at home for every one in the army; during the world war, it took the services of 5 at home to supply one in the field; today it takes the fruit of 18 persons labors to equip and supply a soldier in the field. The industrial army is just as important as the uniformed army.

"LOOK THE TRUTH IN THE FACE"

Sometimes the Congressional Clerks must be hard beset in cataloging the titles of the thousands of bills which are introduced in each session of Congress. This must have been the case in respect of a bill which bears the engaging title of "Look the Truth in the Face". It was introduced in the United States Senate and provides that the Secretary of Labor shall have authority and the necessary funds to reproduce a poster which bears the title "Look the Truth in the Face" for distribution to every person who is naturalized into American citizenship and to every organization and society which is preaching the cause of Americanism.