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THE CONGRESSIONAL FRONT.
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GREETING CARDS AND VICTORY.

Greeting card manufacturers are alarmed lest shortages in materials may bring about a discontinuance or diminution in the production of greeting cards in 1942. Pointing out that the first greeting card was published 100 years ago in England and that 3 billion cards will be sent by Americans in 1942, the industry points out that psychologically, socially, and economically, the greeting card helps maintain those intimate personal relationships which are the foundation of American unity. Economically, the greeting card produces an estimated 2 million in revenues and 50 million per year in postal revenues. Thus does the humble greeting card bulk large in our national life.

CANAL WITH NINE LIVES.

The petroleum shortage in the eastern seaboard states is but one of the present headaches. It is essentially a problem in transportation and with it goes the added problem of providing heating fuel for homes along the seaboard before the snow flies next winter. Cold and chilly weather begins sooner and lasts longer in the New England states than elsewhere and already they are deeply concerned over fuel for next winter. Unless fuel oil is provided, there will be many heatless homes as well as fuelless factories. Recently the war Department submitted a plan to use the intro-coastal gulf waterway and the intro-coastal Atlantic waterway to meet this problem. A system of tank barges plus a pipe-line across Northern Florida might meet this situation. It would cost about 48 million dollars and require 425 oil barges and 142 towboats in addition to the pipe-line. However, a Committee of the House insisted on linking this proposal with the oft-whipped Florida canal and the proposal may be headed for defeat. (Note: It was.)

WORDS THAT WON THE WAR.

A few years ago, a young man in the service of the National Archives in Washington made a careful examination of the files of the Committee On Public Information which existed during the last war and which was popularly known as the Creel Committee and then published a book on his findings under the title of "Words That Won The War." One of the information agencies which now exists in the nation's capital has turned it's talents to words and recently issued five articles on "How To Spend The Week-End Without A Car." One article suggests garden work and indicates that you can "dig for fun and health." Another suggests the organization of local discussion groups. A third suggests exploring your neighborhood afoot or on a bike odd jobs and chores around the house and if you lack talent for this you might collect stamps, coins or what not. The line forms on the right and don't shove.

ATLANTIC CHARTER-A REFRESHER.

Remember the Atlantic Charter? It will observe it's 1st birthday on August 14, 1942. It contains 8 points which may be summarized as follows: The U. S. and Britain pledge (1) No territorial expansion (2) no territorial changes which are not in accord with the expressed wishes of the people concerned (3) the right of all peoples to select the kind of government they desire and the restoration of those governments which have been destroyed by force (4) proper access to world trade and raw materials by all nations large and small, victor and vanquished (5) economic collaboration for the improvement of labor, security and economic standards (6) destruction of Nazism followed by a secure peace accompanied by freedom from fear and want (7) freedom of the seas (8) abandonment of forces and ultimate world disarmament.

HOME-COMING FOR QUEZON

Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippine Commonwealth had a home-coming, in Washington recently. In 1909 he was elected as a Resident Commissioner from the Philippines to Congress where he served for seven years. In season and out, he labored in behalf of Philippine independence and then returned to the islands to carry on that work. When Congress finally provided legislation to give the Filipinos their independence in 1946, Quezon was elected as the first President of the Commonwealth. One of his first acts was to request of President Roosevelt, the services of General MacArthur in organizing a Filipino citizen army. The request was granted. When the Japs invaded the islands, Quezon escaped to Australia and from there to the United States. On June 2nd, he came before Congress

to present his greetings. After a generation of absence from that body, it was a profound home-coming.

WILLIAM RICHARD ARNOLD.

In the Army is a soft spoken Colonel with a trim erect figure whose collar ornaments are crosses instead of crossed guns, crossed canon, crossed swords or other insignia of the combat divisions. He is the man who looks after the spiritual welfare fo Uncle Sam's forces. He is William Richard Arnold, Cheif of Chaplains, with the rank of Colonel who has been in the service for 29 years. For the last five years he has been Cheif of Chaplains. He is charged with responsibility for providing Chaplains, chapels, religious service and the spiritual welfare of the armed forces. It involves a vast amount of administrative work and Chaplain Arnold has done an outstanding job.