

Gen. Patton Writes Poem "Fear" While Dashing Across Reich

Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, one of the best known and most courageous commanders in the armed forces of the United Nations, today was revealed as the author of a poem "Fear."

Written while the forces in his command were sweeping irresistibly across Germany, General Patton's poem appears in print for the first time in the May issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. The poem follows:

FEAR

I am that dreadful, blighting thing,
Like ratholes to the flood,
Like rust that gnaws the faultless
blade,
Like microbes to the blood.

I know no mercy and no ruth,
The young I blight, the old I slay.
Regret stalks darkly in my wake
And ignominy dogs my way.

Sometimes in virtuous garb I rove
With facile talk of easier way,
Seducing, where I dare not rape,
Young manhood from its honor's
sway.

Again in awesome guise I rush
Stupendous, through the ranks of
war,
Turning to water with my gaze
Hearts that before no foe could awe.

The maiden who has strayed from
right,
To me must pay the meed of shame,
The patriot who betrayed his trust,
To me must own his tarnished name.

I spare no class, or cult, or creed,
My course is endless through the
year.
I bow all heads, and break all hearts,
All owe me homage—I am FEAR!

G. S. PATTON, Jr.

Lieutenant General U. S. Army

Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

The big manufacturers of the nation expect business to be very good in that first year after the war. The great expectations are not based just on easy optimism. They represent the sober judgment and planning of some 7,000 manufacturers who, as a group, produce about half the nation's goods. These are the same manufacturers who reported to the Department of Commerce their plans for spending some \$4.5 billion to enlarge their plants in the first year after the war. They want these increased facilities because they expect sales much larger than in 1939, the last year before the defense program and the war began to affect our economy. Most optimistic of all are the textile makers, the makers of apparel goods and leather products. As a group, they expect their first postwar year's sales to be greater even than record-breaking 1944, and about twice the \$9 billion volume of 1939. Even the iron and steel masters, reconciled to less volume after the war than now, see the first postwar year as substantially better than the last prewar year. Food, beverage and tobacco manufacturers also expect a volume

about twice that of 1939.

Springboard for a spring—Buses have been "springboards" for some of the major automotive innovations of recent years—the remote-control gear shift, automatic hydraulic transmission, and safety glass, for examples. Therefore, in visualizing your postwar dream-car you might well take note that hundreds of this year's buses are being equipped with what is literally a "new twist" in vehicle suspension—a "torsilastic" rubber spring, developed by the B. F. Goodrich company. It works by means of the twisting action of a filling of rubber between a cylindrical steel shell attached to the axle and a shaft connected to the vehicle frame. One of the "wonders" at the New York World's Fair, its development for civilian uses was interrupted by the war, but it has had a more-than-thorough workout on LVT's (landing vehicles, tracked) for which more than half a million of these springs have been made. You can also look for this new type of spring in tomorrow's swivel chairs, porch swings, built-in ironing boards and other places, as well as in vehicles.

Things to Come—A new insecticide that may revolutionize plant doctoring. It will make possible the inoculation of crops by simply mixing the chemical with the fertilizer, and the resulting crops will be immune to bugs, beetles, etc. Many new magazines from the nation's leading publishers . . . Baby tractors, for use on farm smaller than any mechanized before . . . The memoirs of General Eisenhower, in published form . . . A new soil tester making use of the electric eye . . . Housewives will buy their light bulbs postwar handily packed in a new shock-proof carton . . . A new railway car for ordinary coach travel, equipped with a luxuriously lounge for day, lavatories by night.

Meatier Chickens—Leaders of the two-billion-dollar poultry industry assembled recently in Chicago to formulate plans to retain markets poultrymen have won during the meat shortage period. They were helped in their planning by a novel program developed and offered the industry by A & P Food stores.

The program centers on a three-year contest to develop a better meat-type chicken, comparable to the famed broad-breasted turkey, which will have about 50 per cent

more meat in proportion to bone structure than exists today. Breeder of the bird nearest approaching this ideal will win a \$5,000 award. The contest also provides for \$3,000 in annual progress prizes. Maybe one of your neighbors will win an award.

The prize money has been turned over to an industry committee by the food chain, plus sufficient funds for contest expenses. D. D. Slade, Lexington, Ky., poultryman, heads the committee, which consists of members of every major poultry association in the country and key officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Business Owners—Are you a stockholder? If so, you are part owner of some business. Naturally, you want to get a report from time to time telling you how your business is doing. Management today is doing a better job of keeping stockholders informed through annual reports than in any other period of financial history, says the Financial World. This weekly journal for some time has carried on a crusade for better corporation reports. Finally it set up a system of awards to grade the pamphlets. This year more than 2,500 corporations submitted their reports for judgment by a committee of experts. The results are heartening. Some 30 per cent of the reports this year could be classified as "modern," against only 6 per cent in 1940. About one in three, however, had not been changed in ten years.

Preference Given Vets In Purchase Farm Machinery

Veterans of this war are given preference in the purchase of new farm machinery. W. A. Kitchin, Chairman, Halifax County AAA Committee said here today. Kitchin said, veterans who can show both the need for and the inability to obtain farm machinery to establish or reestablish themselves in farming may obtain preference certificates that require dealers to give priority to their needs.

"Dealers are required to honor these certificates notwithstanding any prior commitments or contracts for sale other than those carrying War Production Board ratings," Kitchin declared. "The only orders carrying such ratings are for the military," he continued, "or in rare cases, farmers faced with emergency situations."

In explaining the order further, Mr. Kitchin stated that, "a veteran using a preference certificate must be able and willing to meet the dealer's regularly established price and terms of sale or payment. In case a dealer receives more than one veteran's certificate for the same piece of equipment he is required to honor the certificates in the order of their receipt."

The order provides safeguards against misuse of certificates, appeal procedure for both veteran and dealer, and penalties for violations of the order.

Mr. Kitchin pointed out that the Director of Materials and Facilities, War Food Administration, will administer the order and the preference certificates will be issued by County AAA Committees.

Only country people will be free to build cheap, modern homes after the war. Building codes in most cities forbid anything but ancient methods.

Will Observe 44 Hour Work Week

As instructed by President Truman last week, the War Manpower Commission and its United States Employment Service will observe the 44-hour week in the future.

The instructions were effective July 1. The office will be open daily through Friday from 8:30 to 5:30 and on Saturdays from 8:30 to 12:30. For the past three and one-half years these offices have operated on a 48-hour work week basis, including work until 5:30 on Saturday afternoons.

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