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Doing The Impossible

Now it's an army of 8,000,000 men by the end of next year and a seven-ocean navy. Since Pearl Harbor \$72,603,000,000 have been appropriated for weapons and equipment that will beat the Axis. That's the victory news from Washington these days. Production schedules are so huge that you begin to ask if all that work can be done, and done in time, even in the wonder word of America's mass production factories.

But when the first war schedule was announced after Pearl Harbor it seemed so impossibly huge that the Axis called it propaganda and said that for all our manufacturing skill and great resources we couldn't do it. You remember that schedule—125,000 airplanes, 75,000 tanks, 10,000,000 tons of shipping by the end of 1943.

Today our factories are turning out these planes and tanks and ships so fast that in many instances they are actually ahead of schedule. Proof of that is given in the stories written by the newspaper men who made a tour through several of the country's closely-guarded war plants. They reported some astonishing facts.

Liberty ships are now being built in 100 days and less, instead of the original estimate of 200. A factory manufacturing machine guns has doubled its production since February. The United States is now far ahead of the Axis in the number of machine tools it is making for use in war plants.

In almost every instance weapons are being produced faster today than most people though possible only a short time ago. Big as the original schedules were, they are actually being exceeded. And the new ones will be exceeded, too, for our industries have hit their victory stride. Doing the impossible is for them almost a routine job today.

Inventions For Victory

"Never say anything can't be done. Say instead that as yet no way has been found to do it."

That's the advice of a man who knows what he's talking about—a famous inventor and engineer who has given us things like the self-starter and octane gasoline, to mention two of many. According to him, mechanical advances are being made even faster than usual today because of the pressure of war needs. Already we have new devices on our planes and tanks that enable them in many instances to outperform those made by our enemies.

We haven't stopped improving them and our other weapons, either. New war inventions are being produced all the time. More than 45,000 suggestions were sent in to the Patent Office last year by America's inventors, and 3,000 of them have been adopted to date. Some of these inventions have to do with the new machines, like the outrigger tank that is really a rolling fortress, and the ground strafe airplane with guns in the belly of the plane. Other concerns such things as emergency food rations and lightweight armored clothing.

The last war hastened the development of several new products—the radio, stainless steel, and dozens of new alloys and metals. There's no telling yet what things will come out of today's shortages and needs. Necessity is the mother of invention, all right, and she gets in some good licks in a country like this where inventors are encouraged by industry and by our traditional patent system that has been protecting their rights for more than 150 years.

LET'S WHIP JAPAN NOW
 (Reidsville Review)
 For five years, come July 7, China has

that the United States...
 United States...
 She doesn't ask for men. She has 5,000,000 brave, hardy, experienced, moderately well equipped at long last, eager to push the hated Japs into the China Sea. She doesn't ask for ships. Apparently she is satisfied with the other material we are managing to get through.

In sheer good fellowship, based upon gratitude for what China had done and is doing for us, we never can hold up our heads in international society if we will not or can not get 1,000 bombers and fighters to China now, when her very life depends upon them.

But going beyond decency, gratitude, and finer emotions to the first instinct of mankind—self-preservation—how about making it 2,000 planes?

Brig-Gen. Claire L. Chennault, chief of the Flying Tigers, says that with 2,000 planes the Japanese air force can be utterly destroyed. He may be wrong, but his record as both fighter and strategist entitles him to a lot of credence.

If again we send too little too late, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Chinese spokesman, warns that "the immediate future of China is very grave." The Japanese three-pronged attack, designed to knock China out of the war, could easily succeed.

Thereupon victorious Japanese forces, which already have taken everything between Hawaii and Australia away from Americans, British and Dutch, could turn their undivided attention on Australia, India, Serbia, Alaska, Hawaii.

But if we send the planes with which Japanese air power can be destroyed, and 5,000,000 happy Chinese people push 800,000 little brown heathens off the mainland of Asia, we shall have Nippon on the run.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
WALTER E. ISENHOUR,
 Hiddenite, N. C.

IF WE WIN

It is a fact that our country is putting forth a great effort now to win the war. We are registering millions of men and calling tens of thousands into training and to active service. We are spending, and expect to spend, billions and billions of dollars. And it is going to cost us the lives of many of our dear soldiers, in all probability, before the titanic conflict comes to a close. This is the sad fact that stares us in the face.

However, in our effort to win the war we may do the very thing that could defeat us, namely, trust our own efforts and manpower, and spend our billions of dollars, and fail on God. We see a grave danger just here. If we forsake the house of God, neglect our prayer meeting, reject the Gospel, or fail to heed its warning, and turn our means and lives over to war, then the Great God of heaven may suffer the enemy to overpower us. It is indeed possible.

In Old Testament times the Lord permitted kings and nations more wicked than Israel to make war upon them and bring them to defeat. Why? Because of their disobedience; because of their transgressions. When they went into idolatry, and forsook God and His statutes, then they had to suffer for it. We believe America is the most wonderful nation on earth today, but we are losing tremendously in morality and spirituality. We have become a pleasure-loving, pleasure-seeking country. We have seriously neglected our churches, our Sunday schools, our prayer services, and have failed to win souls as we should, and to hold mighty revivals, and send the gospel throughout the earth. These are solemn truths. What the outcome is going to be we cannot say, but we realize it is high time to get back to God and the Christian religion.

We are conscious of the fact that it is going to require a mighty effort to support the cause of God from a financial standpoint when we are expected to give so much to finance the war. Just here is a grave danger also. We are going to excuse ourselves, if not very careful, in failing to finance the church and the cause of God because we are giving so tremendously to carry on the war. This could mean our defeat. It certainly is no time to give less to the cause of God because we are giving to continue to give our tithes and offerings to God's cause, and give more than ever, if possible, to God's cause.

Abnormal Absurdities

Harry was up here for one day signing up young men for naval service and was doing a very good job of it. Frankly, Harry is such a swell fellow that he is a good advertisement for the navy.

Until March he was on the staff of the Statesville Daily Record, where he did some very good newspapering. He decided Uncle Sam needed him and he enlisted in the navy.

When he went in, Harry didn't know he was going to get to work right in his home community. His home is at Harmony, country village about 30 miles from here in the northern part of Iredell county. After some training in California, he was assigned to the recruiting service and to the Salisbury station. Later he was given Iredell, Wilkes and Alleghany counties to work as a recruiter. That puts him as near home as any navy job can be.

He didn't choose this type of work to keep out of the fighting. He was placed there because he is particularly well qualified to represent that branch of the service in getting recruits. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he was chairman of the Carolina Political Union, a widely known organization. After some public relations work in Washington, D. C., he decided to get some experience on a newspaper and joined the editorial and news staff of the Statesville Daily Record.

HALF WIT GLEANINGS
 We find it not difficult to meet expenses these days. We find expenses just any place.

Next time the boss wants us to hurry up, we are going to show him the article by a physician who said slow moving people live longest.

Answer to many questions about why no more news in this column from Hell's Half Acre and Cutthroat Ridge: Sugar rationing put both places out of business.

A woman advertised for a man as caretaker for her estate and specified that he be married. When a man applied he asked if there would be work for his wife. When he learned that there would be no work for his wife he asked the lady why she had said the man who got the job had to be married. "Because I wanted somebody used to taking orders from a woman", she said.

When a woman fell asleep in a city church and tumbled out of the balcony her dress caught on a railing and she was suspended in a most undignified, if not shocking, position. The minister, trying to get over the situation as best he could, said: "Anyone who looks around will be struck stone blind". One man overburdened with curiosity whispered to the person beside him: "I'm going to risk one eye".

In a magistrate's court a man was charged in a warrant with a bid offense against the peace and dignity of the state. The warrant was read without the name of the person making the charges. The magistrate sternly asked the crowd: "Who is making these allegations?" A little woman nervously replied: "Please sir, I am the alligator".

WANTED COMPLETE SERVICE
 The genteel motorist had just pulled into the gasoline station for the inevitable gasoline. That being over, the attendant was going through his little ritual.

"Check the oil, sir?"
 "Naw, it's O. K."
 "Got enough water in the radiator?"

"Yep, filled up."
 "Anything else, sir?"

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Lower Draft Age In '43 Expected

Washington.—The administration, barring change in plans expects to ask Congress early in 1942 to lower the minimum draft age from 20 to 18, a congressional source reported yesterday.

President Roosevelt was understood to have told congressional leaders there would be no further revision of the selective service law this year, as far as he is concerned, after Congress completes action on the dependency allotment bill. Only House approval of the conference report is needed to send that measure to Mr. Roosevelt. The House is expected to act today.

BUY WAR BONDS
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain Mortgage Deed, bearing date of July 9, 1929, executed by W. L. Absher and wife Charity Absher, to the undersigned Mortgagee, to secure the payment of the indebtedness therein mentioned, which mortgage deed is recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Wilkes County in Book 161 at page 60; and

Default having been made in the payment thereof;
 I will, THEREFORE, on Monday, July 20th, 1942, at the hour of ten (10:00) o'clock, A. M., at the courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder the following described real estate:

BEGINNING at the chestnut hollow; then down the said branch to H. Johnson's line; thence with the said Johnson's line to Sallie Billings' line; then with the said Sallie Billings' line, with the road to the beginning;
 Containing fifteen (15) acres, more or less.

This the 19th day of June, A. D., 1942.
 J. M. ABSHER, Mortgagee
 By A. H. CASEY, Attorney
 7-13-42 (m)

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