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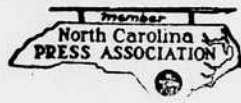
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**FORCE TO PROVIDE STABILITY**

Royal Arch Gunnison, American newspaper man, interned by the Japanese after the fall of Manila, warns the people of this country not to plan for a permanent peace but rather to look for and work for a one-hundred-year-period of enforced stability throughout the world.

Mr. Gunnison recognizes the necessity of an adequate police power to maintain world stability. He has sense enough to know that treaties and pacts, unsupported by military and naval strength, will become scraps of paper whenever aggressor nations get ready for another thrust at world control.

It ought to be obvious, regardless of what form of world organization is established after the present war, that maintenance of the peace of the world will depend upon the fighting strength of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China. These governments must be ready and willing to use force to restrain war-makers whenever and wherever the peace of the world is threatened.

This does not mean, necessarily, that the four great powers should attempt to stamp out war everywhere, regardless of causes. It means that they should be prepared to use their full power to prevent an belligerent from becoming a menace to the orderly processes of civilization.

**BLOOD PLASMA SAVING LIVES**

Modern warfare is bloody business with dead and wounded men marking the progress of battle.

It ought to be comforting, however, to Americans that, thanks to the courage and skill of our doctors, the finest techniques of surgery and medicine are available to wounded men right up to the battle line.

Reports from Italy indicate that the doctors and their helpers have done a splendid job. Approximately, half of all the men wounded are restored to front-line condition and the others are receiving the best of care.

It is impossible to go into much detail as to the practice involved in surgery on the chest, brain and abdomen, but it should be pleasing to blood donors to know that the effectiveness of blood plasma enables surgeons to save many more of the seriously wounded than they did in the last war.

**WORTH CONSIDERATION**

These Royal Resolutions tabulated by J. S. Engle, Westerville, Ohio are well worth our thinking over, whether we have the wisdom to adopt them or not:

I will study the language of gentleness, and refuse to use words that bite and tones that crush.

I will practice patience at home, lest my testy temper break through unexpectedly and disgrace me.

I will remember that my neighbors have troubles enough to carry without unloading mine on them.

I will excuse others' faults and failures as often and as fully as I expect others to be lenient with mine.

I will cure criticism with commendation, close up against gossip, and build healthy lives by service.

I will love boys and girls so that old age will not find me soured and sullen, but fresh and free.

I will gladden my nature by smiling out loud on every fair occasion, and by outlooking optimistically.

I will pray frequently, think good things, believe in men, and so do a full day's work without fear or favor.

If Great Britain, the United States, Russian and China are smart there won't be another World War for quite awhile; nobody will be able to fight.

Victory Gardens will be the vogue in 1944 and it should be everybody's business.

**HEAVIER TAXATION FOR WAR**

There is no doubt whatever of the ability of the nation to stand heavier taxes. It is admitted, however, that certain taxpayers carry more than their proportion of the burden.

The difficulty, in connection with new taxes, is that every individual and corporation, likely to be affected, attempts to shunt the increase upon other classes.

A recent study, made by R. A. Musgrove and H. L. Seligman, of the Federal Reserve Board's research staff, concludes that Americans are let off more lightly than British and Canadians. Moreover, corporation profits have doubled in wartime while British corporate profits have been restricted to 1938 peace-time levels.

The study of the tax situation reveals that Great Britain is absorbing fifty per cent of its national income in taxes, Canada, thirty-six per cent and the United States only thirty-two per cent. This estimate includes State and local, as well as Federal taxes. Individual income taxes in Great Britain and Canada are substantially higher than in this country.

The experts call attention to one exception, the large American family with income less than \$1,500. At this level, according to the survey, the American taxpayer carries a heavier burden and they note that the weight of the frequently advocated sales tax would fall most heavily upon this group.

**NOTICE TO JAPAN**

With the offensive in the Marshalls under way, it is significant that American nava units have had the temerity to bombard Japanese shore positions on Paramushiro, one of the Kurile islands north of, but a part of Japan.

Apparently, the attack was made by a small task force but the fact that it was attempted serves notice on the Japanese that their home lands are fast facing the threat of active hostilities.

The Tokyo war loads are given notice that the Navy is strong enough to approach the sacred islands from two sides and that it is not safe to presume that, since we are active in the Marshalls, we are necessarily idle in other theatres.

It will mean that the Japanese fleet must, more than ever, stick close to home bases and be available for the defense of the home islands, not the far flung empire conquered in the first six months of the war.

**OUR SUBMARINE HEROES**

The announcement that two American submarines are overdue and presumably lost brings to 19 the number of undersea boats that we have lost since the war with Japan began.

The operations of our submarines have been highly successful. They are credited with 572 Japanese vessels sunk, probably sunk or damaged. The war of attrition against enemy shipping, however, has taken a heavy toll, including many brave men and officers who have taken to the sea, never to return.

When the history of the war is finally written greater credit will be given to the crews of the submarines. They assume risks to strike the enemy in vital areas and they have performed outstanding deeds.

**MATHEMATICS MAY GET YOU**

The toll of accidents in the United States in 1943, according to the National Safety Council, was 94,500 killed; 9,700,000 injured; and a monetary loss of \$5,000,000,000. This includes wage losses, medical expenses, production delays and damage to equipment and other property.

The fatalities were just a shade under the 1942 toll but the number of injuries was three per cent higher. One of every fourteen Americans suffered a disabling injury.

The statistics reveal that motor vehicle accidents caused 23,300 deaths; occupational accidents, 18,000; and public accidents, exclusive of motor vehicles, 15,500. It is noted that falls caused 27,000 deaths; burns, 9,600 and drownings, 7,500.

The average reader will not be impressed by these figures. Somehow all of us expect to escape injuries through accidents, regardless of mathematics and personal carelessness.

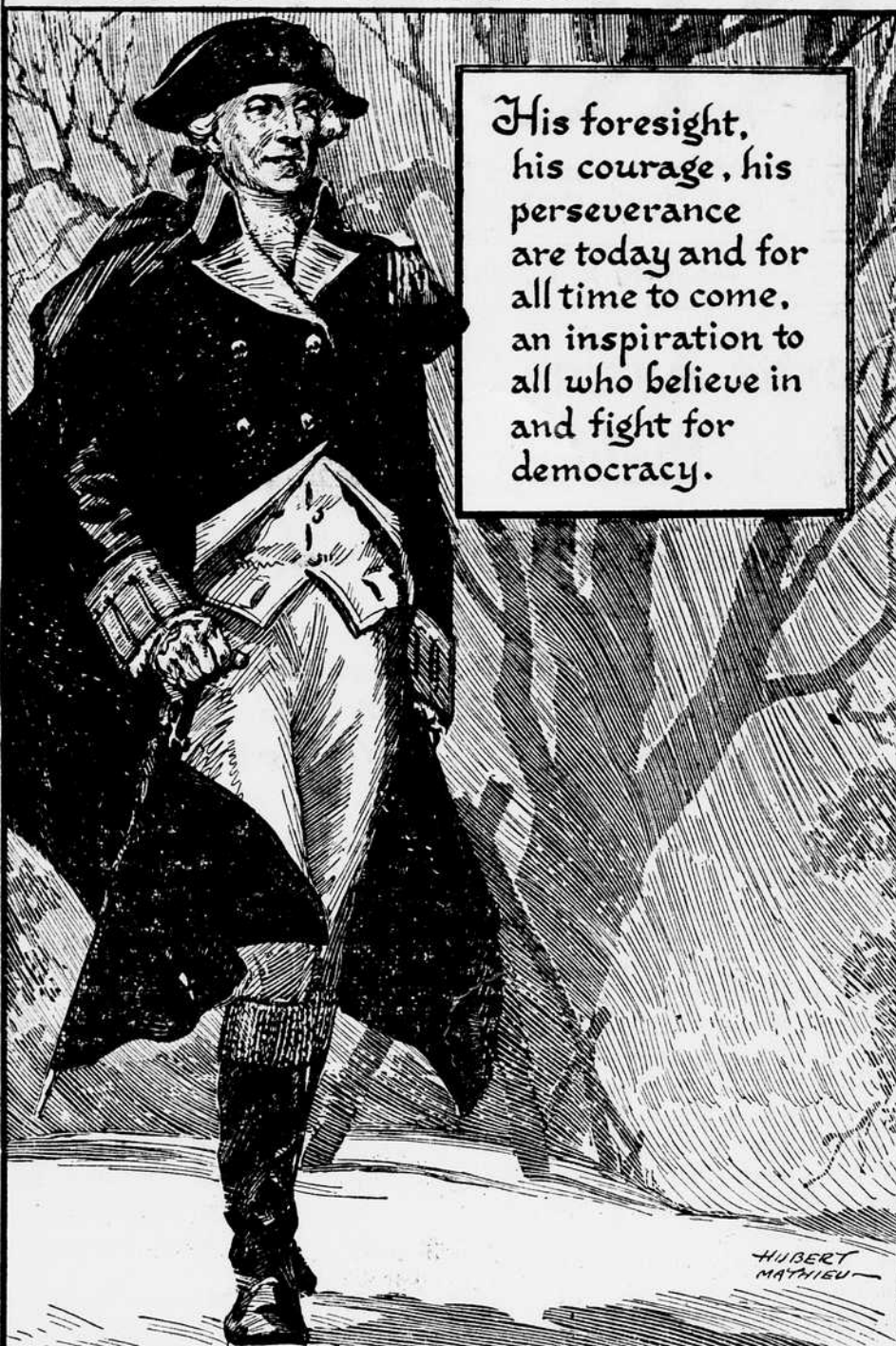
In the light of the sacrifices made by our fighting men the nation's complaints over gasoline rationing will make foolish reading in a few years.

One of these days the nation will discover that it has a need for men and women of character, not interested solely in money-grabbing.

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**GEORGE WASHINGTON.**  
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**DISTANCE AND OBSTACLE**

"The major obstacle in the Pacific is not so much the Japanese sea distance," declares Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

This statement ought to give Americans a better understanding of the problems that have been overcome to carry the war to the Japanese. The Pacific is a vast ocean, much larger than the Atlantic. When the war began we were far from the scene of action and had no bases anywhere in the main theatre of operations.

Not only have we had to transport men, material and ships enormous distances, under adverse conditions, but we have had to build port facilities and set up installations to serve the Army, Navy and Air Forces as operating bases.

**WORK AT ASHE TEST FARM TO BEGIN ABOUT MARCH 1**

West Jefferson. — Work on the new mountain test farm in Ashe county probably will get under way about March 1 by the extension service of North Carolina State college, it has been learned here.

The W. M. Transou farm, which was purchased the last week will be used as a state test farm devoted chiefly to beef cattle, sheep and orchard experiments.

According to initial plans for the 425 acre farm, 250 acres will be devoted to pasture; 100 to crops; 17 to orchard and the remainder to timber.

Dean Colvard, a native of Ashe county, will have supervision of this farm as well as the other new test farm to be established in Western North Carolina. The two new units will take the pace of the test farm operated at Swannanoa for a number of years. Most of the property of this farm was sold to the federal government for the site of the Moore General hospital.

Mr. Colvard who graduated with honors from N. C. State college has been in charge of the Swannanoa test farm several years.

**WHO KNOWS?**

1. What is the O. W. I.?
2. What is the distance to Tokyo from the Marshall Islands?
3. Who is Nikola Vatutin?
4. How many tons of bombs have been dropped on Berlin?
5. Estonia, set up after the first World War, was carved out of the territory of what country?
6. Would you expect Robert E. Hannegan and Harrison E. Spangled to work together?
7. What would a Navy man mean by saying his ship had lost a lot of braid?
8. What is the job of the pathfinder group of the RAF?
9. How did Germany acquire the Marshall Islands?
10. What is the underground army? (See "The Answers" on Page 7)

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