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mean much if your groceries cost you \$30 a day.

INFLATION CAN LOSE THE WAR

To catch up with your grocery bill, you demand a wage increase of \$10 a day. But by the time you get it, your grocery bill has jumped to \$40. So you are still one jump behind.

prevent inflation. He knows what it does to the working man.

some intelligent cooperation from labor if he is going to stop the

things like this. He hires a congressman, pays him \$10,000 a

year and expects him to give intelligent cooperation to the Presi-

dent to prevent such economic catastrophies as inflation.

election day—and start figuring this out for yourself.

and give farmers more money for their crops.

Wages never catch up with prices when inflation starts.

Twenty dollars a day is a pretty good wage. But it doesn't

That is why President Roosevelt is trying desperately to

It is beginning to look as though the President must have

Ordinarily a working man doesn't have to worry about

This year, however, the average working man hasn't got a

So you had better forget about your congressman-until

As things stand now, the congressmen think they can get

This, of course, means that you will pay more for your

He knows, but he doesn't tell you, that you can't increase

He figures that by the time you wake up to the fact that

And when he says that wages must be stabilized, he is try-

The President did not say there should be no more pay raises.

President Roosevelt is making an emergency move to pre-

When the war is over, we can get some of the bugs out of

It must be avoided at all costs, because, if we lose the war

You will be all through so far as having anything to say

You'll do what they tell you and you'll say "Yes, sir" when

It would be a lot smarter to lose a pay raise now than to

ing to protect what you now have. Under inflation, you will

He said that under-paid workers were entitled to equalization.

But if wages start up in a general spiral, then prices start up also,

vent inflation. He is trying to protect labor and labor should

our economic system, provided we win. The best way not to win

Inflation would be a forerunner of military defeat.

about your wages, your hours or your working conditions.

groceries. But the congressman tells you you can get a pay

your pay as fast as the prices of groceries rise, for one reason

you are sliding down the inflation skids, the election will be over and you can't do anything about the bum steer he gave

But President Roosevelt knows what it is all about.

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JOURNAL ADVERTISERS DESERVE CONSIDERATION OF THE READERS

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That is inflation.

very bright congressman.

race between prices and wages.

raise to buy the farmers' crops.

and another.

lose what you have.

and the race is on.

be intelligent enough to help him.

we lose everything we are fighting for.

### UNION BLOOD NOW RUNS IN MANAGEMENT'S VEINS

By War Production Board Service.

There was trouble at the Electric Storage Battery Co. in Philadelphia, Leaders of Local 113 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), were in Washington demanding higher wages, a union shop, premium days-in fact, they had about every grievance it's possible for a union to have.

Hearings before the National War Labor Board in Washington began on June 15. Feeling was bitter between the union and the employers. L. W. Mosely, personnel manager, was ready to testify. Suddenly he collapsed. He was rushed to the hospital with an internal hemorrhage. Transfusions were necessary.

So management representative Mosely was given three transfusions. He now has union blood in his veins. For his donors were Charles Goff, president of Local 113; Robert Davidson, secretary of the Local; and Carl Bersing, international representative.

Mosely recovered. Hearings were resumed on July 10. As yet there has been no decision in this case. The union boys are said to be wondering what effect their blood will have.

#### FITTING NAMES FOR NEW SHIPS

It is most fitting that ships to be launched and christened on Labor Day should bear the names of Samuel Gompers, Andrew Furuseth, Peter J. McGuire and other great leaders of American labor. They fought for democracy all their lives and the ships to bear their names will help in the same fight, in the war of the United Nations against the Axis. themselves a lot of votes if they scuttle the President's program

> The ship-launching program will be one to be long remembered by the American people. The program, prepared by the Maritime Commission and other government agencies, is expected to surpass even the achievements of Maritime Day. Representatives of both the AFL and CIO are aiding in the making of the arrangements and will participate in the ceremonies.

> John P. Frey, president of the Metal Trades Department who is in charge of the arrangements for the AFL announces that high Government officials and members of Congress have agreed to take part in the ceremonies t the chief launching

# ARE YOU FIGHTING MAD?

By E. S. Land, Chairman U. S. Maritime Commission

Everyone of us is in this war. You and I and he and she. From the youngest apprentice in shipyard or factory to the top executive, from the typist to the Chairman of the Maritime Commission . . . we're all fighting on the battlelines of production.

We have been given our fighting orders by the Commander-in-Chief. They must be carried out.

A minute lost—ten minutes lost—time wasted . . . that's what our enemies want.

"Take it easy," Hitler whispers. "Make the job last longhe doesn't add, Give me a chance to invade your shores.

"Let's take the day off," whispers Mussolini. "Let's go is to disrupt production and destroy our economic balance by fishing." He doesn't add "So I can give you a stab in the

> "To hell with taking care of your tools," whispers the wily Japanese. "Let somebody else do it." He doesn't add "That's an 'honorable' way of committing sabotage.'

> Efficiency is the individual's best weapon against our foes. Their production drive isn't voluntary, it's compulsory. It isn't cooperation, it's slavery.

voluntary cooperation of free men and women—their offensive strategy against those evil hordes which would destroy us. Your men building Liberty Ships: Your spirit sails into

many censored ports, the world over. Across space, soldiers,

The success of the Victory Fleet Drive depends upon the

sailors, seamen, airmen and all who represent you over there thank you, their buddies over here. And men of other nations, your fellow workmen, know you'er fighting with them against enslavement. We who build ships have a grave responsibility, one that will decide the fate of democracy. The freedom of man is de-

pendent upon ships. Never in the history of wars has such a situation existed. Never did major strategy center as much You should be proud of your share in the defeat of your

enemies—the damnable exploiters who are now selling workers on the slave market, not as individuals, but in droves-100, 500, 1,0000 at a time.

Yours may be an invisible uniform—but you are in this war, out in front.

And you and I and he and she should be as fighting mad as our men in far places.

### PLAY SAFE AND GET YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATES

statistics for many years. However the majority of people failed to take the advice seriously until they were faced with the necessity of proving their birth before they could enter the army or navy, or before they could secure a defense job which required that a birth certificate be furnished.

Citizens not having birth certifi-cates should apply to the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of

Health in the state of their birth. Until 1940 it was a very simple procedure to get a delayed birth certi-ficate. Proof of birth consisted mere-ly of an affidavit made by a relative

American citizens have begun to cate went into force over all the narealize the advantages of having birth certificates. This has been publicized by the U.S. Bureaus of vital tion. Three facts must be shown on every birth certificate:

1—Exact day, month, or year of

Exact place of birth.

-Names of parents, including maiden name of mother. This must be proved by written evilence, dating from a time as near as ossible to the claimed time of birth. Affidavits alone are no longer suffi-

All persons applying to the Bureau of Vital Statistics for a birth certificate are earnestly requested to be patient at the delay in receiving one. The delay is caused by an unprecedented number of applications reaching the bureau, and by the reor friend. Under these simple requirements it occasionally happened that fraudulent certificates were filed which were used for improper and illekal purposes.

In 1941 new and stiffer requirements for obtaining a birth certificates were filed by. "Red tape" is dispensed with to the limit of safety in all Bureau of Vital Statistics proceedings.

### Late News — Labor and Industrial

Four employes of the Ordnance Department's Arsenal at Watertown, Mass., have received cash awards for suggestions which have speeded production and reduced manufacturing costs. They are Walter R. Ward, machinist; George R. Fleck, maintenance machinist; James F. Farrar, toolmaker; and William C. Parsons, machine operator.

ARMY STUDIES WORKERS' HEALTH-More than 100 medical directors and safety engineers responsible for measures safeguarding the health of 250,000 Army Ordnance manufacturing plant workers met July 17 and 18 in St. Louis to discuss the latest scientific advances in industrial

More than 13,000,000 women, representing over one-fourth of total employment, are now working in this country, Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Burear, U. S. Labor Department, announced last week.

"Two million more employed women will be needed by the end of 18942, and at least 5,000,000 more women than are employed now will be needed by the end of 1943," Miss Anderson said, explaning that such needs include war work, consumer goods production, farm, and all other

WORKERS CITED FOR HEROISM, PRODUCTION-Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson has sent a letter of commendation to Vernon L. Nash, electrician at Huntsville Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., for bravery in disconnecting an electric switch at risk of his life, thereby saving valuable government equipment.

The ship building records of June were made possible through the co-operative efforts of shipyard labor and management. Many thousands of shipyard workers, most of them untrained in ship-building before coming to the yards, are becoming more familiar with their jobs and as a result production increases.

A review of the progress made during the last six months shows there has been a steady increase with each month. Beginning in January when 16 ships of 197,628 deadweight tons were delivered, the monthly production has been: February, 26 ships, 289,549 tons; March, 26 ships, 291,473 tons; April, 36 ships, 401,632 tons and May, 58 ships, 632,304 tons; and June, 66 ships, 731,900 0tons.

Under Secretary the Navy James V. Forrestal last week urged that to meet critical labor needs all Naval contractors should give the fullest possible consideration to the employment of members of the families of men once employed by the contractor but now serving with the armed forces.

Pointing out that the fathers, mothers, wives and sisters of men now in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard logically will make most loyal and willing employees, Under Secretary Forrestal asked management to pay particular attention to employment applications from these people whose primary interest is making certain that their relatives get the arms necessary to defeat the enemy in the quickest possible time.

This policy will bring increased income to families who may be making serious financial sacrifices during the wartime absence of their male relatives. In addition, this freedom from financial worry of the families naturally will further the morale of the fighting men at the front.

6,000 Frenchmen from Lorraine, "unsympathetic to the German authorities," have been deported to Poland and forced labor.

Polish workman was executed for offering resistance when by his German employer.

112,500 tons of steel, 1000 tons of copper, 5800 tons of aluminum, 4760 tons of rubber and 7850 tons of zinc will be saved annually through the stop order on the manufacture of washing and ironing machines

The 12,770 workers who made washing and ironing machines are now working on gun mounts, gun sights, shells and other ordnance materials.

# Labor Is Praised

lution in Europe comes from labor," leclared Drew Pearson and Robert publication for ordnance workers.

Stressing the importance which the overnment places on labor's war conthe famous columnists

"Although not generally known, the nucleus of the old Social Democratic party which tried to create a real republic in Germany is still intact. Fifty Social Democrats from the old Reichstag are now in this country.

Administration leaders are giving more and more credit to the great job labor and industry are doing in arming not only the United States, but also the United Nations.

"For some time it was a military secret, but now it can be revealed that when Germany and England started shooting at each other in September, 1939, the United States had only enough smokeless powder to last the Army a few weeks. The miracle of American labor and industry—such as you men and wome nin the Ordnance plants-is that we now have far more smokeless powder production than we had at the end of the Armistice, and we built that production almost overnight!

'It was a military secret until recently that the British twice were completely cleaned out of small arms and cartridges. Once was after Dunkirk. The other was after Greece and Crete. In each case United States arsenals and plants were opened wide. We were almost denunded but the British were kept going. Ordnance production workers, as well as the American laboring men and women everywhere, will have a direct part in winning this war."

turned from these periods of rest and a large attendance is expected Sunday. Routine matters will be disposed of and plans will be made for Fall and Winter activities.

MR. AND MRS. BABB REVISIT OLD SCENES

In Army Paper
"United States war strategists are convinced that the chief hope of revolution in Europe comes from labor."

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Babb formerly of Charlotte but now residents of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting friends and relatives in the city and will remain a relative in the city and relative in the c will remain until the first of August. Mr. Babb has been sick for several S. Allen in an exclusive article in months, but has recovered sufficient-'Firepower," the Army's official by to visit old friends in the city. He was formerly connected with the mechanical department of the Charlotte

#### I. T. U. CONVENTION MEETS IN SEPTEMBER

C. R. Austin, who will represent Charlotte Typographical Union at the Golden Jubilee Convention of the International Union at Colorado Springs, Colo., is making preliminary plans to attend that meeting in Sep-

A letter from International headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., last eek brought the information that nothing but a governmental order can stay the holding of the convention this year. However, due to transporta-tion problems, the attendance this year will doubtless be the smallest in many years.

#### CHARLOTTE UNION MEETS SUNDAY

Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338 will meet in regular monthly session Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Moose Hall on South Tryon Street. President C. J. Pridgen will preside. O. N. Burgess, secretary-treasurer, and Howard L. Beatty, recording secretary, will be in their re-

spective positions.

Most of the boys who have had vacations with pay this year have re-

# "LET'S GO U.S.A.—KEEP 'EM FLYING"

"FIGHT - WORK - SAVE"

USE THE PAYROLL PLAN-10% EACH WEEK FOR WAR BONDS

# **Three-Fourths Of** His Wages Go For War Bonds

lose the whole pay check later.

sales records at the Kaiser shipyard showed one worker whose salary was \$46.15 had signed for \$37.50 worth of bonds each week.

No, it was no mistake, he said,
"If I'd gotten into the Army I'd be making 21 bucks a month. "This way I've got 33 left. Besides I had a kid brother on Bataan.

CIO USES AFL LABOR DETROIT-AFL unions are remodeling the building which the Unit- The maximum benefit is stated as ed Automobile Workers, CIO, recent-\$1,000. The policy buyer naturally purchased to house its Interna-lassumes this means that are house its International offices. In choosing the AFL for the work, the auto union ignored That is far from the truth. the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee headed by A. D. Lewis, brother John L.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ISSUES BOOK

The CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE has issued its new blue covered book on very fine coated paper giving a complete history of our city and county and a record of their growth. The book is a magnificent piece of work and does credit to our city and to Mr. Kuester and his associates in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CHARLOTTE.

These family group insurance policies lead people to believe they are protected by insurance.

## Beware of New **Family Group Life Insurance Racket**

Workers are being victimized by a new form of mail-order insurance racket. It is called "Family Group Life Insurance.'

A typical mail-order advertiser says: "There is no reason now why any member of your family should be without life insurance. One policy, costing only \$1 a month, can insure them all." The company accepts all them all." members of a family group, ages 1 to 75, without medical examination, under a \$1-a-month insurance policy. assumes this means that each member of his family is insured for \$\$1,000 first place, the maximum benefit ranges from \$100 to \$1,000, depending on the age at death. And secondly this maximum benefit for each individual is divided by the number of persons covered under the policy. For example, if a family of 10-grand-parents, parents and children-is insured under such a policy, and if the grandfather dies at 70 the family gets just \$10. \$100 maximum benefit at 70, divided by 10, the number of persons covered.)

### WISDOM

Each week a quotation from the pen of some famous person who contributed to the progress of our civilization.

"THIS ABOVE ALL; TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE AND IT FOLLOWS AS THE NIGHT THE DAY, THOU CANST NOT BE FALSE TO ANY MAN."

WM. SHAKESPEARE.

"Hamlet"