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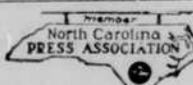
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"Strike while the iron is hot"

### MARCH

- 5—George Westinghouse gets patent for air brake, 1871.
- 6—Spaniards take possession of New Orleans, 1763.
- 7—Political rights restored to Confederate leaders, 1870.
- 8—Suspension bridge across Nicaragua River opened for use, 1855.
- 9—Battle of Monitor vs. Merrimack, 1862.
- 10—First words spoken over telephone, 1876.
- 11—Lend-Lease bill signed by President Roosevelt, 1941.

### Merciless Killer

In the last year alone, tuberculosis killed approximately 10,000 more Americans than were killed in action or died of wounds in World War I.

In all wars fought by this country since 1776, with the exception of the present conflict, deaths resulting from military action or from wounds received in action, totaled 244,450. In the four-year period, 1937-40, tuberculosis killed 254,568 of our citizens.

Civilian air-raid casualties in England during a ten-month period in 1940-41, when enemy air activity was at its zenith, totaled about 36,000. During a comparable period in this country, tuberculosis took 50,000 lives.

Those three illustrations show the staggering toll taken by one of the greatest bacterial killers. It is true that immense progress in reducing T. B.'s ravages has been made, and medical authorities look forward to a time when the disease will be completely eradicated. But unless every effort is made to maintain this progress, the nation stands to lose hard-won ground.

War means that millions will work longer and rest less. Weariness and exposure are two of T. B.'s most effective allies. Every precaution, public and private alike, must be given to controlling during the war period. So far as the individual is concerned, he should immediately see his physician when any symptom of illness appears. We must never slow the fight against this merciless killer.

### IF I Had Known!

By RUTH TAYLOR

We can no longer afford the luxury of post-mortems, but we cannot afford to ignore the lessons we saw learned in blood and suffering abroad.

We cannot afford differing or disunity among our own people—the thinking in terms of groups, the demanding of special privileges, the constant asking for special favors or concessions.

This war can only be won by the active participation and all-out effort of every one of us. There are no longer any non-combatants. We are all in it. Wars are won by all the people, not by any one group.

How can we hold out for personal

advantages when we consider the sacrifices being made by those who are fighting to keep the enemy from our shores? Their lives are laid down for us, and it is up to us to put aside differences and critical discussion of each other to get together and back up our soldiers.

We cannot afford to be separated. We have seen what happened abroad when disunity entered. We have seen what seeking after special privileges cost. Thyssen learned it in Germany when the monster his money had helped create devoured him. The French workers learned it, when the trade union movement was dissolved in France.

There is one paragraph quoted in many papers today which I wish we all had to learn:

"What does that Frenchman—soldier, workman, politician or business man—think today? Probably it's something like this: 'I wish I had been less greedy for myself and more anxious for my country; I wish I had realized you can't beat off a determined invader by a quarreling, disunited people at home; I wish I had been willing to give in on some of my rights to other Frenchmen, instead of giving up all of them to a foreigner; I wish I had realized other Frenchmen had rights, too; I wish I had known that patriotism is work, not talk; giving, not getting.'"

We must stand together. We cannot afford the luxury of standing on our rights. We must work today for a common aim, for the good of all of us if any of us are to survive.

We do not want to have to say "If I had known" when it is too late.

### They Will Not Fail Us

By Baer, in Labor.

What must we do to win this war? President Roosevelt answered that question on Monday night. The point he emphasized was PRODUCTION. Only workers can produce the needed weapons of war. Editors, bankers, lawyers, columnists can abuse the workers, but they can't take their places in mine, or mill, or factory. Over 5,000,000 American workers are producing planes, tanks, ships. They have smashed all records and will establish new records. The workers are doing their part—doing it gloriously—despite the calumnies of their enemies.

The farmer, too, plays a leading role in production. He must feed America and a large part of the world. Here, again, editors, bankers, lawyers, columnists are not very efficient. Nevertheless they abuse the farmers with almost the same ferocity they display toward the workers. They hate to see the farmers get a fair price for their products.

And, finally, our "boys" in the trenches, on the seas and in the air. Ninety-five per cent of them come from the farms and the homes of city workers. While their dads produce, these gallant lads fight. Against, editors, bankers, lawyers, columnists are not conspicuous. They remain at home, safe and snug, growling about taxes, abusing labor, criticizing the farmers, and telling the President how to run the war. But "F. D." knows who will win the war—the soldier, the farmer, the worker. They will not fail us.

### Troops in Iceland Praise Red Cross

New York.—American Red Cross workers in Iceland have won the praise of service men stationed there, according to Bjorn Bjornson, National Broadcasting Company correspondent in Reykjavik.

"The American forces in Iceland are loudly singing the praises of the Red Cross these days, and well they might, for the showers of gifts which the Red Cross has made available to them," he said.

"These gifts, however, are but a small part of the work which the Red Cross is doing for the men in Iceland. Among the items which the Red Cross is making available to the forces here are pianos, radios, motion picture projectors, ping-pong tables, games and amusements of all kinds. The American Red Cross in Iceland is doing a valuable service for the forces here and is an important factor in the high morale which exists throughout every organization," he said.

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## Rambling R...About

By THE RAMBLER

### The American Way—

Young men have been gathered into the armed forces of the nation from every town and community within the last few months to fight with all their main and might against encroachment on the rights of the American people by foreign aggressors. Industry has been taken from peace-time production to be geared to war manufacturing. Money has been taken from the channels

of commerce to be directed into the expense of war.

And why, some one asks, should this be done? Well, the orators say it is to preserve the American way of life. This includes retention of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of worship. This war is also to test the ability of the democracies to rule and protect their people in a world which seems to be headed toward dictatorship.

But the American way of life means more than certain American ways of living. It means, in everyday language, a war to continue the high standard of American living. This standard is sure to be lost if this country should lose the war. In place of labor unions, there will be regimented workmen slaving at their daily tasks for only a pittance. It means that industry will not thrive

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in the future as it has in the past. It means that commerce will become stagnant, because business will be dull.

So what? Just this. The American standard of living is pictured in bold statistics that cannot at once be dismissed from the mind, because it stacks up very high against the miserable lands that are ruled by war lords and worshipers of power. Today the United States has 43 per cent of the world's radios; 68 per cent of the world's motor vehicles; 30 per cent of motor buses; 55 per cent of motor trucks; 72 per cent of passenger autos; 50 per cent of telephones and 35 per cent of miles of railroads.

Americans consume 65 per cent of the world's silk; Americans produce 30 per cent of the world's coal; Americans produce 61 per cent of the world's oil; Americans consume 50 per cent of the world's rubber; Americans consume 52 per cent of the world's coffee; and Americans have 34 per cent of the world's electrical power (kwh.).

All these things have Americans, yet this nation has but 7 per cent of the world's population and 6 per cent of the world's land area.

In the United States there is one radio to every 3.2 persons; one mile of railroad for every 542 persons; one telephone to 6.6 persons; and one auto to every 4.4 persons.

Set these statistics down against those of Europe, including Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy, which together have only one radio to every 16.2 persons; one mile of railroad to every 1,759 persons; one telephone to 35.9 persons and one auto to 31 persons.

In these good old United States, the average American works three hours to pay for 10 gallons of gas. Workers abroad have to work from 8 to 15 hours to buy the same quantity.

In the United States there are 33,000,000 homes. A total of 24,450,000 homes are equipped with electricity; 95 per cent of these homes have electric irons; 60 per cent have electric washing machines; 56 per cent have electric refrigerators; 56 per cent have vacuum cleaners; 48 per cent have electric percolators; 10 per cent have electric ranges; and 6 per cent have electric irons.

So it is a revealing fact that the people in this country are used to most of the things that make life easier and take much of the drudgery from the homes.

Americans being used to so much, the dictators probably have conceived the thought that America is soft and cowardly and will not fight. But they will find that though a few bombs scare people, a lot of bombs make them mad enough to fight, and when the Americans get into a fighting mood, they are not to be trifled with.

It is up to the American people now

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to fight back with their labor, with their lives and with their dollars to assure the coming generation the same blessings that they have enjoyed—blessings that this generation did not fight for, nor create—but blessings that it is their duty to hand down to others.

This American way has produced gangsters; it has opened the way for crooked politicians to corrupt government; incompetents have slipped into

high places; taxes are high and getting higher; food is to be rationed; autos may be stored away and numerous other things have been caused by a slow-moving government based on democracy, but everything will come out alright.

Counting their blessings more than their sufferings, the present generations of Americans must fight to continue the good old American way of life.



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ON

# Monday, March 16

At the Commissioners' Room in the Courthouse in the Town of Plymouth at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of examining and reviewing the tax list of each township for the current year and shall hear any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in the county in respect to the valuation of such property or the property of others and shall equalize the valuation of all property in the county and correct any errors appearing on the abstracts and for the transaction of any other business which may come before the Board in compliance with the Machinery Act of 1939.

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