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FUTURE HOSTILITIES.

We are hearing the remark, often repeated, that this time we must be sure war will be abolished forever, because the next one will be so horrible it will destroy humanity. It is being said that the robot plane will be so perfected within the next decade or two that we in America can no longer hope to escape the horrors of warfare at home—for the reason that the war-makers next time will be able to dispatch riderless planes across the ocean and to guide them so accurately that any desired spot may be hit if the planes get through. If this happened it would of course mean that in the next war the people back home will suffer as much as the boys at the front, and that whole cities and nations can be destroyed by mechanism directed by a hand and eye far across the sea.

Such a robot plane may be possible, but if it is perfected mankind will find a defense against it. Those who recall the last war will remember that the prophets of 1926 told us if another war were ever fought it would destroy civilization. We were informed that whole cities would be wiped out by bombs and great populations destroyed by germs and chemicals.

The war is pretty bad and we all hope there will never be another one. But there has been no wiping out of civilization by poisonous gases or microbes. The block-busting bombs are pretty bad. Some cities have been virtually destroyed by invading armies, but the defenders have only dug in and fought all the harder in the ruins and rubble.

It is going a little too far therefore to say that the robot bomb will destroy civilization in the next war. For every new weapon science finds a defense. Of course we want to prevent war in the future. Let us hope it can be done and the job performed effectively. Let us do this because it is the right and Christian thing to do and not because we fear to suffer on the home front if another conflict comes a dozen years hence.

THE WAY IS CLEAR.

Within the short space of two weeks Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made two pleas, one on Thanksgiving Day and one the week before, to urge us to step up production. Already, he said, we are using supplies labeled for February and March, and because supplies can now be sent directly to the front, they are needed in ever-increasing quantities.

In the time following June 6, D-Day, our armies pushed so furiously and speedily towards the German frontier, they could not stop to insure the capture of the great ports of northern France from Le Havre to Brest. As a result, the farther they advanced, the less pressure they could bring against the Germans. By the time they reached Antwerp and the Seigfried line, they lacked the ammunition and fuel to fight on and finish the war.

TEXTBOOK SHORTAGE.

A serious shortage of textbooks—which may come as good news to some school children but is of serious concern to their parents—is expected unless the book publishers are allotted a larger quota of paper.

We imagine, although the paper shortage has not been eased any, that the War Production Board will take action to supply the paper needed to correct this situation.

When we look over the type of reading which is still available on the news stands there seems little reason to worry where the paper can come from to publish school books. We realize that the WPB would be put in the position of favoring one type of business over another if it took our recommendations—so we won't make specific suggestions at the present time.

But in case a real emergency does arise, we might mention the fact that the average news stand now carries 50 or more so-called comic magazines. It is too much to hope that children might be asked to sacrifice a few of these in order to have the history and arithmetic books they need to continue their education.

NAZIS SAY HITLER IS FEELING WELL

Berlin Radio Answers Speculation About Hitler's Disappearance.

London, Dec. 5.—The Berlin radio taking note of continued Allied speculation that Adolf Hitler is physically or mentally incapacitated, reiterated last night that he is "in the best of health" and in full control of military and political affairs in Germany.

The broadcast, exclusively for foreign consumption, came as reports filtering out of Germany indicated that Hitler now has little to do with the military conduct of the war and that German strategy now is being directed by trained Junkers generals.

These reports said Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler had been holding a series of important conferences at his secret headquarters in Southern Germany with top-ranking military and Nazi party leaders and suggested that some sort of agreement had been reached between the divergent groups at Hitler's expense.

One version was that Himmler had agreed to keep Hitler under cover and make him keep his hands off military affairs, leaving them to the generals. In return, Himmler was reported to have received from the generals permission to name several Nazi party men as high but not top-ranking officers.

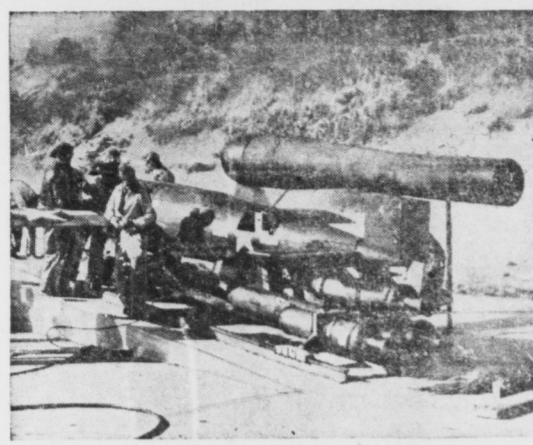
Himmler was said to be keeping Hitler in seclusion by preying on his fears of another attempt upon his life.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.
 Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Dr. J. R. Gamble, deceased, late of Lincoln county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them, properly verified, to the undersigned at Lincolnton, N. C., on or before the 11th day of December, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
 This the 9th day of December, 1944.
 MRS. HOPE SEIBERT GAMBLE,
 Administratrix of the Estate of the late Dr. J. R. Gamble. 12-11-6wks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 Having this day qualified as the administrator of the estate of Mary Jane Hoyle Rineck, late of Lincoln county, who died intestate December 2, 1944, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to file them with the undersigned, properly verified, on or before the 9th day of December, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; all persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 Dated this December 9, 1944.
 H. H. HOUSER,
 Administrator Mary Jane Hoyle Rineck, Deceased.
 Harvey A. Jonas, Attorney. 12-11-6wks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
 Having this day qualified as the administrator of the estate of J. A. N. Hoyle, deceased, late of Lincoln county, who died in said county intestate, on the 8th day of February, 1944, this is to notify all persons indebted to the said deceased to make immediate settlement with the undersigned; and all persons having claims against the said deceased to file their claims with the undersigned duly verified on or before the 9th day of December, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
 Dated this December 9, 1944.
 H. H. HOUSER,
 Administrator, J. A. N. Hoyle, Deceased.
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Reconstructed Robot Bomb Fired



This is the first picture of the launching of the American version of Nazi V-1 robot bomb. The bomb was reconstructed in 60 days, using fragments found in England. It is said to be an improvement of German bomb. An order for 2,000 has been placed in the United States.

Pistol Of His Buddy Saves U. S. Marine From Jap Sword

From U. S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif., comes the thrilling story of how blinded by rifle flashes, and semi-paralyzed by a vicious blow of a Jap Samurai sword which cut through his steel helmet, the Marine fell to his knees. The two handed sword, clutched by a fanatic Jap in a cave on Saipan, was poised for the death-dealing blow.

The Marine, Platoon Sergeant Bryce Newton Owen, 23, of Steels, is recuperating there from the initial blow. A buddy rescued him by killing the Jap with a pistol shot.

Sergeant Owen, also a veteran of the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, campaigns, manned a machine gun against Jap planes during the attack on Pearl Harbor. His unit hit Saipan on D-Day.

Owen with his unit on Saipan had pushed to the mouth of a tall mine cave. He inched through an opening, took a position, and began firing at Japs hiding in tunnels off the main shaft.

"I was on my knees," he said. "Suddenly a Jap sprang at me from the side and slashed down with his sword. There was no pain from the blow. I fell to the ground and could not see to move."

"I wouldn't be alive if my buddy hadn't shot fast and straight." Owen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Owen, Steels, R. I.

Soldier News

ADDRESSES—Sgt. Garmon Reid Goodson, ASN 34380411, APO 635, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

Seaman David F. Caudle gets his mail care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.
 Leck Ledford, S 2/C, HECF, Fort Story, Va. 10-26-44

Bigger Feet As Result Of War

War has widened America's feet, and the shoe industry, sweating out the war with too little help and materials and too much business, is finding time somehow to revise the system of lasts that has been in vogue since the post-Civil War decade.

Women's shoes will be made wider, shorter in the foreparts and with snug-fitting heel. Men's styles aren't changing so radically, but manufacturer's note male America is buying a larger size.
 Shoe manufacturers in making these basic alterations look forward to a postwar business 37 per cent above the 1940 level, when the public bought 404,000,000 pairs.

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WANTED ADS

FOR SALE—Woman's bicycle. Good condition. Telephone 256-W. 12-11-44

AUCTION SALE—I will sell at auction, at my home place, on Rhyme Heights, entire lot of household and kitchen furniture, including stoves, one living room suite, some carpenter tools, and other articles too numerous to mention. Date of sale, Wednesday, December 20, Time, 10 a. m. Terms of sale, cash. R. L. Yoder, Lincolnton. 12-7-44

SPENCER individually designed supports for abdomen, back and breasts. For men, women and children with spinal conditions and hernia. Mrs. Dorothy Burke Cathey, Route 3, Lincolnton, N. C. Phone 418-J. 11-30-6m

FOR RENT—Five-room house, near Daniel's Church, in sight of hard surface highway. H. M. Lewis, Route 2. 11-30-34

FOR SALE—Fresh Jersey cow. First calf. Bryant Harkey, Lincolnton, Route 2, on Startown Road. 10-26-44

GOVERNMENT restriction on suits are lifted. We are now in position to tailor you a suit according to your wishes. See me at the Men's Shop. C. R. Hartman, Prop. 10-26-44

JOIN CADET NURSE CORPS—Class opens March 1, 1945. H. F. Long Hospital, Statesville, N. C. 11-20-m-44

LOST—Ration Books Nos. 3 and 4 for J. M. Woods, Mrs. Pearl Woods, Wilona Sams and Barbara Jean Sams, and book No. 4 for William Maudney. Returns to J. M. Woods, 304 Motz ave., Lincolnton. 12-7-44

WANTED—If you have, or know of, a 1937 or 1938 Ford to be junked (with a good body), get in touch with R. M. Buff, Route 4, Lincolnton, N. C. 11-23-44

WANTED—Late model one and one-half ton truck. P. O. Box 430. 11-27-44

WANTED—Three or four-room apartment or house for man and wife. Grover Ballard, Lincolnton, Route 2. 11-23-44

WILL party who borrowed over-under shotgun from late Dr. J. R. Gamble please return to Dr. J. S. Gamble. Gun has sentimental value. 12-11-24

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CHRISTMAS PICTURE IN FULL COLOR.
 Be sure you get your copy of the beautiful picture, symbolic of the spirit of Christmas, reproduced in full color from a painting by the eminent artist, Ozni Brown. Look for this feature in the December 24th issue of The American Weekly Favorite Magazine With The BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN Order From Your Newsdealer.

POULTRY WANTED—Cash paid daily for any amount. R. T. McClellan, N. Academy st., Phone 462-W. 10-9-1m

NOTICE—OLD PICTURES LEFT for framing over 30 days will be sold for charges. Frank P. Barkley Furniture Store. 5-1-44

WANTED—Man between 17 and 50 to learn laundry business and help in operation of plant. You can earn while you learn. W. A. Lilly, at Lincolnton Steam Laundry. 11-30-24

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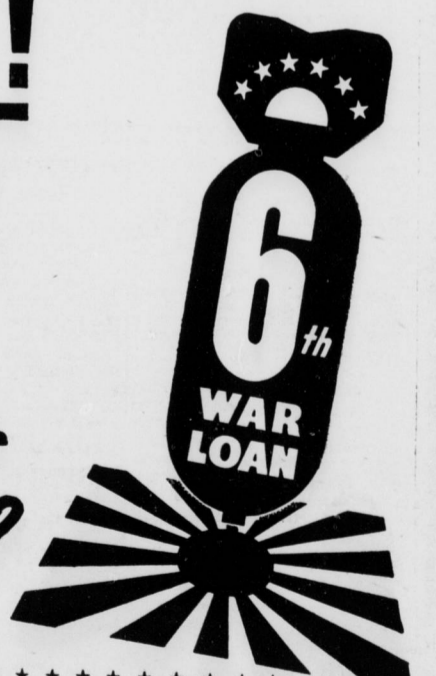
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