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Early Birds

A Diverced Capital Put The U. S. in a Wartime Tilt

Big Steel, speaking for itself rather than the attention of America the forecast of its management during the dark depression years when war was far away, and American progress seemed a thing of the past. But the even-tempered forecasters do not speak for U. S. Steel alone, or even for the steel industry alone. They speak for capital in the American democracy.

Had not U. S. Steel sunk its 600 million dollars back into the expansion of plants that they seemed too large, the U. S. would have lost months of priceless time cutting down the Army and Navy orders. Had not countless American industrial leaders invested in the future in all the years our chances of victory today would have been crippled things Big Steel alone now produces more steel than the combined plants of the Axis.

Gradually at first and then with a rush public opinion in the United States has been against capital. Ottomans added and abetted by Government the private citizen made a series of conclusions to the effect that big business was not properly serving its function, that big profits on big investments were not fair to the little man. These opinions are as exact today as they were in the days our capital was expected to go on unabated.

This would not be true if the nation found time to pause and trace the origin of our intricate over-night strength in war production. For, despite the patriotic efforts of Labor, the Government starts, despite the pouring forth of staggering amounts of public funds the job could not have been done without big, ready and willing capital.

In the winning of this war, industry will not be found wanting, though forced to proceed as are other groups under stringent restrictions and under hawk-like supervision of profits. It is ever an easy way out to pin our troubles on capital, as we did in the first World War. It is far more difficult to see how we might hope to win the war of all without a capital a great deal more far-sighted than any administration under which it lived in the days before danger.

Jap-Meter

The Official Counter in Tokyo Got It Stuck

The little Jap counterpart of Dr. Goebbels who issues announcements from Imperial Headquarters in Tokyo must have a sense of the sublime. This week at the start of the sixth year of Japan's present conquest of China, he came out with a cool one.

These Stars

They Seem To Symbolize An Earlier One

Somehow may be paid to the absent benefactors of their country. Sometimes, in our more spiritual moments we think of the similarity between these blue stars and the star that hovered over Bethlehem that night. He was born not to live but to die, that illumination might be led to believe and have everlasting life. These kids who are going out now to fight were born to live but a great many of them will die because they believe, and they die in the purpose that the things in which they believe may have everlasting life.

One For Rome

Axis Tanks Finally Gets Out The Truth

We have now more bit of evidence in support of our theory that you can't be sure of any war-front communique, from anywhere. We've caught the Italians, at last, dealing in the truth, and once more we've seen the British awkwardly stumbling over reports which will prove us correct.

A day later, British and American units were claimed to have delivered crushing blows to the remnants of Mussolini's fleet in a part of the same engagement. There, so far as the United States was concerned, the matter rested, and the Mark I German tank had pumped up a thumping Axis lie, and when the true reports came in from London, the victory was all ours. We had known it all along.

Curb For Crime

In That Light, Re-Districting Becomes an Essential

It might be in heartening to both Mecklenburg and Gaston counties that the Governor's Commission which is charged with examining the judicial districting of the State proposes, first of all, to separate these two populous counties. Gaston alone had two-thirds as many criminal cases last year as the average judicial district, and Mecklenburg alone had half again as many as the average district.

With the two counties in one district, so great a load falls upon courts and court officials that prompt trials and swift punishment become impossible. The absence of these deterrents to crime is to all likelihood a prime cause of the extent of crime with which the courts of the two counties have to contend.

For that reason, the people of Mecklenburg and Gaston ought to take an uncommon interest in the Commission's recommendation that Mecklenburg be made a judicial district unto itself. Its courts will still have plenty to do and with Gaston there be grouped Alexander, Catawba and Lenoir, whose aggregate criminal cases last year came to but 253. Undoubtedly it will relieve court congestion. Most probably it will curb crime.

Side Glances

It took gas rationing and the tire shortage to bring it back, but the town must have looked about like this when our parents were young—and wouldn't they love it?

The World's Best

U. S. Weapons

WAR officials in Washington are ready to stand by American weapons. They don't claim that in every case they're the best, but they do claim that in the past six months they've showed themselves to be of high enough quality to win this war.

General Grants

The medium tank. Perhaps no modern American weapon has been praised so loudly and criticized so severely as the tanks of this series. Writing from far-flung, vivid experience in Libya, Edmund G. Steiner, The Christian Science Monitor's North African correspondent, tells us that the first appearance of the 24-ton M3, or General Grant tank was a body blow to the Army of General Field Marshal Auchinleck. He did so despite the fact that it is the oldest, weakest and least efficient of the medium tank series and is now going out of production.

It has been argued that the General Grant was not able to smother the Nazi King of the Bedouins. It could be argued with greater reason, however, that this should have been done by Allied helicopters and afloat, in showing greater range and firepower than the Mark I German tank. The General Grant had done all that could be fairly asked of it. According to the most accurate information available in Washington, the German medium tank does not carry an 88mm gun and 23mm gun is noticeably inferior that carried by the General Grant.

Power To Strike

Medium and heavy bombers. Airman in Washington might think that some of the early British criticism of the famous four-engine B-24 Fortress was justified. Its motorline thus did tend to jam at great heights and its rate of high altitude bombing which is less effective for a single northern Europe than it is in the greater air of western United States and the Pacific.

What is not so well known, however, is that the Flying Fortress and the Liberator are among the best of things in existence. The armoring is so heavy, their bulk so formidable and their firepower so great that enemy planes now consistently refuse to attack them, even though possessing a heavy numerical superiority.

Little complaint has ever been made of the American medium bomber and its tactics. Although it naturally carries a somewhat less bomb load than a four-engine bomber, it is a more maneuverable bomber. Although 'not' to be despised because of its abnormally high landing speed, the Glenn L. Martin B-26 medium bomber is one of the most remarkable planes in the world. With a speed of 260 miles an hour, it is about as fast as the first Japanese suicide ship and faster than any but the most recent German fighters.

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They Can't Stop Us

Poor Politics

Truth Killed CCC

By Joy C. Hayden

WASHINGTON

TRUTHKILLER of the National Youth Administration is over the Cuban Conservation Corps in the June, 1942, issue of the N.Y.A. She said that she carried on a graphic illustration of what happens to a bureaucrat who fails to count his chickens in terms of votes.

Specifically the CCC on June 30 had only 350 camps, all located in military reservations on forest lands. The N.Y.A. on the same date was operating 1,676 training projects and is currently subsidizing some 25,000 colleges and schools with its student aid organizations. Mr. McEntee long ago honored prescriptive law by refusing directly from its operations.

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Death and Taxes

The House tax-makers already have changed their minds about one thing—total taxation of husband and wife. The committee stipulated that Treasury proposals out of the tax bill after first adopting it, supposedly due to the ardent workings of Speaker Eastman who balks from Texas a community property state. There has also been some talk in the committee that the White House intervened, but this has in no way been substantiated.

Russia Still a Mystery

Resolute interpretation of the news from the Russian front has never been possible. The State and the Reds are engaged there in tactics comparable to American football.

Whole Hog

By Herblock

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