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WAR!

With the approach of the glad Christmas season the United States suddenly is plunged into war by action of the double-crossing Japanese. While pretending to be negotiating for a friendly settlement of disputed differences with our country, the Japs, without any warning, plunged a knife into our backs by a deadly air attack on Hawaii Sunday morning.

Imbued with "honor" of the Hitler type and inspired by greed of conquest, with the most thoroughly-disposed man living—Hitler—urging her on, Japan has hurled an unprovoked attack on the United States.

Under pretense of friendship, every move made by the Japs is now revealed as that of deceit.

Japan has started something she will sooner or later come to regret.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Contrast the attitude of industry with that of labor in this time of grave national emergency.

Without a single important exception, industry has given the government its full and unqualified cooperation. The utilities, the coal mines, the oil producers, the steel mills, the railroads—these and a hundred and one other industries are on an "all out for defense" basis of operation. They have voluntarily discarded "business as usual" for the duration of the crisis. They are expanding at maximum speed, to serve the needs of defense and civilian needs at the same time. They have accepted without question the imposition of severe priorities and restrictions. Some of these industries, such as the power and light utilities, are doing this in the face of ruthless political persecution and needless, costly government competition.

Now look at the record of the big labor unions. All you have to do is glance over a newspaper. Strikes are continually threatened or called in basic industries. The President of the United States and other high government officials are flagrantly, callously defied. The findings of unprejudiced mediation boards have been refused and ignored. The drive for a labor dictatorship, with a handful of labor leaders playing the role of dictators, goes on in the face of a critical national emergency.

FIRE IS NOT INVINCIBLE

Fire is the ever-present enemy of property, of life, and of security.

Fire is a dark shadow across every business and home. Every place where people gather, no man knows when it may strike. It rarely gives warning. And when it goes it leaves ruin and disaster in its wake.

Fire menaces all the people—and all the people's property. Each year it takes some ten thousand lives. Each year it destroys property valued at hundreds of millions of dollars. Each year it destroys employment, opportunity, progress.

But fire, fortunately, is not an invincible enemy. Fire can be licked. It feeds on carelessness, ignorance, stupidity. Fire can be starved by knowledge and preparedness and the intelligent application of a few simple rules of fire prevention.

In the home, fire has many friends. Accumulations of old paper, clothing, and other burnable materials—improperly stored inflammable liquids—out-of-repair heating and lighting equipment—these are major sources of fire. Eliminate them, and fire's opportunity to destroy is tremendously reduced.

Fire must be fought in the interest of protection of the individual, protection of property—and, in these days of national defense, protection of the nation. All of us must do our part in this battle.

The pinch of priorities is really beginning to be felt. And it is being felt by the individual consumer, no less than by businesses which are no longer able to obtain adequate quantities of materials which were once abundant.

As the defense effort gains momentum and production soars upward, the consumer's problems will become more severe. He may not be able to walk into a store and purchase precisely what he wants. Other articles he is used to may become excessively costly.

That, however, should not be cause for worry and despair. There are plenty of inexpensive substitutes for practically everything that is becoming scarce or expensive. And there is where the need for consumer education comes in.

YOU AND YOUR JOB

By J. E. Jones

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—"Each of us must, in his own way and on his own job, make his contribution to the sum total of our organizations' efforts. There is no unimportant job—the efforts of each, intelligently applied, become an essential part of the final accomplishment. Thus it is that each individual's situation—his income, security and prospect for advancement—becomes of concern to his organization as a whole. Talents, experience, skills, disposition and abilities vary, of course. But it is the aim of each organization to provide everyone an opportunity to advance as far as his capacity and circumstances will permit."

Sounds philosophic and altruistic, you say. Perhaps it does, but it is the basic creed of a large and successful business and industrial organization as outlined in "You and Your Job in General Motors", a handbook for salaried employees.

The book was distributed to every salaried employee in the United States by his immediate superior. Rather than impose a set of new principles, it gathers together the existing rights of employees and states them clearly and officially, so that uniform practices will prevail throughout the organization.

The introduction of the book, signed by Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Chairman, and C. E. Wilson, President of General Motors, concludes with this statement:

"Our responsibilities have never been greater nor have our opportunities for constructive service. The tasks immediately before us and in the future are difficult. They will require the utmost in energy, aggressive action, care and cooperation on the part of all. To their successful accomplishment must go our best thoughts and efforts in keeping with the standards which for many years have characterized our performance."

First National Defense Pipe Line

Recently the Governor of Maine and the president of Colonial Beacon Oil Company turned a giant valve to let crude oil flow into the new Esso Pipe Line which runs between Portland, Maine, and Montreal, Canada. Their act marked the formal opening of the nation's first national defense pipeline, a link which will save tankers twelve days on a round-trip between South American and Gulf ports and Montreal. Thus, some of these much-needed carriers will be freed for service to American ports.

Only last spring this new \$8,500,000 pipe line was in the blueprint stage. Throughout the summer work on its construction was pushed thru the rugged countryside of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. A right-of-way was cleared through woods, across fields, over mountains. The line spanned rivers and creeks. The ditch into which the pipe was laid, was hollowed out of solid rock along parts of the route. More than 32,000 tons of twelve inch pipe were laid and welded to form continuous steel tube. Only 142 days were required to build this 236 mile line, a record in view of the terrain through which it runs.

The opening of this new pipe line is at once a symbol of America's ability to rush to completion projects necessary to national defense and a spectacular demonstration of the accomplishments of private enterprise.

And while this new line was being dedicated, several hundred miles to the south workmen were feverishly pushing the new Plantation Pipe Line ahead. This line will bring refined petroleum products from Baton Rouge, La., to Greensboro, N. C., with lateral lines serving many parts of the southeastern section of the country. The main line of this vital link was expected to be finished December 1, and shortly after the first of the year refined products will be flowing from Baton Rouge through the line to various terminal points in the southeastern section of the country.

Pipe lines represent an efficient way to transport petroleum products. In a nation eager to build its defense system it is interesting to note that you can't sink a pipe line, nor is it an easy target for a bombing plane. If a lucky hit injures a section of pipe line it is only a matter of a few hours before new pipe is installed and the line is placed back in operation.

Americans interested in our de-

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WHEN OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE RECIPIENTS GO BACK TO WORK

With defense industries calling for workers of all ages, Mr. Milburn, manager of the Social Security Board office in Baltimore, issued a reminder to men and women who are receiving retirement benefits under the Social Security Act. "Not that the Social Security Board would discourage retired workers from going back to work," Mr. Milburn said, "but they must remember to notify the Social Security Board when they do so". As stated in the "award letter" they received when their claims were approved, he explained, they cannot receive any month in which they earn as much as \$15 a month (that is, more than \$14.99) on a job that comes under the Social Security Act.

This is a matter of law, Mr. Milburn points out, and there is a penalty for disregarding it. The penalty causes a loss of 2 monthly payments for every one that should not have been paid.

"The same requirement applies to the wife or children of a retired worker who are receiving benefit payments on his account," Mr. Milburn added. "They are not entitled to receive benefit payments for any month during which the husband's or father's payments are stopped".

Nor are the wives or children entitled to receive their benefit payments if they themselves go to work on a job which comes under the Social Security Act, and if it pays more than \$14.99 a month. This applies also to widows, orphans, and dependent parents who are receiving monthly insurance payments under the Social Security Act. They should notify the Social Security Board to stop their benefit payments while they are earning more than \$14.99 a month on a job that comes under the Social Security Act.

"Write to the Board immediately," Mr. Milburn advises, "so that your checks for the months you are at work will not be mailed. If a check does come, you should return it at once to the United States Treasury in Washington with an explanation of the reason for its return".

There are still other occasions, Mr. Milburn points out, when people who are receiving monthly benefit payments should notify the Social Security Board. "Where a man and his wife are both getting benefits, they must notify the Board if they get a divorce; if one of them dies, the survivor must give notice of the death. Some member of the family must notify the Social Security Board when young beneficiaries between the ages of 16 and 18 stop school or marry. For further information regarding old-age and survivors insurance inquire at the field office of the Social Security Board, 32 South Street, Baltimore, Md.

Colored Flames Enhance Appearance of Fireplace

To have beautifully colored flames in your Christmas fireplace, there are a number of different chemicals which may be added to shellac as a carrier. Small pieces of wood may be painted with the mixtures, or the chemicals and shellac mixed with sawdust:

- Violet flame . . potassium chlorate
- Yellow flame . . potassium nitrate
- Orange flame . . calcium chloride
- Red flame strontium nitrate
- Apple-green flame . . barium nitrate
- Emerald flame . . . copper nitrate
- Green flame borax
- Purple flame . . . lithium chloride

First Settlers in Virginia Had a Joyous Christmas

Although thousands of miles from their native homes, the first Virginians did what they could to observe Christmas day. But there were no women, no children and no families in those first few years.

Despite this handicap, Captain John Smith writes "that the first Christmases were very merry. The extreme wind, rayne, frost and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the savages where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good oysters, fish, flesh, wild fowl and good bread, nor never had better fires in England."

SAFETY SLOGAN

The Maryland Traffic Safety Commission's slogan for the week is:

"An Accident Takes All The Joy Out Of Christmas—Drive Carefully"

Mother tongues frequently run to baby talk.

Defense program should halt the completion of the new Esso Pipe Line and the speed with which the Plantation Pipe Line is being built.



Are your home helpers giving full-time service?

These are days when it is the duty of everyone to get the maximum use out of household appliances. Look over your electric helpers. If any are out of order, have them repaired by your electrical dealer. Be economical: don't discard or replace any equipment that can be reconditioned.

CONOWINGO POWER COMPANY

Buy Defense Stamps and Bonds

KEEP THE LIGHT SHINING

"Man never came closer to the gods than in giving health to men." Cicero's words are sharply appropriate this Christmas, when "Merry Christmas" may sound hollow and "Peace on earth—good will toward men" can, at the best, have only a prophetic ring.

CHRISTMAS SEALS



Protect Your Home from Tuberculosis

But "good will toward men" can, and must, be maintained in this world. And what better way to maintain it than in literally giving health to men. This we do when we buy Christmas Seals which long ago proved themselves worthy of being a great American tradition.

The Christmas Seal supports the Maryland Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated county committees which for years have been an integral part of this State's health structure and now face the most crucial year of their work.

The grim curve of tuberculosis has always swung upward during times like these. We can prevent this deadly climb. We can even continue to force it downward as we have during the past thirty-odd years.

We are armed against tuberculosis as never before. We know far more about methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment. The tuberculosis association is better organized and can, if given financial support through this year's Christmas Seal Sale, handle the heavy work ahead.

Out of the chest X-rays being given to the draftees by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association has come the greatest opportunity to find persons who are unaware that they have the disease that keeps the White Plague on the march as the chief killer of persons between 15 and 45.

So we stand a good chance of rewriting, this time, the familiar grim story of war and tuberculosis.

We can step into the picture at this point because it is our buying and using Christmas Seals that will keep the light of progress shining against tuberculosis.

'MERRY CHRISTMAS'—FULL PAGE PICTURE IN COLOR

The spirit of the festive holiday season depicted in a charming painting, reproduced in Full Color, by the well-known artist, Henry Clive. Look for this feature in the December 31st issue of

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Young men scorn the tight-wad, but twenty years from now he will retire and live on the interest they pay him.

No man can accomplish anything great who doesn't begin on a small scale.

A man may save money, but he need not hope to be saved by money.

Christmas Customs Based on Tradition

Many of the Christmas customs familiar to Americans today had their origin far back in history. How several of our favorite customs were started many years ago is explained in the articles below.

Christmas Cards



Credit for the creation of the original Christmas card is given, by some, to Sir Henry Cole, who, in 1843, suggested the idea to J. C. Horsley of London. One thousand cards, printed by lithography and colored by hand, were published. It was in 1860 that the cards first became a major problem for delivery.

Santa Claus and St. Nick



Patron saint of children, merchants and mariners in Russia, Greece and Naples, Santa Claus can trace his origin to this spirit, St. Nicholas, in whose honor feast days have been held for centuries. A Santa Claus day was formerly observed by New York Dutch settlers and later combined with Christmas.

Christmas Gifts



The custom of exchanging gifts and enjoying merry times during the winter holidays springs from heathen antiquity. During gay celebrations the Romans gave gifts. This custom was continued during the approach of Christianity, but the heathen significance was dropped and the gifts became known as Christmas presents. On New Year's eve in France, children's presents, (etrennes) are distributed. England, Germany, Italy and the U. S. A. exchange their gifts at Christmas.

Starlings serve one good purpose. They teach us that the only good time to suppress a pest is before it gets started well.

Add horrors of war: If silk gets scarce, stockings may again be cotton where they don't show. And no woman likes cotton feet.