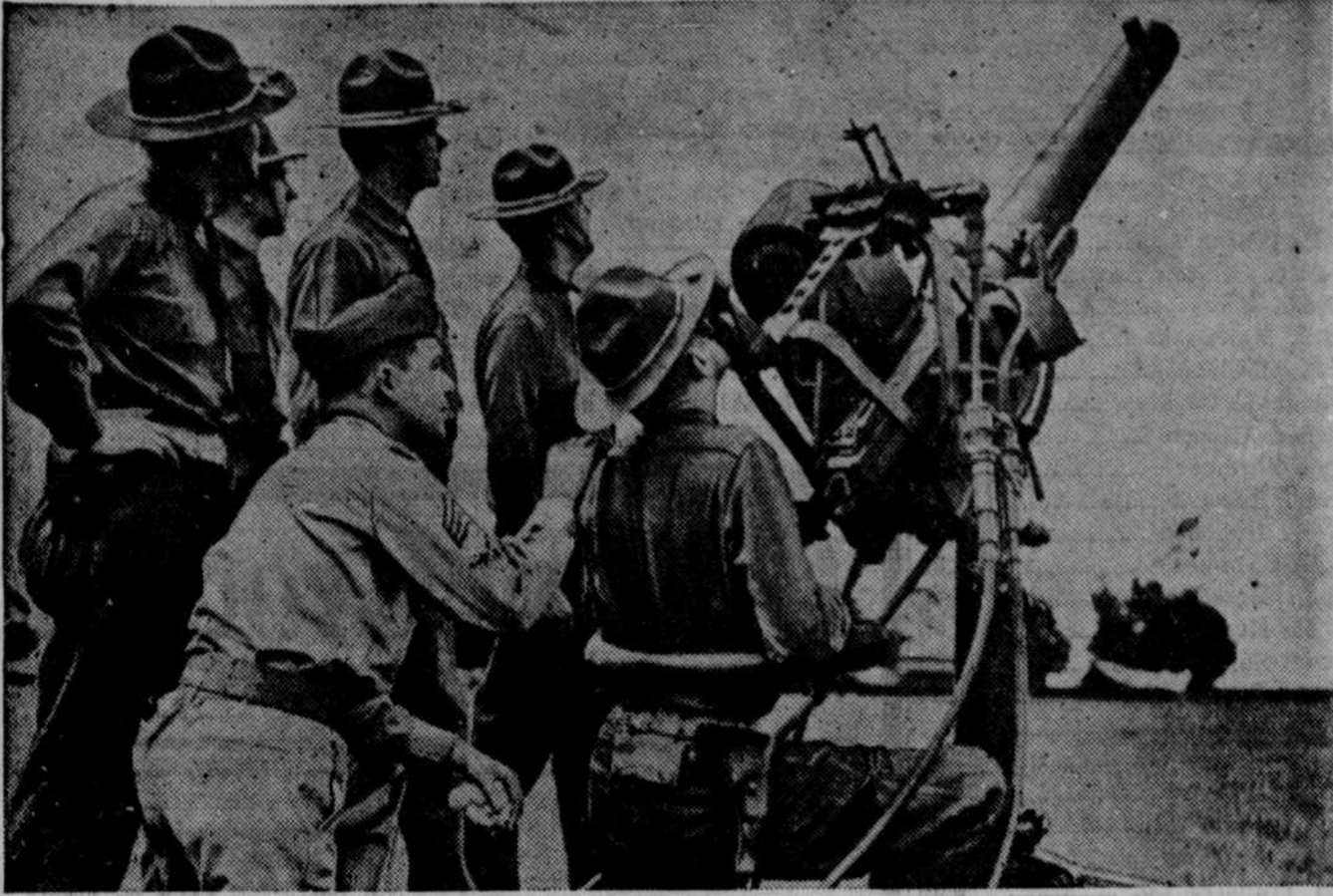
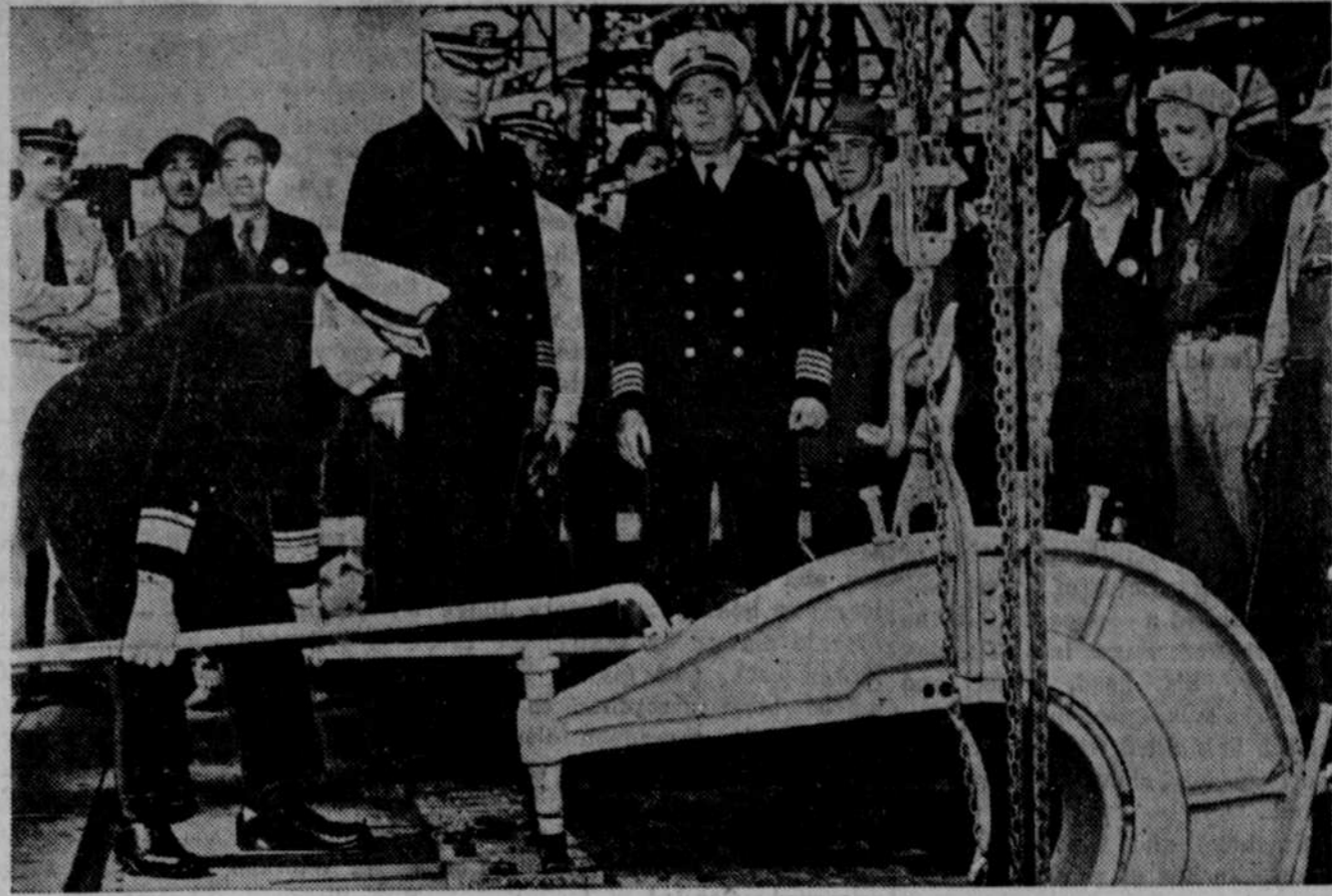


They're Ready to Defend America's Coast



Manning coast defense guns will be one of the important military operations in the new defense program of the United States. Members of the 207th coast artillery of New York are shown receiving instructions in their duties. A number of regiments of the National Guard, particularly along the Atlantic seaboard, are being transformed into coast artillery units. They will be trained to repel attacks coming from either the sea or the air. Regular army coast defense units are likewise being expanded.

Your Tax Money Helps U. S. Build Battleships



As Uncle Sam's mammoth naval building program gets under way, Rear Admiral C. H. Woodward, commandant of the Third naval district, drives the first rivet to lay the keel of the new United States Battleship U. S. S. Iowa at the Brooklyn navy yard. Observing the ceremony are Captains C. A. Dunn of the navy yard, (left); T. B. Richey, production officer of the yard; and Commander J. E. Kiernan. The public was not invited to the keel-laying, because of the necessity for privacy and speed.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by
CARTER FIELD

Unnecessary wounds were opened at the Republican convention, according to Carter Field... Bitterness, however, is not against Willkie.
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WASHINGTON.—Wounds of this Republican national convention will plague the party throughout the presidential campaign. This is the more extraordinary in that it is entirely within the realm of possibility that events between now and election may be such that the issues on which the wounds were made will disappear.

For example, all the bitterness about joining the allies in the war. This writer is still hoping for a miracle, a hope based on the age-old tenacity of the British people, but the cold fact is that our own experts, in confidential reports based on the observation of our army and navy representatives abroad, doubt if Britain can hold out much over a month after the Nazis start their real attack.

Leaving our wishes, whatever they may be, to one side, suppose this happens! What will then become of petty disputes over whether the President aided the allies more than he should? Is it not more likely that the majority of the people of this country will bitterly regret that we did not aid them more, and sooner?

Let us consider another possibility—that the miracle happens, and Britain is still fighting desperately against superior forces with utter conquest a possibility, or a probability as the case may be.

THAT'S A QUESTION

What will be the attitude of most of the people in this country then as election approaches toward the politicians who bitterly assailed President Roosevelt for not having been coldly neutral?

The whole situation is pathetic, from an old-time politician's standpoint, because it was so unnecessary. The Republicans did not have to make helping the allies, or keeping out of war, the issue. They could have concentrated on our own lack of preparedness, despite the fact that more than \$7,000,000,000 has been spent on national defense since Roosevelt entered the White House.

It is perfectly true that the administration can make a logical defense for that. But at the moment we are thinking in terms of politics, and not logic. It is frequently a mistake to mix the two. People are not always logical in politics. In fact, they rather seldom are.

It would be terribly difficult for the Democrats to defend that \$7,000,000,000 of defense spending in view of the administration's own admission that we are woefully unprepared, and now really need to spend billions for defense.

BITTERNESS HANGS ON

Bitterness galore hangs over from the Philadelphia convention, but amazingly little is directed at Wendell Willkie or any of his supporters in the fight which ended with his nomination.

Naturally the Taft people are bitter, not at Willkie but at the leaders they had counted on for the fifth-ballot showing they expected to result in victory. Specifically, the Taft people had counted on Joe Pew to deliver 50 odd votes from Pennsylvania. They had counted on Alf M. Landon to deliver 18 votes of Kansas. They had counted on Herbert Hoover for scattering votes from all over the country. And finally they had counted on Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg to deliver not only the 38 votes of Michigan but scattering delegates in other delegations.

What the Taft people never realized, apparently, was that of this particular group of leaders only one, Alf Landon, really dominated his delegation.

OUSTED HAMILTON

Landon had shown his strength in a delegation caucus when all the prestige of John Hamilton as national chairman was not enough to induce the Kansas delegates to reelect Hamilton as national committeeman from the Sunflower state. Landon wanted Hamilton thrown out and thrown out he was.

Landon came to Philadelphia strongly of the opinion that Willkie should not be nominated. He was inclined to favor Taft. But when the Taft lieutenants, not realizing the bitter enmity between Landon and Hoover, kept telling Landon how much Hoover was helping Taft, Landon began to fear that Hoover would be the power behind the throne in the Taft campaign if Taft were nominated, and in his administration if he should be elected.

That was no dish for Landon, so, when Dewey was eliminated and the fight narrowed to Taft and Willkie, he threw the 18 Kansas votes to the victor.

Just why the Taft people counted on Vandenberg may never be made public. It was well known in Washington for 10 days before the convention that, if the Michigan senator could not get the nomination for himself, he would prefer Willkie.

England Moves German Prisoners to Canada



The Germans have landed in Canada, as this photo shows. But they came as prisoners of war and not as conquerors. The above detachment are shown marching through train sheds in Quebec, on their way to Canadian prison camps. Canada was regarded as an extremely safe place for these prisoners because they are all specialists, including air pilots, parachutists and navy men. Originally imprisoned in England, they were moved to prevent danger during Hitler's attack on England.

'Dog House' Would Be Cool Place for Summer



Dog members of Rear Admiral Byrd's Antarctic expedition were given the utmost care and attention. This section of the East Base camp pictured above was called "Dog Town" by members of the expedition. Each dog had an individual hut supplied to him for the duration of his stay which was made snug and comfortable against the Antarctic weather. The Eskimo dogs were specially trained for hauling sledges and were regarded as extremely important members of the party. Antarctic birds may be seen in the background.

Willkies Look Over Their Fan Mail



Mr. and Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie are shown at work on a laundry basket full of congratulatory letters and telegrams. While the avalanche of messages that followed Willkie's nomination for the Presidency at Philadelphia tapered off somewhat, they continued to receive hundreds of letters every day from all parts of the country. The Republican nominee took a short vacation before opening his drive for the Presidency.

Refugee Princess



Princess von Starhemberg, wife of the former vice chancellor of Austria, is shown with her son, John. The princess, a refugee from her Nazi-ruled native land, is in America pleading the cause of refugees seeking a haven here.

Sonja and Husband on Honeymoon



Sonja Henie, skating star and a favorite among movie fans, is pictured here with her husband, Daniel Reed Topping, whom she married recently in Chicago. Topping, millionaire sportsman, is president of the Brooklyn Dodgers football team. This is Sonja's first venture in matrimony. It is her husband's third. She is 27 and he is 28.

French Fighter



Gen. Charles de Gaulle, under-secretary of war in Paul Reynaud's cabinet, who heads a French war committee in London to continue the war against Germany. He has jurisdiction over all French citizens in England.

Son Gets Pilot Wings From Father



Gen. R. C. Richardson Jr. is shown pinning the wings of a full-fledged U. S. army pilot on his son, Lieut. R. C. Richardson III, after he graduated from the pilot training course at Kelly Field, Texas. Lieutenant Richardson is a West Pointer, class of 1939. He completed 210 hours in the air and 500 hours of ground instruction to win his wings.

Marble Champion



Defeating all other contestants in the National Marble tournament, Douglas Opperman of Pittsburgh, Pa., was crowned Marble Champion of America at the New York World's fair. He won a gold-plated crown and \$250 in cash.

Speed in the Water Their Specialty



Five of the speediest mermaids in America wave a greeting from a springboard at Lido Beach, L. I., where they are enjoying the summer swimming season. Each a champion in her field, the girls left to right are: Lorraine Fischer, Harriet Taylor, Mildred O'Donnell, Gloria Collen and Helen Rains. Collectively the girls hold nine titles.

'Lefty's' Daughter



Posing proudly at the Boston, Mass., General hospital is Mrs. Vernon Gomez, and her first born, a baby girl. The infant's dad is famed "Lefty" Gomez of the New York Yankees.