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#### Gems of Thought

Be what your friends think you are; avoid being what your enemies say you are, go right forward and be happy.—Pomeroey.

The soul of a philosopher runs away from his body and desires to be alone and by herself.—Plato.

It is something to have an influence on the fortunes of mankind; it is greatly more to have an influence on their intellects.

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#### WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

### Jap Defensive Positions in Pacific Crumble Under New Allied Invasion; Senate Studies Revised Tax Measure; Government Acts to Halt Rail Tie-Up

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**Goin' Back**—Brought to the Ukraine following its capture in 1941, these German farmers left with their possessions when Nazi armies fell back before the Reds' 1943 offensive.

#### SOUTHWEST PACIFIC: New Landing

#### ITALY: Action in Air

One day after U. S. bombers had dumped 350 tons of explosives on Arawa on New Britain Island, U. S. warships moved shoreward to the enemy base and pumped big shells into the defenses, even as planes returned to assist in the bombardment.

After this terrific crescendo, U. S. doughboys swarmed ashore to establish a beachhead on this strategic island, center of Japanese shipping for supplying its embattled forces on New Guinea and Bougainville.

By landing on Arawa, U. S. forces drove a wedge into Jap positions on Cape Gloucester to the west and Gasmata to the east, where the enemy has established airfields to help cover the barge operations with which he feeds supplies to his troops in this area by traveling along the jungle shorelines by night.

While the U. S. stormed Arawa, heavy bombers continued to smack the Marshalls, small Jap island holdings in the central Pacific.

#### RAILROADS: Strike Called

With 97.7 per cent of the operating railroad union members voting to strike to enforce their demands for higher wages and with the walkout date set for December 30, the government acted quickly to prevent transportation interruption.

Said spokesmen for the 350,000 trainmen, firemen, engineers, engineers, conductors and switchmen who have demanded a 30 per cent wage increase with a minimum boost of \$3 daily: "It is a strike against inflation for the privileged few and deflation for the many."

To meet the crisis which was provoked by the unions' rejection of an emergency board's award of a 32-cents a day increase, the government's national mediation board summoned both union and rail officials to meet to settle differences.

Meanwhile, over 1,000,000 non-operating rail union members awaited final congressional action on a resolution granting them an eight-cents-an-hour pay boost over the U. S. stabilization director's objection.

Also included in the bill was a provision requiring labor organizations and farm co-operatives to file financial statements annually.

**Whisky** As the senate's liquor investigating committee charged that big distilleries "... are using the war emergency to get control of the wine and beer industry," a federal grand jury called on Hiram Walker & Sons, Seagram & Sons, National Distillers Products Corp. and Schenley to present records of the companies' stock organizations, including their wineries and breweries, and their distribution and merchandising practices.

**Child Delinquency** Like the U. S., Britain has its juvenile delinquency, and most of it is attributed to lack of adequate supervision because of parental occupation in the war effort.

Because of possible coal shortages, the government recently cut home rations for the fuel by 20 per cent, and it was anticipated that any strike by the 690,000 miners might result in further reductions.

**Miners Ask Raise** Seeking to boost average weekly earnings from \$16.60 for underground employees to \$24, and from \$13.40 for surface employees to \$22, Britain's Mine Workers Federation planned to take their case to a government panel if employers rejected their demands.

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**Subsidies** Action in the senate on the tangled subsidy question became further tangled with the banking committee's recommendation that consideration of subsidies be postponed for 60 days.

Previously, the banking committee had turned down the proposal of Sen. John Bankhead (Ala.) to abolish

subsidies under which the government reduces consumers' retail prices by paying processors the difference for their charges, and had also tabooed the suggestion of Sen. Robert Taft (Ohio) to limit subsidies to a half billion annually instead of one billion.

#### HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

**FLU:** Almost a thousand people died of influenza in Great Britain last week, the highest since the epidemic began. In the previous week 709 succumbed.

**NURSES:** Plans to conscript registered nurses for service with the armed forces have been dropped, Representative Bolton said, after a conference with war department officials.

**HONESTY:** A 43-year-old Briton of American descent has been sentenced by a London court to nine months' imprisonment for receiving stolen goods. His name is Abraham Lincoln, and he claims to be a grandson of "Honest Abe." Lincoln was charged with receiving a calculating machine which he knew was stolen from U. S. army headquarters.

#### RUSSIA: Drive in North:

While Russian and German troops slugged at each other in the central and southern sectors, the Nazis reported 100,000 Reds attacked to the north, in what they said was a preliminary move to a major winter drive for the Baltic sea.

By driving to the Baltic, the Reds would split the Germans' northern armies from those of the south, and also give them a base from which to attack enemy shipping making use of the sea to supply its armies in the area.

In the Ukraine, both sides gave ground grudgingly under heavy blows. The Nazis pressed forward toward picturesquely domed Kiev, while the Reds pounded out gains farther to the south in the Dnieper bend.

As of December 1, 176,045,000 pounds of butter were in cold storage, and other stocks included 177,110,000 pounds of American cheese; 197,382,000 pounds of poultry; 376,072,000 pounds of pork; 183,096,000 pounds of beef; 31,074,000 pounds of lamb and mutton, and 1,762,000 cases of eggs.

#### TRANSPORTATION: Parts Needed

Trucks, railroad equipment, buses and tires are wearing out and replacements must be made if the nation's transportation system is to carry record loads in 1944, the Truman investigating committee asserted.

Particularly acute is the reduced stock of truck parts, especially in view of the longer use of vehicles and greater demand for repairs, the committee said. Low inventories further were aggravated by the government's scrap drive, in which many cars were junked from which parts might have been salvaged.

Railroads have been hampered by lack of enough new rails and slowdowns in locomotive production because of priority regulations, the committee declared. Because of the critical situation in lumber brought about by military purchases, price controls affecting operations and labor shortages, ties available for railroads will fall below needs in 1944, the committee said.

On September 30, 2,960,026 civilians were on the government payroll, a drop of 32,121 from the previous month. It also was revealed that 263,637 persons were serving without compensation or as \$1-a-year men.

#### CONGRESS: Tax Bill

Tacking on an additional 144 million dollars, the senate finance committee approved a new 2 billion, 284 million dollar tax bill which, if passed by congress, will boost U. S. revenues to 43 billion dollars yearly.

Written under Sen. Walter George's chairmanship, the senate bill requires payment of the 3 per cent Victory tax by everybody with income over \$624 a year, and raises levies on amusements, travel, alcoholic beverages, cosmetics, furs, luggage, toilet articles and other luxuries.

Studies have been made to determine what quantity of electric irons, washing machines, refrigerators, trucks and automobiles can be made, and what plants will be able to produce the goods.

It was also revealed that the civilian requirements agency of the WPB will play an important role in determining policy when industry is faced with reconversion. Although reconversion is expected to create unemployment, much hardship should be relieved because the shift will be gradual, and consumers' demands should result in quick rehiring by reconverted plants.

#### ARM'S OUTPUT: Keeps Soaring

Despite a reduction in output of ammunition, U. S. war production in November soared above the previous record month of October, with the present rate 550 per cent over 1941.

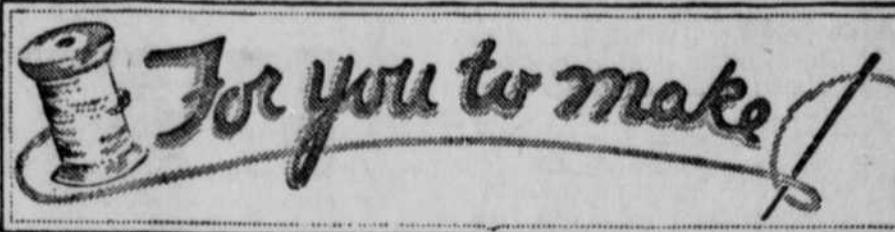
Declaring problems of manpower, design changes and material shortages have been largely overcome, the War Production board said gains in terms of dollar value were recorded for aircraft, communication and electronic equipment, shipbuilding, guns and combat motor vehicles. Ammunition output was down 2 per cent, chiefly reflecting a 13 per cent drop for small arms.

Indicative of the emphasis on production of heavy bombers, average air frame weight per plane in November was 8,130 pounds, compared with 7,560 pounds during preceding months. Output of aerial bombs increased 11 per cent, reflecting the intensification of the Allies' bombing operations on the world fronts.

#### INFLUENZA:

Cases of influenza in the nation increased 500 per cent in the week ended December 11, according to U. S. Public Health figures. Reports for the week from every state department excepting Maine showed a total of 23,724 cases, five times as many as in the week before.

Federal health service officials stated that there was no particular cause for concern, as the new cases are of the same mild type of the disease that has been prevalent since the epidemic began in the fall.



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