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STICK FOR THE DURATION

By Charles V. Stanton

NORTH CAROLINA is known as the "Tar Heel" state and there is an interesting story connected with that nickname.

Historians record that principal products of the state about the time of the Civil war were tar, pitch and turpentine.

It was during one of the fiercest battles of the War Between the States, so the story goes, that the column supporting the North Carolina troops was routed.

After the battle, as the tired North Carolinians were retiring for a rest, after having been relieved, a soldier from one of the derelict regiments called out: "Any more far down in the Old North State, boys?"

Quick as a flash came the answer: "No; not a bit; old Jeff's bought it all up."

"Is that so; what is he going to do with it?" was asked. "He is going to put it on you'n heels to make you stick better in the next fight," was the rejoinder.

When General Lee heard of the incident he said: "God bless the Tar Heel boys," and so the State of North Carolina received its nickname.

North Carolina still produces a lot of tar, pitch and turpentine and it might be a good idea if a little ball of tar from that state could be sent to every home front soldier as a reminder to us to "stick better in the next fight."

The war is not won, but here on the home front a great many people are retiring from the battle and leaving the boys in uniform to fight it out alone.

With new and bigger offensives looming in the Pacific, increasing demands for transportation facilities, large numbers of workers are leaving the shipyards and aircraft factories.

But the home front defection is not confined entirely to those employed in essential industry.

We are now in the closing days of the 6th War Loan campaign, yet right here in Douglas county, one of the leading counties in the nation from the percentage of population in the armed services—and particularly in the number of volunteers—we are only around the half-way mark on our per capita quota of E bond purchases.

The big investors, the corporations, banks, financial agencies, etc.—the ones who know good investments—have oversubscribed their quota. But individuals, who are asked to put their personal funds into the campaign, are lagging far behind the goal.

Surely, if the boys sloshing through mud, rain and snow, or creeping through deadly jungles can stick it out, those of us on the home front, who have had little taste of hardship, should be able to do our part in the battle.

A little ball of tar from the "Tar Heel" state, might be a good reminder.

The War Production Board reports every effort will be made to increase production of rope during the first quarter of 1945 to help meet greatly expanded requirements of the military claimant agencies.

U. S. Must Keep Biggest Navy, Adm. Heppburn Says

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Our navy now is "larger than all others put together and we must keep it that way," Admiral Arthur J. Heppburn, navy delegate to the Dumbarton Oaks conference, said here yesterday.

The armed superiority which the United States now possesses must be maintained after the war, he said, "until some international organization is in operation."

"Every country will have to demobilize with the peace," he said, "but we must maintain the armament ratio."

Admiral Heppburn characterized the Dumbarton conference as a "germ of progress," but stressed that it proposed no international "super-state" nor infringement on international sovereignty.

"Don't expect too much of it," he warned, "it is not finished product."

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Newsletters Win Thanks for Aiding War Bond Drives

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Newsletters have the thanks of the Treasury department for "truly magnificent" support of the sixth war loan.

Ted R. Gamble, national war finance chief, issued a statement yesterday saying "there is a close parallel in the amount of newspaper support and war bond sales... and the treasury truly appreciates the cooperation of the nation's press."

Frank E. Tripp, newspaper executive who is chairman of the allied newspaper council, announced that daily and Sunday papers carried 13.3 per cent more front-page and editorial material from Nov. 13 through Nov. 21 than they did in the corresponding period of the fifth war loan last summer.

Gamble, also complimenting merchants for war-bond advertising, said that the support which newspapers and retailers have given "so superbly this far will be of inestimable value in helping us reach our war bond sales quota for individuals."

Gamble said: "In this busiest season of the year, newspaper support of the sixth war loan has been truly magnificent. In spite of paper shortage and other operating handicaps they have continued to give freely of their valuable space in support of this vital program. This intensified effort on the part of the newspapers of America has been greatly needed to help attain our sixth war loan goal."

Tripp, after comparing daily and Sunday space with that of the fifth war loan, said weekly newspapers also are giving "excellent cooperation" and their news and editorial support likewise will show a substantial increase over that of the last drive.

Representative Luther A. Johnson (D-Tex.), member of the foreign affairs committee, leaped to his feet with the assertion that Gavin had "rendered a disservice to his country and to the allies."

"We ought to suppress statements like this," Johnson said, adding that they tend "to promote disunity, prolong the war and encourage Hitler."

Republican Representatives Fish (N. Y.) and Hoffman (Mich.) defended Gavin's right to speak his mind. Fish admonished Johnson for criticizing a member who "dares to tell the truth." He declared "it is the duty of all of us—Republicans and Democrats alike—to speak out and tell the truth regarding our allies."

Why can't the British colonies do likewise? Gavin asked. He added that Prime Minister Churchill "seems content to let us throw thousands of our boys into action to carry on the fight, hundreds of whom are being liquidated every day."

Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Senator Brooks (R-Ill.) protested yesterday that while American soldiers are fighting desperately both Russia and England are engaging in a race for future balance of power in Europe.

"Already," he told his colleagues, "it is clear that Russia intends to expand her empire and plot her philosophy throughout the Baltic and Balkan states, while Britain moves daily to expand her influence and establish puppet governments in Italy, Greece, Belgium and France."

Brooks said American soldiers are fighting the powerful Nazi armies, "led on under the promise that the peoples in liberated countries would be privileged to set up their own governments under the basic principles of the Atlantic charter."

The small European nations, torn by the German and allied invasions, are now backed by civil war "prompted by the conflicting forces of Russia and Britain in their struggle for supremacy," Brooks asserted.

Saying that "these small nations are steadily losing hope of ultimate justice at the hands of the United States," he declared "time is ripe for an explanation of America's position, program and policy."

Debate Staged in House

The house, meanwhile, heard a brief but spirited debate on allied unity, touched off by a sharply worded attack by Representative Gavin (R-Pa.) on British conscription policy.

Gavin suggested that the State department "tell the British empire that we are not satisfied with their policy on the conscription of men in the British colonies."

"If we can draft our boys by the thousands for overseas service," he declared "we are not satisfied with their policy on the conscription of men in the British colonies."

Most people today hope for a new and better world tomorrow. But there is little justification for hope unless we give God a chance to do something about the situation through us. And as long as men depend upon their own strength and resources, we shall see again and again a repetition of past failures. There is little hope that we will turn to the wisdom of God, unless we confess our failures. Our hope for tomorrow lies in the abandonment of self-confidence and self-reliance. Sincere self-distrust will lead us to a rediscovery of sin. There is no need to start out to do something about the world, unless we realize that we have brought this collapse upon ourselves and that we are all a part of it. Our hope lies in the hearts that have been made into a likeness of the divine. There is not going to be a brotherhood unless people have been made into a likeness of the divine. We are not going to be friends and build a friendly world, unless we become devotees of the friendly Christ. Unless society is born again it cannot become a part to God's kingdom. "Only the Golden Rule of Christ can bring the Golden Age of Man." Amen.

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