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Steel Plates and Performance

The same day that the news broke of the faking of analysis reports on sheet steel manufactured at Irvin works of Carnegie-Illinois Steel company, a subsidiary of United States Steel corporation, this office received a copy of the annual report of the corporation. Without defending the company for shipping any off-grade steel plate for use by the navy or maritime commission, we are sure from a reading of the annual report of the corporation that it has made a great contribution to the war. President Perry of the company declared the falsifying of reports was without the knowledge of the higher management. Slipping the plates through may have been due more to pressure for deliveries than greed for profits. Ships, more ships has been the incessant cry; and it will not be surprising if flaws both in production of materials and fabricating them are discovered. US Steel for instance has lost 70,000 workers to the war and has had to train 100,000 new workers as substitutes and for new jobs. Scarcely a plant in the country is not in trouble because of inferior quality production due to green help.

Look now at the better side of the US Steel picture:

The corporation produced in 1942 over 30 million tons of steel ingots which probably is more than the total production for Germany and Japan together. Its shipbuilding subsidiary completed more destroyers for the navy in shorter building time than any other yard in the country. Its inventors perfected a steel landing mat now used for airplane landing fields even on boggy ground. They also helped perfect welding permitting the production of welded tanks. The prices it received for its products are about the same as in 1939; its composite price was two per cent lower than in 1929 while its average cost of labor per hour was 58 per cent higher.

While the gross earnings of US Steel were the highest in its history—close to two billions of dollars; its net earnings for its stockholders were lowest except in two years, per dollar of sales of any year when earnings were reported. Of the increase in receipts over 1941, wages to workers took 25 per cent, taxes 21 per cent; dividends to stockholders were the same, but the residue to be carried forward was 78 per cent less than in 1941. The net return on its capital investment was \$71,800,000, which is less by nearly 20 million dollars than back in 1902 the first year of the company's operations.

Out of the 1942 gross earnings workers received \$783 millions, government in the form of taxes \$204 millions, the preferred stockholders \$25 millions and the common stockholders \$35 millions.

Who own the United States Steel corporation? The books show that the capital stock is held in 218,465 names. Of these 15,482 are charitable and educational institutions, fiduciaries, insurance companies, etc, and 12,757 are brokers, holding for account of others. Most people will be amazed to know that of the individual stockholders, there are practically as many women as men: 95,110 women holding 3,225,000 shares of stock to 95,136 men with 3,648,000 shares.

Operating a great corporation like US Steel is really a trusteeship. Its managers now are turning out products, and for the most part high quality products for military purposes. They also must respect the rights of labor, and the corporation has accepted the rulings of the war labor board even when they ran counter to company policy. They are also stewards for the investment of thousands of people who depend on bond interest or dividends for their own support.

It is not enough, therefore to complain over the imperfect plates the company shipped, reprehensible as that is. The other side of the ledger should be examined, and there a creditable performance on a vast scale is indicated.

The White-Headed Eagle

Old Oregon Trail Centennial Series No. 8

The Hudson's Bay Fur company and the North-western consolidated in 1821, under the name of the former. Not liking the surroundings at Fort George a site was chosen farther up the river where a fort was erected and christened Fort Vancouver by Governor George Simpson on March 19, 1825. Dr. John McLoughlin was placed in charge as chief factor of all the "Oregon Country". He had a tall, commanding presence, with a mane of snow-white hair which fell to his shoulders and the Indians called him the "White-Headed Eagle". He was monarch of all he surveyed and ruled with an iron hand, though a kindly one. McLoughlin married Margaret McKay, widow of Alexander McKay who was killed on the Tonquin. Four children were born to them: John, Eliza, Eloise and David.

The White-Headed Eagle was a business man as well as a fur trader. He built sawmills and gristmills, established dairies and carried on a large trade along the Pacific coast and in the Hawaiian islands. The fur magnate imagined that the Rocky mountains presented an insurmountable barrier to wagons and the colonization of the Oregon Country. When the historic wagon train of 1843 reached the Columbia and floated down stream to Fort Vancouver, the White-Headed Eagle saw the handwriting on the wall.

Disregarding profits, McLoughlin supplied the needy emigrants with food and clothing, thereby preventing much suffering and many deaths. He retired from the Hudson's Bay company in 1846 and took up residence at Oregon City. His last days were not happy ones. He was condemned by the British for his kindness to the Americans, and was censured by the Americans who called him a Brit-fisher, though he had taken out citizenship papers. On September 5, 1857, the White-Headed Eagle retired to earth and was laid to rest beside the falls he loved so well. Doubtless he went to his grave before his time because of the base ingratitude of man.

Like a Tree Planted

The composer of the first Psalm wrote a poem which fits the late Rev. E. S. Hammond, who served for twenty years as professor at Kimball School of Theology in Salem:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Firm in his religious convictions, Mr. Hammond was nonetheless kindly and tolerant. He loved his fellow-men, and sought always for their uplift. Good works were the fruit of his long life, and his innate kindness the memory which his friends long will cherish.

Herman Oliver, leading stockman and citizen of central Oregon topped off a long record of fine service on the state board of higher education with a term on the state highway commission. His term ends and the appointment goes to Arthur W. Schaupp, Klamath Falls attorney. Mr. Oliver proved a capable member of the highway board. He was well known all through eastern Oregon and the people had the utmost confidence in his judgment and fairness. During his term marked strides were made toward completing the surfacing of the primary road system in eastern Oregon. Now only a few gravel gaps remain, which probably will not be closed until the war is over. Mr. Oliver can retire with the satisfaction of having done a good job. The change is due merely to the dictates of politics.

Tom Ray, boss of the boilermakers' union, has changed his mind on the length of the work-day for shipbuilders. He was plugging for a ten-hour, two-shift day. Now, on his return from a trip across the country he recommends the eight-hour day, six days a week. Under the working conditions and travel conditions which prevail in the Portland area his latter proposal is more sensible. When you add to the eight hours of work five hours of travel for many yard workers the day is plenty long. If the workers could be housed conveniently close to the yards then they could do the ten-hour turn. But that isn't true in Portland.

The most welcome call this spring will be "butter up!"

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, March 25—The congressmen have been getting so many letters from back home that the administration's opposition to the Ruml plan is likely to be formal.

Speaker Rayburn and Floor Leader McCormack are talking anything but tough to the democratic members, and, while there is no question of their sincere desire to follow the leadership of ways and means committee Chairman Doughton, they realize it cannot be done.

The best they are likely to get are some modifications yet to be worked out. Probably the greatest obstacle they have faced here is the fact that influential Mr. Doughton has saved the money for his next year's taxes wisely and prudently, and he has not been sympathetic about the viewpoint of others who were not able to do so, or who were not so prudent or wise.

The treasury opposition has been based ostensibly on the idea that the rich would be helped. But that attitude also may possibly have softened somewhat by the fact that the March 15 income tax returns did not anywhere come up to expectations and bonds were cashed in large quantities to make them. The figures suggested that people were unable to meet the current revenues, much less attempt to meet the committee proposal to lure double payment of taxation this year with 6 per cent bait.

However, Representative Frank Carlson, republican, of Kansas, has estimated that the tadpole bit of 6 per cent discount small as it is, would cause possibly 5,000,000 people to borrow a billion dollars this year.

This, however, would benefit only those who had sufficient credit to borrow at less than 6 per cent from a bank.

It would only solve the problem of the man who has cash at hand, not necessarily the rich man, whose taxes this year are terrific, or in bonds (including government).

These necessary war taxes are equally burdensome on all. It causes the rich man just as much difficulty to raise say \$10,000 at his high rate of taxation by comparison with his income, as it does the poor man by comparison with his \$25 a week. The rates, vary, but it is no easy burden for anyone to carry.

Under these circumstances, the rank and file of democrats have broken away from house leadership and Rayburn and McCormack have been required to face the situation to get the best they can.

The question of where Jim Farley is going with the support he has been organizing has been puzzling a number of the higher politicians. Some of the republicans have been suggesting that he would look good as vice presidential candidate on a ticket with Governor Bricker, of Ohio, for instance. So far as anyone around here has been able to detect, Mr. Farley's work, whatever it has been, has been in favor of himself.

A coalition with the republicans presumes a merger all down the line of the anti-Roosevelt democracy, and whether it could be completed or not, is a question, and there are others in the party with substantial personal followings, including Byrd of Virginia, and the favorite son senators. The idea may not jell, but it is being talked around.



The Impractical Joker—1943

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM—FRIDAY—1390 Ks.

- 7:00—News in Brief.
- 7:05—Rising Shine.
- 7:20—News at Noon.
- 7:45—Morning Moods.
- 8:00—Rhythm Five.
- 8:20—News Briefings.
- 8:35—Tango Time.
- 8:50—Pastor's Call.
- 9:30—Let Us Forget.
- 9:45—Uncle Sam.
- 10:00—World in Review.
- 10:05—A Song and A Dance.
- 10:30—Langworth String Quartet.
- 11:00—Rhythm Five.
- 11:15—Sentimental Songs.
- 11:30—Hits of Yesteryear.
- 12:00—Organalities.
- 12:15—Hillbilly Serenade.
- 12:30—Willamette Valley Opinions.
- 12:45—Rollo Hudson's Orchestra.
- 1:15—Spotlight on Rhythm.
- 1:30—Rolle Hudson's Orchestra.
- 2:15—US Navy.
- 2:30—State Safety Program.
- 2:45—Broadway Bandwagon.
- 3:00—KSLM Concert Hour.
- 3:30—Charmagne.
- 4:15—Night of Fandango.
- 4:30—Festive Times.
- 4:45—Night of Reminiscence.
- 5:00—Tonight's Headlines.
- 5:15—War News Commentary.
- 5:30—Lupin's Almanac.
- 5:45—Soldiers of the Front.
- 6:00—News in Brief.
- 6:15—Lupin's Orchestra.
- 6:30—Willamette Valley Opinions.
- 6:45—Four Polka Dots.
- 7:00—Far Fronts in Berlin.
- 7:15—Treasury Star Parade.
- 7:30—This My Story.
- 7:45—Dads Without Words.
- 8:15—Dads Without Words.
- 8:30—Guest Night.
- 8:45—Gracie Field's.
- 9:00—Talk.
- 9:15—Earl Godwin, News.
- 9:30—Olson's.
- 9:45—Gang Busters.
- 10:00—Meet Your Navy.
- 10:15—News Headlines.
- 10:30—Down Memory Lane.
- 10:45—Deep River Boys.
- 11:00—Eye Witness News.
- 11:15—Modern Music Box.
- 11:30—This Moving World.
- 11:45—H. V. Hienborn.
- 12:00—War News Roundup.

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- 6:45—Uncle Sam.
- 7:00—News.
- 7:15—Texas Rangers.
- 7:30—Memory Timekeeper.
- 7:45—Breakfast Club.
- 8:00—News.
- 8:15—What's New.
- 8:30—Boake Carter.
- 8:45—Woman's Side of the News.
- 9:00—Buyer's Parade.
- 9:15—Edgewater Arsenal Band.
- 9:30—Curtain Calls.
- 9:45—This and That.
- 10:00—Bill Hay Reads the Bible.
- 10:15—Concert Gems.
- 10:30—On the Farm Front.
- 10:45—Music.
- 11:00—Launching of SS George L. Baker.
- 11:15—Music.
- 11:30—Sheelah Carter.
- 11:45—Texas Rangers.
- 12:00—Pat Neal and the News.
- 12:15—Phillip Keyne-Gordon.
- 12:30—Warline Women.
- 12:45—Stars of Today.
- 1:00—Helo Again.
- 1:15—Johnson Family.
- 1:30—News.
- 1:45—Let's Learn to Dance.
- 2:00—Superman.
- 2:15—Norman Nesbitt.
- 2:30—Remember When.
- 2:45—Gabriel Heatter.
- 3:00—Music Parade.
- 3:15—Candlelight and Silver.
- 3:30—Gregors Shans.
- 3:45—Lone Ranger.
- 4:00—General Barrows.
- 4:15—News Without Words.
- 4:30—Speaking of Sports.
- 4:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
- 5:00—Candlelight and Silver.
- 5:15—Soldiers of the Press.
- 5:30—News.
- 5:45—Hobbs Sissle Orchestra.
- 6:00—Sid Hoff Orchestra.

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- 6:30—Moments of Melody.
- 6:45—National Farm and Home.
- 6:55—Western Agriculture.

Here are extra radio programs, for the benefit of mail subscribers to The Statesman. Each day the current news programs will be published as usual and, in addition, the first half of the next day's schedule will appear on the comics page.

- 7:00—Smilin' Ed McConnell.
- 7:15—Home Demonstration Agent.
- 7:30—Musical Vienna.
- 7:45—Gene and Glenn.
- 8:00—Breakfast Club.
- 8:15—Keep Fit with Patty Jean.
- 8:30—Woman's World.
- 8:45—Breakfast at Sardi's.
- 9:00—Backstage Talking.
- 9:15—The Gospel Singer.
- 9:30—The Baby Institute.
- 9:45—Current Events.
- 10:00—Pages of Melody.
- 10:15—Your Hollywood News.
- 10:30—Crashback Talking.
- 10:45—Cote Glee Club.
- 11:00—Market Reports.
- 11:15—News Headlines.
- 11:30—News.
- 11:45—Johnny Doughboy Reporting.
- 12:00—Clancy Calling.
- 12:15—Uncle Sam Speaks.
- 12:30—Labor News.
- 12:45—Kneass with the News.
- 1:00—The True Story.
- 1:15—Excursions in Science.
- 1:30—News.
- 1:45—Terry and the Pirates.
- 2:00—The Sea Around Us.
- 2:15—Jack Armstrong.
- 2:30—The Baby Institute.
- 2:45—Hop Harrigan.
- 3:00—News.
- 3:15—Spotlight Bands.
- 3:30—Little Known Facts.
- 3:45—John Gunther.
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- 6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter.
- 6:15—Breakfast Bulletin.
- 6:30—Texas Rangers.
- 6:45—Koin Klock.
- 7:00—Wake Up News.
- 7:15—Dick and Sade.
- 7:30—Nelson Fringle, News.
- 7:45—Consumer News.
- 8:00—Falcon Lady.
- 8:15—Stories America Loves.
- 8:30—Aunt Jenny.
- 8:45—Kate Smith Speaks.
- 9:00—Big Sister.
- 9:15—Romance of Helen Trent.
- 9:30—Our Gal Sunday.
- 9:45—Life Can Be Beautiful.
- 10:00—Ma Perkins.
- 10:15—Young Dr. Malone.
- 10:30—The Goldbergs.
- 10:45—Young Dr. Malone.
- 11:00—Joyce Jordan.
- 11:15—We Love and Learn.
- 11:30—Bob Anderson, News.
- 11:45—Wm. Winter, News.
- 12:00—Bachelor's Children.
- 12:15—OWL, Uncle Sam.
- 12:30—American School of the Air.
- 12:45—Newspaper of the Air.
- 1:00—This Life is Mine.
- 1:15—Dave Lane.
- 1:30—Today at the Duncan's.
- 1:45—Keep Working, Keep Singing, America.
- 2:00—Milton Charles, Organist.
- 2:15—Sam Hayes.
- 2:30—Easy Aces.
- 2:45—Tracer of Lost Persons.
- 3:00—Marcha.
- 3:15—Harry Flannery.
- 3:30—Cecil Brown, News.
- 3:45—Oregon at War.
- 4:00—That Brewster Boy.
- 4:15—Elinor Davis.
- 4:30—Love A Mystery.
- 4:45—Secret Weapon.

KOAC—FRIDAY—350 Ks.

- 10:00—News.
- 10:15—The HomeMaker's Hour.
- 10:30—School of the Air.
- 10:45—Music of Beethoven.
- 11:00—News.
- 11:15—Noon Farm Hour.
- 11:30—Artist in Section.
- 11:45—Today's War Commentary.
- 12:00—Variety Time.
- 12:15—Victory Front.
- 12:30—Club Women's Half Hour.
- 12:45—Music.
- 1:00—News.
- 1:15—American Legion Auxiliary.
- 1:30—The Concert Hall.
- 1:45—Treasury Star Parade.
- 2:00—Latin Rhythms.
- 2:15—Stories for Boys and Girls.
- 2:30—Private Pets Present.
- 2:45—On the Campus.
- 3:00—Evening Vespers.
- 3:15—Oregon's War.
- 3:30—News.
- 3:45—Evening Farm Hour.
- 4:00—Music of Beethoven.
- 4:15—Science News of Week.
- 4:30—Higher Education in Wartime.
- 4:45—Aloft.
- 5:00—News.
- 5:15—Uncle Sam.

Stuck to Guns



Staff Sgt. Sam Sarpolus (above) of St. Clair, Mich., stuck to his guns in the fall of a Flying Fortress after the rear fuselage had been cut in half when a Nazi fighter plane crashed into it over north Africa. He felt, he said, like riding on the end of a kite during the bomber's homeward trip. — Associated Press Telegram.

Interpreting The War News

By GLENN BABB
Wide World War Analyst for The Statesman

It is three weeks now since the German high command boasted that its resurgent army of the Ukraine was deployed along the middle and upper Donets river on a front of 150 miles. In spite of some of the most desperate attacks of the war, into which the Germans threw fresh divisions and a formidable concentration of tanks and planes, the line of the river still holds.

Therefore there seems to be justification for the belief that the German counter-offensive in the Ukraine has just about run its course. Thursday Moscow reported a slackening of the enemy's pressure along the Donets and even the Berlin communique described the fighting there as of only local importance.

German success in the Ukraine comeback, while considerable, has not been complete. It prevented the winter campaign from being an unmitigated Nazi disaster, it salvaged a portion of some of the choicest territory gained in 1941, but left unanswered the question whether Germany or Russia will hold the initiative when the spring phase of the war in the east opens.

It may be that the Germans intend to stand and fight for Smolensk and that they have just about reached the line they chose for this purpose when they abandoned the Rzhev-Gzatesk-Vyazma salient. Today's front may be approximately that from which the spring drives, westward or eastward, are to be launched.

'Curiosity Killed a Cat'

By ANNE ROWE

Chapter 36 continued
"Fiddlesticks! Ever heard of a woman giving away a man she's in love with?" The astute dowager's glance flicked Amy. "Wild horses couldn't have dragged it out of Stella, up to her snooting expedition last night. That seems to have been the drop too much. But then she certainly did get an earful when she crawled after her dear Curtis all through the dark woods back of your garden, Amy, my child."

"Oh!" said Amy. Just "Oh!"
"Yes, Oh!" Mrs. Libby mimicked. "And I'm glad she got scared enough to tell on him. Though in a way it struck me as funny: Avery being so afraid of Stella. Every is in a sanatorium, learning not to scream. Even Mrs. Libby thought it advisable to turn her back on her beloved Cliffport for a while."

And Curtis Avery, of course, has been taken to the state prison, for life.

Only dad, Allan and I are left—and Gala.
"My beautiful stepmother-to-be is very busy these days, designing my trousseau, and hers. We are getting married in a few weeks. She and Dad, Allan and I."

The ceremonies will be in the large drawing room that played such an important role in the murder investigation, and one of our few local guests will be Inspector Josiah Pettengill.

First Dad will give me away to Allan, then Allan and I will witness his marriage to Gala. And later we'll go on separate honeymoons and come back to live in this lovely old house. Allan and I for keeps, in this ground-floor apartment. And Dad and Gala upstairs. Temporarily, and as our guests.

For the house belongs to me now, all of it. Gala made my taking it over one of her conditions when she accepted a share of the Burton inheritance. Because, after all, her home will be wherever the government sends Dad, while Allan and I will live here for years—as long as he remains the head of the shipyard.

There was one other matter on which we agreed, in our division of the Burton estate. The large Burton house.

We didn't want it. Neither Gala nor I had the desire to be reminded of our past mistakes and two horrible murders each time we looked at the ugly bulk.

And so it is coming down the moment the estate is settled, in time for the spring planting, we hope, so that the space it took up can speedily be made into a part of the garden.

We'll have a wonderful view, when it is gone, far over the bay and the shipyard. Please God we'll enjoy it through many, many years.

THE END
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FREDERICK HAZLITT BRENNAN

They Sell Sailors Elephants

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