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Defense Priority Puts Burden on 'Little Fellow'

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dustrialists surveyed the city's supply of skilled workmen and machinery and was able to utilize manpower and facilities for turning out defense orders.

Big Brother Industry

For the most part, the big industries have been able to absorb the unemployed from smaller plants as their facilities were expanded, and so far there has been no great problem in men being thrown out of work.

For example, the steel industry was operating at only 19 1/2 per cent of capacity nine years ago when production was only 15,323,000 tons and 300,000 men were employed.

Today the steel plants are operating at 98 per cent of capacity and in the first six months of the current year more than 500,000 employees produced 40,912,000 tons of steel.

There is much talk in the automobile industry of unemployment because of curtailment of new models to conserve metals for defense purposes, but not even the manufacturers themselves know what the volume of production will be.

They may build 3,600,000 vehicles or they may not build half that many because of defense priorities and concentration on manufacturing engines, airplanes, plane parts, tanks, shells, artillery units, anti-aircraft guns and other implements of war.

"Test Tube" Army

Science may be able to find



TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE—It's done with a mirror—this double view of the theater's Beautiful Boy, Victor Mature, who rose from caveman film roles to rank as a matinee idol through his appearance in a Broadway smash hit.

substitutes for many of the materials now going into defense requirements and ease the pressure on small manufacturers.

The men of science offer one of the greatest paradoxes of a world at war, for they continually strive to devise new means of destruction, and then they must learn to destroy their own inventions or render them harmless.

Not all scientists are engrossed in the test tubes of death, of course, but science has been geared in the manner of industry for the job of defense.

One out of every four American physicists is doing scientific research on secret national defense work. They are missing from the colleges and universities and familiar haunts, turning up in Washington or a closely guarded laboratory.

They don't talk nowadays about their work. Except in rare cases they get little publicity, for their experiments are military secrets.

No Secrets
When the war started in Europe there was talk of fearful secret weapons which could wipe out

Plenty Testimony On Water Dispute

LINCOLN, Neb., (AP)—Attorneys substitute trunks for brief cases, hire two court reporters and take thousands of words of technical testimony from expert witnesses who travel hundreds of miles.

It's all part of the North Platte river water dispute involving Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and the Federal government.

Seven years ago this fall Ne-

braska fired the opening shot by suing Wyoming in the U. S. Supreme Court. At the end of the 15th in a series of hearings, an inventory revealed:

Twenty-five trunks jammed with technical data, more than 90,000 pages of testimony and nearly 1,500 maps, charts and other exhibits.

The man who has heard every word of the involved testimony, examined every exhibit and presided at every hearing is Michael J. Doherty, St. Paul, Minn., attorney.

In 1935, the Supreme Court appointed Doherty as its special master in the case. So far he's not received a cent—not even traveling expenses. When the case is settled, he can expect a substantial fee.

Several hundred thousands of dollars already have been spent in an effort to determine an "equitable division" of precious North Platte river water. Nebraska alone has spent more than \$125,000.

How long the case will continue is a guess with Doherty. He figures the earliest possible date the Supreme Court could hand down a decision would be late in 1943—and that's speculation.

Doherty believes all the testimony will be completed in one or possibly two more hearings this year. Then each litigant must file

a summary brief. After counsel for each of the four parties presents oral arguments before Doherty, he will report his findings and recommendations to the Supreme Court.

About January, 1943, Doherty figures, state and federal attorneys will be ready to file exceptions to his report and present oral arguments supporting their exceptions. That will conclude the case—except for the Supreme Court's decision.

If the decision is released late in 1943, the suit will be closed after a nine-year run, but still won't set a record. Colorado now is in the 13th year of a similar battle with Kansas.

The only two men still in the case who attended the first hearing five years ago are Doherty and Paul F. Good, Nebraska's special attorney. The three other litigants have changed attorneys and one court reporter died since Doherty heard the first testimony.

The suit originated in October, 1934, when Wyoming refused to release North Platte water to Nebraska. In 1935, Wyoming drew Colorado into the battle. Then in 1938, the Federal government intervened.

Federal authorities entered the suit on grounds they had substantial investments in power irrigation and conservation projects in

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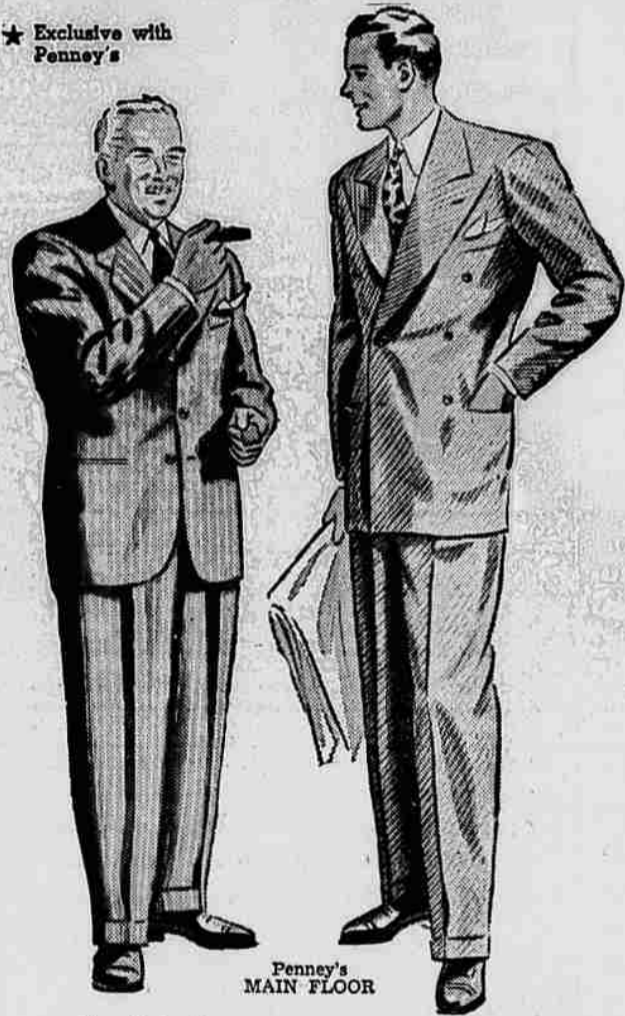
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