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In many respects the railroads resemble the Navy. Both require equipment and facilities that cannot be built in a day or a year. Both must be ready for any conceivable emergency at a moment's notice. Failure of either could be disastrous.

Transportation emergencies are not new to the railroads. Profiting by the lessons of the World War they have worked tirelessly for twenty years to prepare for unknown contingencies. Sudden peak loads have come and again tested their strength. J. J. Pelley president, associations of American railroads not long ago pointed out that: "Peak loads of traffic are not new for those of us who railroad. We have to meet peak loads problems every year. They come out from the great grain harvests. They come with the seasonal movement of fruits and vegetables. From demands for coal and fuel in the fall; from many time-limited needs for mass transportation. So, whatever peak load national defense may bring to the railroads, will be handled smoothly and efficiently by an army of experienced railroad men operating a transportation plant whose adequacy has been demonstrated again and again."

Those are not just words. They were spoken carefully, deliberately with full knowledge of facts. During the past twenty years the railroads have spent more than ten billion of dollars to improve, modernize and expand facilities. Detailed plans for effective cooperation between the government, the army, the navy, the nation's shippers and the railroads have been worked out. Last August the railroads transported 150,000 soldiers in a little more than three days, more than the average number moved per day during the peak months of the World War. During recent months more freight has been moved thru or to the Port of New York by rail than was moved when the AEF was in France.

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ly significant: "If our capacity to produce is limited by machines it must be remembered that these machines are operated by the skill and stamina of the workers. As the government is determined to protect the rights of workers so the nation has a right to expect that the men who man the machines will discharge their full responsibilities to the urgent needs of defense.

"The nation expects our defense industries to continue operation with out interruption by strikes or lock-outs. It expects and insists that management and workers will reconcile their differences by voluntary or legal means to continue to produce the supplies that are so sorely needed."

The American people are patient. But patience has worn thin when it comes to the labor racketeer or the profiteering industrialist. There is no just difference of opinion which cannot be settled by arbitration. There is absolutely no excuse for a strike in a defense industry today, and no excuse for that insidious form of sabotage which is called the "slow-down."

In military circles the feeling that Hitler will soon make his supreme effort to defeat England is almost unanimous. Time is working with Britian. Hitler, the officers think must win this year or certainly lose.

American correspondents in Germany report a feeling of complete and apparent sincerity for deeds on the part of Reich officials. England some of them say will be finished inside six months. Hitler is supposed to be perfecting his plans and organization now. The Germans think England can be broken by destroying her shipping, by greater air raids, and finally by invasion when British morale has been weakened.

The British are convinced that with unstinted American aid they can't lose. They say they have some new weapons which will prove highly unpleasant surprise for invaders. The Germans still talk about new weapons too. So far, however despite all such talk this war hasn't produced anything but improvements on old weapons.

Britain has just adopted tighter food rationing. German diet is reported still on the downgrade. Europe will be a mighty hungry place when the war ends.

one to make a definite contribution to national defense this year. That way is by helping to prevent fire.

National defense involves the conservation of our resources, manufactured as well as natural. Every fire, no matter how small means the destruction of resources. It means a waste of labor and of productive capacity. It means the diversion of materials which would be used for other purposes. That is true whether a fire destroys a home or factory.

Those whose job it is to prevent fire are redoubling their efforts at this time. They are working to reduce fire's 1941 ravages. But efficient as this work is it cannot achieve maximum success without full public cooperation. The manager of an industry, the home-owner, the worker, all must share in the responsibility. Fire is everybody's business not just the other fellows business. Fire costs everybody money.

If past president holds America's fire bill direct and indirect will come close to \$2,000,000,000 this year. That bill can be cut 80 percent.

There is nothing difficult about fire prevention. It isn't expensive. It simply calls for periodic inspection of our homes and places of business to get rid of accumulations of waste, to repair faulty furnaces, to check exposed wiring, to see that inflammables are properly stored in safe containers etc. Your local fire marshal is always glad to help. This year make it a point to fight fire and so help build America's defenses.

**PATIENCE WORN THIN**

One of the most interesting parts of the Presidents speech of December 29 was that in which he dealt with the role of labor in national defense. These sentences were especial-

**OUR DEMOCRACY** — by Mat

**PREPAREDNESS AND DEFENSE**

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