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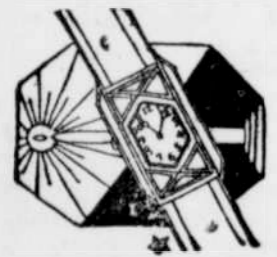
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### THE INEVITABLE HAS HAPPENED

The unprovoked attack of Japan on American possessions simply marked the occurrence of the inevitable. For many months most authorities have been convinced that we could not avoid formal participation in the war that now engulfs all the continents. The big question was when and where the spark would be ignited. The Japanese militarists spurred by their Axis comrades have answered that question for us and for the world.

The American people enter this war with a sense of grim and bitter necessity. No thinking man wants war. It is to the great credit of our government that it did everything possible within the bounds of our national honor and interests to maintain peace. That effort failed thru no fault of those who administer our governmental affairs. It failed because ruthless conquerors of our time are bent on world domination. Nothing less can satisfy them. And so, at last the democratic world is allied in arms against the totalitarian world in the greatest war history has ever known.

Here in America the task is clear. The American people will support their government to the limit and they will make whatever sacrifices prove necessary. The issue of intervention versus non-intervention is as last years news. The isolationist leaders displaying that patriotism which characterizes all true Americans however different their opinions have pledged their full support to the President and the nation. From this time on it is the job of all to show the world that a free America is more than a match for any adversary.

The soldiers and the sailors who fight in this war carry into the battle a traditional freedom. They are not the unthinking "helling" subjects of a dictator. They are not slaves, living and dying like puppets at the whim of a master. They have been reared in the freest of all great nations under the ideals which Lincoln called, "The last, best hope of earth." They know what they are fighting for. They know what freedom is. And they know the sorrowful truth that blood must be shed if freedom is to be preserved.

Back of the fighting men of America will be a production machine unparalleled on earth. Labor and industry will not shirk the gigantic task that time and circumstance have given it. The price of failure would be the death of freedom. The days ahead will be hard and bitter, but no one can doubt what the eventual end will be victory for freedom, for a way of life that respects the dignity of man.

It is all there in one word, freedom. Freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of worship, freedom of enterprise. These are what we possess and these are what we are fighting to save and perpetuate forever.

American industry is ready for this war. Go down the roster of our great private enterprises, the railroads, the power systems, the steel mills, the motor makers, the coal and metal mines, the oil wells and refining plants, the airplane factories and the rest. American enterprise represents a veritable miracle of preparedness. And now the tempo of production will be stepped up again and again. There can be no "business as usual," "strikes as usual," or "politics as usual" from now on.

Let there be no despair. Let there be instead, uncompromising determination. War has been forced on us. It has been forced on us by a nation to which we offered firm friendship, economic cooperation aid in solving its problems, everything in short except the right to pillage and destroy and conquer. Now our enemies will learn how free men, backed by the limitless resources of our free enterprise system can acquit themselves in battle.

How did the name "tar" originate? In the days of wooden ships and iron men, it was customary for sailors of the U. S. and all nations to soak their trousers in tar in order to waterproof them. From this custom the nickname "tar" originated.

Physically fit high school graduates with amateur or commercial radio experience or a federal communications commission license will be enlisted in the naval reserve for training as specialist petty officers, second class, the thirteenth naval district announced.

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### EAGLE CREEK

The ladies aid held the annual chicken dinner and bazaar at the grange hall Friday evening.

Paul Forrester and Virgil Nelson fished in the Clackamas river below River Mill Friday.

Dr. Corrine Trullinger will resume her practice this week after a four weeks vacation following a major operation. She visited friends in Los Angeles when she was discharged from the hospital and the last week she spent with her parents.

Grangers will visit Sandy grange Saturday, December 13 when joint installation of officers will be held. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. Shirley Buck of Milwaukie will be installing officer. The December grange meeting for Eagle Creek will be held the following Saturday.

Ben Johnson received word that his sister-in-law Mrs. Hannah Johnson and her son of Brooklyn, N.Y., had reached home after visiting here in the early fall. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Johnsons two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Morpew and Mrs. Ida Wilson of Westbrook, Minn.

Ruel Glover arrived home from Honolulu last tweek He had been employed there for some time.

The Oscar Juds were in Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Stanley Frankin (Marjorie Bowie), Stanley Jr. and Dorothy of Los Angeles and Julius Smith of Portland spent Sunday with the Ed Bowies.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol D. Bush attended the nut growers convention in Salem Monday and Tuesday.

Week end guests of Mrs. Clester were Mr. and Mrs. W. Gardner and Ronald Clester of Salem, Hal and Tracy Clester Jr. from Alaska and Nola Clester and Irene Northup of Salem. The latter two drove to Seattle Monday and returned Tuesday.

Mrs. Rose Johnson was hostess at the card party held last week. Honors went to Mrs. Ruth Smith, Mrs. Emery Kingston and Mrs. Julia Fuchs.

Frank Fuchs Sr. has returned from Walla Walla where he has been on business.

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