



THERE was a time, not so many dynasties ago, when the New York Giants were the most valuable franchise in baseball—worth more than almost any stock on the big exchange. Now the same Giants are in a spot where it may well take a million dollars to bring them a first-division ball club, where the success of the Brooklyn Dodgers kept them floating neck deep in the surf.

It is a far and eerie cry from McGraw's Giants of 1905 to Mel Ott's Giants of 1942 and the home-run hitter from Gretna, La., has a long and rough pull upward to get them on the old camping grounds.

That 1905 delegation was the first batch of McGraw Giants I ever saw in action, and it still remains in memory among the best in the game. At any rate, you'll find no



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stronger battery work today than Mathewson and McGinnity pitching to Bresnahan.

There was plenty of Irish on that Giant squad—McGinnity, Bresnahan, McGann, Devlin and Mike Donlin, to mention only a few. It was the beginning of a new Giant history that was packed with merry sagas up until the last three years when Bill Terry's material dropped to the second-division class and floundered out of polite baseball society.

The Giants, in their day and time, have had such pitchers as Mathewson, McGinnity, Wiltse, Ames, Marquard, Tesreau, Nehf, Schupp—and the great Hubbell. They have had such ball players as Devlin, Bresnahan, Donlin, Beauty Bancroft, Heinie Groh, Pep Young, Buck Herzog, Larry Doyle, Bill Terry, George Kelly, and a long line of others well up on the list. It is different now.

#### Ott's Job

No one can expect Mel Ott to reach into the dugout and bring forth a miracle. These are tough rebuilding days for any owner or manager.

You'll read where the Dodgers need maybe two or three additions—where the Cardinals can stand pat—where the Reds need a few changes—where the Pirates need pitchers—but the Giant need takes in the pitching staff, the infield and the outfield.

Mel Ott is a smart, keen baseball man who knows his trade. But he will need at least 10 or 12 new, good ball players before he will be back in old Giant territory, around the top. And good ball players are not picked up around the first corner. It is hard enough to get one or two good new men, much less 10 or 12 or more.

Someone has let the Giant machine go to rust. It will take a large bale of money to have it shining again. MacPhail at Brooklyn has proved the job could be done. But he found no substitute for money on his way up. For that matter, Tom Yawkey and others have found that even money isn't always quite enough, no matter how much you spend.

#### The Changing Years

I can take you back to the days when the Yankees were struggling on the old hilltop and the Dodgers were just another club in the National league. At this time the Giants were the Mt. Everest of baseball. Under McGraw they were winning 10 pennants. The Yankees and Dodgers were trying to get out of the second division the greater part of the time.

Last fall the Yankees and Dodgers met in the World Series show with the Giants so deep in the second division that it took a deep-sea diver to locate their bodies.

Just who it was that let the Giants go to seed—Stoneham or Terry—wasn't so important now if the right move is made to bring them back. But the point is that the Dodgers and the Cardinals are already strongly fixed around the top—the Reds have the pitching that may again carry them close—the Pirates and the Cubs have been building for another upward surge. It is easy enough to understand the killing job Mel Ott faces in clearing most of these hurdles, especially if first baseman Babe Young goes into the army.



Washington, D. C.  
SCRAP IRON

It may be that those who let millions of tons of scrap iron go to Japan are not too anxious to advertise our present dearth of scrap, but the real fact is that it is so serious as to cause the shutdown of nine blast furnaces in Youngstown, Ohio, alone.

To meet the shortage, the OPM has been conducting an experimental campaign to collect scrap iron in Erie, Pa., and is launching other campaigns in Boston, Pittsburgh, Bridgeport and Akron. However, the campaign is going very slowly. Chief trouble is that collections are made through the normal scrap iron trade.

Therefore, it looks as if the American public might have to take things in hand. A survey of Butler county, Ohio, shows that every farmer has an average of about 50 pounds of usable scrap iron and rubber rusting or rotting behind his barn. On this basis, the OPM estimates that it should be possible to collect 1,500,000 tons of scrap from American farmers.

Not many people realize the importance which scrap plays in the iron and steel industry. Ordinarily, steel is made 50 per cent from ore and 50 per cent from scrap iron. But today ordinary supplies of scrap iron are diminished, not only by previous sales to Japan but by the fact that war industries supply no scrap. Many tanks, guns, and military motor trucks are shipped off to Egypt, Malaya or Russia. They never come back. Ordinarily, industry supplies its own scrap iron from junked automobiles, etc. But now there will be fewer automobiles to junk.

So the scrap iron problem is one which will require every farmer and householder to look around behind his barn or in his basement to see what he can spare for war industries.

You can check off lead as the next strategic material to be put under interdiction for civilian use. OPM's banning order will be issued shortly. That will mean the end of lead foil and numerous other items of normal everyday use. One possible exception may be lead for automobile batteries, but even that will be under severe restrictions.

Reason for the ban is inadequacy of domestic supply to meet the increasing need for bullets. War production tables call for a lead consumption of 60,000 tons monthly by June; 100,000 tons monthly by next January. For military reasons, figures on U. S. supply can not be disclosed, but it is below what is needed even with production increases now under way plus imports from Canada, Mexico and other foreign sources. So civilian use will be restricted for the duration.

#### WLW ICELAND

The largest standard-wave broadcasting apparatus in the U.S.A.—owned by WLW Cincinnati—may be set up in Iceland to drown out Hitler's rasping broadcasts to the German people.

For many years WLW operated a 500,000 watt station in Cincinnati, but was forced by the Federal Communications commission to reduce to 50,000 watts, which is the maximum for ordinary commercial stations in the U.S.A. Therefore, WLW has now offered its big 500,000 watt set to the government to be established in Iceland. Since Hitler's stations are nowhere near as strong as 500,000 watts, WLW's beams from Iceland could drown out his voice every time he went on the air.

Furthermore, WLW Iceland would not operate on short wave, which the German people are not permitted to hear. It would operate on a standard broadcasting beam and would come in over the ordinary German radio. By turning a button in the station in Iceland, the wavelength could be changed to cut in on any German program.

There is one catch to the proposal, however. WLW Cincinnati wants to make a deal with the government whereby it would be permitted to set up another 500,000 watt station in the United States in return for sending its equipment to Iceland.

#### CAPITAL CHAFF

Secretary of War Stimson has been shaking up some of his generals, and has put Gen. Raymond Lee temporarily in charge of military intelligence. Lee was former U. S. military attaché in London and an A-1 officer. Army people hope he stays in charge of the intelligence service.

To make more office space in Washington, the Farm Credit administration is being moved to Chicago.

Through its nation-wide co-ops, Barry Slattery's Rural Electrification administration has erected more than 370,000 miles of transmission lines. This was more than the 13 largest utility holding companies in the country combined. Over 1,250,000 farmers are benefiting from cheap electricity as a result of the REA system.

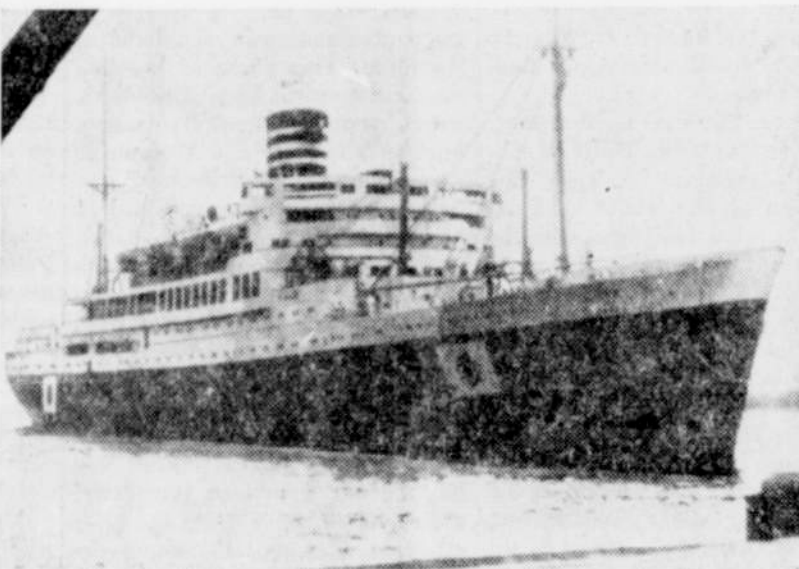
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## Off to Meet Japs in Malayan Jungle



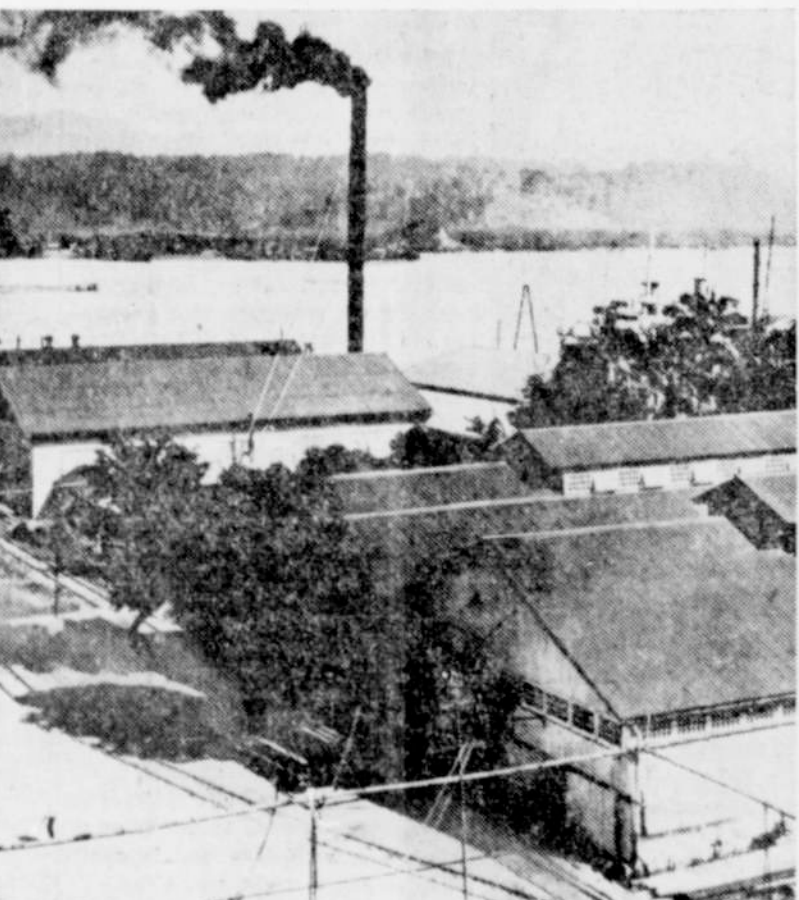
Indian troops of the British imperial forces are pictured on trucks, off to meet the Japs who were driving through the dripping green jungles of Malaya in an effort to outflank the vital fortress of Singapore. These Indians are great fighters, and are well versed in the methods of jungle warfare.

## U. S. Sub Sinks Jap Luxury Liner



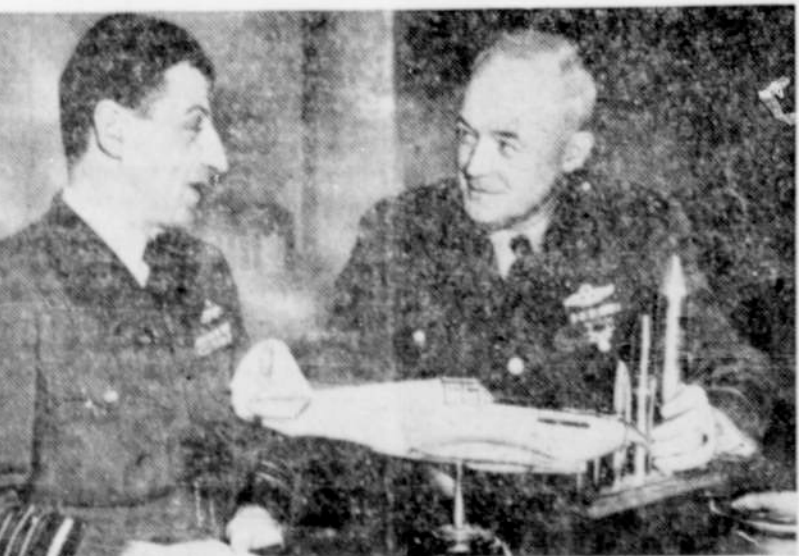
The Yawata Maru, 17,000-ton Jap liner, which may be the ship which was sunk by a U. S. submarine in the Far East. The vessel was a fast luxury liner, owned and operated by the NYK lines, and probably converted into an aircraft carrier.

## Where Japs Got Hot Reception



A view of the yard at the naval station at Olongapo, Philippine Islands, 60 miles from Manila on the Bataan peninsula, where Japanese army forces in a large-scale offensive met with a deadly hail of fire from General MacArthur's embattled defenders. Olongapo is an important submarine base equipped with floating docks.

## Plan Allied Air Moves Against Axis



Air chief marshal Sir Charles Portal (left), chief of the air staff of the Royal Air force, and Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the United States air forces, are shown during their meeting in General Arnold's office at Washington, D. C. They discussed aerial details of the grand allied strategy.

## Rescued From Tanker



This soundphoto shows the rescued crew of the Panamanian tanker, Norness, which was torpedoed by a submarine off the eastern tip of Long Island. Photo was made upon their safe arrival on land. The Norness' master said the submarine stayed on the surface while firing three torpedoes at regular intervals.

## Production Czar



Donald Marr Nelson, who has been given supreme authority over all U. S. war procurement and production as head of newly created war production board. Nelson is 53 years old.

## Speaks for Dealers



L. Clare Gargile, president of the National Automobile association, who told members of the senate committee on small business that the government must take prompt steps or 44,000 auto dealers and their half million employees face immediate disaster.

## 'Runs in Family'



Russell J. Hoag, left, of White Plains, N. Y., 18-year-old descendant of Isaac Hull, American naval hero, is welcomed by his father, Chief Yeoman James R. Hoag, after joining the navy. The elder Hoag has seen 30 years of service.

## Apparently Little Tommy Was a Movie Enthusiast

The teacher was trying to get the pupils to understand the dreadful business of conjugating verbs. "When I say 'I have, you have, he has,'" she explained, "I am conjugating the verb 'to have.' I want all of you to understand. Do you?"

They did. "Very good. Now listen carefully. 'I love, you love, he loves.' What is that?"

There was a moment of silence, and then up shot little Tommy's hand.

"Please miss," he said, "it's one of them triangles when someone gets shot!"



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#### Original Names

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