

### New York Harbor Mined—Only in Practice



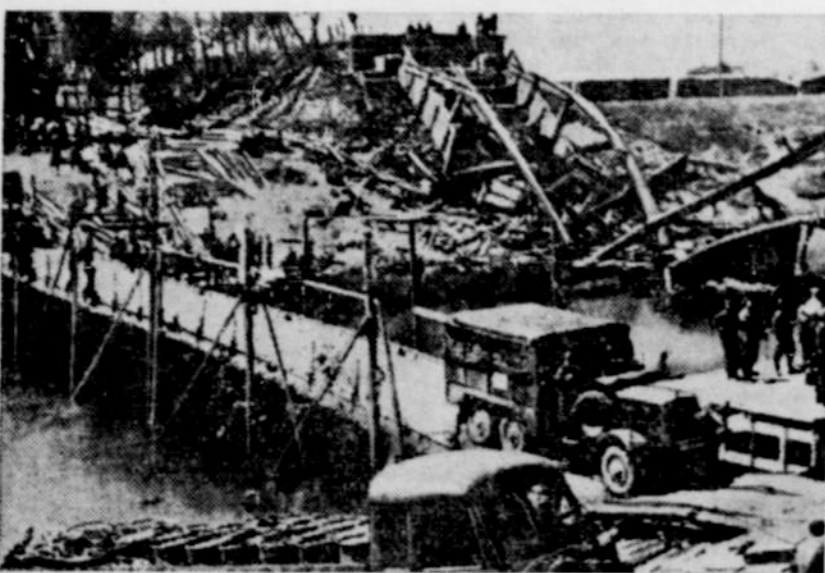
Most intensive mine-planting exercises since World War days are now being held at Fort Hancock, N. J., where men of the special mine command have started intensive 3 1/2 months of drills to prepare them for their part in protecting New York harbor. Picture shows mine and its anchor ready to be dropped from the "General E. O. C. Ord."

### Home From Mission



Arthur Lardin, an attache of the Office of Production Management, shown on arrival in New York on trans-Atlantic clipper, after a mission to London. Lardin was jailed in Lisbon for refusing to open his bag of military secrets for inspection.

### Nazis Push On in 'Drang Nach Osten'



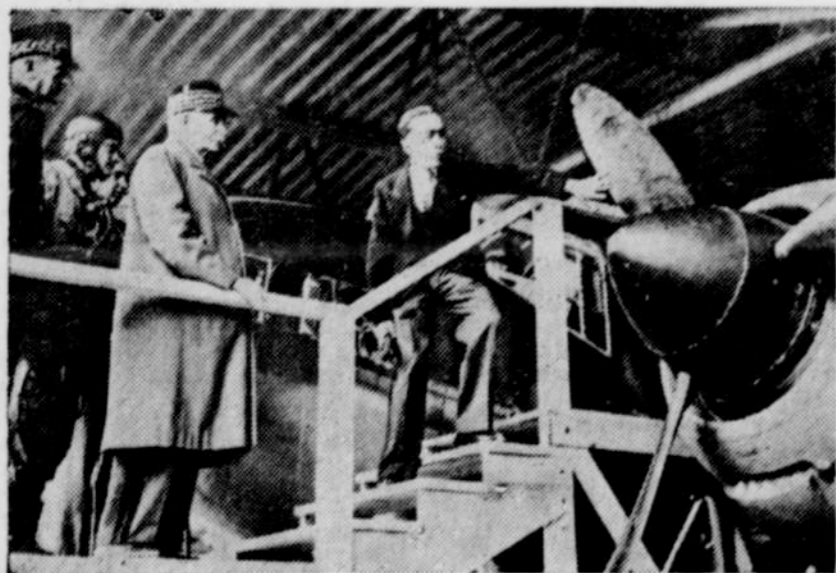
German motorized columns, says the Nazi censor-approved caption for this radiophoto, cross an auxiliary bridge, replacing one destroyed by the Russians, as Hitler's forces advance across a frontier into Soviet territory. German panzer columns were reported to have driven 120 miles into Russian Ukraine in the first two days.

### Rites for Submarine O-9 Victims



While seamen, officers and navy officials stand at attention on the deck of the submarine Triton, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox tosses a wreath upon the Atlantic in honor of the men abandoned in the sub O-9, near Portsmouth, N. H. The navy formally abandoned hope of raising the wreck after divers made inspection in 440 feet of water.

### French Premier Visits Air Base



With Nazi permission, a French air force is being rebuilt "for defense of the French empire," and here Marshal Henri Petain inspects the Aulnat air base near Clermont-Ferrand. On his visit here he looked over 15 planes recommissioned by Nazi authority, including a Dewoitine 520, fastest French pursuit plane now in service.

### Confer



Soviet Ambassador Constantine Oumansky (left) after conference with Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles. It was the envoy's first meeting with American officials since new war started.

### Bearing Facts



Phillip Williams, attache in the U. S. embassy at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who flew to Washington upon his arrival in Miami, Fla., to lay evidence in the sinking of the Robin Moor by submarine before the state department.

### Aids Britons



Robert Watt, Scottish scientist, credited with invention of Britain's new secret radio locator, which is Britain's mysterious defense against Nazi air raiders.

## The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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Washington, D. C.  
**NEW LEND-LEASE SUM**  
The new lend-lease appropriation that has been tentatively agreed on by inner advisers is \$5,000,000,000. With the \$7,000,000,000 voted by congress several months ago, this would make a total of \$12,000,000,000 for aid to the democracies. Yet this stupendous sum is still considerably short of what was originally proposed, also of what probably will be ultimately required.

It's a White House secret, but the first lend-lease program submitted added up to \$19,000,000,000. This was slashed to \$9,000,000,000 by the army and navy and then still further cut to \$7,000,000,000 by the budget bureau. The last figure was approved by the President and sent to congress.  
One reason for the new appropriation is that many of the original price estimates have been found to be far too low, particularly in the case of planes, ships and guns. Rising costs, due to changes in construction, more expensive new models, and increased production charges, made it impossible to contract for these items at the original estimates; and more money is needed to fulfill the program.

Another reason for the lend-lease boost is heavy outlays for repairs on battle-damaged British warships, of which a number are now in U. S. yards. This type of aid is running into big money.

Most important, however, is the urgent need for expansion of the whole aid-democracies program. Britain, China and the other Axis foes require increased assistance to meet the greatly enlarged resources of the Nazis brought by their conquest of Europe.

Today they must stand off not only the industrial power of Germany, but also that of France, Belgium, Holland, Rumania, Hungary, and other Nazi victims. So if Britain is to continue fighting she must secure much more help from the United States. Without such aid she will quickly be overwhelmed.

#### Red Tape-itis.

While most of the \$7,000,000,000 lend-lease money has been allocated, some \$500,000,000 earmarked for new armaments plants is still lying around idle. And close to \$4,000,000,000 of other defense appropriations for new plants also is twiddling its thumbs while army supply brasshats and OPM chiefs, enmeshed in coils of red tape, are stalling around.

It takes from 8 to 15 months to erect these plants, so this delay in getting construction started means a serious crimp in the defense program.

Chiefly to blame are army supply brasshats, who are inadequate to handle the colossal task thrust on them, but so jealous of their bureaucratic powers that they won't let anyone else tackle it. OPM heads are champing at the precious time being wasted, but lack authority to override the army and haven't the jumption to raise a row.

#### WILL DAVIS

The country doesn't like strikes any more than it likes war, but the war has brought out many men of stature, and the strikes have brought out William H. Davis, new chairman of the National Defense Mediation board.

Actually Davis is no "war baby," but a veteran who has been working at labor mediation for many years. Still it was settlement of the Allis-Chalmers strike that first won him national attention.

By profession Davis is a patent lawyer, with offices in New York city. On the very next day after the Allis-Chalmers triumph, he appeared before the U. S. Supreme court, his hair no more unruly than usual, to argue a patent case. He makes his living from big-money firms, but he has a strong liberal viewpoint toward labor.

When a committee of congress asked him what he thought of a bill to outlaw strikes, he said, "When you pass compulsory legislation, you make the working man a slave, and there is no use producing defense materials for a nation of slaves."

There are a lot of odd pieces in Davis' life. He was born in Bangor, Maine, schooled in Washington, D. C., is a member of New York's swanky Downtown Athletic club, a labor sympathizer, founder of the Grand Central Art galleries, father-in-law of Argentine diplomat Alonzo Irigoyen, and careless with his clothes.

One phrase-maker says Davis has "the face of a kindly bulldog." Another "the face of a tired trombone player." Not many faces would answer to that. Davis is easy to spot in a crowd.

#### MERRY-GO-ROUND

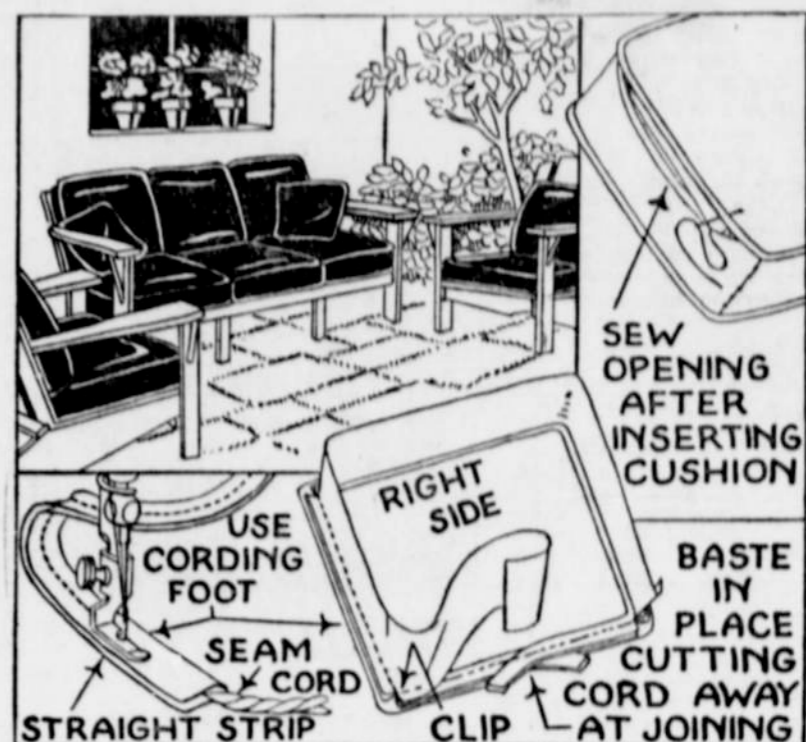
Employees of the British Purchasing mission leaving the elevator at their offices are confronted with this sign: "The existence of the British Empire depends on YOUR effort. Chins up—There Will Always Be an England."

Since checking booths were installed at Capitol entrances, police daily turn up some fresh oddity. One day a sea captain's wife, accompanied by six wide-eyed youngsters, left a large bundle of sailors' hard-tack biscuit.

## NEW IDEAS

### for Home-makers

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



HAVE you considered covering your out-of-door cushions with water-resistant artificial leather? It may be cut and sewn the same as any heavy fabric. The colors are all so fresh and gay that you will be inspired to try striking combinations. Use a coarse machine needle; a No. 5 hand needle; No. 20 or 24 sewing thread and regulate the machine to about 12 stitches to the inch.  
The cushions shown here are green with seam cords covered in red. The sketch shows how they are made. The cotton seam cord should be about 1/4-inch in diameter. It is covered with a straight strip 1 3/4 inches wide stitched with the machine cording foot to allow the sewing to come up close to the cord. The raw edges of the cord covering are basted around the top and bottom of the cover on the right side, as shown, and are then stitched in with the seam.

If you like variety in your cushions, there is an idea for sturdy ones made of burlap and silk stockings on page 23 of SEWING, Book 5.

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The nearest village is 5 miles away. All you find there is a general store, a garage and a canning factory—nowhere to go for any good clean fun, unless you drop in at a smoke-filled juke joint on the way.

Well, Mom, there's a big favor you can do me. The U. S. O. is trying to raise \$10,765,000 to run clubs for us, outside of camp. Places with lounge rooms, dance floors, games, writing rooms. Places you can get a bite to eat without paying a king's ransom.

I know you don't have an idle million

lying around, but if you could get the family interested and some of the neighbors, and if that happened all over the country, the U. S. O. could raise \$10,765,000 overnight.

I'd appreciate it a lot, Mom, and so would every other mother's son in the U. S. Army and Navy.

Love,  
Bill

They're doing their bit for you. Will you do your bit for them? Send your contribution to your local U.S.O. Committee or to U.S.O. National Headquarters, Empire State Building, New York, N. Y.

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