# AMERICA NEARS ZERO HOUR.

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Posters so familiar that we in Britain hardly notice them are now appearing in Canada and the United States. Nearly everything that is salvaged can be put to war-use.

(CU OLD POTS) Montreal's opening day of the salvage drive gave boyscouts the biggest collecting job they've ever handled. Two Hundred and
fifty tons of scrap metal, paper and rags were on the war-dumps inside twenty
four hours.

Line up for gas masks! This is another sign which way the wind's blowing in the United States. Twelve-thousand civilian workers at Puget Sound Navy Yard get masks, and have to work in them half-an-hour a day for one week. The U.S. mask has two filter pieces. In Britain everyone should not only carry his mask always, but practise wearing it at home and at work.

Ships of wood: A generation which had almost forgotten that big vessels could be made of timber remembers now. Old timers are brought back to teach others the nearly lost art.

The adz is the queer name of the special cutting-tool used on the hull.

(LV HULL) Diesel-engined, the timber ships will be minesweepers and submarine chasers, and the time may come when England will again boast of her wooden walls. Here in Maine the revived industry is booming releasing steel for munitions.

Well, here's to the timbered ships of war.

An experimental tank with no tracks was inspected by a body of experts, headed by War Secretary Stimson. To be one jump ahead of Germany in equipment is the aim of the U.S. War Department and its energetic secretary. The tank can do eighty miles an hour on the flat, and enjoys a bump across country.

Till recently it was America's earnest desire to give Britain the tools, and leave it at that. That she may soon be using them herself was hinted by Naval Secretary Knox.

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- 1. Title.
- 2. To 12,500 Dominion industries, to Canada's millions of citizens, goes an appeal to save waste materials --- materials that can be salvaged into useful goods that will help win the war.
- 5. And Montreal Boy Scouts lead the first day's drive. Dominion experts believe \$.2,000,000 worth of salvage will result within a year, and public response from coast to coast is overthelming. In one day, Montreal scouts collect 250 tons of rags, paper, and metals. Object of the drive is four-fold: to save raw materials, to raise money for war purposes, to give everybody on the home front a chance to aid victory, and to inspire national thrift. So---conserve, and do your good deed toward victory!....

# 7. DEFENSE "YORKERS GET GAS MASK TRAINING

8. Gas Defense Training at the Paget Sound Navy Yard: 12,500 civilian employees

at the bate of 1,800 per week are instructed in the use of gas masks and other protection against chemical warfare. It's the way to a well-balanced defense program, say Navy Yard sponsors, .. preparadness for any emergency:

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#### 1. WOODEN SHIPS BOOM!

- 3. The State of Maine once more is turning out sturdy wooden hulls, each ship destined to play her part in imerica's struggle today.
- 4. Portable saw mills turn out ribs and planking, made to measure directly along-
- 7. Every bit of the job means expert hand work. Excepting for the State of Maine, 12. It's almost a forgotten art, this business of swinging the adz-yes, that's the name and it's a kind of ax exe. Old-timers are enggerly sought for so that younger men may learn the tricks of the prade and just how much ought to be done.
- 13. The ships? Deisel-powered mine sweepers, submarine chasers, crash boats--and 16. soon Maine expects cargo steamers---all modern descendants of the most famous line of ships the world has ever known.

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### 1. TEST TRACKLESS TANK

2. The newest in tank construction, a trackless tank job, is inspected by War 6.

Department officials headed by Secretary Stimson. The first tests indicate the new tank -- capable of 80 miles an hour -- may be adaptable for reconnaissance purposes. Tentative plans calls for re-design of the super-structure, to prepare it for suitable armament. We'll probably be seeing more of the trackless tank.

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## Knox talking;

"Some of the very blind among us refuse to see what will be the inevitable result of the final link in the chain of our encirclement is forged and the battle of the Atlantis is lost and England succumbs with her fleet sunk or captured."

"We then will be given but two choices -- the choice of surrender or the choice of fighting. We won't surrender andwe will fight. No one who knows about American and Americans doubts that. Consequently, we must fight ultimately unless we find and put into effect measures that will enable Britain to win without our fighting."

We have made our productive facilities available to those who are fighting the Axis. We have loaned them much of our military equipment although we had insufficient for our own defense. We have passed the Lease-Lend Bill and appropriated seven billion dollars to implement that bill by an almost unanimous vote of our Congress. We have opened up our yards and docks for the repair of British men-of-war and merchantmen. We have assumed protection of Greenland. We have removed restrictions on American flagships sailing to zones where fighting is over so that we might relieve Britain of the burden of supplying the armies fighting in that theatre.

we have gone a long way, and all of it with the support of an overwhelming public epinion. Incidentally, the latest test of public opinion discloses the american nation to be approximately 70 per cent for aid to Britain even at the risk of war.

"Having gone thus far, we can only go on. Hitler cannot allow our war supplies and food to reach England—he will be defended if they do. We cannot allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantie—we shall be beaten if they do. We must make our promise good to give aid to Britain. We must see the job through. All of this is needed for our own sefety and our future secruity. This is our fight. The American people have recognized the catastrophic quality of a Totalitarian victory and by overwhelming majority they have endorsed every step along the progress we have made to our present posture."

"Proclaiming, as we do, our faith in the ultimate victory of the good over evil, our devotion to the cause of human liberty, our century and a half of the pursuit of justice between men on terms of equality, we can no longer occupy the immoral and craven position of asking others to make all the sacrifice for this victory which we recognize as so specifical to us. Our menhood and our self-respect demand that we shall assume our part burden.

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