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Title: All The King's Horses.  
Lines: Bidwell.  
Voice: Mellor.

Tracks: Geronimo.  
Anthony's Return.  
Pasadena.

In an American Ordnance factory, mass production methods are used for filling shells to keep pace with the huge output demanded. They travel on a conveyor belt at a speed which allows just enough time to fill them.

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(GV MEN WITH BOMBS) Now for some bombs. Production figures are -- you guessed it, not available.

(GV FILLING) They're being filled with liquid T.N.T. It seems hardly credible that such a harmless looking liquid can have such a kick. When filled they're marked to show their weight and who they're for. What with supplying all the enemies of Hitler and saving a little for himself for a rainy day, Uncle Sam's got a mighty big job on his hands.

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To South African forces in the Western desert a short visit from Field Marshal Smuts brought a welcome break. When they left home for the East African war he promised to visit them as soon as possible. At last he managed to find the time.

Meanwhile, in Cairo Mrs. Smuts officiated at a much less formal occasion - a tea party at the Y.M.C.A.

(THROWS DART) During their 3-day visit Mrs. Smuts and the Field Marshal brought a welcome breath of home to the South Africans, who, inspired by their great leader, have played such a valiant role in the Middle East.

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The American Army finds a new way to cross a river when there's no bridge. Spread a tarpaulin on the water. Then run your vehicle on to it - in this case it's a 3-ton ambulance.

(LV) When the vehicle is in the middle of the tarpaulin you proceed to wrap it up. The waterproof canvas forms an air-lock and turns the whole affair into a kind of boat. Pulling it into the river till it floats, you can then paddle it across.

(SV UNWRAPPING) Notice how little water got in. A very simple and ingenious idea.

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**OFF-STAGE VOICE—"ELWOOD ORDNANCE PLANT"**

(These lines copied before final recording of story—there may be a few words changed here and there.)

Shells at the Elwood Ordnance Plant, loaded with T.N.T. Production figures are hard to estimate these days but they're filling 'em with dynamite as fast as they can cut here. After stencilling, the bombs will be shipped to storage magazines...with still more to come, waiting to be loaded.

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(This story was combined with the "Burning of Old Cars" to make one complete story. Papers for other story included in this shipment.)

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