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Melodrama in Detroit

Occupying the center of the national stage at this moment is the labor policy mess. It is not a pretty sight.

Employers are virtually in the wings, withholding their appearance on the stage until the government and the unions clarify their positions. The unions are in something of a predicament because their strategy has back-fired. Not all union participants see eye-to-eye, as witness the spectacle of a union leader, candidate for mayor of Detroit, working feverishly to settle the 29-day old Kelsey-Hayes strike before the government's newly established conciliation personnel steps onto the scene.

As for the government, it has gone a long way toward cutting away the red tape which hopelessly complicated its previous efforts to handle labor disputes effectively. President Truman on Tuesday transferred the War Manpower Commission and the War Labor Board to the Department of Labor and abolished the Office of Economic Stabilization and transferred its functions to the office of War Mobilization and Reconversion under John W. Snyder.

This shake-up gives Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwollenbach more authority and effectively breaks up the confusing situation which existed when practically all labor matters were handled by numerous conflicting agencies which were responsible only to the President. Under that system, the late President Roosevelt literally formulated labor policy as he went along, changing it to meet each new emergency. Under the new set-up, the Secretary of Labor has enough authority to exercise the functions of his office freely and independently and he will not be embarrassed by the actions of conflicting agencies.

Secretary Schwollenbach's first act, under his clarified authority, was to appoint Edgar L. Warren director of the Labor Department's conciliation service. Mr. Warren immediately dispatched a number of conciliators to Detroit to seek solutions of the strikes in progress there.

As this is written, the tension in the hub of motordom seems to be easing. The sweeping move by President Truman to concentrate authority in Secretary Schwollenbach and the realization on the part of labor leaders that their position was precarious have brought an element of common sense onto the scene.

When the final curtain falls some days hence, workers probably will be awarded an increase of something like 10 or 12 per cent and the spectators will wonder why it was necessary to go through so much hectic play acting for a settlement which could have been reached promptly and easily if suitable government machinery had been available and had been functioning properly.

FOR A UNITED FRONT: Is American industry organized properly for the purpose of presenting its case to Congress and to the public effectively?

This question arises in connection with the functioning of the recently created "Clearing House Conference on Tax Problems." Members of this conference are the representatives of associations such as the United States Chamber of Commerce, American Institute of Accountants, National Association of Manufacturers, Committee for Economic Develop-

ment and National Planning Association. The purpose of the conference is "to arrange for an exchange of views between representatives of various organizations on fiscal and tax problems in all their phases."

This effort to facilitate discussion on taxes is constructive. However, many persons will wonder whether the facilitated airing of views will lead to a unification of tax programs proposed by various groups. One experienced association executive believes such unification will be impossible, because

as now organized each branch of industry works through its own association and places major emphasis upon its own interests rather than upon the interests of industry as a whole.

Inability of business to agree upon tax matters is matched by its inability to present a united front on numerous other important issues. Perhaps industry should analyze its complicated system of associations. Possibly it can be revamped to advantage. —p. 94

THE LONG ROAD BACK: Appointment of Senator Harold H. Burton to the Supreme Court has a number of aspects of interest to industry. In the first place, his elevation to a justiceship marks the initial move in the long two-decade job of the nation to live down the curse of the spiteful "court-packing" spree.

Secondly, Senator Burton will bring to the court a more intimate knowledge and a more sympathetic understanding of industry's problems than is possessed by any of the other justices. Throughout his entire career as a public official, he has represented the people of a community that is predominantly industrial.

Finally, as an author of a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act, Mr. Burton was subjected to vicious attacks by the spokesmen of union labor. The prompt and unanimous confirmation of the Burton nomination by the Senate is in wholesome and significant contrast to labor's unwarranted attitude.

The appointment is excellent on every count.

MECHANIZED MINES: Currently the prospect for an adequate supply of coal next winter seems brighter than at any time in months. Production has been mounting. This, with an easing in consumption since V-J Day, has brought about a marked improvement in supply.

However, the danger is not over. The mines need 30,000 more miners. European requirements, estimated at from 6 to 8 million tons, will cut deeply into tonnage needed at home.

If an acute shortage can be averted, we can credit our good fortune in part to the mechanization of our mines. Today 90 per cent of the coal output involves power-driven cutters and 50 per cent is loaded mechanically. Operators will spend \$200 million for further mechanization during the next five years which will enable 85 per cent of the output to be loaded mechanically.

Several years from now, we may see clearly how superior is forehanded mechanization of coal in America to enforced nationalization of coal in England. —p. 85

POSTWAR POSTSCRIPTS: Indicative of the attention eastern manufacturers are giving to postwar markets on the West Coast is the estimate that 500 eastern companies contemplate branches in the San Francisco area (p. 92) and the report that during August 14 factories were built and 20 existing plants were expanded in the Los Angeles area. . . . Speaking to the New England Council, J. A. Krug, chairman of WPB, declared that his agency "is on the way out. Control of a few still critical materials such as raw rubber and tin will continue for a while," he said (p. 90), "then we will be out of a job". . . . Good news for steel producers is found in the announcement by WPB (p. 91) that after the end of the year, they will not be required to file any of the numerous reports which plagued them during the war. . . . Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp. has submitted a proposal to DPC to lease the Geneva steel plant (p. 87) for five years. . . . Export-Import Bank has approved a loan of \$20 million to Chile for construction at Concepcion (p. 94) of a steel plant comprising one or more electric furnaces, an open-hearth and rolling mills. . . . Japan's heavy industry was hard hit by American bombing and blockade. The enemy's steel production, which amounted to 4,500,000 tons in 1942 (p. 95), had been reduced to an annual rate of only 500,000 tons just before Japan surrendered. . . . As special investigator for federal government agencies, James P. Gill, vice president and chief metallurgist of Vanadium Alloys Steel Co. has prepared an excellent report (p. 120) on Germany's tool and special steel industry. Three German companies, one Czechoslovakian company and one company with a plant in Germany and a plant in Austria marketed practically all of the tool and special steels used in Germany. Analyses of the steels of these five companies show a wide range of product, except that little molybdenum steel was used. Certain of the tables reveal changes in composition caused by wartime scarcities. . . . Add to the growing list of important research projects the research center now building at Bound Brook, N. J. (p. 107), which is part of a \$40 million expansion program of Johns-Manville Corp. . . . Market for stainless steel is momentarily confused (p. 91) as producers and consumers adjust their activities to the new multiple basing point system.

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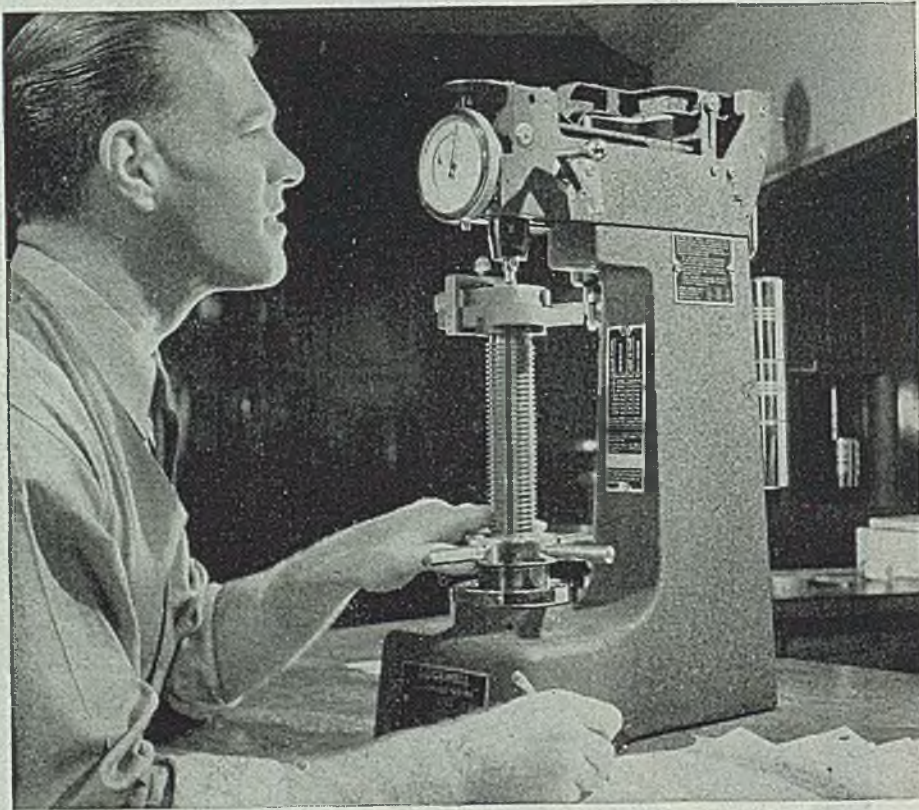
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With a tight coal supply threatened for the coming winter, the railroads are rushing mine production to industrial and domestic storage piles. This view shows a Baltimore & Ohio train at Terra Alta, W. Va. Wide World photo

Coal Crisis Averted But Shortage Persists

Labor shortage continues serious threat to production adequate for anticipated needs. Mines require 30,000 additional workers. Consumption letdown eases supply situation. Mechanization of mines seen gaining

PITTSBURGH
INDUSTRIAL coal supply prospects have improved considerably in recent weeks, but threat of a shortage has not been completely eliminated with the mines urgently in need of additional labor. On a national basis it is estimated nearly 30,000 more miners are needed to assure supplies of coal sufficient to meet anticipated demands.

In the Pittsburgh district the supply situation has shown marked improvement since the end of the Japanese war. This largely reflects reduced consumption as a result of curtailed blast furnace operations and fewer interruptions in mining due to strikes. In the district only 44 out of 54 blast furnaces now are in blast which compares with practical capacity throughout most of the war period.

Indicative of the easing in pressure for coke production, a number of beehive ovens have been taken out of service recently with operations currently

estimated at about 65 per cent of capacity. The E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.'s by-product coke facilities at Morgantown, W. Va., have been closed down.

One of the largest coke producing plants in this district has about 5 days' supply of bituminous coal on hand and some headway has been made in bolstering stocks in recent weeks. However, bituminous coal inventories at various steel plants here represent only 11 days' supply at the current rate of operations. Coal stocks at industrial plants average 19 days, while those at utilities equal about 35 days' supply.

While there is no immediate concern over adequacy of coke supplies throughout the winter months, consumers are trying to build up inventories as a hedge against future strike disruptions in coal mining operations and seasonal reduction in shipments that occurs during the winter months.

Some further improvement in overall

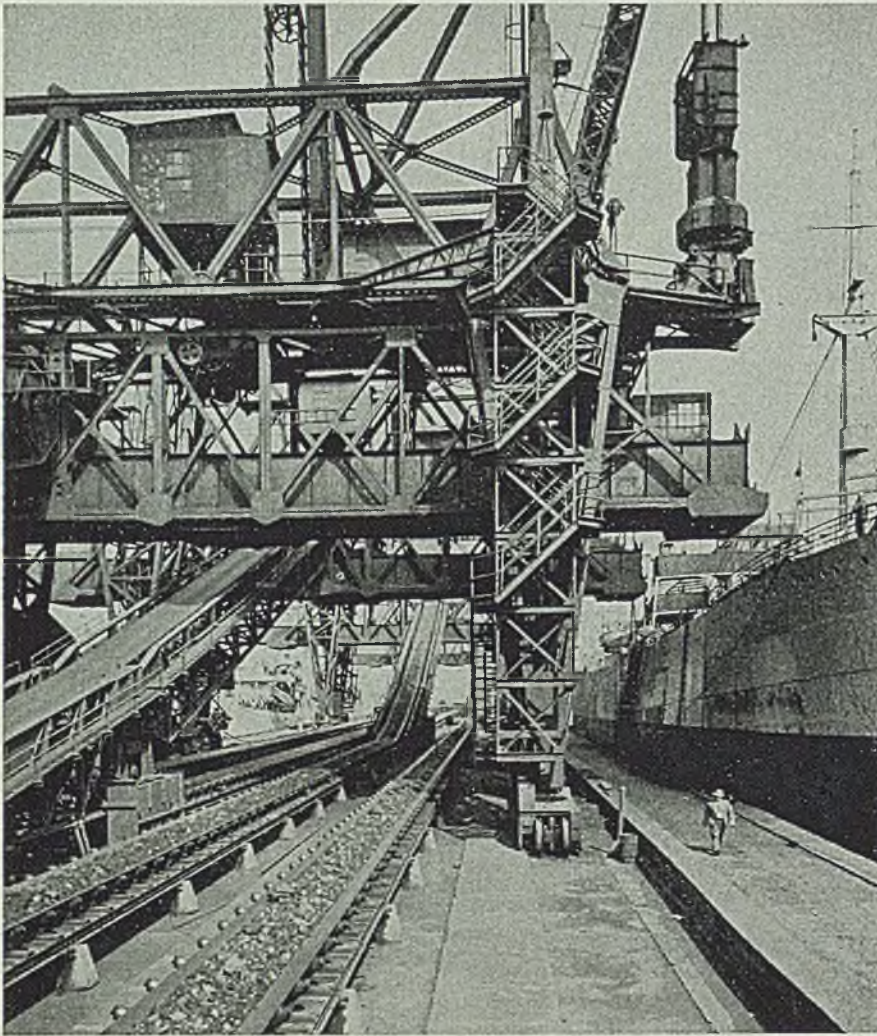
coal supplies is expected to develop soon after the discontinuance of vessel shipments of coal to upper Great Lakes ports around Nov. 1. However, an offsetting factor is relatively heavy European requirements, estimated between 6 to 8 million tons, which are likely to be met over the remainder of this year. More than 350,000 tons of coal are scheduled to be shipped to Italy during September.

Production of bituminous coal to date this year is 7.5 per cent below output in the corresponding period of 1944. According to the National Coal Association, output from Jan. 1 through Sept. 8 totaled approximately 403,216,000 compared with 435,756,000 tons in the like 1944 period. In the week ended Sept. 8, the latest for which reports are available, output totaled 9,790,000 net tons.

The bituminous coal mining industry enters the postwar period facing a continued tremendous demand for fuel for all purposes. Industrial consumption is not expected to show any material decline for several years in view of the high promise of active industrial operations in catching up with the pentup demand for civilian goods of all kinds built up during the war years.

Facing this prospect of uninterrupted volume demand, coal mine operators are reported giving increased attention to programs for the mechanization of their properties. Estimated capital investments for such mechanization over the next five years go as high as \$200 million, including installation of new equipment and rehabilitation of facilities.

Cutting of coal by machinery was in-



Shipments of coal to foreign countries or to other ports in the United States are made over great coal loading piers like this one at Curtis Bay in Baltimore. The pier has a loading capacity of 7000 tons an hour. Wide World photo

roduced sometime around 1890. Since then use of such machinery has increased steadily so that today it is estimated approximately 90 per cent of bituminous coal production involves power-driven cutters.

Mechanical loading has been gaining rapidly in favor in recent years. As a matter of fact, when workers and operators talk about mechanization in the mines they generally mean mechanical

loading. According to the Bituminous Coal Institute, mechanical loading of coal, introduced shortly after the first world war, today has spread to about 50 per cent of the industry and expectations are that by 1960 fully 85 per cent will be using mechanical loaders.

Use of mechanical loaders in turn has led to the introduction of devices and equipment designed to clean the coal as it comes from the mine.

Midwest Industrial Centers Report Rapid Strides Toward Full Peacetime Production

REPORTS from thirteen district offices in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin indicate full production for civilian use is closer than the public realizes, according to Samuel J. Campbell, regional director, War Production Board, Region VI.

It is estimated that of 21,172 regional factories checked, 16,143 are busy, while of the 14,000 plants in the Chicago dis-

trict 12,600 are going at a good clip either at civilian work or turning out the substantial volume of war contracts necessary to keep the military establishment supplied. Of the 14,000 factories and shops in the Chicago district, it is estimated 70 per cent are working, to the capacity of their available labor force, 20 per cent are hampered owing to the lack of certain materials still in short

supply and 10 per cent are still in the process of reconversion.

Other WPB districts reporting a high rate of return to normal productivity besides that of Chicago were Milwaukee and Madison, Wis., Indianapolis and South Bend, Ind. Shortages reported were mainly in iron castings, some critical metal components, in machine tools worn out in war production, building materials (mainly lumber and brick), and in certain localities skilled and common labor was lacking at the peacetime wage certain factories were able to pay.

War Production Board districts made the following comments in their reports:

CHICAGO: "Civilian production hampered by lack of gray iron castings, light gage sheet steel, screw machine products and components as well as screw stock and machine shop equipment."

PEORIA: "Four distilleries still making commercial alcohol for synthetic rubber program. Shortage of gray iron castings. Production hampered by reluctance of labor to return to jobs paying less than wartime wages."

ROCKFORD: "Getting requests for assistance in finding sources to place forgings as well as castings of all types except nonferrous."

EVANSVILLE, IND.: "The only bottleneck we have is the scarcity of brick which hampers construction. Order backlog consists of 80 per cent of 1944 production."

FT. WAYNE, IND.: "Securing material is uppermost question and ceiling price on these materials."

INDIANAPOLIS: "Many plants need assistance in getting materials; others need new construction and assistance on components and equipment."

SOUTH BEND, IND.: "Full employment expected by Oct. 1 with no difficulties foreseen in labor or materials market. Practically all plants in the district which takes in 12 northwestern Indiana counties, now engaged in civilian work."

DAVENPORT, IOWA: "The problem of securing malleable and gray iron castings seems to be the greatest obstacle. Also fractional horsepower motors. There is a lack of galvanized sheets."

DES MOINES, IOWA: "Principal difficulties are shortages of foundry production, particularly malleable iron castings and inability to get delivery on some controlled materials."

GREEN BAY, WIS.: "Shortage of castings, steel, machine tools, lumber, pulleys, rags, shipping cartons and labor."

MADISON, WIS.: "Many worn out machines need to be replaced from government surplus stock lists. Shortage of saw mill labor retarding the construction industry."

MILWAUKEE: "One of the large problems is the distribution of government owned tools, buildings, etc. Shortage of materials still continue."

Aluminum Co. of America Breakup Recommended by Attorney General

Clark contends independent companies haven't fair chance, even with modern government-owned plants. Alcoa counters by pointing out it has only 36 per cent of smelting capacity, while government owns 57 per cent. Assails subsidies

SPLITTING up of the Aluminum Co. of America into a number of competing companies as the "only solution" of the alleged aluminum monopoly was recommended to Congress last week by Attorney General Tom C. Clark.

Alcoa's position, according to Mr. Clark, is so strong that "independent enterprise, no matter how efficient or resourceful, could not overcome Alcoa's aggregation of advantages . . ."

The company's strength, the attorney

general says, stems from advantages in bauxite and power supply, plant locations, market and financial strength and connections with foreign producers.

Mr. Clark doubted that surplus government-owned aluminum plants could be disposed of in such a manner as to create the proper competition in the industry, for the following reasons:

"1. Alcoa has practically all the domestic high-grade bauxite available for aluminum production. The foreign de-

posits held by Alcoa and its private fleet of ships enable it to bring in bauxite at a lower net cost than anyone else has yet achieved.

"2. Alcoa has the best power for its own use. No one else can get as cheap power for aluminum production, not even from the government projects.

"3. The integrated system of private Alcoa plants is much better located and of more suitable size for economical postwar operation than any combination of DPC and independent plants."

In reply, the Aluminum company pointed out that the government-owned aluminum smelting plants are the most modern in the world and account for 57 per cent of the industry's capacity, with Alcoa having 36 per cent and Reynolds Metals Co., 7 per cent.

"There is no reason why the government-owned plants cannot be successfully operated if they are efficiently managed," the company said. The company assailed the idea that operators of government-owned plants should be subsidized.

"There is no shortage of bauxite, the raw material from which aluminum is made," the company contends.

"The dissolution of Alcoa as proposed by the attorney general would destroy property values running into millions of dollars owned by thousands of small investors and, in an unusually large proportion, by religious, educational and charitable institutions as well as insurance companies. Moreover, it would be directly contrary to the findings of the courts which tried this issue."

Present, Past and Pending

VACUUM CLEANER PRODUCTION EXPECTED TO RISE

WASHINGTON—Vacuum cleaner production may rise to 25 or 30 per cent of the prewar manufacturing rate by January, according to WPB. This means the rate may be to 100,000 or 150,000 in the fourth quarter. In 1940 the industry produced 603,000 units.

ASK FLOOR UNDER LCL FREIGHT RATES

WASHINGTON—Motor carriers have petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to place a floor under railroad less-than-carload freight rates. They claim the commission's class rate ruling of May 15 if adhered to will compel the railroads to charge rates which not only are not compensatory to the railroads but also will destroy or impair motor carrier transport service.

EVANS PRODUCTS CO. BUYS PLYMOUTH, MICH., PLANT

PLYMOUTH, MICH.—Sale of the government-owned munitions plant operated here by the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. to the Evans Products Co., Detroit, has been announced by the Surplus Property Division of the RFC.

GE AWARDS CONTRACTS FOR ELECTRONIC DEVELOPMENT

PHILADELPHIA, N. Y.—General Electric Co. has awarded contracts to the Walsh Construction Co., New York, for erection of ten buildings at the company's projected Electric Park development here. A 155-acre site is being developed at a cost of about \$10 million.

NAVY STILL HAS \$3.9 BILLION UNCANCELED CONTRACTS

NEW YORK—Although more than \$8.3 billion in war contracts have been terminated by the Navy since V-J Day, about \$3.9 billion still remain on the books which the Navy wants to conclude as quickly as possible. Schedule calls for filing of all claims by Oct. 15, review of claims by Nov. 15 and final settlement by Dec. 15.

WICKWIRE SPENCER WILL RETAIN IDENTITY

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—The Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. will not lose its identity in the proposed merger with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp., according to President E. Perry Holder.

STEEL FOR SALE PRODUCTION DECLINING

NEW YORK—Production of steel made for sale in July totaled 5,214,074 net tons, compared with 5,597,631 tons in July, 1944, according to the American Iron & Steel Institute. Largest decline was in sheared and universal plates, which totaled 1,055,444 tons in July, 1944, and 615,484 tons last July.

SURPLUS PROPERTY SALES BY RFC INCREASE SHARPLY

WASHINGTON—Total sales of surplus property by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. in July showed an increase of \$9,604,000 over the preceding month, while the amount of goods on hand increased by \$36 million from June to July.

Colorado Steel Firm Makes Lease Offer on Geneva

Five-year lease of the Defense Plant Corp.'s Geneva, Utah, steel plant has been proposed by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp., it was reported last week. The Colorado company, in making its proposal, asked that the government install approximately \$60 million of additional facilities needed to convert the plant to peacetime production. It offered to supervise the installation of the new facilities and operate the plant in its present condition during the installation period.

Under the plan as outlined by E. Perry Holder, representing the directors of the Colorado company, a new corporation would be formed to be known as the Geneva Steel Corp. It would issue preferred stock amounting up to \$15 million to provide working capital.

Proposed rentals to be paid the Defense Plant Corp. range from 25 cents a ton on pig iron to 50 cents a ton on billets, and from 50 cents a ton on hot rolled strip steel to \$1.50 a ton on tin plate. Net profits in excess of \$3 per ton would be divided, half to the government to reduce the plant valuation and half to retire preferred stock.

Wartime Agencies Consolidated in Labor Department

Schwellenbach given additional authority to handle reconversion labor problems as strikes slow resumption of civilian goods production. Moves to rebuild conciliation service

CONSOLIDATION of most of the government agencies dealing with labor problems into the Department of Labor last week was hailed as a salutary step but was considered an incomplete answer to a troubled labor situation in which 200,000 were on strike and in which demands for large wage increases and threats of more strikes threatened to disrupt the reconversion program.

President Truman transferred the War Manpower Commission and the War Labor Board to the jurisdiction of Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach. These agencies have been operating independently during the war, and were responsible only to the President, a situation which seriously restricted the authority of the secretary of labor.

At the same time, the Chief Executive abolished the Office of Economic Stabilization and transferred its functions to the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion under John W. Snyder. The head of the OES, William H. Davis, former chairman of the WLB, caused the administration embarrassment when he was quoted as favoring wage increases of 50 per cent within the next five years without any increases in prices. In announcing the dissolution of the OES, President Truman remarked that these views were those of Mr. Davis and not of the administration.

The reorganization of the labor agencies leaves the National Labor Relations Board and the Fair Employment Practice Committee as the only important labor agencies not under the jurisdiction of Mr. Schwellenbach. These two groups may be placed in the Department of Labor later.

Under the new setup, Mr. Schwellenbach is given more authority than any previous labor secretary has had. All indications are that he will need all the authority he can muster to resolve the pending and threatened labor disputes.

Demands for wage increases that would stabilize wartime take-home pay for shortened peacetime work-weeks already are pending in many of the basic industries.

The United Steelworkers of America-

CIO has formulated a demand for a \$2 a day increase, an advance which producers say would add \$6 a ton to the losses they already are suffering on most peacetime products. Prior to the filing of the union's demand steel producers had applied to the Office of Price Administration for an increase of \$7 a ton. Apparently this application will be stymied by the union's wage demands. Some observers believe it is unlikely that any action will be taken on the price relief request until steel wages are stabilized—at present or somewhat higher levels. This probably will be a task that will be handled at the White House level—by the President, Secretary Schwellenbach and Mr. Snyder.

Overshadowing the steelworkers' demands is the situation in Detroit where United Automobile Workers are demanding a 30 per cent increase in wage rates and where progress on reconversion has been slowed to a snail's pace by strikes in critical plants. Last week the autoworkers showed signs of retreating from their position and indicated a willingness to accept



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a token increase for the present (page 101).

One of Secretary Schwellenbach's actions after the reorganization of labor agencies was to appoint Ed Warren, chairman of the Chicago region WLB, as head of the United States Conciliation Service, which Mr. Schwellenbach plans to build to new stature. His first assignment to Mr. Warren was critical Detroit automotive situation.

The United Farm Equipment Metal Workers posed demands for flat per cent increases in hourly rates to be in midwestern farm implement and machinery manufacturers.

The Oil Workers Union asked a 30 per cent increase of Socony-Vacuum Oil and some 500 workers at Chicago struck to enforce their demand. The strike last week appeared to be spreading to Texas and other oil centers.

Unrest continued in the rubber center of Akron where workers are demanding for a 30 cent hourly increase. Westinghouse Electric Corp. salaried workers continued on strike, affecting shipments that company's products to other industries awaiting equipment for reconversion. Scores of other walkouts throughout the country accounted for millions of thousands of idle men.

Union Ignores Facts, Says U. S. Steel Finance Chief

Facts were ignored by the United Steelworkers of America-CIO in a pamphlet and publicity release charging the steel industry had made \$2 billion in "open and concealed" profits during the war, according to E. M. Voorhies, chairman of the finance committee of the United States Steel Corp. The pamphlet was issued in support of



—By Thomas, in Detroit News

demand for a \$2 a day wage increase. "As far as U. S. Steel is concerned," Mr. Voorhees said, "its total earnings for the five-year period 1940-1944 inclusive, were \$413 million, or an average annual income of 4.8 per cent of its investment. In the same five-year period, it paid dividends to its preferred stockholders of \$126 million at the prescribed rate of \$7 per share, and to its common stockholders of \$174 million at the rate of \$4 per share—a rate unchanged since 1940. Its wage, salary, social security tax and pension costs of 83% billions applicable to an average of 310,000 employees were more than 12 times as much as paid to its 225,000 stockholders.

"The 13 operating subsidiaries of U. S. Steel producing, fabricating and distributing steel products under war contracts subject to renegotiation of profits were found by the Navy Price Administration Board—acting for all government agencies—to have realized no excessive profits on war contracts."

Edward L. Ryerson, chairman, Inland Steel Co., Chicago, said the statement of Philip Murray dealing with the "hidden earnings" of the steel industry during war years represents a gross misstatement in so far as it relates to Inland Steel. For 1936 Inland showed a net profit of \$12,801,000. During the period 1936 to 1939, Inland increased its ingot capacity by 1,100,000 tons or approximately 56.8 per cent and expended approximately \$48,795,523 for that purpose. For 1944 Inland showed a net profit of \$10,249,000.

All charges for depreciation, accelerated amortization and depletion made during the war years and previous years were in complete accord with the federal government's approval for such charges, said Mr. Ryerson, and no excessive reserves were set up during any of the war years for unknown contingencies.

Industry Estimates Wage Advance Would Increase Costs \$6 per Ton

Spokesmen say union's demands cannot be met unless prices are raised materially. Two-thirds of carbon products now being made at loss, due to cost increases imposed during war. Application to raise steel product ceilings pending before OPA

STEEL wages cannot be increased unless steel prices are advanced materially.

This was the reaction of the steel industry to the demand of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO for a \$2 a day increase. Industry statisticians figure the requested wage increase would boost direct steelmaking costs by at least \$6 a ton, at a time when producers are losing money on two-thirds of the carbon steel products at present prices.

A request for a price increase to take care of wage and other costs imposed during the war years is pending before the Office of Price Administration.

The union's proposal for a 25-cent hourly increase, according to Benjamin F. Fairless, president, United States Steel Corp., means a 32 per cent increase in the basic steel labor rate, and a 21 per cent increase in the average overall straight time rate in U. S. Steel's steel producing operations.

"Wages cannot be considered separate and apart from steel prices. Wages paid in the steel industry and in the industries from which steel manufacturers obtain the articles and services needed for their operations represent a major cost of making steel. The Office of Price Administration now has data from steel companies making 85 per cent of the country's ingot tonnage which show that on an overall average basis these steel companies are

losing money on two-thirds of the tonnage they produce.

"The reason is simple. It is because costs of making steel products, primarily labor costs, went up during the war far more rapidly than they could be absorbed, while, except for minor adjustments, OPA ceiling prices did not advance. Any national policy which is concerned with maximum employment must help to create conditions under which employment in private industry is possible. Industry cannot employ, much less expand employment, except as it is permitted to earn a fair return.

"United States Steel has on many occasions declared in favor of high wages, and wages today are certainly far from low in the steel industry. The average steelworker with an average hourly rate ranging about \$1.15 per hour, without any consideration of overtime, will take home \$9.20 for an eight hour day. Considering overtime, which in the steel industry is still very much in the picture, the average hourly rate is about \$1.30 an hour. When you consider that two out of every three steelworkers make more than \$1 an hour at present rates, without overtime, it ought to be clear that steel wages are not low.

Disadvantage Has Grown

"Cost and prices vary among steel products but I am convinced that on the average there has been a net change since 1940 of at least \$7 or \$8 per ton to the disadvantage of the steel producer. During the war period, some steel companies were able to stand these increased costs because of war products which they made. But the war is over. Anyone should be able to see what is bound to happen; any businessman or head of a family can understand very quickly that you cannot go on paying out more money than is taken in. It is just as simple as that.

"On top of this \$7 or \$8 penalty already incurred, the union wants wage increases which will raise the cost of producing steel at least \$6 a ton on the average. Furthermore, the union wants the steel industry to absorb this additional cost, along with all other increased costs since 1940, without raising prices.

"We cannot today think in terms of more wage increases in steel, except in terms of material price increases. That is, we can't if we are to stay in business, because staying in business means staying out of the red. The matter accordingly is a question of government policy."



Hundreds of unfinished automobiles await parts on Ford assembly lines, closed because of a strike in a supplier's plant. NEA photo

Modernization Program Urged For Foundries

Speaker tells Pittsburgh group individual operators must be alert in meeting postwar competition

BENEFITS accruing from modernization of foundry operations as well as marketing practices were described by Lester B. Knight, consulting engineer, Chicago, speaking at the Pittsburgh Foundrymen's Association's initial meeting of the 1945-46 season in Pittsburgh last week. Mr. Knight spoke in similar vein before the Northeastern Ohio chapter of the American Foundrymen's Association at Cleveland, Sept. 13.

Every foundry must be constantly on the alert to modernize its thinking, production methods and facilities in order to insure quality products at low unit cost in meeting postwar competition not only from within its respective industry but from other industries, Mr. Knight said.

No two foundries present identical conditions so it is of paramount importance that the modernization program be developed to fit local conditions with sufficient flexibility to allow efficient operation under varying work loads. Until recently the jobbing or production jobbing type foundry believed modernization and mechanization was all right for the production foundry, but could not be applied to their conditions, he said. Some jobbing foundries did get into financial difficulties by trying to copy production equipment for jobbing requirements. Today, however, there are many modern, mechanized (to a degree) jobbing and jobbing production foundries that are highly successful.

After proper consideration of the overall layout, based on the mission the foundry is expected to accomplish, a detailed analysis of requirements and costs should be developed to illustrate the economies of the proposed changes, Mr. Knight stated. The foundry industry is a feast and famine business, hence any major expenditure should be self-amortizing in direct material and labor savings in not more than three years.

Foundry modernization involves the following four basic steps, according to Mr. Knight:

1. Personnel must be properly organized with clear cut lines of responsibility, and authority commensurate with that responsibility.
2. Establishment of closer control of the variables affecting the production of high quality castings at low cost, such



OUTLINES BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC PICTURE: Lord John Maynard Keynes, left, economic adviser to the British Treasury, and British Ambassador Lord Halifax, center, give reporters a picture of Great Britain's economic status at a Washington press conference. At right is Harold Butler, representative of the British Ministry of Information. NEA photo

as hourly or daily inspection of the scrap, etc.

3. Development of a more thorough knowledge of costs of the various operations in the plant, without which it is impossible to put emphasis on those operations or departments where unit costs are high and thus make the necessary changes in methods, procedures, personnel or facilities to secure low cost unit output.

4. Mechanization of facilities wher-

ever possible but only after an analysis and survey of each of the several departments in the plant, with a close check on production methods and costs.

M. J. Kellner, superintendent of foundry operations, Walworth Co., Greensburg, Pa., will discuss steel foundry practice at the association's October meeting. Kellner is vice president of the Steel Founders' Society of America, Cleveland, and the Pittsburgh Foundrymen's Association.

Krug Tells New England Council That He Expects Boom by June

SPEAKING before more than 200 industrialists and businessmen gathered at Hotel Statler, Boston, Sept. 14, for the quarterly convention of the New England Council, J. A. Krug, chairman, War Production Board, said the War Production Board "is on the way out," with no possibility of its perpetuation as a major industrial control agency under peacetime conditions.

Because of the success of overall scheduling and control of production as a wartime expedient, there had been—Mr. Krug admitted—some temptation to carry on similar activities in Washington after the war.

However, when all factors were weighed carefully, it became obvious to the would-be planner that the only way to achieve quick postwar prosperity, was to turn industry back to the "2000 or 3000 entrepreneurs" who understand

the intricacies and peculiarities of manufacturing and marketing the thousands and one products which will bring prosperity now. Control of a few strategic materials such as raw rubber and tin will continue for a while "then we will be out of a job."

Basing his assertions on reports by leading industrialists and on the actual plans of 375 companies, he expressed belief a nation-wide industrial boom will be under way by June of 1946 with the level then exceeding that of 1939-40 by at least 87 per cent. December of this year, he expected activity at 12 per cent over the 1939-40 base period.

He stated that reliable authorities estimate construction volume for 1946 at \$6,500 million, which will be 44 per cent above 1945. Factory construction alone, in 1946, will reach \$950 million

argest in history—if present plans are carried through.

In introducing Mr. Krug, Frederick Blackall Jr., president, Taft-Peirce Mfg. Co., Woonsocket, R. I., and president of the New England Council, made some significant remarks. In a strong plea for more vigorous national advertising and selling activities by New England industries, Mr. Blackall said: "What is needed at this time is less of the Calvin Coolidge and more of the G. B. Rose in our marketing methods. New England must overcome its natural timidity and shout the merits of its products continuously and vigorously."

Mr. Blackall sees in development of the answer to the argument, occasionally encountered, to the effect that "You folks are too far away." This already makes it possible for men from the home office and vitally needed parts, tools, etc. to be at hand in distant places in short order. The time is not far distant, Mr. Blackall believes, when the same thing will be true of items now thought of primarily as conventional freight shipments.

MEETINGS . . .

Association of Iron & Steel Engineers: Annual fall meeting, district sessions as follows: Sept. 26, Pittsburgh; Oct. 1, Chicago; Oct. 3, Cleveland; Oct. 6, Philadelphia.

Oct. 19-20, Foundry Equipment Manufacturers' Association: Annual meeting, Jamestead Hotel, Hot Springs, Va. Arthur J. Tuscany, Engineers Bldg., Cleveland, executive secretary.

Oct. 23-24, Gray Iron Founders' Society: Annual meeting, Chicago. W. G. Rose, 1010 Public Square Bldg., Cleveland, executive vice president.

Jan. 8-10, 1946, Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel Inc.: Eighteenth annual convention, Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis. Edna C. Barringer, 1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, president.

May 6-10, 1946, American Foundrymen's Association: Fiftieth annual Foundry Congress and Show at Cleveland. W. W. Maloney, 222 West Adams St., Chicago, secretary.

Postwar Plans for Texas Blast Furnace Uncertain

Officials of the Lone Star Steel Co. are anxious to learn the government's postwar plans with respect to the \$25 million blast furnace and coke oven plant financed at Daingerfield, Tex. This long-planned development is not in production because there are no facilities at Daingerfield for converting pig iron into steel, according to John W. Carpenter, chairman, Tex., who is president of the Lone Star Steel Co. He says construction of a cast iron pipe plant would provide a large outlet for the product of the furnace.

War Production Board To Eliminate Rest Of Steel Industry Reports by Year End

STEEL producers will not be required to file any reports with the War Production Board after the end of this year. A total of 17 reports formerly required from various segments of the industry for prosecution of the war have been discontinued since Aug. 20, ten will be eliminated with reports covering operations in September, one in October and three at the end of the year, WPB has announced.

Discontinuance of the reporting forms was announced by William B. Todd, director, Steel Division, in a letter to all steel producers. He disclosed that for a short period it will be necessary for steel mills to file a report on a new form in which is to be incorporated some of the data now required on WPB-2633, Report of Shipments and Past Due Orders; WPB-2848, Steel Producers Monthly Production Directive Report; and WPB-3329, Tin Plate Inventory Report. The filing of these forms is to be discontinued with the reports covering September operations. The new form will be due in the Steel Division on Nov. 10, covering October shipments and accepted rated orders.

Filing of the following reports has been discontinued: WPB-689, Chromium: Stocks, Consumption; WPB-1583, Structural Shapes—Weekly Rolling Schedule; WPB-1770, Ferroalloys: Permission to Use; WPB-2362, Columbium: Stocks, Consumption; WPB-2871, Nickel: Stocks, Receipts, Consumption; WPB-2872, Nickel Chemicals: Suppliers Schedule; WPB-2933, Alloy Steel Melt Report; WPB-3452, Cobalt Sales Data;

WPB-3453, Molybdenum Sales Data; WPB-3454, Vanadium Sales Data; WPB-3580, Scrap Consumption in Alloy Steel Production; WPB-3859, Production Service Report; WPB-3864, Sisal and Jute Quarterly Requirements; WPB-3867, Wire Rope: Producers Planned Production; WPB-4165, Tire Bead Wire Shipments; WPB-4167, Rail, Frog and Switch Requirements; and WPB-4298, Tungsten and Molybdenum Wire Application.

Reports to be discontinued with the report covering operations for September are: WPB-970, Steel Forgings Report; WPB-971, Iron Castings Report; WPB-1722, Steel Distributors Earmarked Stock; WPB-2633, Report of Shipments and Past Due Orders; WPB-2681, Steel Castings Report; WPB-2848, Monthly Production Directive Report; WPB-2888, General Steel Products: Distributors Report (Third Quarter); WPB-2892, Merchant Trade Products: Distributors Report (Third Quarter); WPB-3196, Application for Extraordinary Repairs; and WPB-3329, Tin Plate: Inventory Report. The pig iron producers report, WPB-3174, will be discontinued following the report for October operations, while the following will be discontinued with the report covering operations for December: WPB-2903, Scrap: Producers Report; WPB-2904, Scrap: Consumers Report; and WPB-2905, Scrap: Dealers Report.

It is understood that a minimum of reporting will be maintained by other government agencies in the following fields: Steel forging, iron and steel castings, general steel and merchant trade products distributors, and scrap.

Stainless Steel Market Seen Temporarily Unsettled by Multiple Basing Point Setup

MULTIPLE basing point system recently established by stainless steel producers is expected to cause some confusion in the market due to the highly specialized nature of the industry. Some producers, for instance, make only strip and narrow sheet and would not be competitive pricewise at their basing points with other companies so far as wider sheets are concerned. This lack of uniformity extends through various gages and specifications.

Following action taken by several producers recently in setting up production locations as their basing points, Republic Steel Corp., Cleveland, established Canton, O., as a basing point for stainless steel forging billets, hot-rolled bars, cold-finished bars and wire, hot and cold-rolled strip, sheets and plates.

Joslyn Mfg. & Supply Co., Ft. Wayne,

Ind., has established Ft. Wayne as a basing point for stainless steel bars. The company announced that freight charges will be based not only from Ft. Wayne but from any other published basing point for this product.

Another producer of stainless steel products, Eastern Stainless Steel Corp., Baltimore, last week announced establishment of Baltimore as a basing point on stainless steel sheets and plates, effective Sept. 20.

The multiple basing point pricing system becomes a market factor at a time when demand for stainless steel from civilian goods producers is soaring to new heights. The armed services required stainless steel for the production of a multitude of items during the war. Even before the outbreak of war, however, the

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More Eastern Industries Planning Branch Plants in Pacific Area

At least 300 companies are reported planning such action with at least 500 seriously considering the possibilities in their post-war programs. Industrial expansion in the district getting off to good start

SAN FRANCISCO

EASTERN industry is showing increasing interest in business possibilities on the West Coast. It is estimated that at least 500 eastern companies are seriously interested in establishing branches in the area, a number that is expected to grow. Southern Pacific Co., which recently surveyed such plans, found at least 300 companies actively planning such moves.

Meanwhile, in the San Francisco area, many industrial expansion programs are off to a good start. As illustration, the following are among the larger projects:

Crown Cork & Seal Co. plans a factory on a 33 acre site, which will cost \$3 million and employ 1500 to 2000.

General Electric Co. is planning widespread expansion, including a \$3 million plant at San Jose.

International Minerals & Chemical Corp. has projected a large plant near

San Jose for processing sugar beet pulp waste.

Continental Can Co. will build another 350,000 can factory, and Pacific Can Co. has plans for a similar sized plant in this area. Glass Containers Inc., has just opened a large glass bottle and fruit jar plant near San Francisco.

One of the largest new projects will be Columbia Steel Co.'s \$25 million sheet and tin plate rolling mill.

Many plants are planning modernization and rehabilitation of structures and equipment. For example, Paraffine Companies Inc., will spend \$4,500,000 on improvement and expansion of its plant at Emeryville. In addition it will invest \$1 million in a paper mill and power plant.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce recently said prospects are excellent for providing 40,000 to 46,000 more jobs in the postwar period than in 1940.

Industrial Expansion Going Ahead at Fast Pace in the Southern California District

LOS ANGELES

FOURTEEN factories were built in Los Angeles during August, with total investment of \$1,385,000, creating 748 new jobs for factory workers. During the same period, 20 existing plants were expanded, additional investment being \$1,995,000, with creation of 464 jobs.

Following are briefs of activities in the new development by companies engaged in metal or allied lines.

Electric Household Utilities Corp., Hurley Machine Division, Chicago, will begin manufacturing operations in Los Angeles and will be in full production by 1946 on washing machines, dish-washers and ironers.

Bendix Aviation Corp., Radio Division; home radios and radio phonograph combinations.

Rotor-Craft Corp., 4358 W. Third St., will start manufacture of helicopters on mass scale.

Vac-Seal Laboratories, 947 Yale St. (formerly of New Jersey), will start making special electronic devices and insulators.

Schrader Electronic & Coil Corp., 5732 Duarte St.; electronic equipment and coil winding.

Zirkite Refractory Products, 11320 S.

Atlantic Blvd., Lynwood, is manufacturing crucible and furnace coatings. A. A. Ortega, manager.

Wedglock Mfg. Co., 1682 W. 35th Place, making dies, tools, sheet fasteners for aircraft, garden tools.

Morris P. Kirk & Son Inc., 2717 S. Indiana St., to start production of sheet lead and lead pipe.

Byron Jackson Co., 2301 E. Vernon Ave., expanded production of pumps and oil well equipment at main plant in Los Angeles.

Texas Co., Wilmington, will erect steel frame buildings with traveling crane at cost of \$150,000.

Shepard Tractor & Equipment Co., 150 W. Jefferson Blvd., constructing 80,000 sq ft of floor space at 4647 Bandini Blvd. Fabricates dozers and assembles generators, marine and industrial engines and will represent Caterpillar Tractor Co., in this area.

Continental Can Co., 3820 Union Pacific Ave.; has permit for erection of warehouse at cost of \$99,500.

Holly Heating & Mfg. Co., 1000 Fair Oaks, Pasadena; new 22,000 sq ft building at 875 Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena, to make residential hot air furnaces.

Paul G. Wanger Co., 2865 E. Washing-

ton Blvd.; building 17,000 sq ft addition for producing screw machine products, aircraft tools and parts, fruit juice dispensers.

Coast Sheet Metal Works, 17 N. Magnolia, Burbank, is constructing 10,500 sq ft building at 59 Orange Grove Ave., Burbank, for making sheet metal products and for machine and welding operations.

Truck Bodies Co., 2865 E. 26th St., to occupy new 9000 sq ft building about Oct. 1. Makes truck and trailer bodies.

Los Angeles Brush & Mfg. Co., 224 E. 37th St., building an 8500 sq ft plant for increased production industrial and household brushes.

Absco Welded Products Co., 5244 V Adams Blvd., expanding by 7000 sq ft for manufacture of oil field equipment and steel fabrication.

Zinsmeyer Co., 729 Turney St., building 6500 sq ft addition for switchboard, switches, lighting fixtures and motor control production.

Globe Products Co., 3380 Roberts Blvd., has purchased Machine Tool Division of Clayton Mfg. Co., Alhambra. Globe now makes hand screw machine bed turrets, cross slides, vises, mill end mill holders, dividing heads, arbor step blocks, milling dogs and work holding fixtures.

Peacetime Products Shown In Los Angeles Exhibit

Nearly 200 exhibitors displayed war products of many sorts at the second annual "Industry on Parade" exhibition held in Los Angeles recently. Machine tool castings, boats and household appliances were shown either by Southern California manufacturers of the various articles or by local representatives of eastern plants. Such goods formed the majority of the displays.

According to many observers, there was a notable dearth of newer peacetime goods on view at the show, the majority of exhibits featuring articles and tools of the "old line," standard type.

Merchant Shipbuilding Drops to 36-Month Low

Merchant shipbuilding dropped to a 36-month low during August with delivery of 84 vessels aggregating 82,817 deadweight tons from 30 shipyards. United States Maritime Commission announced recently. Geographical distribution by yards on the basis of number of vessels and deadweight tonnage, respectively, was as follows: West Coast, 31 and 336,220; East Coast, 21 and 286,106; Gulf Coast, 21 and 173,400; Great Lakes, 6 and 30,060. Eight of ships delivered were for military use. Other types were: 28 Victory cargo, 6 Liberty cargo, 10 C-type cargo, 18 Liberty colliers, 18 coastal cargo, standard tankers, and 2 coastal tankers.

WPB Tightens Restrictions on Use Of Tin as Supplies Drop Further

Cancellations of war contracts fail to release any appreciable amount of metal for other uses. WPB amends orders M-43, limiting general purchases and reducing quotas for specified uses, to conserve 95,000-ton supply

CANCELLATIONS of war contracts have not released any appreciable amount of tin for other uses. Supplies of the metal remain extremely tight and will fall short of covering total requirements, the War Production Board reports.

Tin plate will be required in even greater amounts than in 1944; bronze requirements are principally naval, and any cutbacks in new naval construction will be partially offset by the rapidly mounting replacement and maintenance requirements. This will also be true of tin used in babbitt metal. If tin were allowed to be used for new civilian programs on an unrestricted basis, WPB believes consumption might reach an annual rate of 120,000 tons compared with 90,352 tons in 1944 and 81,840 in 1943. Since United States tin stocks total only about 95,000 tons, restrictions must be continued to prevent complete exhaustion of supplies.

Amendments of M-43

WPB has amended order M-43 in several important respects as follows: (1) quantity of pig tin that any user may purchase for use in accordance with the order will be three tons a month, instead of five tons; (2) maximum sale to any customer shall not exceed one ton, as compared with former limitation of three tons; all users of tin must file reports on WPB-412 if they use, or have in their possession, 3000 pounds or more, instead of 3000 pounds per month as formerly; (4) maximum permitted use of tin in solder has been reduced from 50 per cent to 40 per cent and quota amounts of pig tin for use in solders have been reduced to 90 per cent of the base period (fourth quarter, 1944); (5) quota amounts of pig tin in babbitts (for bearings) have been reduced to 80 per cent of the base period and the tin content of low tin babbitts from 12 per cent to 10 per cent; (6) quota amounts of pig tin in bronzes and cast alloys have been cut from 80 per cent of the base period to 60 per cent and wrought alloys from 80 per cent to 70 per cent; (7) quota amounts of pig tin in tin plate have been reduced to 95 per cent of the base period.

A considerable amount of scrap of high tin content is "backing up" which will be available to supply all expected requirements of copper-base alloys not requiring more than 6 per cent tin, according to WPB's Tin-Lead-Zinc Division.

The American government is making every effort to expedite the delivery of tin-producing equipment, which has been

requested by the Netherlands government. WPB anticipates receiving less pig tin in 1946 than in 1945 from the present sources of Bolivia, Belgian Congo, French Cameroons, Mexico and the Argentine. Part of the Belgian Congo output will be diverted to fill needs of the liberated areas and neutral countries; no more will arrive from Portugal because of the end of preclusive purchasing in that country; the small receipts from China will cease and be diverted to consuming countries in that part of the world.

New Construction Expected To Increase by 44 Per Cent

A vast program of new construction, aimed at reducing unemployment and expanding peacetime production, is well under way, according to the War Production Board's first monthly report on "Construction for Reconversion."

Subsequent to publication of this re-

port, limitations on home, commercial and public works construction were removed as of Oct. 15 by revocation of order L-41. WPB cautioned, however, that a shortage of building materials, including cast iron soil pipe, does exist and will continue for the next quarter.

A WPB survey of 41 selected industries, covering 4101 companies, showed the value of construction, tools and equipment projects now under way or planned for completion within the next 12 months totaled \$520,225,000. It was pointed out that the industries covered in the survey do not constitute the entire reconversion field and that all reconversion industries as a group account for only a fraction of the total industrial plant and equipment expansion planned for the next year. Prominent examples of plant and equipment expansion, other than in the reconversion industries, are in the food processing and textile fields.

"During 1945," J. A. Krug, WPB chairman said, "more than 700,000 persons have been employed monthly in the construction industry. By 1946, this number is expected to increase to more than a million. This does not include employment generated by maintenance and repair activity."

The WPB report says total new construction in 1946 is expected to reach about \$6500 million, a 44 per cent rise from the 1945 level. Bulk of the overall increase will be privately-financed activity amounting to an estimated \$4350 million, an increase of 73 per cent over the 1945 total.

TRANSITION TOPICS

COAL—Ending of war averts crisis, but supply for winter months will be tight. Mines need 30,000 more workers. Between 6 and 8 million tons to be shipped to Europe during remainder of year. See page 85.

RECONVERSION—Midwestern plants report rapid progress toward large-scale production of civilian goods. See page 86.

ALUMINUM—Breakup of Aluminum Co. of America into several competing companies recommended by attorney general. See page 87.

LABOR—Consolidation of various war agencies into Department of Labor hailed as salutary step. Wage demands and strikes hampering reconversion. See page 88.

STAINLESS STEEL—Establishment of multiple basing points expected to have temporary unsettling effect on market. See page 91.

TIN—War Production Board tightens restrictions as supplies grow tighter. See page 93.

GERMAN STEEL—Reich potential still large despite Allied bombings. Half of capacity could be restored to production within three or four months and only 30 to 35 per cent needs complete rebuilding. See page 98.

AUTOMOBILES—Auto industry produced \$29 billion in war goods, Automotive Council for War Production reports. See page 102.

GREATER HANDLING EFFICIENCY—Continued research in handling and stowage methods has led to important increases in versatility and flexibility of handling materials and finished products on pallets. New Navy 8-way pallet reduces space requirements, increases strength. See page 148.

Unification of Tax Proposals by Business Representatives Unlikely

Clearing House Conference on Tax Problems has no intention of submitting tax program for all business and industry. Aims to provide opportunity for discussion and interchange of ideas on federal revenue legislation revisions

HOPES that the newly organized "Clearing House Conference on Tax Problems" might bring about a unification of the tax proposals of different associations of manufacturers and businessmen when the present federal tax law comes up for revision this fall apparently are being dissipated.

For many years it has been the custom of these associations to send their tax experts before the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee when new tax laws were in the making. Members of the committees frequently have complained that each expert looked at the problem merely in the interest of his own group. One expert would look at tax problems from the point of view of a manufacturer, another from the point of view of the small manufacturer, and others from the viewpoints of the distributor, the retailer, tax accountant, fiscal economist, etc. Views thus expressed often have been contradictory.

On several occasions, for example, Robert L. Doughton (Dem., N.C.), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, has explained that it is difficult to legislate a tax program intended to help industry for the reason that industry never has agreed on a program for business as a whole.

Tax Program Not Undertaken

The first discussion meeting of the Clearing House Conference on Tax Problems was held at the Carlton Hotel, Washington, Sept. 13, and, according to participants, it reflected no attempt to pave the way for agreement on a tax program acceptable to business and industry in general. During a short visit with Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson, the group made it clear that the only purpose of its meeting was to provide an opportunity for a general discussion and interchange of ideas on federal taxation. When Judge Vinson asked specifically whether the group would undertake to evolve a tax program for all of business and industry, he was told that no such move was intended.

A trade association executive who long has studied the possibilities of obtaining agreement from all segments of industry and business on a tax program, told STEEL, following the meeting, that he doubts seriously whether such an

objective is possible of accomplishment as industry is organized today.

"Each industry, business and profession," he points out, "has its own trade association and engages a staff which is paid to look after the interests of the group served by the association. You can get the experts of these different associations together physically, but it is another matter entirely to get them to

CHILE PLANS STEEL MILL

Export-Import Bank has approved a \$20 million loan to Chile for construction of a steel mill, according to Chilean authorities. A Chilean steel mission has been negotiating with United States equipment companies for machinery for the proposed mill. Tentative plans call for one or more electric furnaces at Concepcion, an oil-fired open hearth of 100,000 tons annual capacity, and finishing facilities for plates, rails, structural shapes and galvanized and tinned sheets. Project is being handled by Fomento Corp., 120 Broadway, New York.

reconcile their differences and agree on one program. An employee of a trade association likes to report to his members what he has done for them."

Members of the Clearing House Conference on Tax Problems are: Ellsworth Alvord, United States Chamber of Commerce; John Byler, American Retail Federation; Stewart N. Clarkson, manufacturing trade groups; Charles C. Fichtner, Department of Commerce Business Advisory Committee; Thomas J. Green, American Institute of Accountants; H. E. Humphreys Jr., National Association of Manufacturers; Harley L. Lutz, Tax Foundation; Maxwell McDowell, Associated States Chambers of Commerce; Beardsley Ruml, National Planning Association and Committee for Economic Development; Harold R. Scaff, Edison Electrical Institute; R. Gordon Wasson, Committee for Economic Development; James C. Willson, National Planning Association.

The charter of the new organization reads in part:

"The tremendous importance of the

fiscal problems with which our federal government will be confronted during the postwar period is clearly recognized by everyone.

"It behooves all citizens enthusiastically to contribute everything possible in studying this problem, and to make recommendations to Congress for its guidance in finding a solution. Success can best be achieved if we view our endeavor from the standpoint of what is good for all citizens of our great country. Congress needs constructive suggestions in agriculture, capital, labor and management should bend their efforts to assist in every possible manner.

"In order more frequently and conveniently to arrange for an exchange of views between representatives of various organizations on fiscal and tax problems in all their phases (particularly as they may effect business activity and welfare and employment) a permanent organization for a Clearing House Conference on Tax Problems is established.

Surplus Plants Listed For Sale, Lease by RFC

Plants listed for sale or lease by the Reconstruction Finance Corp., a government agency designated by the Surplus Property Board to sell surplus producers' and capital goods, include the following (details may be obtained from regional RFC offices):

- General Electric Co., Ft. Edward, N. C., 64,000 sq ft factory, 11,480 sq ft office building, machine tools, equipment.
- Remington Rand Inc., Johnson City, N. C., 564,000 sq ft, machine tools.
- Schweizer Aircraft Corp., Elmira, N. Y., factory, machine tools, equipment, furniture.
- General Electric Co., Syracuse, N. Y., plant with 23 buildings, of 609,767 sq ft, machine tools, production equipment.
- General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., radar plant, machine tools, production equipment.
- Worthington Pump & Machinery Co., Buffalo, four buildings, machine tools, equipment.
- Worthington Pump & Machinery Co., Buffalo, steel frame buildings, tools, equipment.
- Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, N. Y., 28 buildings, 841 machine tools.
- General Electric Co., West Lynn, Mass., mill-type building of 65,200 sq ft, freight yard and docks, machine tools, equipment.
- Great Lakes Carbon Corp., Chicago, five buildings, coke silos, storage bins, kilns, conveyors, railroad switch.
- General Electric Co., Decatur, Ind., building with 76,580 sq ft, railway spur.
- Brown Fence & Wire Co., Adrian, Mich., 51,000 sq ft, machinery.
- Manganese Ore Co., Las Vegas, Nev., acres with 20 frame buildings with 62,035 sq ft, equipment. Includes houses and dormitories.
- Blanding Mines, Blanding, Utah, five acres with 11 buildings and equipment for production of vanadium oxide.
- General Electric Co., Hamilton town, N. J., 272,400 sq ft, machine tools, equipment.
- Hanchett Mfg. Co., Big Rapids, Mich., manufacturing building with 32,184 sq ft, road siding.
- Ex-Cell-O Corp., Highland Park, Mich., 300,000 sq ft, machine tools, equipment.
- National Instrument Co., Houston, Tex.,

14,000 sq ft, optical production machinery, laboratory.
 Continental Aviation & Engineering Co., Muskegon, Mich., 763,000 sq ft, machine tools, laboratory.
 Kenosha Brass Co., Kenosha, Wis., 174,900 sq ft, tools and equipment.
 American Type Founders Inc., Newark, N. J., 83,400 sq ft, machine tools, railroad siding.
 Jack & Heintz Inc., Bedford, O., 51,000 sq ft, machine tools, railroad siding.
 Jack & Heintz Inc., Bedford, O., 85,000 sq ft, machine tools, railroad siding.
 Sperry Gyroscope Co. Inc., Great Neck, N. Y., 2,210,800 sq ft, machine tools.
 General Electric Co., Erie, Pa., 235,000 sq ft, machine tools, railroad sidings.
 General Electric Co., Erie, Pa., 228,000 sq ft, machine tools, railroad sidings.
 Chase Brass, Euclid, O., 568,400 sq ft, machine tools, railroad siding.

Stabilized Construction Spending Recommended

When construction falls below a figure approximately 12 per cent of our national income, depression threatens, according to Charles M. Upham, American Road Builders' Association, Washington. He recommends creation of a stabilization board representing all construction agencies which, by controlling public investment, will maintain the 12 per cent figure as a minimum. Construction in the past has gone below 12 per cent in times of depression and above that level in times of pros-

perity; 12 per cent has been the average. In times of prosperity about two-thirds of the construction has resulted from private investments and one-third from public investments. Taking into consideration a \$300 billion debt which must be carried at enormous expense, says Upham, a better ratio for the post-war period might be three-quarters by private investments and one-quarter by public investments.

It would be difficult to control private investment, said Mr. Upham, which is swayed by enthusiasm or lack of enthusiasm, tax laws, buying power, availability of funds, rates of interest and other forces. Hence the part of the total program to be varied is that resulting from public investments, increasing or decreasing the amount of public construction according to fluctuations in the volume of private construction.

RFC To Offer Pipelines For Sale or Lease

Operation of the "Big Inch" and "Little Inch" will be discontinued within the next 30 to 60 days and the facilities will be offered for sale or lease by the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

The "Big Inch," a 24-inch line, runs

from Longview, Tex., to the New York Harbor area, a distance of 1254 miles. It cost \$78,535,000. The "Little Big Inch" is a 20-inch line extending 1475 miles from Beaumont, Tex., to New York. It cost \$67,300,000.

Also to be discontinued are the following lesser lines:

The 200-mile, 8-inch Florida Emergency line from Carabelle to Jacksonville.

The 175-mile, 8-inch Queensboro-Richmond extension of the Plantation pipeline, from Greensboro, N. C., to Richmond, Va.

The 154-mile, 14 and 16-inch Southwest Emergency line from Corpus Christi, Tex., to Houston.

Census of Manufactures To Be Resumed in 1947

Bureau of Census is preparing estimates, to be submitted late this year for approval by Congress, for the regular Biennial Census of Manufactures to be taken in 1947 for the year 1946. This census was omitted for the years 1941, 1943 and 1945 because of the war. Bureau of Census also is preparing an estimate for a sample survey of population changes, to be taken early in 1947.

Bombings, Blockade Caused Collapse of Japanese Heavy Industry

JAPAN'S steel production declined to 53,000 tons during April, May and June, the first quarter of Japan's fiscal year, and output was falling so rapidly that industry leaders doubted that production would exceed 500,000 tons for the entire year. In 1942, Japan produced 4,500,000 tons.

Aiichiro Fujiyama, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, told American newsmen that the steel industry's difficulties began when the blockade cut off coal and iron exports from north China. "We had to depend on inferior Japanese coal and on ore that had an iron content of only 42 per cent. Then the railroads broke down. Your people bombed the cities and the workers ran out into the country and never came back."

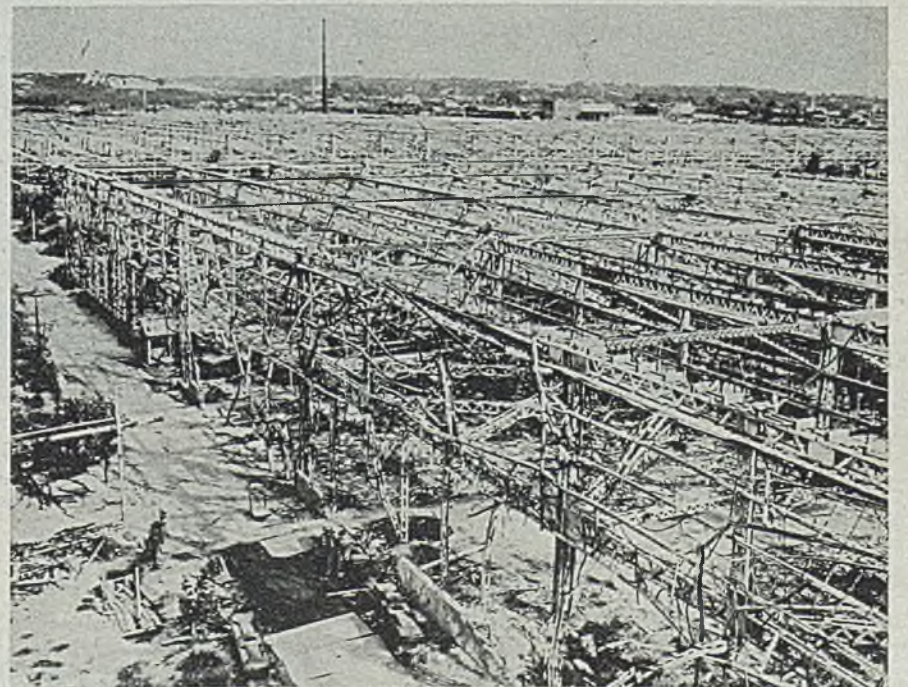
Shipbuilding fell off from 1,583,000 tons in the year ended March 31 to 53,000 tons in the April-July period. In the closing months of the war shipbuilding was at a virtual standstill.

The blockade severely restricted imports of bauxite and aluminum production dwindled. As a result the Japs had to turn to plywood airplanes.

Kiyoshi Miyasaki, president of Mitsubishi Co., said the greatest single factor in Japan's industrial collapse was the inability to repair broken machinery. Lack of spare parts paralyzed railroads,

automobiles, trucks, streetcars and the telephone system. Thousands of workers who fled devastated areas were lost to

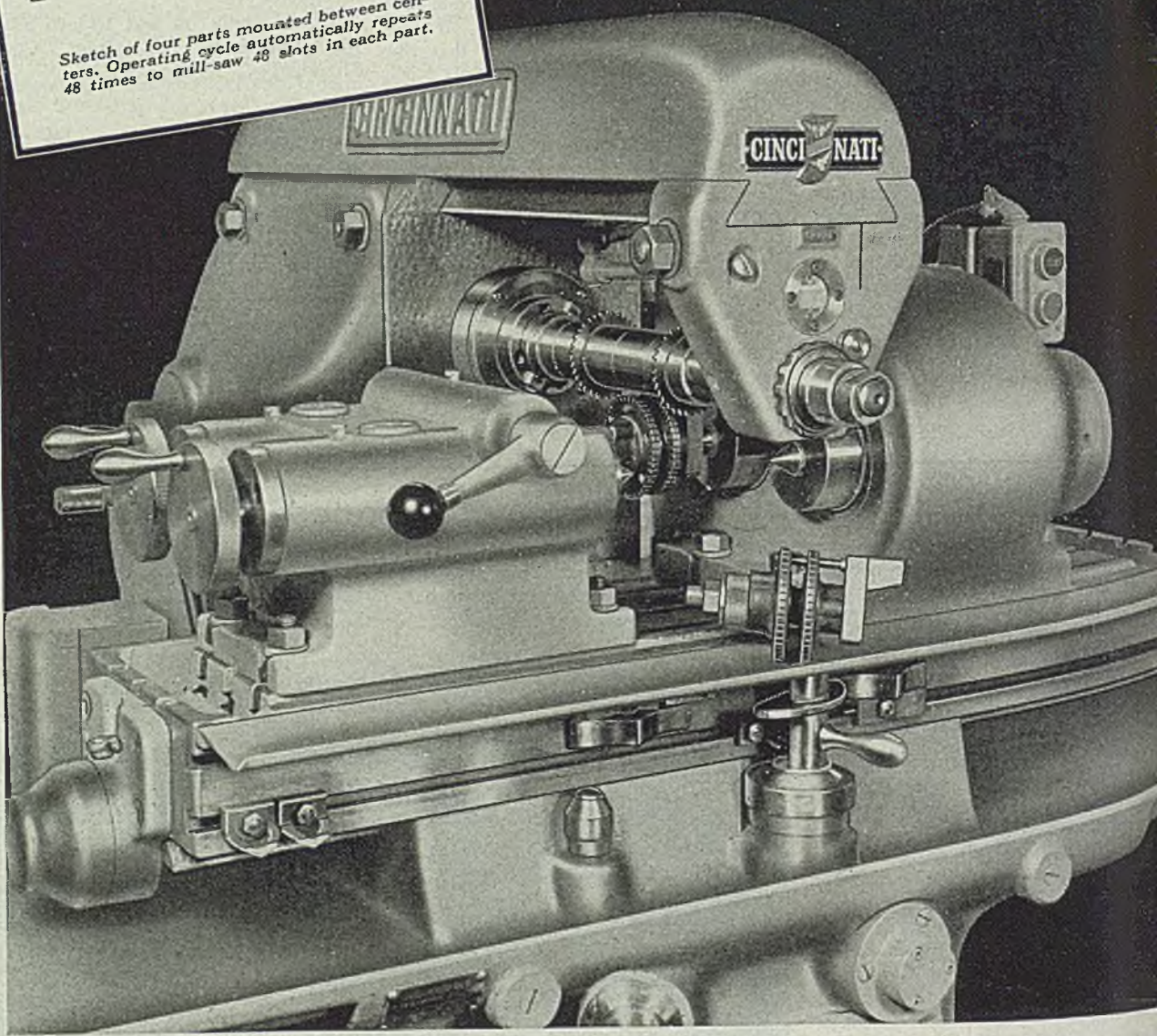
industry because they had no means of transportation between the factories and the countryside.



A mass of wreckage and twisted steel girders is all that remains of the Mitsubishi aircraft engine plant at Nagoya, Japan, after repeated raids by American Superfortresses. International News photo

It's completely

Sketch of four parts mounted between centers. Operating cycle automatically repeats 48 times to mill-saw 48 slots in each part.



Setup for the mill-saw operation described on the opposite page. The machine is a CINCINNATI 1-18 Automatic Miller equipped with a special two-spindle Automatic Indexing Fixture. Work has not yet been loaded in the forward station of the fixture. The parts are torus hubs for hydraulic drive in a transmission.

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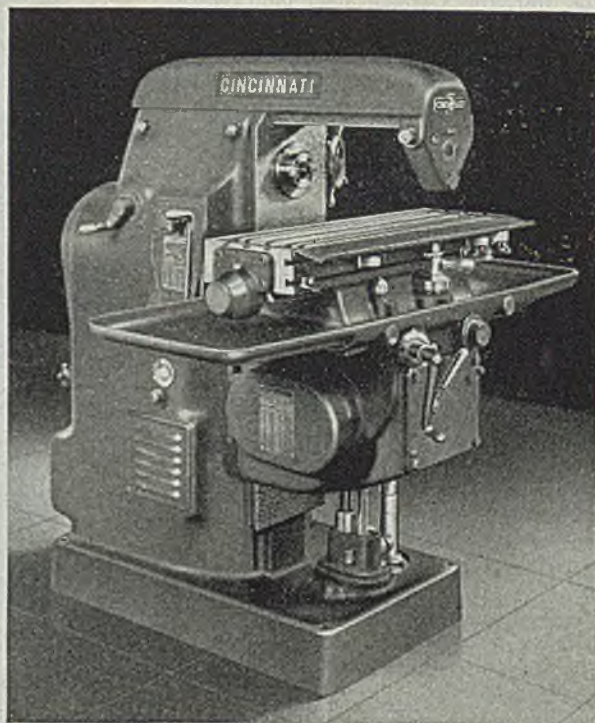
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Reich's Steel Potential Still

Half of capacity could be restored to production within three or four months. Only 30 to 35 per cent needs complete rebuilding. Mills seldom were primary target of Allied planes. Transport system, supplying raw materials, badly wrecked

By **GEORGE REISS**
Editorial Correspondent, STEEL

DEFEATED Germany's big steel mills easily could grab a hefty chunk of the world's postwar steel business—if the Allies permit it.

Many of Germany's steel mills — and many of her other industrial plants, too — aren't nearly as badly smashed as one might gather from first reports of the air bombings. Given the opportunity, they could be put back into operation within a reasonable time.

Although badly disrupted at the end of the war, the German steel industry, if permitted and provided manpower, repair parts and equipment and raw materials were available, probably could get 50 per cent of its capacity into operation in three to four months, another 15 or 20 per cent going within six or eight months, turning out much of the steel needed to rehabilitate war-ravished Europe. Perhaps there might even be some to sell on the world markets.

The remaining 30 to 35 per cent would require complete rebuilding, if Germany were to be restored to its early-war steel producing capacity.

These are some of the impressions I received of the Nazi steel industry in a 20,000-mile air tour of Europe that took me into or over Germany's main heavy-industry centers, including the Ruhr Valley and other main industrial centers which made the war weapons that made Nazi Germany a powerful enemy.

Already, some of the comparatively undamaged steel plants are producing, making the steel that is being used to rehabilitate Europe, still more will soon get into operation under Allied control.

Steel fared better in Allied bombings than did the oil refineries, chemical and aircraft plants, which rated "top priority" in the air strategy.

The bombers accomplished their mission of knocking out the German industry partly by cutting off the supplies of raw materials, manpower and parts, and partly by hitting the vital spots, such as the coke plants, hitting the super-structures.

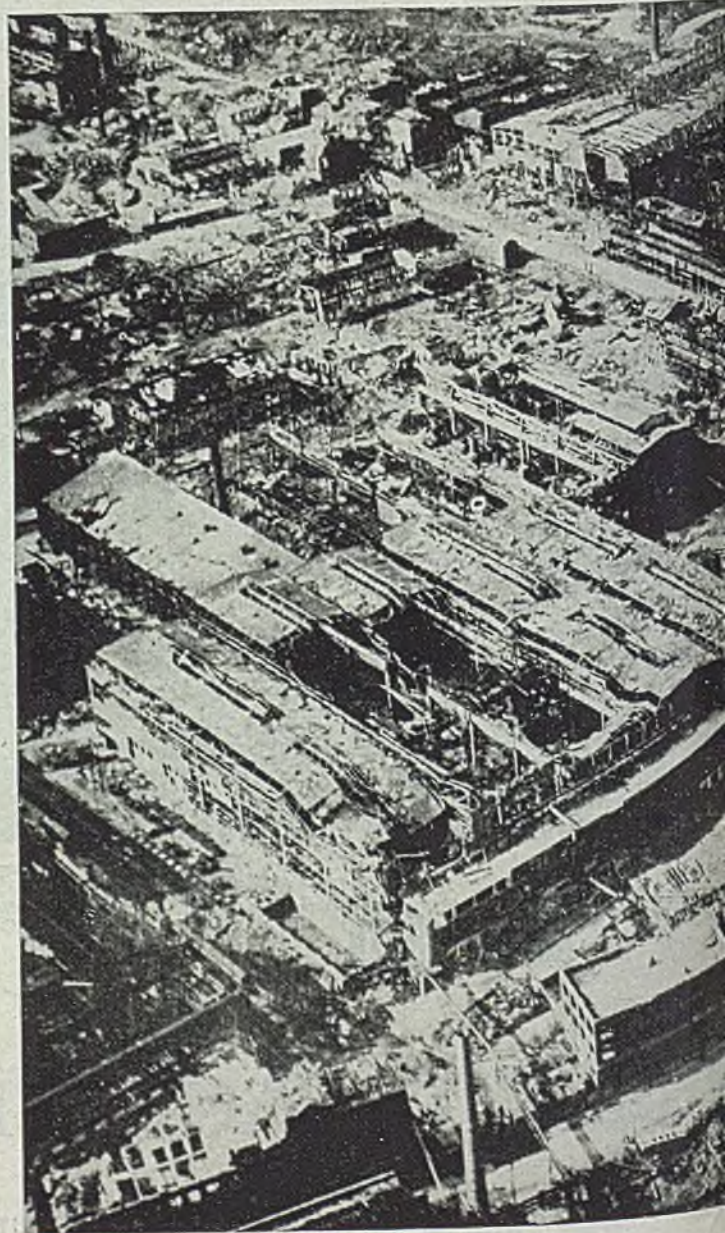
Dr. Paul Maulick, managing director

of the German steel syndicate, told Allied representatives that German steel output was cut from about 20 million tons a year in 1941 to virtually nothing early this year—chiefly by air bombing.

Railroads and canals were so badly damaged that raw materials couldn't move. That clipped off 80 per cent of the production; the rest was accom-

plished by hitting the plants themselves. "We were in a vicious circle," Maulick insisted. "We couldn't continue to repair the railroads because we had to have steel to make the rails; and we couldn't produce the steel for railroads because the railroads couldn't move ore and coal and scrap to the furnaces."

Germany, at the war's outset, was the world's second largest steel producer.



This is the third article of a series by Mr. Reiss on German industry.

Large, Despite Bombing Damage

second only to the United States; in 1941, it had 28 million tons of steel capacity, against the United States' more than 86 millions tons of annual capacity.

Part of the explanation of the steel plants' comparative minor destruction is that steel never was on the high priority target list of the U. S. and British air forces.

The only steel plants hit hard were those hit incidentally to bombing other targets, such as the chemical plants or refineries. The bombers did go after by-product coke plants—not because of their value to steel, but because of their value to chemical industries. They also were hit sometimes in the R.A.F. area bombing raids.

"Steel," explained one Air Forces intelligence officer, "was never on the high priority target list because we had too much else to do, too many other more vital targets such as the refineries, tire factories, chemical plants, aircraft and tank works.

"We preferred to let the Nazis expend their labor in making steel, and then we'd hit the finishing plants. That wasted much more manpower for the Nazis—and was a lot more useful to our war effort."

And those bombs landing in the steel plants exploded when they hit the superstructures, expending their force before they touched the more vital parts of steel producing equipment.

On a flight from Hamburg to Brunswick, we circled over the huge Hermann Goering steel works at Eisleben.

I was unable to get definite data on the Goering works capacity, the exact number of units it had—other than I could see it from the airplane's window. But it had a huge by-product coke works, 12 large blast furnaces, a large bessemer converter plant, some rolling mills, and it was served by an elaborate railroad network, and a branch canal to its raw materials stockpiles.

The plant shows comparatively slight damage. Its coke works were rather badly beaten, the result of a strategic bombing raid to cut off its shipment of chemicals to the Nazi's chemical industry; one of its blast furnaces was knocked over; but that was all.

The railroad yard and its roundhouse were pretty badly smashed, and the canal was blocked by wrecked locks and bridges.

In the Ruhr Valley, where is located the world's greatest concentration of heavy industry, the damage was much greater to steel than in other parts of Germany, chiefly because the Ruhr presented an easy target.

Much of the bombing strategy, designed to knock out German industry, was directed at the intricate network of railroads and canals.

Even the fighter bombers and the medium bombers joined the heavies in the railroad attacks; and by the war's end, rail traffic in and out of the Ruhr was cut 75 per cent; when the vital Dortmund-Ems canal was knocked out, Germany suffered a severe coal shortage—while enormous piles of coal were heaped at the Ruhr Valley mines.

Already the transport bottleneck in the Ruhr is being broken—under the pressure of supplying coal to keep much of Europe warm this winter. Already some trains and barges are able to handle considerable coal moving from Duisburg, big Ruhr coal shipping port, after extensive railroad repairs were made. However, the supply of locomotives and cars is still quite short.

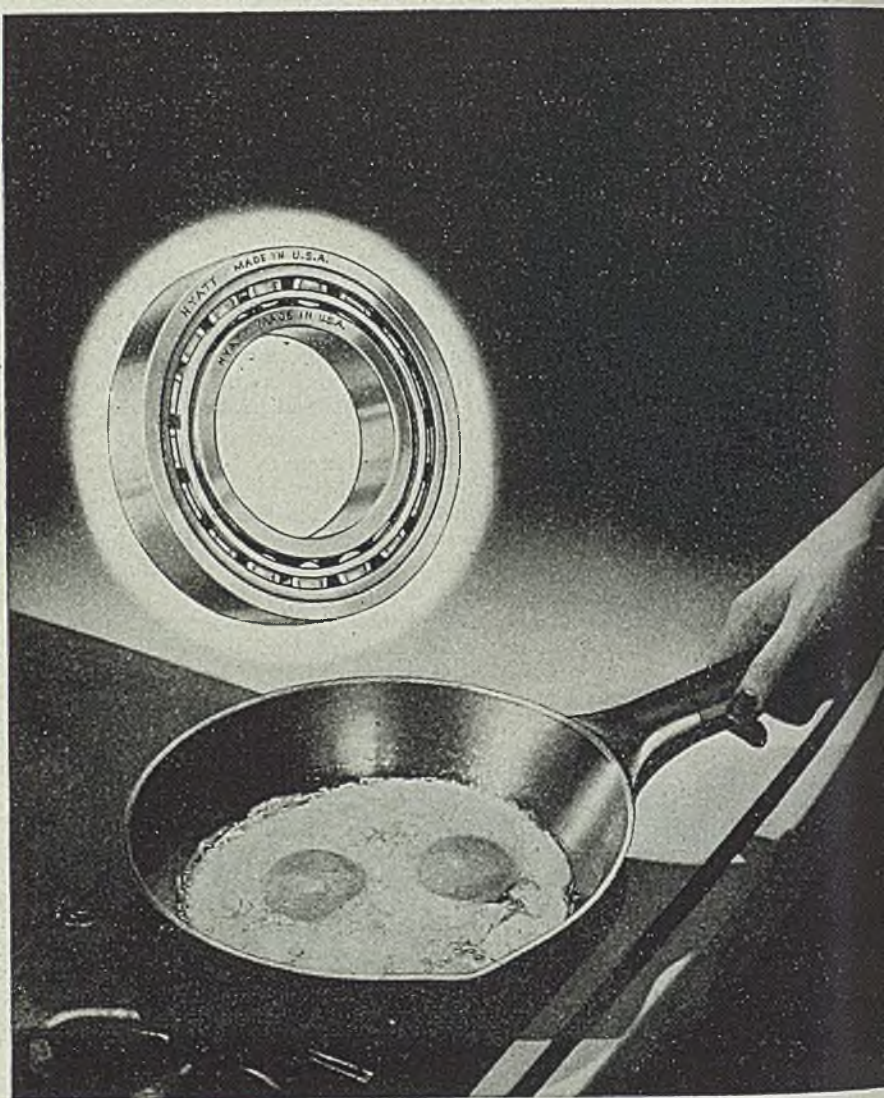
Some barge traffic already is moving on the Rhine river to Holland, but the Army's Bailey bridges, on which the troops crossed the river, provided a problem because of their low clearance. And

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Great Krupp Works at Essen underwent repeated poundings by Allied bombers. This air-view shows the damage done to part of the steel works, fabricating and oil plants, NEA photo



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MIRRORS of MOTORDOM

Likelihood of long, widespread strikes for 30 per cent increase in pay discounted. Internal strife partially responsible for United Automobile Workers campaign. Automotive Council reviews war production of its member companies

BAD as the local labor situation continues to be, it is well not to become too excited over bald threats of the UAW-CIO to close down the automotive industry by strikes if its demands for a 30 per cent wage boost are not met immediately. Consideration must be given to background events and strategy.

Worst trouble spot in Detroit is the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Co. where a strike of 4500 is now in its fifth week. By closing off supplies of wheels and brake drums, this tieup has resulted in suspension of passenger car, truck and tractor production at Ford, throwing 50,000 more out of work. International officers of the UAW-CIO realize they have a bear by the tail in the Kelsey local, which has refused to return to work after orders from the international and even after local officers were dismissed and an administrator appointed. The administrator called a meeting of the strikers, at which 350 out of 4500 were present, and said afterwards in effect, "I told them to go back to work, but they booted me."

Explanation is a deep factional cleavage in the ranks of the UAW, and no one knows this better than R. J. Thomas, union president, and his cohorts, who are in disfavor by an unruly element of the union with which the Kelsey strikers are associated. This gang would like to see Thomas out of his position, and is plumping for an early union convention to achieve this. Meanwhile they are giving the bird to Thomas and all orders emanating from his office.

Attacked Single Employer

Faced with this impasse, international officers went into a huddle at Flint and determined some grand strategy to try to get the Kelsey strikers, and a lot of others now out on strike, back on the job. They reasoned that if they could pick out a single large employer and drum up a campaign of hate against this company among their entire membership, they might achieve a unity of action and purpose that is now so sadly lacking. In other words, all striking members would return to their jobs and concentrate on attacking the single company selected as a target, while facilitating operations of all competitors.

So ten days ago Walter Reuther, a UAW vice president, and head of the General Motors section of the union, came out via the newspapers with a virtual declaration of war on General Motors, throwing down a deadline of Tuesday for GM to say whether it would negotiate on the 30 per cent

wage increase demand, lacking which he would start the machinery at once leading to strike votes in the corporation's 135 plants. He got the headlines and threw news commentators and Washington into a turmoil of excitement. But the strategy backfired, for no sooner had Reuther made the announcement than the heads of the Chrysler and Ford Divisions of the UAW cried out, "Me, too." Then Reuther and Thomas had to backtrack and say they really did not want to call strikes and maybe they would settle for a stopgap wage increase now and some more later.

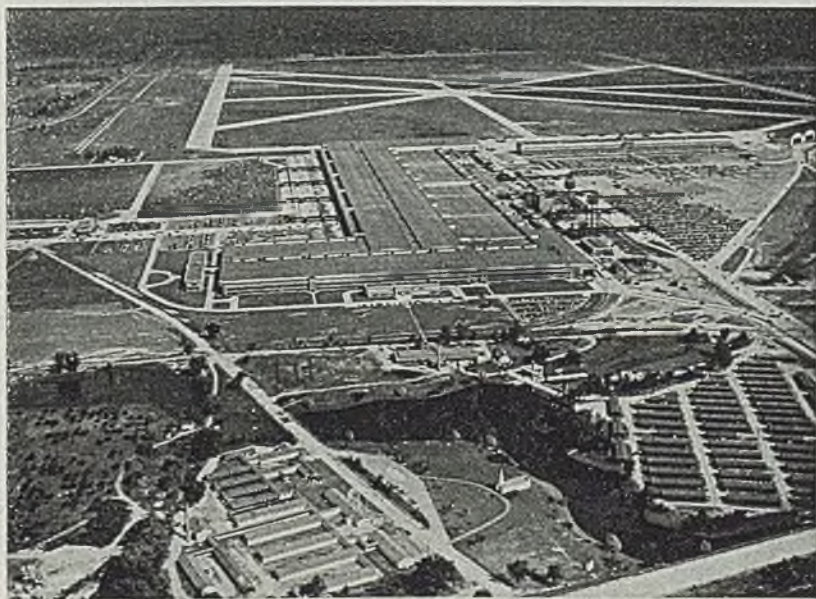
That left them in a pretty fix, because they had already sounded off about how they proposed to tie the automobile industry up in knots this fall and winter by widespread strikes, then they had to retreat from this precarious position because of public indignation,

and still the Kelsey strikers walked the streets, along with scattered groups of strikers from a dozen other automotive and parts companies.

To make matters worse, the entire force of 10,000 UAW members at the Windsor plant of Ford Co. of Canada walked out and prevented, forcibly at times, 1200 office workers from getting to work, plus another 3000 in feeder plants. This Canadian affair appears to have the wholehearted support of government and police officials. Union demands cover about everything from more money to guaranteed security forever.

The UAW-CIO knows it can never get a 30 per cent wage boost from the automotive industry for once it were granted the employees of every single plant supplying materials and parts would demand the same thing or else, whereupon the entire cost structure of the motor industry would be in an uproar, the only solution to which would be general price increases all along the line. Union members then would be no better off than today.

A hint of what may eventuate is seen



WILLOW RUN: First aerial view approved for publication shows the vast plant in the center, with the criss-crossing concrete runways of the airport in the background. In the foreground are worker housing projects. This view was taken while the plant was still operating, as may be judged from the thousands of cars parked in lots adjacent to the plant. Ford Motor Co. has just waived its option and purchase rights to the land and buildings of the \$100 million facility, but retains a six-month right of first refusal under which Ford would be able for six months after Sept. 20 to meet the best offers obtained by the RFC for the plant or items of equipment. The company's decision to waive its option was influenced by the fact the rights cover the entire facility, including many tools and equipment not suitable for automotive-type production. During the operating life of the plant 8625 Liberator B-24 bombers plus large quantities of spare parts and assemblies were produced

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in the Studebaker offer of 12 cents an hour increase in all wage rates which would average out to around 10 per cent. Even though in making this offer Studebaker agreed to meet any further increase beyond 12 cents which Detroit plants might subsequently approve, its management doubtless felt the 10 per cent would be accepted eventually by the rest of the industry, and by anticipating it a tieup of new car production in the early stages could be avoided.

At midweek, Thomas of the UAW gave out the alleged news that the late President Roosevelt had promised to maintain auto workers' take-home pay at wartime levels, but no one could be found in Washington who had any knowledge of such a commitment. Then Thomas added his locals might be satisfied with as little as 5 per cent increase in wage rates now but under no circumstances would less than 30 per cent be

accepted as final settlement. Based on past performance, unions usually ask for at least twice what they expect to get, so 15 per cent might be an ultimate final settlement, if and when.

Wide-spread sentiment exists around Detroit favoring a complete shutdown of all industry until labor comes to the realization that wages do not come out of thin air and that in the present critical state of reconversion, automobile companies can see no profits at all for many months ahead. The foolish notion manufacturers are sitting on bursting sacks of wartime profits, from which they could dole out any desired wage increase and never miss it, has got to be exploded. Many are saying a six-month shutdown of all plants might clear the air of some of these strange phobias and might further bring home to union labor that the only way to earn more money is to produce more.

It is highly unlikely any such concerted shutdown will be engineered since if it were, government probably would immediately proceed with prosecution for violation of the Wagner Act, the antitrust laws or whatnot. And the President still has powers under the Smith Connally Act to seize plants made idle by strikes, a right he retains until several months after the legal declaration of the war's end. However, as stated before the issue is not nearly as critical as is being painted. Until the UAW can demonstrate it has some measure of control over and responsibility for the arbitrary actions of dissenting locals, it will steer clear of any major strike projects. Proof of this can be drawn from the fact top managements of the motor companies are not saying a word at the moment, take no recognition of the auto strike threats being waved in the public's eye, and even refuse observations pro or con the Studebaker wage raise.

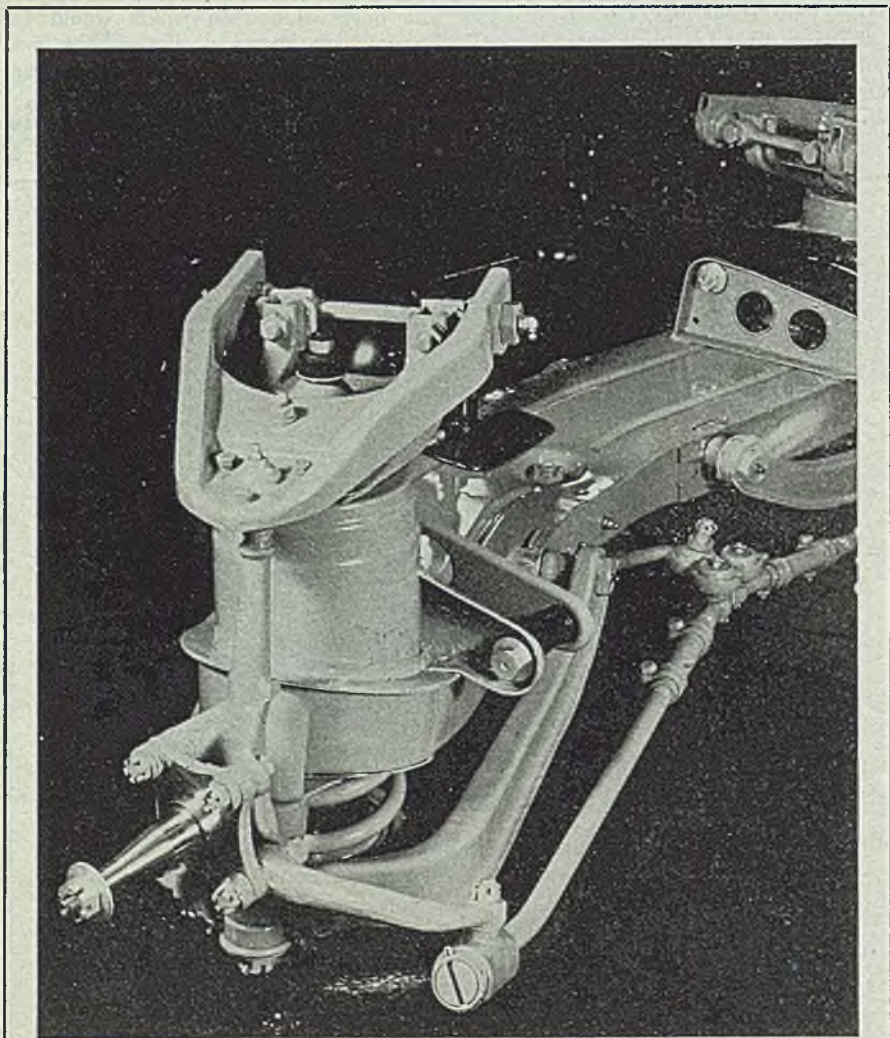
In its swan song, the Automotive Council for War Production reviews with justifiable pride the war production record of its member companies. Summed up briefly, the total output is valued close to \$29 billion, and included 5,830,980 guns and artillery, 745,980 aircraft, 191,160 tank engines, 191,160 tank armored cars and self-propelled artillery, 2,000,000 trucks and related military vehicles, 659,031 jeeps, 578,000 military trailers, 21,835 bomber and fighter airplanes, 4290 gliders, 2000 torpedoes, 2000 buzz bombs, 5500 marine gyrocompasses and 12,777 amphibious jeeps—the latter incidentally abandoned in combat before being put to use.

Census Bureau Reports on Gray Iron Castings Output

Total production of gray iron castings in the United States in 1944 was 6,794,541 net tons, of which 6,173,714 tons were for sale and 3,620,827 tons were for own use of makers, according to the Bureau of the Census, Washington.

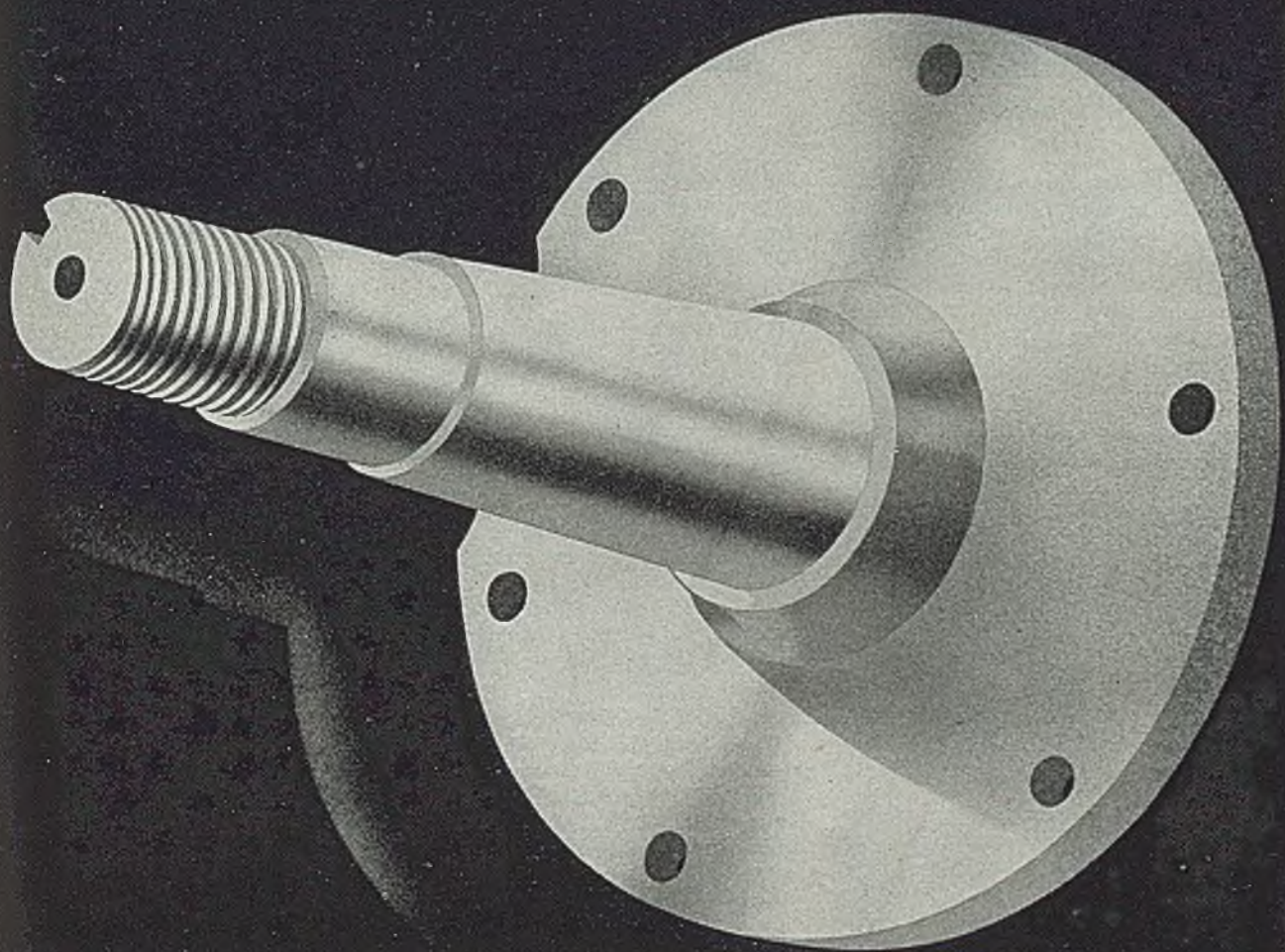
Unfilled orders at the end of December, 1944, were 2,635,137 tons. Distribution of last half 1944 production was as follows: Molds for heavy steel ingots, 1,028,033 tons, 22 per cent; chilled iron railroad car wheels, 441,090 tons, 9 per cent; cast iron pressure pipe, 293,827 tons, 6 per cent; cast iron soil pipe, 96,388 tons, 2 per cent; all others, 2,936,503 tons, 61 per cent.

The survey included 3167 foundries which schedules were mailed. Foundries included in the tabulation numbered 2410, of which 2366 were active in December, 1944, with 44 active part of the year but closed in December. The 73 foundries not included in the tabulation included 164 which did not reply to the schedule, 467 reporting themselves out of business and 126 stating they were not gray iron foundries.



NEW SPRING SUSPENSION: Introduced on the 1946 Nash 600 model is parallel-arm type spring suspension. The entire front suspension system is a self-contained assembly, attached directly to the body structure by four rubber-encased fastenings. Interesting feature is the use of the kingpin as connection between upper and lower pressed steel supporting arms or wishbone members, thereby eliminating considerable unsprung weight

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W. R. Shimer, metallurgical engineer in charge of sheet, strip and tin mill products, Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., is resigning, effective Oct. 1. Felix F. Aloï, assistant metallurgical engineer, has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Shimer had a part in originating and developing many metallurgical advances, and in 1912, participated in instituting the metallographic department, forerunner and nucleus of the present metallurgical department. Mr. Aloï joined the company in 1932 when Bethlehem acquired the Seneca Iron & Steel Co., Dunkirk, N. Y. Until 1938 he was located at the Lackawanna, N. Y., plant, when he was transferred to the Bethlehem, Pa., offices as assistant metallurgical engineer.

William M. Akin has been promoted from vice president to president, Laclede Steel Co., St. Louis, succeeding his father, the late Thomas R. Akin.

James K. Lamoree recently was appointed assistant chief engineer of the Pittsburgh district, Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., Pittsburgh. He started his service with United States Steel Corp. in October, 1912, at the Shenango works, American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. In September, 1936, he was transferred to the corporation's South works as development and estimating engineer, and in February, 1945, became senior staff engineer in the general offices in Pittsburgh. Mr. Lamoree succeeds Fred H. Johnson who has been transferred to the Chicago district.

C. B. McGehee, formerly a lieutenant colonel in the Office of Strategic Services, has resumed his position as general manager of sales, Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, subsidiary of Republic Steel Corp. W. D. Morehead, formerly manager of the erection department, has been named chief engineer, succeeding R. D. Snodgrass, who has resigned after 36 years' service. George McDermott becomes manager of the erection depart-

ment in Youngstown; C. J. Gelhaar, formerly assistant sales manager of the Window & Door Division, sales manager, Door Division; G. J. Casey, sales manager, Metal Lath Division.

L. H. Gegenheimer, after a four-year leave of absence for war duties in Washington, has returned to Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, O., as sales engineer, Industrial Division. He resigned from the War Production Board as chief, Bearing Branch, Tools Division.

John Howe Hall is resigning as assistant metallurgist, General Steel Castings Corp., Eddystone, Pa., and is resuming his practice as consulting metallurgical engineer. He is being retained by General Steel Castings Co. in a consulting capacity.

H. A. Byrns has been named general superintendent, Woodward Iron Co., Woodward, Ala., succeeding Fred Osborne. Mr. Byrns formerly was with American Steel & Wire Co., Cleveland.

P. M. Cobb, sales manager, Western Pipe & Steel Co. of California, San Francisco, has been named a director to succeed the late O. B. Perry.

R. J. Miedel has been elected president, Atlas Imperial Diesel Engine Co., Oakland, Calif. He formerly was Pacific Coast manager, Hazel-Atlas Glass Co., Wheeling, W. Va. Svend Amdisen, formerly with Adel Precision Products Corp., Burbank, Calif., has been named secretary, Atlas Imperial company.

Forrest J. Young has been appointed chief engineer and Spencer W. Long, assistant chief engineer, California Division, National Supply Co., Pittsburgh.

George L. Bladholm has become associated with Ben Coplan in the Chicago branch office which Construction Sales Co. Inc., Albany, N. Y., opened in July. Mr. Bladholm has been released from

active duty as a captain in the Army which he served in the Redistribution and Salvage Branch, Office of Chief Ordnance, Washington. Prior to entering service, he was associated with Lu Bros. & Co. Inc., in Cleveland. Mr. Coplan had for many years conducted his own scrap brokerage business in Chicago.

Claude S. Lawson recently was named general manager, Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co., Birmingham. Fred Osborne, formerly general superintendent, Woodward Iron Co., Woodward, Ala., has joined the Sloss-Sheffield company and succeeds Mr. Lawson as general superintendent.

W. C. Johnson, formerly district engineer at Birmingham, Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, and later with the company in Youngstown, has returned to Birmingham as district engineer, Co. Steel Products Co.

N. B. Williams has been appointed superintendent of its new plant in Cleveland, United Tube Corp. of Ohio. Williams has had more than 25 years' experience in the tubing industry, and for four years was in charge of electric welding of pressure tubing for airplane industry with the Bundy Tubing Co., Detroit.

Controllers Institute of America, New York, has announced officers elected to its local chapters. The iron and steel industry is represented as follows: K. Coates, Great Lakes Steel Corp., president, Detroit Control; George H. Mast, American Chain & Cable Co., president, Bridgeport, Conn., Control; J. Pugsley, Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., president, Birmingham Control. Cornelius Bolen, Converse Bridge & Steel Co., was elected secretary-treasurer of the Chattanooga, Tenn., Control. Charles L. Jones, Alan Wood Steel Co., secretary, Philadelphia Control; Joseph B. Lauterman, American Steel Foundry

secretary, Chicago Control; J. B. Pollard, Ingalls Iron Works Co., secretary-treasurer, Birmingham Control. Pittsburgh Control elected R. C. Markle, United States Steel Corp. of Delaware, secretary. The following directors were elected: William F. Carey, Edgewater Steel Co.; Herbert Carson, Pittsburgh Steel Co.; Walter H. Dupka, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.; George W. Rooney, United States Steel Corp. of Delaware; and Paul E. Shroads, National Steel Corp. Robert G. Waring, Butler Mfg. Co., was elected director of the Kansas City, Mo., Control.

H. A. Squibbs has been made assistant to the vice president, sales, American Steel & Wire Co., Cleveland, and C. T. Gilchrist succeeds him as assistant general manager of sales in Chicago. Mr. Squibbs has been a member of the American Steel & Wire organization and one of its predecessor companies since 1895 when he started as a clerk in Joliet, Ill. Since then he has held various positions in plants in Joliet, Chicago and DeKalb, Ill. He began sales work in 1905 and in 1929 became assistant general manager of sales in Chicago. Mr. Gilchrist has been associated with the company since 1907 when he started as a cashier's clerk. Six years later he joined the sales department as a clerk in Cleveland. Since 1937 until his current promotion, Mr. Gilchrist has been manager of the Manufacturers Products Sales Division, Chicago.

W. J. Ehlers has been appointed plant manager, Gage Structural Steel Co., Chicago. He was sales engineer for the company and not sales manager as was inadvertently reported by STEEL, Sept. issue.

George J. Callos has resigned as advertising and public relations manager, Pillsbury-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, to become vice president and account executive, Klau-Van Pietersom-Dunlap Associates Inc., Milwaukee, an advertising agency.

Russel A. Schultz has joined the Robbins Engineering Co., Detroit, as vice president in charge of engineering and sales, and J. H. Hagen has been elected vice president and factory manager. Mr. Schultz was associated with Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corp. for 21 years, his last position being master mechanic of that division's production plant in Buffalo. Mr. Hagen has been with the Robbins company since it was organized in 1929 and as vice president and factory manager he is in charge of all production operations.

William M. Anthony has been named manager of sales, industry control section; Edward S. Bush, manager of sales, compliance and aircraft control section; W. W. Dockstader, manager of sales,



RAY ELLINWOOD

general purpose control section; and William J. Stock in charge of marketing and promotion section of the newly named Control Division, General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. K. R. van Tassel is manager of the division, which formerly was called the Industrial Control Division, and R. S. Glenn is manager of sales. The fifth section of the Control Division is the electronic control section with A. E. Bailey Jr., manager of sales. George H. Pfeif, Schenectady, has been appointed manager, employe relations section, of the company's executive department.

Ray Ellinwood, formerly president, Adel Precision Products Inc., Burbank, Calif., has announced formation of a new company, Ellinwood Industries Ltd., Los Angeles, of which he is president. His new organization includes: Robert S. Furst, Robert Berns, Carl Campbell and Emil Setzler.

Francis J. Holland has been elected secretary Ekco Products Co., Chicago, resigning recently as president and general manager, Little & Co. Inc., Chicago. Ken Udell has been named to the Housewares Sales Division.

E. F. Holtz, associated with the Albion Malleable Iron Co., Albion, Mich., since 1898, and superintendent since 1942, has retired.

Lt. Col. Malcolm S. Mackay is being released from active duty with the U. S. Marine Corps, effective Oct 8, at which time he will resume his former connections as partner of Laidlaw & Co., New York, and a director of American Car & Foundry Co.

T. D. Adams, for the past four years president, Newark Stove Co., Newark, O., has been named chairman of the board. F. H. Guthrie, vice president, was appointed president. Mr. Adams joined the company in 1937 as vice president and works manager and in 1941 was elected president. Mr. Guthrie



H. W. WHITMORE

became associated with the company in 1928 as foreman of the Enamel Division. In 1937 he was made general superintendent and was elected vice president and works manager in 1942.

Harley W. Whitmore recently was appointed chief engineer, Deepfreeze Division at North Chicago, Ill., Motor Products Corp.

John B. Cutler has been named chief engineer of the recently organized Hydraulic & Special Machinery Division, William Sellers & Co., Philadelphia.

Bently S. Handwork, executive vice president, Joslyn Mfg. & Supply Co., Chicago, has been elected president to succeed M. L. Joslyn who becomes chairman of the board. The founder, and with almost 50 years' service, Mr. Joslyn is retiring from active participation in the business.

Dr. Taylor Lyman has been appointed editor, American Society for Metals *Metals Handbook*. Dr. Lyman also will serve as secretary of the Metals Handbook Committee, and as editor of the *Buyers' Guide and Data Book*.

William T. Kelly Jr. has been elected president, Kellogg Division, American Brake Shoe Co., New York. Mr. Kelly has been executive vice president of that division since December, 1944, and has been general purchasing agent since 1940. He continues to hold that position. Mr. Kelly succeeds J. F. Weller as president. Mr. Weller will now devote full time as director of automotive sales for the Kellogg and American Brakeblok Divisions.

John R. North recently joined the Morgan Construction Co., Worcester, Mass., as engineer in its wire machinery department. Since graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1929, he has been associated with the Wickwire Spencer Steel Co. at Palmer,



H. G. HOWELL

Who has been appointed vice president, production, Tube Turns Inc., Louisville, Ky., as noted in STEEL, Sept. 17 issue, p. 101.



S. P. WATKINS

New manager, Market Development Division, Rustless Iron & Steel Corp., Baltimore, as noted in STEEL, Sept. 10 issue, p. 94.



F. W. EISELSTEIN

Who recently was named general traffic manager, United States Steel Supply Co., Chicago, noted in STEEL, Aug. 6 issue, p. 102.

Mass., where he served for the past few years as assistant superintendent.

A. D. Shankland recently was named assistant general manager of the Bethlehem, Pa. plant of Bethlehem Steel Co., succeeding J. M. Sylvester. Mr. Shankland had been engineer of tests. In the caption under Mr. Shankland's photo-

graph appearing on page 101 of the Sept. 17 issue of STEEL, it was erroneously stated that Mr. Shankland was engineer of tests.

Homer Kirtley has been named sales engineer, Agricultural Division, Maremont Automotive Products L. Co., Chicago. He had been associated with Crucible

Steel Co. of America in its Agricultural Division for the past ten years.

Trowbridge A. Warner has been appointed sales manager, Hendrick M. Co., Carbondale, Pa., effective Oct. Mr. Warner formerly was sales manager Register & Grille Mfg. Co. Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y.

OBITUARIES . . .

William Llewellyn, 78, retired steel executive and pioneer Los Angeles industrialist, died Sept. 11 in that city. He was one of five brothers who founded the Llewellyn Iron Works in 1887, and he was vice president of the company when it was merged with Consolidated Steel Corp. in 1929, when he retired.

Campbell A. Young, 56, general sales manager, Sheffield Steel Corp., Kansas City, Mo., died Sept. 15 in that city. Well known in railroad and construction circles, he formerly was the company's sales manager in Chicago.

Tracy F. Manville, 65, vice president, Columbia Steel & Shafting Co., Pittsburgh, died Sept. 13 in that city.

Donald D. Smith, president and treasurer, Porcelain Steels Inc., Lakewood, O., died Sept. 13 in New York while on a business trip.

Norbert T. Jacobs, 53, manager of sales, Wood Shovel & Tool Co., Piqua, O., died recently in that city. Mr. Jacobs joined the company in 1933 and he became manager of sales in 1941.

Jay Moses Amsden, 68, who resigned a short time ago as general superintendent, Ohio & Western Pennsylvania Dock Co., and Lower Lakes Dock Co., both of Cleveland, and subsidiaries of the M.

A. Hanna Co., died Sept. 11 at his home in Ashtabula, O. Mr. Amsden was a veteran of 52 years in the handling of iron ore and coal cargoes.

W. Chester Sayle, 58, president, Cleveland Punch & Shear Works Co., Cleveland, and the Cleveland Crane & Engineering Co., Wickliffe, O., died at his home in Cleveland, Sept. 15.

Frank Kitzelman, 61, president, Acorn Iron & Wire Works, Chicago, died Sept. 13 in that city. He was a past president of the Iron League of Chicago.

Glenn W. Files, 48, since 1934 director of the technical service department, General Electric X-Ray Corp., Chicago, died Sept. 11 in that city.

Charles Stichler, 70, president and owner, C. Gefroer & Son, Philadelphia, died recently in that city.

Francis O. Wyse, 38, manager of the publicity department, Bucyrus-Erie Co., South Milwaukee, died Sept. 15.

Carl S. Neumann, 65, president, Union Mfg. Co., New Britain, Conn., and an authority on foundry practice, died at his home in that city Sept. 13.

Lt. James D. Lynch, 25, on military leave from the Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, for whom he served as associate editor of its publications, died of

malnutrition in a Japanese prison camp last Feb. 5.

Charles H. Wilson, 61, sales manager, Railroad Sales Division, Fairbank Morse & Co., Chicago, died Sept. 13.

Ralph Ware, 68, part owner and secretary-treasurer, Ware Bros. Chicago Roller Skate Co., Chicago, died Sept.

Edwin A. Kohlhasse, 47, president, National Stamping & Electric Works, Chicago, died Sept. 15 in Highland Park, Ill.

Clifford Egan, 61, until five years ago president, J. A. Fay & Egan Co., Cincinnati, died in that city recently.

Michael E. Dorner, president, Cleveland Cutter & Reamer Co., Cleveland, died recently in that city.

George G. Hicks, 50, purchasing agent, Detroit Diesel Engine Division, General Motors Corp., died in Detroit Sept. 11.

Carl H. Becker, 54, industrial engineer, Brush Division, Baltimore Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., died recently in Detroit.

Charles T. Carlson, 82, founder vice president, Republic Stamping Enameling Co., Canton, O., died recently at his home in that city.

Chandler-Evans Moves to Plant Of Parent Firm

Need for additional capacity necessitates moving. Both companies will retain their separate identities

ALL OPERATIONS of Chandler-Evans Corp., Meriden, Conn., are being moved to the plant of the parent firm, Niles-Bement-Pond Co., West Hartford, Conn.

Peacetime requirements exceed the capacity of the Chandler-Evans plants at Meriden, but war contract cancellations leave the parent company with surplus plant facilities for postwar activity. Consequently, the Chandler-Evans operations are being moved to the parent company's plant. The moving is expected to be completed by the end of this year. There will be no change in the separate identities of the products of the companies.

During the peak of war activity, Chandler-Evans carburetors, fuel pumps, and other accessories were manufactured in four plants: The home plant at Meriden, a rented plant at Wallingford, Conn.; a government-owned plant at Dayton, O., and the West Hartford plant of Niles-Bement-Pond.

Moving of the Chandler-Evans operations will make the Meriden plant available for sale.

Research Center Planned By Johns-Manville Corp.

A new research center in which greatly expanded and accelerated development work will be conducted in the fields of building materials, insulations, and other construction products is planned by Johns-Manville Corp., New York.

The research center will be near Bound Brook, N. J., near the Johns-Manville plant at Manville, N. J. First unit of the center is under construction. Plans call for the center ultimately to occupy a group of six buildings.

The project is the first announced in company-wide \$40 million expansion program in the United States, Canada, and abroad. The company hopes to employ 25 per cent more people than it had in the best prewar year.

First unit of the research center also will provide ten experimental factories under one roof. Projects initiated in the research laboratory may thus be carried through their development and pilot-plant production stages.



"E" AWARD VICTORY CELEBRATION: Victory came between the announcement of an "E" award to the Columbus McKinnon Chain Corp. and the Chisholm Moore Hoist Corp. and the actual presentation, so the ceremony was turned into a victory celebration. Shown at the ceremony, left to right: Comdr. E. S. Smith Jr., U.S.N.; O. H. Hager and Leslie B. Powell representing industrial chain departments; Maj. John F. Hotchkiss, U.S.A.; E. J. Byrne representing hoist department; Robert E. Gerspacher, automotive chain division; and Don S. Brisbin, vice president in charge of sales for the affiliate corporations

BRIEFS

Paragraph mentions of developments of interest and significance within the metalworking industry

Industrial Hydraulic Corp. has established offices in the Cleveland Trust Bank building at Painesville, O. The new organization has designed a line of pumps, valves and cylinders, to be manufactured by Jacobs Aircraft Engine Co., Pottstown, Pa., and distributed through the Hydraulic Corp.

Lepel High Frequency Laboratories Inc., New York, has acquired the business, good will and assets of the Induction Heating division of Van Norman Co., machine tool manufacturer, Springfield, Mass.

Industrial Oven Engineering Co., Cleveland, has opened a branch office at 332 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Wales-Strippit Corp., North Tonawanda, N. Y., planning to increase its plant manufacturing space by 50 per cent, has also established a Canadian subsidiary, known as Wales-Strippit of Canada Ltd., in Hamilton, Ont.

Howard de Franceaux Associates have opened a Washington office and service bureau for manufacturers handling such problems as reconversion pricing, contract terminations, renegotiations,

together with U. S. and foreign government procurement.

Pemco Corp., Baltimore, is installing a continuous smelter unit and improving four units presently operating as first steps in a postwar expansion program designed to increase plant capacity for production of porcelain enameling frits and glazes by 50 per cent.

Rigid-Tex Corp., Buffalo, announces appointment of direct mill representatives as follows: Minneapolis district, E. L. Sandberg Co.; St. Louis district, Associated Steel Mills Inc.; Texas and Southwestern district, K. E. Luger Co., Houston.

Alco Valve Co., St. Louis, is quadrupling its capitalization and retaining all 500 wartime employees, with addition of more in prospect.

Western Electric Co. Inc., New York, has reduced its working force from 85,000 to 70,000 since Aug. 1.

Page Steel & Wire Division, American Chain & Cable Co., Bridgeport, Conn., has established a sales office in the General Motors building, Detroit.

WING TIPS

Drastic cutbacks in Army orders for B-29s create serious unemployment problem in Seattle area. More than 22,000 employees lose jobs. Seattle and Renton plants have produced 8200 planes since Pearl Harbor

SEATTLE

AN UNEMPLOYMENT problem of large dimensions was created in this area by the drastic cutback of Army contracts for Boeing aircraft, and company officials, government and civic agencies, and labor leaders are co-operating in attempting to formulate a plan for continuing Boeing's two plants here in operation.

Without previous warning, came the Army cancellation followed immediately by the lay-off of more than 22,000 employees. Already some have been taken back but until the company can adjust itself to the new situation and outline a future program no extensive rehiring is anticipated. Drafting and engineering forces have been retained as Boeing endeavors to perfect plans and designs that will fit into postwar operations.

The stop-work orders applied not only to the two local plants but to subcontracting firms including Pacific Car & Foundry Co., Puget Sound Sheet Metal Works, Kenworth Motor Truck Corp. and the Jensvold Co., of Olympia. It also included the six subassembly plants established in western Washington cities. The day before the order came, 29,300 men and women were on the Boeing payroll in this area, 20,400 in Seattle, 5900 in Renton and the remainder in branch plants. At the Vancouver factory of Canadian Boeing about 2300 employees were dismissed. The company's statement said it was "compelled to cease operations for a period which will permit adequate

planning for work to be done in the future. As our plans materialize and we are able to continue work on our remaining production schedule, we will call back to work all employees who are needed.

"Under the radically revised contract schedule," it continues, "the company is instructed to cut September deliveries to 50 airplanes instead of the 122 previously planned and to cut deliveries for October through January to 10 per month instead of the 20 per month previously planned. Since production until today has proceeded on the basis of the earlier contract figures, all the airplanes required to meet the new contract for September are already completed and those for October, November and December are nearly so. Requirements after January on the new basis are reduced to eight airplanes per month until April and then fluctuate between five and six per month through the ensuing year. Three types of airplanes are involved in the remaining contracts—two advanced model bombers and a service test quantity of Boeing B-97 military transports."

The wartime record since Pearl Harbor of the Seattle and Renton plants includes construction of approximately 8200 airplanes, more than 1000 of which were B-29s, the others mostly B-17s. In the same period wages and salaries have totaled about \$410 million including the state branch plants. The top payroll year was 1944 when employees received \$135 million.

C. L. Egtvedt, chairman, pointed out that Boeing has been handicapped some extent in preparing for postwar production because all its energies have been devoted to maximum production of B-29s. "We do not consider," he added, "that the government business which remains under contract constitutes an adequate program to protect the nation's investment in national defense and future security."

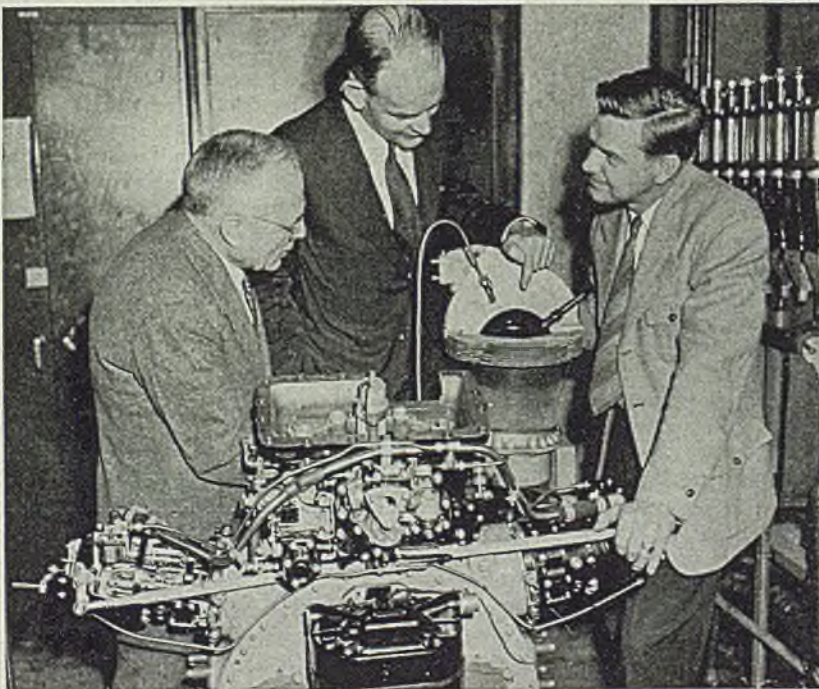
William M. Allen, new president of Boeing Aircraft, stated: "Our immediate objective is to get as many people as possible back to work and our long-range objective is to build a sound and growing future business."

According to Sen. W. G. Magnuson of Washington, the program of the Army Air Forces should be ready in the near future, predicting that Boeing will be "a very important part in it."

Because of the airplane cutback, about 1150 workers were laid off at Puget Sound Sheet Metal Works, 100 at Kenworth Motor and about 200 at Pacific Car & Foundry. These plants are long established and can readily revert to prewar operations.

Nearly half of Boeing employees were women. Meanwhile the offices of the U. S. employment service and unemployment compensation were crowded with former Boeing workers. Government agencies reported about 9000 jobs available in King county alone and predictions were made that with the number of plant workers leaving for their homes elsewhere the unemployment situation will not assume serious proportions here.

Senator Magnuson explained that current airplane construction has been curtailed pending detailed plans for a postwar air force. "We are going to have a permanent air force of substantial size," he added. "This is subject to



DIRECT FUEL INJECTION: Cutaway model illustrating the inner working of direct fuel injection system developed for Wright 3350 radial engines used on B-29 Superfortresses by engineers of Bendix Products Division, Bendix Aviation Corp. Left to right: Frank C. Mock, manager of Bendix-Stratberg aircraft carburetor engineering, sales and service; John Marshall, direct injection project engineer, and C. D. Manhart, manager of aircraft fuel equipment sales. The injection pumps, each synchronized with the main engine driveshafts, which accurately divide fuel into equal parts and pump it at high pressure into engine cylinders through airtight stainless steel lines. Each pump contains nine finely-machined plungers which spray fuel into the 18 cylinders in a series of "shots" at the rate of one shot from each plunger every twentieth of a second, when the engines are operating at maximum speed. Fuel accurately metered by the master control is injected directly into the engine cylinders under pressure.

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proval by Congress. It is my understanding that they intend to use Boeing in Seattle for a lot of experimental work and to supply big airplanes. I know Boeing is an important factor in Army postwar plans. Boeing deserves special consideration. It has sacrificed, for its wartime job; building B-29s up to the end of the war while its competitors have had the opportunity to get started on commercial business."

Convair Tucson Division Modifying Big Bombers

The last B-24 Liberator bomber has been modified and delivered to the AAF at the Tucson Division of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., and current modification of B-29 Superfortresses is about completed.

Established soon after Pearl Harbor, the Tucson Division mushroomed on the Arizona desert into a plant which at its peak employed more than 4200 men and women and turned out as many as 300 planes in a single month. Total cost of the facility, which was built by the Army, was \$7 million. The modification plant area covers approximately 145 acres and the remainder of the field 1705 acres. The field has three runways, two of them 6300 feet, and one 6000 feet.

Main hangars, all 700 feet long, have a total width of 760 feet.

Bell Aircraft Operations Include Special Machinery

Postwar operations of Bell Aircraft Corp. include production of a substantial quantity of commercial and military helicopters in its Niagara Falls, N. Y., plant and the entry into the special machinery and other commercial machinery fields with its facilities in Burlington, Vt.

Radio-Controlled Miniature Airplanes Developed by ATSC for Target Practice

THE "RESTRICTED" lid has been lifted from one of the Army's most ingenious training devices, the radio-controlled, pilotless target airplane developed at Air Technical Service Command Headquarters, Wright Field, O.

Abie to fly at speeds ranging from 100 to 200 miles per hour and at altitudes up to 3000 feet, controlled by radio from the ground, the target airplane is the result of eight years of intensive research work by Lt. Col. Chester O. French Jr., and his Control Equipment Branch, Equipment Laboratory staff.

Two models are now standard equipment for the Army Air Forces, the OQ-3 and OQ-14. They are used as targets for aerial gunnery practice by B-29 gunners and also for antiaircraft practice by ground forces. The Navy is using the radio airplane target in its training program for automatic weapon target practice aboard combatant ships. Navy officers and enlisted personnel have been trained in the operation of the plane.

The radio airplane target has recently found another use, that of a training aid for students of radar in tracking flying objects in the air for gunnery practice.

Manufactured by the Radioplane Co., Van Nuys, Calif., and Globe Corp., Aircraft Division, Joliet, Ill., the OQ-3 airplane target is a high-wing monoplane, 9 feet long, with a wing span of 12 feet 3 inches. It weighs 100 pounds and is capable of flying 103 miles an hour. It is constructed of welded steel tubing covered with airplane cloth. The power plant is an 8-horsepower, 2-cylinder, 2-cycle gasoline engine.

The OQ-14, a later model, has a wing span of 11 feet, 6 inches and is powered

with a 22-horsepower engine. This model will fly 140 miles per hour.

Take-off is accomplished by the use of a catapult, powered by compressed spring coils or rubber shock cord. After launching, the target is radio-controlled and operated by elevator and rudder controls only. Landing is made by parachute, released either by the control operator or automatically as a result of damage from vital hits.

The elevator and rudder controls remain in effect after the engine is stopped and the parachute released, providing the radio has not been damaged, so that "dead-stick" landings may be made in the event the parachute attachments are shaken away.

The basic system of radio control for the target involves the use of an ultra-high frequency carrier wave, modulated by five different audio frequencies. A small control box attached to the transmitter by means of a flexible extension cable, equipped with a stick to stimulate actual airplane control, is used to select the proper radio signals.

Four audio-frequency tones are used to control the target airplane in flight, one each for left, right, up, and down. A fifth frequency centers rudder and releases the parachute. Only one of these audio frequencies is used at a time. When one of the control frequencies is not in use, the fifth, or parachute frequency, is automatically switched on.

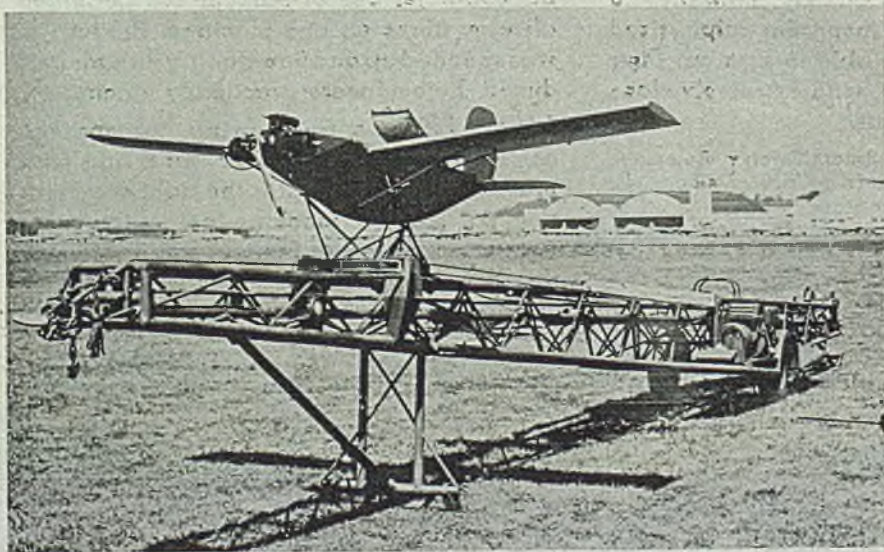
Installed in the plane is a radio receiver selector, which translates the radio wave and actuates, by electrical energy, the servo unit in the airplane. The servo unit provides the mechanical action to control the elevators and rudder. Operation has been so simplified that anyone without previous experience can learn to fly the target plane in 6 hours.

Use of the plane has provided a realistic target to student gunners because of its ability to simulate flight attitudes, dives and evasive action.

The development of the radio controlled pilotless plane started with an idea by Reginald Denny, stage and screen actor, who in the early 1930s built a radio controlled airplane model. Its possibilities became evident to the Army after a newspaper account of it appeared.

New Fuel System Reduces Possibility of Accidents

Danger of airplane accidents from improper action of fuel systems has been practically eliminated as a result of a new continuous flow fuel system developed recently by Army Air Force engineers at the Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, O.

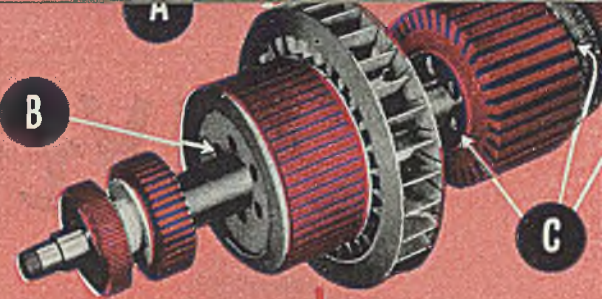


This light plane, poised on catapult prior to takeoff, is a radio-controlled target used at Wright Field for gunnery practice. It is capable of 140 miles an hour.

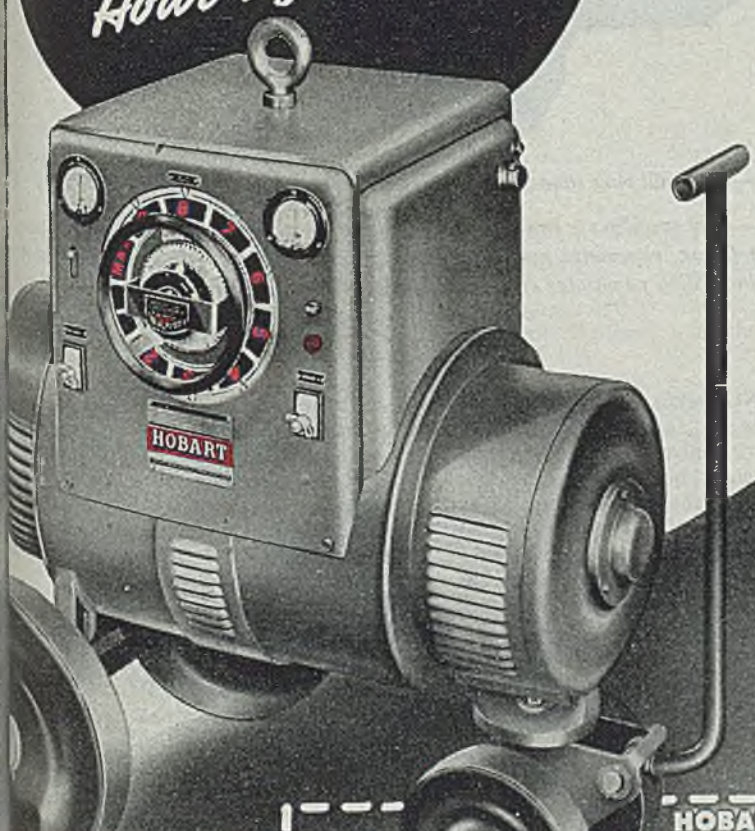
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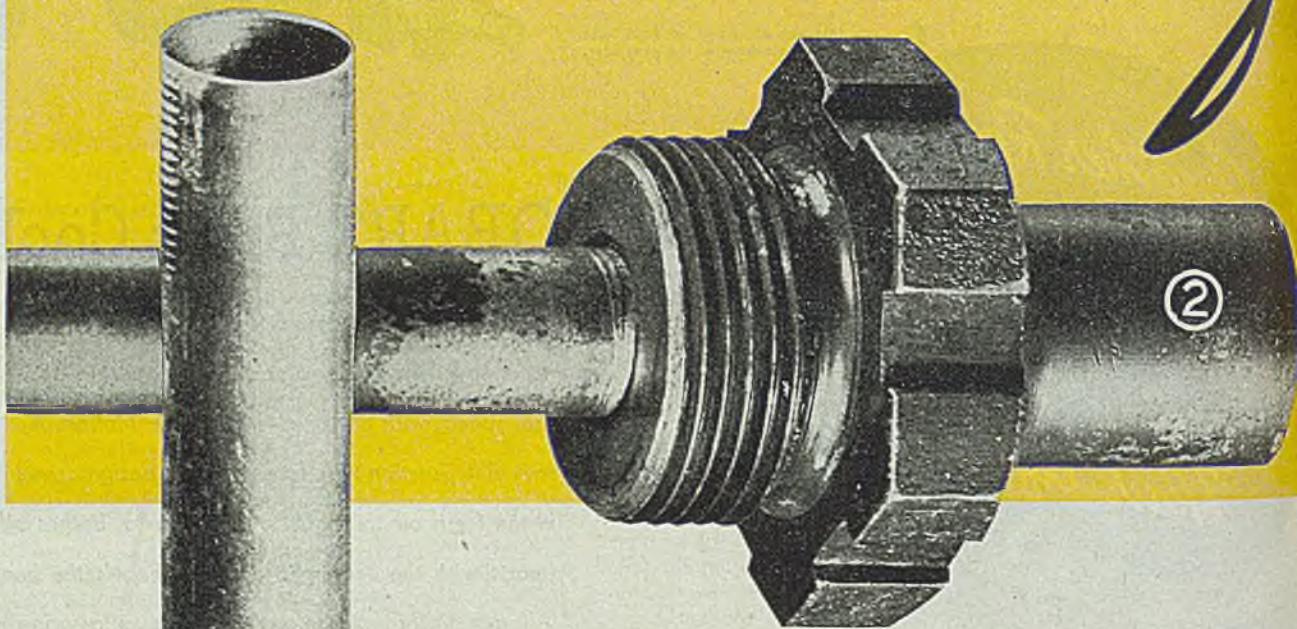


Fig. 1—Test pull ring silver brazed to tube. Note tube failed, not joint

Fig. 2—Gun recoil part. Brazing with $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. silver alloy wire, preplaced at tube end of fitting, eliminates need for set screw formerly used to supplement soft soldering. Alloy penetrates entire joint from tube end of fitting (center here) to open end of tube at right



JOINING metals with silver alloys has been done for ages, particularly in connection with silverware and jewelry. In more recent times, where strength and resistance to shock and vibration were required, it has been applied to joining band saws, shrouds and lacing wire for turbine blades, and in the assembly of products in which appearance as well as strength, was important.

In general, however, it was confined to the arts rather than industry, until about 1925 when the industrial use of silver solders for joining metals began to attract wider attention and the American Society for Testing Materials (to reduce to a few essential types the vast numbers of compositions available), drew up specifications for a set of standard alloys. Eight alloys were finally adopted, containing from 10 to 80 per cent silver, 16 to 52 per cent copper, 4 to 38 per cent zinc and up to 5 per cent cadmium.

Thus silver soldering (or "brazing" to use a more technically correct term) has grown from a process confined mostly to jewelry, silverware and a few highly specialized industrial applications to one which includes all industry in its scope. It has become an important factor in the production of almost anything made of metal which can be heated to the operating temperatures of alloys of this type. Although no figures are available, it is safe to say that today the great bulk of

silver brazing is done on steel, copper or brass parts rather than on silver which was once its principal field of application.

This broadening of scope has come about for excellent reasons. In the first place, during recent years, new silver brazing alloys have been developed with important advantages:

Low working temperatures—1175 to 1300°F.

Exceptional fluidity.

Small amount of silver alloy required per joint.

High joint strength.

The low working temperatures make it easy to raise work rapidly to brazing temperature, resulting in fast production, savings in time and a low heat cost. The low temperatures also protect the physical properties of the metal joined, properties which high temperatures might damage or destroy.

The exceptional fluidity of these alloys gives them the ability to penetrate into a joint in the minimum time, spreading rapidly, filling the interstices, and with the aid of capillary action, effectively covering the metal surfaces to be joined. Consequently, the joints are strong, gas-tight and highly resistant to shock, vibration and temperature change.

Because of these properties, the amount of low temperature silver brazing alloy needed to make a joint is far less than the amount of base-metal alloy

Steel Parts

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... expanded rapidly under stimulus of war demands. Exceptionally satisfactory record of process seen as forecasting further peacetime acceptance. Advantages include high strength, gas tightness, fast production, low cost

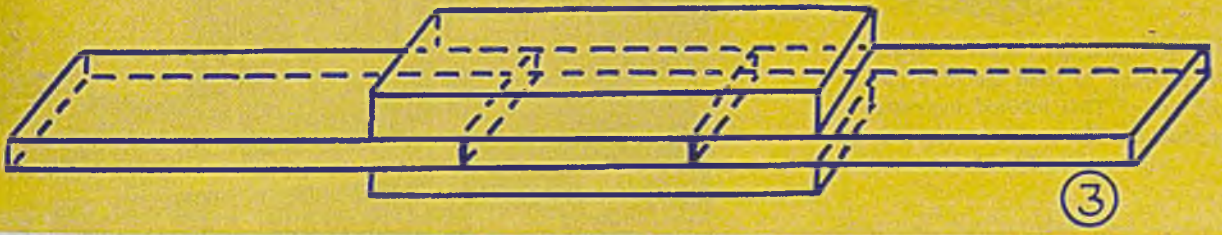


Fig. 3—Steel strips, 1/4 x 1-inch brazed together

quired by high temperature brazing. Only thin films, not fillets, of the brazing alloy are required to make the strongest and most ductile joints. Because it flows freely, no excess alloy is used, and little or none is left outside of the joints. Finishing costs are reduced to a minimum and are often eliminated.

The high strength of bonds made with these alloys makes it possible to use a minimum area of lap, thus effecting important material savings. The reliability and speed of operations make silver alloy brazing particularly suitable for production work, and because of the ease of application it is recommended strongly for maintenance and repair work.

Table I gives some typical tensile strength test results of joints made with the low temperature brazing alloy — Easy Flo. There are a few special features in this table which appear to have sufficient interest for further comment. It will be noted that in the case of Item 1 the steel was heat treated prior to brazing and that the strength of the heat-treated steel was maintained after the brazed joint was made.

Note also that with the exception of Item 4, it was the parent metal parts that failed rather than the joints. Therefore, in the table, it was necessary to indicate the shear strength to be greater than the value calculated from the breaking load of the material. Even in Item 4, although the joint did fail, the strength was well beyond the yield strength of the steel, indicating that this strength was beyond the normal expectancy of either the joint or of the steel itself, from a design point of view.

These low-temperature alloys give joints with high electrical and thermal conductivity because of their silver content, the thin films used in the joints, and their intimate diffusion into metal sur-

faces. Tests show that lap joints offer higher conductivity, with that of butt joints slightly lower than the base metals joined.

The salient factors of silver alloy brazing as a process may therefore be listed as follows:

1. Strength and ductility of joints
2. High electrical and thermal conductivity.
3. Leak-tightness
4. High speed production.
5. Low rejects, high efficiency
6. Low cost.

An important aid in the reduction of costs has been the development of improved methods of heating. Whereas, at one time, simple torches and furnaces were the important sources of heat we now have thermostatically controlled furnaces, improved burners and torches, controlled atmosphere furnaces, and most recently, induction electric heating units. These methods provide an almost unlimited combination for applying heat at pre-determined rates and open the way to the use of rapid handling methods.

Forms Preplaced in Joint

Coincidentally has come the development of preplacement of the silver brazing alloy. These alloys are formed into wire rings, or sheet is formed into washers, or strip or special shapes of the proper dimensions and size. These forms are preplaced in the joint and the assembly moved through heating station to make braze with minimum of hand labor.

As a result of these technical improvements, the applications of silver brazing alloys even before the war spread throughout a great many of our leading industries. In the electrical field, for example, silver brazed parts include transformer leads and taps, joints in bus bar installations, ground connections and

cable joints. In the manufacture of electric motors, end rings are bonded to rotor bars. Also a large variety of small parts such as contacts, terminals and connectors used in electrical equipment are brazed with silver alloys.

Makers of refrigerators and air conditioning equipment have become important users of silver alloy brazing. The low temperature at which these alloys melt and the strong corrosion-resistant joints produced make them particularly desirable for joining the light gage metal sheets and tubing employed in these fields. The use of these alloys has eliminated the break-downs that occurred with soft soldered joints, as well as losses from the escape of the refrigerant.

Standard pipe and fittings are now joined with silver brazing alloys. Special Walseal fittings are made with rings of brazing alloy fitted into grooves cut in the fittings. This type of joint is specified for marine and navy piping, in public buildings, for railroad service, and in large steam plants.

Silver brazing is employed in the manufacture of many appliances for the home, made of steel as well as nonferrous metals, including cooking utensils, hot water tanks, water heaters, flatirons, metal furniture and other applications where soft solders do not give the necessary strength, and the temperature required for base-metal brazing alloys or welding rods would be too high.

It is also used in the manufacture of chemical equipment, dairy and creamery equipment, and in the dye industry. Applications in the electrical, automotive and airplane industries include many instruments, oil filters, oil coolers, gear shift levers, steering wheel spiders, contact joints, window frames, oil lines and radiator grilles.

The impact of the war on the manu-

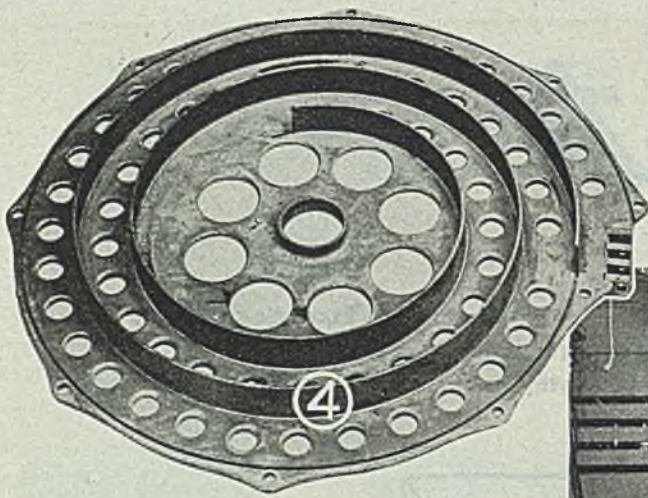


Fig. 4—Spiral strip is silver brazed to stamping to form machine gun end plate. This method increased production 500 per cent over use of machined forgings

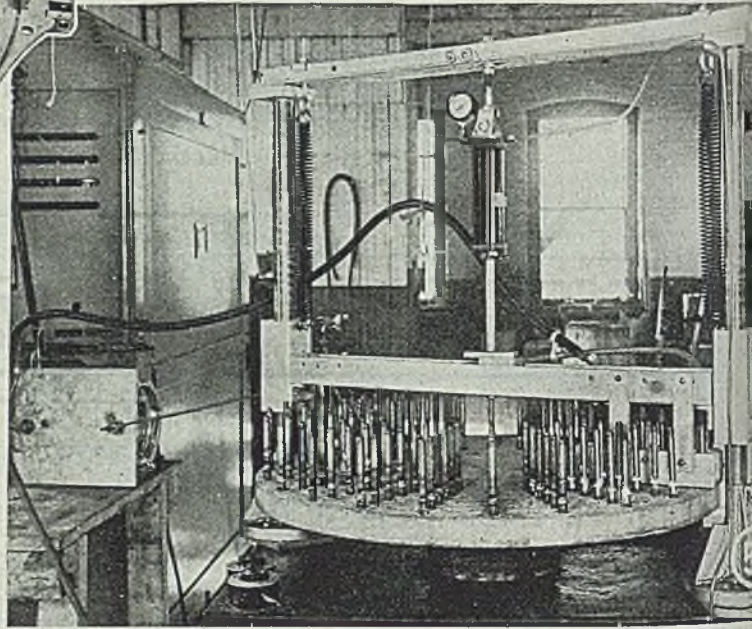
facture of metal products was staggering. The first and greatest result was the elimination for practical purposes, of most civilian products. Only the most necessary civilian items were permitted to be made. All productive facilities not absolutely indispensable to civilian needs were turned over to the war effort. Simultaneously, the production of metal products grew to astronomical quantities almost overnight. Of course, along with the expansion in volume came countless new items and products, and an amazing percentage of these new products called for silver alloy brazing in their assembly.

Naturally, in the production of war material, steel played a leading part. How to make parts and entire assemblies in fast time which would serve their purpose reliably was the problem. In a great number of instances advantage was taken of the speed with which joints of high strength, ductility and leak tightness can be made with silver brazing alloys. So, therefore, we find silver alloy brazing in use in airplane construction, in accessories and instruments, in airplane

cabin heaters, ignition shielding, radiators and thousands of smaller parts.

In ordnance and chemical warfare products, silver alloy brazing was used on the assembly of aerial bombs, incendiary bombs, bazooka projectiles, smoke shells, unfilled projectiles, hand grenades, anti-personnel mines, chemical and mortar shells, rockets, machine guns, the 40MM Bofors gun, torpedoes, anti-tank guns, and a wide variety of miscellaneous gun parts, including torque tubes, fire control mechanism parts, driving spring tube bodies, ring stops on tubular guides, range finder fittings, gun turret parts, gun sights (front and rear), solenoid clamps, gun mount parts and elevation mechanism parts.

Fig. 5—Special setup silver brazes 11,000 steel burst tubes per 9-hr shift handling six at a time. Induction heating station makes braze in 2.7 sec



The vital necessity of silver alloy brazing in production of war items was proved by the fact that silver brazing alloys and flux are covered by specifications of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. Army Air Forces, the Navy, U. S. Army Ordnance Dept. and the U. S. Chemical Warfare Service. These specifications are shown in Table II.

Another huge consumer of silver brazing alloys is shipbuilding. These alloys are used in enormous quantities in the construction and repair of ships by the Navy, the Merchant Marine and private shipyards. Specific applications for silver alloy brazing in shipbuilding include:

- Salt water lines
- Lubricating oil lines

TABLE I
TYPICAL TENSILE STRENGTH TEST RESULTS OF EASY FLO JOINTS*

Material	Type of Joint	Joint Clearance	Shear Area (in.)	Shear Strength psi (min)	Yie'd Strength psi	Tensile Strength psi	Remarks
1. SAE X-4130 Steel ¹	Shear ²	0.002 ³	0.296	67,000	126,000	135,000	Tube failure
2. SAE X-4130 Steel ⁴	Shear ²	0.003 ³	0.296	49,000		93,000	Tube failure
3. SAE 1020 Steel	Shear ⁵	0.003	0.500	38,000		76,000	Steel failure
4. SAE 1020 Steel	Butt ⁶	0.003				66,000	Joint failure

* Data obtained from Handy & Harman Research Laboratory Reports.

¹ Steel heat-treated to a minimum of 127,000 psi yield strength and 137,000 psi tensile strength prior to brazing.

² A ring measuring 1" ID x 1-3/4" OD x 3/8" thick was brazed to one end of an 8" long tube, 0.049" wall x 1" OD. See Fig. 1.

³ Same results were obtained with variations of joint clearance from 0.002" to 0.005".

⁴ Steel in normalized condition—90,000 tensile strength.

⁵ See Fig. 1.

⁶ Steel strips 1/4" x 1"—brazed as illustrated in Fig. 2.

⁷ Steel as received tested at 69,000 psi. Elongation of the brazed specimen was 13 per cent in 2" length; 5/8" round rod used for preparation of joint.

Fig. 6—Closeup of induction heating station for silver brazing the end cap to the cylinder tube of a steel airplane brake assembly

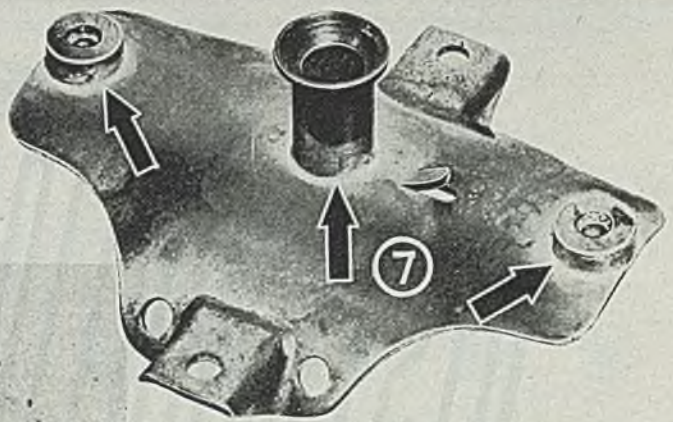
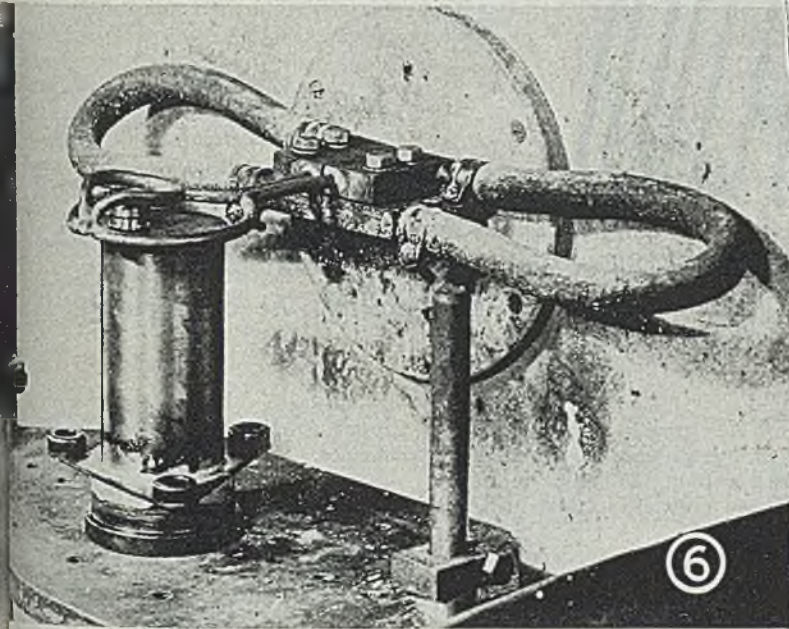


Fig. 7—Aircraft generator bracket made by silver brazing screw machine parts to steel stamping. Formerly this part was a machined casting

and the thousands of new applications for which it has been found suitable. Experience has been gained in new fields which will stand us in good stead in peacetime when parts for civilian products made of steel which had never been silver brazed before, will be assembled by this process which has been proved eminently suitable.

Moreover, the experience gained in brazing airplane parts, ignition shields and the like in bombers, fighter planes, etc. will also be put to good use in the production of planes for civilians, passenger planes, sport planes and cargo planes.

What we have learned from the pressure of war needs is that this process provides us with a method of assembly which is speedy, reliable, and economical. The precious metal used adds little to the cost of production. The amount of silver used in the joint is reckoned in small fractions of an ounce; labor has always been the largest single element of cost in brazing. In the future silver alloy brazing will be used for joining ferrous parts to an extent far beyond pre-war practice, it is predicted.

conditioned by silver alloy brazing include metal slitting saws, broaches, forming tools, drills, carbide tipped tools, taps, milling cutters, end mills, reamers and lathe tools.

Other types of equipment made essentially of ferrous metals which use silver brazing alloys in their construction and maintenance include general machinery such as pumps, machine tools, diesel engines, gear reducers, dies, storage tanks and vats, gasoline pumps, gasoline stoves, heating equipment, hospital equipment, lubricating systems, textile machinery, and equipment for railroads.

The future of silver alloy brazing is unpredictable at this time because of its amazing growth during the war period

TABLE II
SPECIFICATIONS FOR SILVER BRAZING ALLOYS

Type of Silver Alloy	Silver Content	Flow Point °F.	U.S. Navy Spec. 47-S-13 (INT)	U.S. Navy Bur. of Aeronautics Spec. 47-S-13 (INT)	U.S. Army Chem. Warfare Serv. Spec. 196-131-80	U.S. Army Ordnance Dept. Tent. Spec. AXS-741	U.S. Army Air Forces Spec. 11342	Fed. Govt. Agency Spec. QQ-S-56 1d	A.S.T.M. Spec. B-73-29	Soc. of Auto. Eng. Aeron. Materials Spec. AMS 4770
SF Brazing Alloy	15%	1300	III	III	3	...	A	3	...	...
PF Brazing Alloy	50	1175	IV	IV	4	4	B	4	...	AMS 4770
PF No. 3 Brazing Alloy	50	1270	V	V	5	...	...	5	...	...
TL Silver Solder	9	1600	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
MT Special Silver Solder	20	1500	0	0	0	...	...	0	2	...
AT Silver Solder	20	1500	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
DE Silver Solder	45	1370	I	I	I	...	...	1	4	...
ETX Silver Solder	50	1425	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
Easy Silver Solder	65	1325	II	II	2	...	...	2	6	...
Medium Silver Solder	70	1390	7	...
TI Silver Solder	80	1460	8	...

STRESS DISTRIBUTION

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The author presents a check list of current, accepted methods for determination of stresses which will prove helpful to those following the present tendency to limit weight by the more effective use of materials

OVER a long period, mathematicians have devoted much time and given much study to the subject of stress values in structures not subject to reasonably simple stress analysis. Such structures as simple beams, continuous beams, tension members and thinwalled hydraulic cylinders may be analyzed with considerable precision and reasonable simplicity by mathematics but the structures of more complex form do not lend themselves to such analysis.

By correlating tests with mathematics, some of the more complex forms have been so analyzed as to allow of the use of empirical formulae. Such methods and formulae have been advantageous but frequently have left much to be desired. Many designs have been predicated on a few tests to destruction with little knowledge of the actual primary or secondary stresses present under working conditions or of the real factors of safety provided.

The constant tendency to limit weight by the more effective use of materials and the introduction of materials less well known as to their physical attributes such as Meehanite, aluminum and magnesium, has further centered attention on more definite determination of actual stress conditions.

The mathematical determination of stresses has been so difficult and unsatisfactory in great numbers of instances that more precise and informative methods have been sought.

The trial and error method may also be unsatisfactory in precision and in any event requires so much time as to indicate the advantages of more precise methods.

Photo Elastic Method

The photo-elastic method of stress determination was conceived as offering an advantageous solution of the difficulty in many cases. This method presents a picture of the stress distribution in a structure through the form and pattern of the whorls and lines delineated as the loadings are applied. Indication of the

value of the stresses is given by the spacing of the pattern. However, there have been certain difficulties in interpretation and difficulties inherent in the material used.

Therefore, the trend appears to have been toward methods which could be applied directly to the material and the structure involved.

Beyond photo-elastic methods, there are methods which use dissection, X-ray diffraction, "Stress Coating" and electric-resistance gages as indicators of strain. The normal extensometer method has been largely superseded by some one or a combination of the others.

Dissection Method

The dissection method has been mainly used in determining residual stresses in a piece of material and consists of measuring the dimension of a piece accurately, cutting small portions of the piece away, remeasuring and determining the magnitude of stress, after thus determining the strain, from the stress-strain curve of the material. The method is described in an article by Sachs and Espey in *Iron Age*, 1941.

X-Ray Diffraction Method

The X-ray diffraction method is a method mainly useful in determining surface stresses. After polishing a spot on the surface of the piece and loading the structure an X-ray photograph is taken vertical to the surface and another at a determined angle to the surface. The difference between the space of the lines of the two photographs is an index to the stress involved. The amount of stress must be determined by the spacing of such lines as determined by similar photographs of the same material under known stress and by correlation.

The preparation of the surface at the points where stress determinations are made by this method is very important since the penetration is on the order of 0.001-in. and the extent micro-roughness affects the diffraction. The surface is etched but must then be made smooth.

Crystal size of the material is also influence.

Drilling Holes Method

Drilling holes in a piece to allow determination of the stress below the surface does not appear to be feasible due probably to change in stress concentration due to the presence of the hole.

Indication of stress for materials harder than rockwell 45 C is not as reliable for materials of lower hardness.

This method of determination of stress is of recent development and has not been used to such an extent as to have developed a good background of knowledge.

Stress Coating Method

"Stress Coating" is the application of preparation to the surface of the material. After this coating hardens, if loadings are applied, cracks develop in the hardened coat. The spacing of these cracks indicates the degree of stress, and approximate determination of the value of the stress may be made by comparing the spacing with that developed on a piece of material under known stress.

This method was indicated as most valuable in determining the region of any structure at which more precise determinations might be made by other methods.

A method of strain analysis which has received a good deal of attention is the electric strain gage. There are two types at present, the magnetic type and the resistance type. There is said to be a inductance type in development.

Strain Gage Method

The strain gage consists of a small piece of wire with accurately determined electrical constants. If this wire is subjected to strain the amount of such strain may be determined by knowledge of the constants of the gage and by observation of indicated changes in the electrical circuit.

In the case of a simple stress such as (Please turn to Page 146)

Tin, Antimony, Lead

Task teams have been alerted to go into Malaya to find new sources for tin and expedite production, since the stockpile in the U. S. will vanish by the end of 1946 at present restricted rate of use. A "few hundred tons" were found in Germany. So critical is the supply situation the Dutch and other tin mine operators will be given top AAA priority assistance for dredges and other equipment needed. Washington authorities are worried about lead saying U. S. can't produce enough and imports are insufficient to meet needs. Stockpiles of antimony in Central China soon will be made available now that Chinese coast ports are being opened up.

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Glass Gaskets

Fine glass fibers—intertwined in random orientation and bonded to form a thin, highly porous felt-like material—are the basis for new gaskets and sheet packing manufactured by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Toledo, O. Glass fibers have average diameter of 0.0005-in., while mats range from 0.010-in. to 0.050-in. in thickness and from 22 to 36 in. in roll lengths of 150 and 300 ft. Binders used are starch, gelatine, furfural or phenolic, depending on end use. Gaskets made from the material are reported to show high pressure resistance, chemical durability, and little flow under flange pressure.

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Rubber

Investigators in Germany have found the famous Buna S synthetic rubber to be inferior to a similar type (GRS) produced in the United States and lacked uniformity of quality. In this country, synthetic rubber is here to stay. As STEEL pointed out Dec. 4, 1944, the synthetics are superior for many applications, especially in the industrial field where resistance to oil, light and heat are often required characteristics. In addition an executive of a leading rubber company declared off the record a few days ago that the rubber industry has resolved to use substantial quantities of synthetic rubber and, in fact, will improve quality through continued research.

Before the Japs quit, the U. S. figured an available supply of 750,000 tons of synthetic and 100,000 tons of natural rubber for 1945. Nothing will be known for another 60 days about the condition of the rubber plantation and coagulating machinery in the Far East but estimated world supply of natural rubber had been placed at 350,000 tons for 1946 and might reach 750,000 tons. As a result, WPB is working out a series of steps for improving the quality of rubber by compounding

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natural with synthetic. The 15,000,000 truck tires scheduled for production in 1946 will be made with progressively improved rubber and rayon cord. Passenger car tires will be made with cotton cord, with production placed at 66,000,000 for 1946, against about 25,000,000 in 1945. Truck tire output this year will be about 22,500,000.

Total U. S. rubber consumption next year is placed at a new record of 940,000 tons, comparing with 850,000 tons in 1945.

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Packaged Nickel Oxide

Nickel recoveries vary widely in use of nickel oxide in production of open hearth alloy steels; on eight heats charged in one case, recovery averaged but 80 per cent. In electric furnace practice, however, satisfactory results are general, notably in the production of stainless steels in which nickel recoveries have averaged better than 95 per cent. Use of nickel oxide, a product from Cuban ores, in open hearth practice might be feasible if packaged in metal containers, open hearth metallurgists suggest.

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Few Cancellations

One of the machine tool companies checked with all of its customers prior to V-J day with the result that a 40 per cent cancellation in machines on order was expected right after war's end. Much to their surprise, V-J day brought very few cancellations and it has been impossible to move up delivery dates a single day.

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Under-Water Welding

If the SCHARNHORST had had a means of cutting off damaged hull plates which made her travel in a circle, she might have avoided sinking by the Allies. Such a method was developed in this country during the war and has been of great value in repairing battle-damaged ships, clearing harbors, removing

sunken bridges. A hollow, coated electrode is used, which undoubtedly will find many peacetime applications for repair work. Excellent welds also may be made at considerable depths under water with new improvements in equipment and technique.

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Care of Furnace Bottoms

Examination of lump samples and of drill cores of burned-in and cold-rammed open-hearth bottoms form old and new hearths shows that bottoms of the rammed type do not have as high a density as that of the burned-in type. On the other hand, beating rammed bottoms too thoroughly results in penetrating shrinkage cracks, and cracks due to thermal contraction when the bottom reverts to the temperature gradient under normal operation.

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Plating Aid

Adjustable anode rod invented by Messrs. Evans and Shaefer, Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore, is responsible for faster plating of irregularly shaped parts and more uniform metal deposits in company plating operations. Anodes are removed quickly and easily to most advantageous position in relation to work, adjustment of rod accommodating several types of work without disconnecting anodes from power source.

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To Lighten Farm Work

No larger than a man's two fists, an aircraft type pump has been made which runs off a tractor engine to provide hydraulic pressure for operating farm implements. At a flip of the handle, this unit of Pesco Products Co., Cleveland, reputedly can raise or lower tractor-mounted plows, harrows or cultivators. It is said to provide a smooth flow of hydraulic fluid, free from pulsations and surges. An adaptation of the gear type, pump and system are similar to those used on military airplanes to operate bomb-bay doors, landing gear, etc.

CARBURIZING and

... carried out continuously in muffle-type furnace produce file-hard surface and dead-soft centers in thin-gage steel pieces, such as thrust washers and retainer rings

A COMBINATION of carburizing and nitriding, carried out continuously in a muffle-type furnace with special atmosphere, has made it possible to obtain clean, file-hard surfaces with dead soft centers on a variety of thin-gage steel pieces such as flat and spherical thrust washers, retainer rings, lock nuts, pins and the like used in truck axle assemblies. The dual hardening treatment further has permitted the use of alternate materials, with an annual saving of approximately \$75,000 at the Timken-Detroit Axle Co., Detroit.

Each axle includes four spherical and two flat thrust washers which in service are required only to resist compression loads and surface wear. They are blanked from SAE 1010 hot-rolled strip steel, formed to spherical shape where required, then cleaned in an alkaline bath and washed before heat treatment. Stock thickness varies, but one of the smaller spherical thrust washers, for example, is approximately 0.0625-in. thick, 1 13/16

in. in diameter, with hole 7/8-in. in diameter.

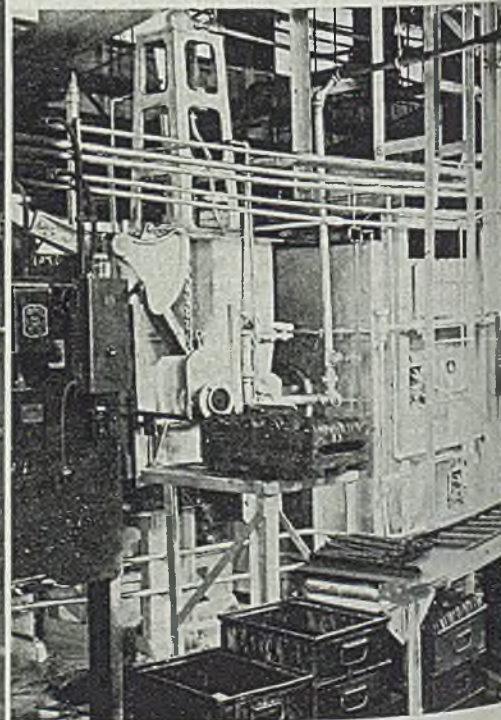
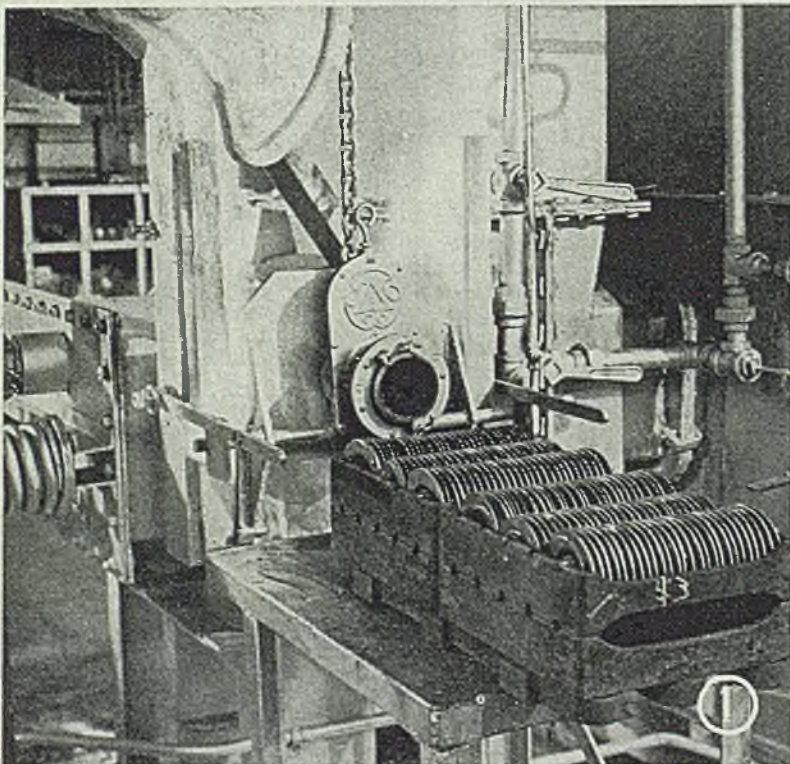
Heat treating is carried out in a tray pusher-type muffle furnace, with water jacketed cooling chamber at the discharge end. Each tray accommodates from 150 to 900 pieces which are set on edge in racks so that they do not touch in order that the entire surface may be contacted by the gas atmosphere. The furnace operates on a cycle of one push every 30 min, and one tray requires 8 hr to traverse the furnace—5 hr in the muffle and 3 hr in the cooling zone. Gas locks at the charging end, as well as at the discharge end, keep the furnace atmosphere sealed against the outside air. Temperature is maintained at 1425° F, plus or minus 5°, to obtain case depth of 0.004-0.006-in., although by raising the temperature it is possible to obtain as high as 0.012-in. case.

Originally this furnace was operated to allow 3 1/2 hr for heating and car-

burizing at 1500° F. followed by a 2 hr slow cool to 1375 and 2 1/2 hr accelerated cooling to near room temperature. For present requirements better metallurgical results and improved products are obtained by holding uniform temperature of 1425° F throughout heating cycle.

The dry cyaniding atmosphere gas supplied by a standard RX type generator, cracking mixtures of air and natural gas, to which additional natural gas and ammonia are added to produce a mixture analyzing about as follows: CO, 6.5 per cent; CH₄ (methane), 1.5 per cent; H₂, 60.6 per cent; N₂, 30.0 per cent, with no CO₂ or O₂ and only a trace of water vapor. Suitable muffle atmosphere is obtained by admixing 100 cu ft per hour of natural gas and 8 lb of ammonia with 165 cu ft per hour from an RX generator.

The "dry cyaniding" process utilizes both carbon and nascent nitrogen for
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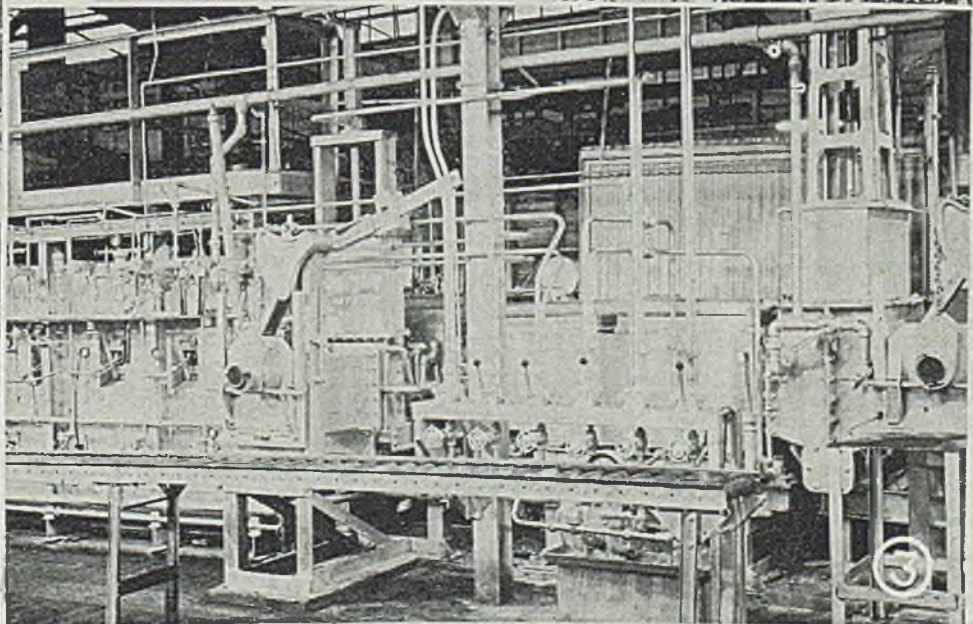
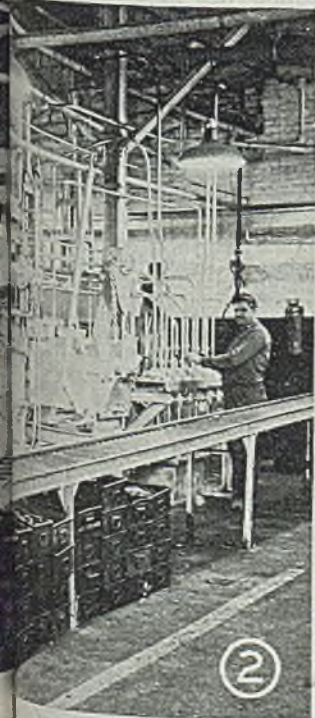
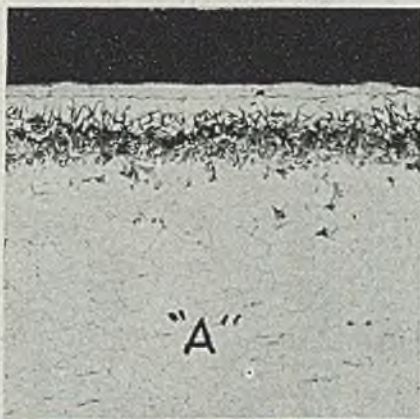
Fig. 1—Tray of 104 washers ready to be moved into vestibule at charging end of muffle furnace for carburizing-nitriding treatment

Fig. 2—Side view of gas-fired muffle furnace for dry gas nitriding. Operator in background is at central valve station where furnace doors and pusher are controlled

Fig. 3—Discharge end of furnace at right has vestibule into which trays are pulled for removal after traversing cooling chamber shown behind six control valves

Fig. 4—Photomicrographs showing carburized-nitrided surface of dry cyanided SAE-52100 steel washer. "A" is at 100 diameters magnification; "B" at 500 diameters. Note clear delineation of thin nitrided outer layer and darker carburized subsurface layer

Fig. 5—Here are typical thrust washers which have been given the dual hardening treatment



GERMANY'S Tool and Special Steels

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Brand	High Speed Steel					Ni	Mo	V	Co
	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W				
MK Special	0.65	0.20	0.25	4.20	17.50	...	0.70	1.60	15.50
Poldi MK	0.65	0.20	0.25	4.20	17.50	...	0.70	1.60	9.50
Poldi MK H	0.78	0.20	0.25	4.20	17.50	...	0.70	1.60	9.50
Maximum Special 55	0.70	0.20	0.25	4.20	17.50	...	0.60	1.40	4.75
Maximum Special 55G									
= Radeco D	0.85	0.20	0.25	4.20	12.50	...	0.60	1.85	4.75
Maximum Special 30	0.70	0.20	0.25	4.20	17.50	...	0.60	1.40	2.50
Radeco K	1.35	0.20	0.25	1.05	17.50	...	...	1.35	5.25
Radeco = Radeco 2	1.30	0.20	0.25	5.00	10.75	...	...	4.20	...
Maximum Special G Extra	0.85	0.20	0.25	4.20	9.75	...	...	2.40	...
Maximum Special	0.70	0.20	0.25	4.20	17.50	...	0.60	1.35	...
Maximum Special H	0.80	0.20	0.25	4.20	17.50	...	0.60	1.35	...
Maximum Special G									
= Maximum Special G3	0.82	0.20	0.25	4.20	7.75	...	...	2.00	...
Maximum Special MO	1.00	0.20	0.25	5.25	1.75	...	2.40	2.85	...
Maximum	0.70	0.25	0.25	4.00	17.50	...	0.60	0.50	...
000 Extra 6 = Maximum P	0.75	0.25	0.25	4.00	16.35	...	0.40	0.35	...
Maximum G	0.75	0.25	0.25	5.00	8.50	...	0.55	0.80	...
000 Extra	0.75	0.25	0.25	4.00	15.75	...	0.50	0.15	...
000	0.65	0.25	0.30	5.00	10.25	...	0.40	0.10	...

Chromium-Tungsten and Tungsten Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
301	0.32	0.35	0.30	2.25	9.50	...	...	0.25	2.40
KNO Extra	0.42	0.30	0.30	2.25	9.50	...	0.55	1.60	...
KNO	0.42	0.20	0.25	3.75	15.00	...	0.10	0.35	...
HPS	0.25	0.50	0.30	2.25	9.50	1.50	...	0.10	...
212	0.28	0.35	0.30	2.25	8.75	...	...	0.20	...
212 D2	0.30	0.35	0.30	2.75	4.35	...	...	0.55	...
425	0.30	0.35	1.10	1.45	3.75	...	...	...	...
425 D	0.32	0.35	1.10	2.45	1.90	...	...	0.35	...
Tenax NB	0.55	0.25	1.00	1.10	1.90	...	...	...	...
Tenax N = 895	0.45	0.25	1.00	1.10	1.90	...	...	...	...
Tenax NF	0.35	0.25	1.00	1.10	1.90	...	...	...	...
O Diamanthart	1.35	0.25	0.20	0.55	4.90	...	...	0.35	...
O Diamanthart D	1.35	0.25	0.20	0.70	3.35	...	...	0.35	...
O Extra	1.35	0.25	0.20	0.25	4.75	...	...	0.10	...
O Extra D	1.35	0.25	0.20	0.25	3.35	...	...	0.20	...
Solar	1.20	0.50	0.25	1.60	1.45	...	...	0.15	...
SPS	1.20	0.30	0.20	0.40	1.15	...	...	...	...
SP	1.20	0.30	0.20	...	0.70	...	...	...	...
SST	1.00	0.30	0.20	...	1.15	...	...	...	...
Duplex Extra	1.05	0.35	0.25	0.25	1.15	...	...	0.20	...

Chromium Special Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
2002 Special	1.85	0.30	0.30	12.5	0.75	...	...	0.30	...
2002	1.90	0.30	0.30	12.5	...	...	...	...	...
Magnet C	0.95	0.30	1.35	4.00	...	...	...	...	...
WP	0.40	0.65	0.25	2.50	...	...	0.60	0.45	...
GS 1	0.40	0.65	0.25	2.50	...	...	0.45	0.28	...
GS 2	0.42	0.65	0.30	2.50	...	...	0.28	...	...
GS 3	0.38	1.40	0.30	2.50	...	...	0.28	...	...
GS 4 = ML Special	0.33	1.90	0.25	3.75	...	...	...	0.18	...
B 200	0.38	1.90	0.25	3.75	...	...	...	0.18	...
LDM Special	0.28	0.30	0.35	2.50	...	...	0.60	0.28	...
LDM	0.25	0.30	0.35	1.20	...	...	0.65	...	...
LDM 2	0.22	1.00	0.25	1.20	...	...	0.28	...	...
LDM 3	0.20	1.40	0.25	1.90	...	...	0.26	...	...
LDM 3 Special	0.22	1.40	0.25	1.90	...	...	0.26	0.22	...
Decora	0.57	0.65	0.30	2.50	...	...	0.35	0.15	...
Decora W	0.52	0.65	0.30	2.50	...	...	0.35	0.15	...
CV=CZ Special	0.42	0.55	0.25	2.25	...	...	0.15	...	...
CX	0.30	0.30	0.90	2.45	...	...	...	0.35	...

Tool Steels With Nickel and Manganese

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
Orlo	0.90	0.30	0.25	...	...	...	...	0.20	...
5HN	0.85	0.45	0.25	...	...	...	...	0.05	...
1888	0.70	0.55	0.25	...	...	...	...	0.05	...
Stabil Special	0.85	1.70	0.25	0.30	...	...	...	0.20	...
Stabil	0.80	2.10	0.25	...	...	...	...	0.15	...

FIVE companies marketed practically all of the tool and special steels that were used in Germany. Three of these companies were strictly German, one was Czechoslovakian, and the fifth had home offices and one plant in Austria with another plant in Germany. The three German companies were the Deutsch Edelstahle at Krefeld, Krupp at Essen, and Rochlitz Stahl Steel Works at Wetzlar. The Austrian company was the Bolzano Werkzeug Stahle with its main plant at Kopfenberg, Austria, and another plant at Dusseldorf, Germany. The fifth company was the Poldi Hutte, having its main plant at Kladsko, Czechoslovakia. Apparently Bolzano enjoyed the largest sale of special steels, closely followed by Deutsch Edelstahle.

Each of the five companies had between 8 to 12 branch warehouses which were located in all of the large German industrial areas. The warehouse stocks were quite complete in sizes and grades, and aggregated a large amount of such steels in warehouse stocks was large. Contrary to American custom, mills did not carry large stocks at places of manufacture unless the location was in a heavily industrial area such as Krupp at Essen.

Manufacture

A striking similarity was apparent in the methods of manufacture between all of the tool and special steel companies. This statement is based

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Special and Extra Tool Steels				
Brand	C	Mn	Si	Co
FS Special	1.20	0.25	0.15	...
EZH Special	1.00	0.35	0.20	...
S Special	0.75	0.30	0.25	...
FS'148	1.10	0.30	0.20	...
	1.20	...	...	...
FS*	1.20	0.25	0.15	...
EZH	0.95	0.30	0.20	...
	1.05	...	...	...
FZH*	1.05	0.25	0.15	...
Index	1.05	0.30	0.20	...
EZ	0.75	0.30	0.20	...
	0.85
Deco	0.90	0.30	0.20	...
	1.05

Note: No Cr, W, Ni, Mo or Co used.

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 industry. Details on methods and analyses reveal strong pref-
 erence for tungsten types and changing compositions

Industry

study of the methods of manufacture of Edlestahl and Rochlingstahl. All of the companies manufactured their product in the form of rolled and forged bars, cold drawn and ground bars, wire, plate, and sheet. Practically all of the steel was melted in electric furnaces, yet each of the companies had some open hearth capacity in which carbon and low alloy steels might be manufactured.

Rochlingstahl was equipped with one 30-ton open hearth furnace using coke oven gas and three electric furnaces. One of 20-ton capacity was manufactured by Demag, the second had 10-ton capacity, and the third 5-ton capacity. The latter two were

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Tool, Drill and File Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si
.....	1.20	0.30	0.20
.....	1.35		
.....	1.05	0.30	0.20
.....	1.20		
.....	0.90	0.30	0.20
.....	1.05		
.....	0.75	0.32	0.20
.....	0.90		
.....	0.65	0.35	0.25
.....	0.75		
.....	1.20	0.25	0.15
.....	1.35		
.....	1.05	0.25	0.15
.....	1.20		
.....	0.90	0.25	0.15
.....	1.05		
.....	1.20	0.30	0.20
.....	1.35		
.....	1.05	0.30	0.20
.....	1.20		
.....	0.90	0.30	0.20
.....	1.05		
.....	0.75	0.30	0.20
.....	0.90		
.....	0.70	0.30	0.12
.....	0.80		
.....	1.35	0.20	0.12
.....	1.50		
.....	1.20	0.25	0.12
.....	1.35		
.....	1.00	0.25	0.12
.....	1.20		

Note: No Cr, W, Ni, Mo, V or Co used.

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Brand	Chromium Steels					W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W					
EX	1.40	0.50	0.30	1.60	0.15
ORI	1.25	0.70	1.15	1.20
DS Special	1.15	0.20	0.15	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.18	.....
EPAZ	1.25	0.40	0.25	0.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.15	.....
SC=REDI H	0.60	0.70	1.55	0.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
REDI=LDS	0.45	0.50	1.45	0.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CR2	0.80	0.35	0.25	1.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CR2W	0.70	0.35	0.25	1.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CR1	0.90	0.35	0.25	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.10	.....
CR	0.90	0.30	0.25	0.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	0.10	.....
CRK	1.00	0.40	0.25	1.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
RCR=DS	1.20	0.20	0.15	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
RCR 1=1 Extrahart	1.50	0.25	0.20	0.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3C	1.15	0.30	0.20	0.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Tool Steels With Nickel

Brand	Tool Steels With Nickel					W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W					
LDH	0.30	0.30	0.35	0.70	.....	4.25	1.50	.....	.....	.....
TPA	0.32	0.50	0.25	1.00	.....	4.00	0.70	.....	.....	.....
LDH2	0.22	0.30	0.45	0.50	.....	3.75	1.25	.....	.....	.....
LDH3 Special	0.30	0.30	0.45	0.70	.....	2.40	0.75	0.30	.....	.....
LDH4	0.28	0.30	0.45	0.70	.....	1.10	0.35	.....	.....	.....
LDH4 Special	0.30	0.30	0.45	0.70	.....	1.40	0.45	0.22	.....	.....
LDH5	0.26	0.30	0.45	0.70	.....	1.10	0.10	0.22	.....	.....
LDH5 Special	0.28	0.30	0.45	0.70	.....	1.10	0.30	0.22	.....	.....
CNF	0.35	0.50	0.25	0.90	.....	4.85	.....	.....	.....	.....
CNB	0.38	0.50	0.25	1.50	0.60	4.25	0.30	.....	.....	.....
CNBD	0.38	0.50	0.25	1.50	.....	3.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
CNB4	0.35	0.30	0.30	5.00	.....	1.70	0.48	.....	.....	.....
TBM Extra	0.40	1.10	0.40	1.10	.....	1.70	0.48	.....	.....	.....
TBM	0.48	0.80	0.40	0.90	.....	1.70	0.28	.....	.....	.....
CNH Special	0.55	0.50	0.25	0.75	.....	2.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
CN Special	0.38	0.50	0.25	0.75	.....	2.85	.....	.....	.....	.....
TI Special	0.12	0.45	0.25	1.10	.....	4.10	.....	.....	.....	.....
TE Special	0.15	0.50	0.25	0.70	.....	3.35	.....	.....	.....	.....
BZ	0.39	0.60	0.25	1.10	.....	2.00	0.15	.....	.....	.....

Corrosion Resisting Steels

Brand	Corrosion Resisting Steels									
	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co	Ti
Antoxyd	0.20	0.50	0.25	21.0	.....	38.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Antoxyd 2	0.10	0.45	0.50	21.0	.....	38.5	5.50	.....	.....	0.50
AKC	0.20	0.50	0.50	24.0	.....	19.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKCM	0.45	0.50	0.50	18.0	.....	19.5	3.25	.....	.....	.....
AKCR	0.15	0.50	1.00	25.0	.....	14.5	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKCF	0.10	0.50	0.80	21.0	.....	10.0	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKV Extra	0.07	0.50	0.80	18.5	.....	9.0	1.65	.....	.....	.....
AKV Extra S	0.07	0.50	0.80	18.5	.....	8.5	1.65	.....	.....	0.60
AKV	0.15	0.50	0.80	18.5	.....	9.0	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKVS	0.10	0.50	0.80	18.5	.....	8.5	.....	.....	.....	0.60
AKVN	0.10	0.50	0.80	18.5	.....	9.0	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKVU	0.15	0.50	0.80	18.5	.....	9.0	.....	.....	.....	.....
L-ADVD	0.40	1.00	2.30	18.0	1.20	9.5	.....	.....	.....	.....

Corrosion Resisting Steels With Special Physical Properties

Brand	Corrosion Resisting Steels With Special Physical Properties									
	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Cu	Ti
AKR L-AKR	0.45	0.60	1.50	12.50	2.20	12.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
L-AKRD	0.45	0.75	1.50	15.00	2.30	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKRV	0.28	0.60	1.50	12.50	2.20	12.50	0.50	1.00	.....	.....
AKRVB	0.18	0.50	0.50	12.50	2.20	12.50	.....	1.00	.....	.....
KAPTOR	0.35	0.60	1.50	12.50	2.60	12.50	.....	1.25	.....	.....
KAPTOR D	0.35	16.00	0.40	13.50	3.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKL	0.08	0.50	0.25	14.00	.....	10.80	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKL1	0.15	0.60	0.30	12.30	.....	10.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKS	0.35	0.50	0.25	4.50	.....	22.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKS2	0.10	0.50	0.50	4.80	2.00	25.00	3.50	.....	2.50	.....
AK	0.15	0.50	0.25	.....	.....	9.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
N136	0.10	0.35	0.20	.....	.....	35.50	.....	.....	.....	.....
N125	0.45	0.50	0.25	.....	.....	25.50	.....	.....	.....	.....

Corrosion Resistant With Chromium and Manganese

Brand	Corrosion Resistant With Chromium and Manganese									
	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co	Ti
AKM	0.07	18.0	0.80	10.0	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....
AKM 2	0.07	9.5	0.50	18.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKM 3	0.07	13.5	0.50	18.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKMF	0.09	15.5	0.50	13.0	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
AKMF 1	0.09	17.0	0.50	14.5
AKMF 2	0.09	17.5	3.00	8.5
L-AKMF 3	0.09	17.5	1.50	11.5	0.50
L-MS	0.29	18.0	0.50	1.3

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Chromium-Nickel Steels (Continued)

ECN	0.13	0.45	0.25	0.80					2.35
L-ECN	0.10	0.50	0.35	0.55					2.25
	0.17			0.95					2.75
	0.30	0.60	0.25	0.90					1.95
ZY	0.25	0.80	0.40	0.50	0.30				1.80
	0.55			1.50					2.50
CNC	0.33	0.75	0.255	4.75					1.70
CNI	0.18	0.60	0.25	2.00					1.70
L-CNI	0.16	0.50	0.40	1.80					1.60
	0.22	0.80		2.20					1.80
CNE	0.14	0.60	0.25	1.35					1.55
TBOS	0.50	0.60	0.25	0.80					1.45
BO 4	0.35	0.45	0.25	0.60					1.45
L-BO 4	0.32	0.40	0.35	0.30					1.25
	0.40	0.80		0.70					1.75
	0.33	0.80	0.35	0.25					1.75
	0.40			0.75					
BO 3	0.28	0.60	0.25	0.65					1.45
L-BO 3	0.25	0.40	0.35	0.30					1.25
	0.32	0.80		0.70					1.75
	0.32	0.80	0.35	0.25					1.75
				0.75					
BO 2	0.24	0.45	0.20	0.65					1.15
BE	0.12	0.50	0.25	0.70					1.45

Note: No Mo, V, Co used.

Chromium-Molybdenum Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
CM 4	0.33	0.60	0.25	1.10			0.23		
L-CM4	0.30	0.50	0.35	0.90			0.15		
	0.37	0.80		1.20			0.25		
L-CM4W	0.30	0.50	0.25	3.05			0.40		
CM3	0.30	0.60	0.25	1.10			0.20		
	0.22	0.50	0.35	0.90			0.15		
	0.29	0.80		1.20			0.25		
L-CM 3	0.25	0.60	0.15	1.10			0.20		
	0.22	0.70	0.35	0.90			0.15		
	0.28			1.20			0.25		
CM 2	0.20	1.05	0.25	1.20			0.23		
L-CM2	0.18	0.90	0.35	1.10			0.20		
	0.23	1.20		1.40			0.30		
	0.23	1.20	0.40	1.40			0.15		
CE-L-CE	0.10	0.55	0.25	0.75					
	0.12	0.40	0.40	0.60					
	0.18	0.60		0.90					
CA	0.13	0.55	0.25	0.40					
	0.10	0.40	0.40	0.30					
	0.16	0.60							

Chromium-Silicon and Silicon Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
SCH 1	0.65	0.70	1.65	0.85					
SCH	0.55	0.70	1.45	0.60					
SCW	0.45	0.50	1.45	0.60					
ESL	0.45	0.50	1.80						
ESH 1	0.65	0.75	1.75						
	0.60	0.50	1.40						
	0.70	0.90	1.90						
ESH	0.55	0.75	1.60						
	0.50	0.50	1.40						
	0.60	0.90	1.90						
ESW 2	0.45	0.60	1.65						
	0.40	0.50	1.50						
	0.55	0.75	1.80						

Austenitic-Manganese Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co
HS	1.30	13.75	0.25						
HS Special	1.30	13.75	0.25			2.75			
HS2	0.70	15.50	0.25						

Nitriding Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V	Co	Al
AL 12 L-AL 12	0.33	0.45	0.25	1.80		1.00	0.18			1.10
AL 14 L-AL 14	0.44	0.55	0.25	1.50			0.23			0.95
AL 16 L-AL 16	0.35	0.75	0.30	1.65						1.10
	0.28	0.50	0.40	1.30						0.90
	0.38	0.90		1.90						1.30
AL 30 L-AL 30	0.32	0.70	0.30	1.10			0.18			1.15
	0.28	0.50	0.40	0.90			0.15			0.90
	0.38	0.90		1.30			0.25			1.30
NIT 2	0.27	0.60	0.30	2.50			0.25	0.20		

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the shape of the ingot. Mud was rammed between the clay container and the cast iron ring. The whole was heated to 600° C and placed on top of the mold before casting. Volume of the hot top generally was about 10 per cent of the ingot volume.

The standard square ingot at Rochlingstahl weighed 700 kilos and had a 300 mm cross section at the top, 240 mm at the bottom, with a length of 1200 mm. The molds usually were round on the outside, and the radii of inside corners was quite large, being about 3 in. A mold for casting a 700 kilo ingot weighed 1100 kilos. Round ingots were usually of three weights—200, 400, or 600 kilos, with a major portion of the steel cast in a 400-kilo mold. The 400-kilo ingot had a top diameter of 300 mm, a bottom diameter of 235 mm, with an ingot length of 800 mm, not including the hot top. Hot top for this ingot had a dimension of approximately 240 mm at the bottom, 160 mm at the top, and a length of 300 mm.

All ingots, regardless of composition, were annealed immediately after casting, the ingots apparently being kept at a comparatively hot temperature until they could be placed in annealing furnaces. The hot beds were heated. After annealing, practically all ingots were rough turned, the amount of surface removed varying somewhat with composition of the steel. Turning equipment was available for both round and square ingots, the square ingots being turned on lathes manufactured by Waldrich of Siegen-Westfalen, and were of the profile type whereby the tool followed the contour of ingot. On ingots weighing 1200 kilos it was possible to turn 12 ingots of soft steel in 8 hr to 5 hard steel ingots such as high speed steel.

Equipment

Highly alloyed steels and nearly all types of tool steels, with exception of straight carbon steels, were hammered, while steels of the SAE type were pressed. At Rochlingstahl there was available one 1800-ton press, one hammer of 3000 kilo capacity, three hammers of 1500 kilo capacity, two hammers of 1000 kilo capacity, and a number of smaller ones. All heating was by use of coke oven gas. There was nothing unusual in the forging practice.

Rolling mill equipment of the Rochlingstahl works consisted of one hot-rolling mill, 650 mm rolls, 3-high, 3-stand, with a constant speed; one cold-rolling mill, 400 mm, 2-high mill with a variable speed; one 2-high, 7-stand,

300 mm mill with a constant speed; one 2-high, 4-stand, 250 mm, constant speed; and one billet mill, 420 mm, 2-stand, 3-high, with a constant speed. The 2-stand billet mill was placed about 40 ft in back and slightly to one side of the 7-stand 300 mm mill so that billets reduced on the 2-stand billet mill could be taken direct to the 7-stand mill without reheating. Largest size of high speed steel rolled at Rochlingstahl was approximately 40 mm in diameter, and at Edelstahl approximately 50 mm.

The larger sizes were hammer finished, and the largest hammer finish type in high speed steel was generally about 125 mm in diameter. Sizes above this were made of upset forgings. The largest size of carbon and low alloy tool steel that was rolled at either Rochlingstahl or Edelstahl was usually in the vicinity of 150 mm, with larger sizes hammer finished. Smallest hot rolled sizes were 5.3 mm.

Sheet rolls at Rochlingstahl consisted of one 3-stand mill, the two outer rolls of which were 700 mm in diameter, and the middle roll was 500 mm in diameter. This mill was capable of rolling sheets with a maximum width of 1200 mm and a maximum length of 3000 mm. Finishing sheet

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Nitriding Steels (Continued)								
L-NIT 2	0.24	0.40	0.40	2.30	0.20	0.15		
	0.34	0.80		2.70	0.30	0.35		
NIT 4	0.27	0.55	0.30	2.50		0.26		
L-NIT 4	0.24	0.40	0.40	2.30		0.20		
	0.34	0.80		2.70		0.35		

Nickel With Tungsten Steels								
Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V
TY5M	0.20	0.50	0.25			4.85		
TY5W	0.12	0.50	0.25			4.85		
L-TY5W	0.10	0.50	0.25			4.85		
TY4M	0.27	0.60	0.20	0.20		4.00		
TY3H	0.32	0.60	0.25			3.00		
TY3M L-TY3M	0.23	0.60	0.25			3.00		
TY3W	0.12	0.50	0.25			3.00		
L-TY3W	0.09	0.50	0.25			3.00		
TY1W L-TY1W	0.11	0.40	0.25			1.35		
WO1	0.65	0.45	0.25		1.10			
WO2	0.65	0.45	0.25	0.25	2.00			
WO3	0.85	0.30	0.20	0.40	3.00			
WO3 Special	0.85	0.60	0.30	0.50	3.25		0.35	0.15
WO3H Special	1.00	0.65		0.55	3.25		0.50	0.25

Chromium-Molybdenum-Vanadium								
Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V
CVM1	0.40	0.65	0.25	2.50			0.45	0.28
CVM2	0.43	0.65	0.25	2.50			0.28	0.28
CVM	0.40	0.85	0.25	1.75			0.18	0.22
	0.38	0.70	0.40	1.60			0.15	0.15
	0.45	1.00		1.90			0.20	0.25
L-CVMW	0.27	0.60	0.25	2.50			0.23	0.20
	0.24	0.40	0.40	2.30			0.15	0.10
	0.34	0.80		2.70			0.25	0.35
CKVM	0.65	0.45	0.25	1.00			0.40	0.20
Hubertus	0.15	0.50	0.25	5.50			0.60	
1555	0.12	0.45	0.35	5.00			0.43	
HD50	0.17	0.60	0.25	0.90			0.50	
	0.20			1.00			0.50	
CM6L	0.37	1.40	0.30	2.50			0.28	
L-CM6L	0.37	1.00	0.50	2.00			0.30	
	0.45	1.20		2.30				
CM6	0.32	0.70	0.25	1.85			0.20	
	0.25	0.80	0.40	1.60	0.50		0.15	
	0.45			2.80			0.35	
CM 5	0.42	0.70	0.25	1.10			0.23	
L-CM5	0.38	0.50	0.35	0.90			0.15	
	0.45	0.80		1.20			0.25	

BOHLER WORKS

Carbon Tool Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	V
Extra Mittel-Hart	1.25	0.20	0.25	
Extra-Zahhart	1.10	0.20	0.20	
Extrazah	0.85	0.20	0.25	
Extra H	1.00	0.25	0.25	0.10
Hart	1.40	0.30	0.25	
Mittel-Hart	1.00	0.30	0.25	
Azh	0.85	0.30	0.25	
Weich	0.65	0.30	0.25	

EDELSTAHLE WORKS

Blanking Die Steel

Brand	C	Mn	Cr	W	V
Bora	2.0	0.4	12.0	0.7	
Bora Special	1.6	0.4	12.0		0.2
Goliath Special	2.1	0.4	12.0		
Goliath	2.0	0.4	12.0		

Chrome-Tungsten for Trimming Dies

Brand	C	Si	Cr	W
Veresta	1.00	0.25	1.0	1.0

Low Tungsten Tool Steels

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	W
WSPS	0.75	0.35	0.35	0.30	0.7
WS P	1.20	0.25	0.30	0.15	1.0
TP	1.00	0.20	0.30	0.10	0.9*
MSA	0.80	0.30	0.30		0.6

*(-WSW)

General Purpose Steels

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	W
B MS	1.15	0.25	0.35	1.1	1.1
MAS	0.55	0.90	1.20		
SA	0.60	1.80-2.0	0.90		

Chromium-Manganese and Manganese Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V
2526	0.36	1.70	0.25	0.30				
To Extra Simplex	0.80	1.00	0.60	0.40				
T2 Extra	0.56	0.90	0.40	0.50				
T6H Extra T	0.44	0.90	0.30	0.25				
Extra TH	1.10	0.40	0.25	0.45				
L MV4	0.42	1.70	0.30					0.15
	0.38	1.50	0.40					0.10
	0.45	2.00						0.20
L-M15	0.16	2.20	0.45					
	0.12	2.00	0.30					
	0.20	2.40	0.60					
SCM	0.45	1.80	0.30					
	0.45	1.50	0.40					
	0.55	2.00						
2526N	0.36	1.70	0.30					
	0.33	1.60	0.40					
	0.40	1.90						
L-M10	0.16	1.20	0.35					
	0.11	1.00	0.50					
	0.20							
2514	0.33	1.35	0.80					
	0.28	1.20	0.40					
	0.35	1.50						
2518	0.37	1.25	1.25					
	0.33	1.10	1.10					
	0.40	1.40	1.40					

STEELS OF KOMOTAU WORKS

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	W	Ni	Mo	V
Poldi-Brand								
AK1B-GuB	0.20	0.60	0.75	16.0			0.40	
AK1BS-GuB	0.20	0.60	0.75	16.0		0.40	0.20	

KRUPP-ESSEN

Alloy Tool Steel—(Continued)

Brand	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	V	Ti
BFM Spez.	0.45 0.50	1.40 1.60	0.30 0.40	0.035 0.060	0.030	1.20 1.50			0.10 0.20	
WC128	0.65 0.70	0.15 0.30	1.70 1.90	0.040 0.070	0.040					
SC2448	1.20 1.30	0.30	11.00 12.00	0.080	0.040					
EF1514	0.70 0.80	0.20 0.10	0.50 0.70	0.025	0.020	1.00 1.20	0.50			
EFS Spez. S	0.45 0.50	0.20 0.40	0.50 0.80	0.035	0.030	1.20 1.50	1.10			
EFWP	0.50 0.55	0.15 0.30	0.30 0.60	0.025	0.020	0.50 1.20		3.00 3.50		
WF33	0.12 0.18	0.40	0.40 0.60	0.035	0.035	0.60 0.80				
F168	0.82 0.87	0.20 0.40	0.20 0.35	0.030	0.030	1.70 1.90				
F168	0.82 0.87	0.20 0.40	0.20 0.35	0.025	0.020	1.70 1.90				
F182/DF35	0.85 0.90	0.30 0.50	0.50 0.70	0.030	0.030	0.35 0.45				
F193	0.90 1.00	0.20 0.35	0.20 0.35	0.030	0.030	0.70 0.90				
F193	0.90 1.00	0.20 0.35	0.20 0.35	0.025	0.020	0.70 0.90				
WF202	1.05 1.15	0.25 0.40	0.25 0.45	0.030	0.030	0.30 0.50				
WF204	1.00 1.10	0.25 0.40	0.25 0.45	0.030	0.030	0.80 1.00				
WF206	0.95 1.05	0.25 0.40	0.40 0.60	0.030	0.030	1.25 1.50				
F206G	0.95 1.05	0.25 0.40	0.40 0.60	0.025	0.020	1.25 1.50				
F261	1.26 1.32	0.15 0.30	0.15 0.30	0.030	0.030	0.20 0.30				
F261P	1.26 1.32	0.15 0.30	0.15 0.30	0.025	0.025	0.20 0.30				
F283	1.35 1.45	0.25 0.35	0.25 0.40	0.030	0.030	0.60 0.80				
F306	1.40 1.50	0.15 0.30	0.30 0.60	0.030	0.030	1.30 1.50				
F306G	1.40 1.50	0.15 0.30	0.30 0.60	0.025	0.020	1.30 1.50				
F3014 LCS	1.40 1.50	1.40 1.60	0.30 0.50	0.025	0.020	3.40 3.60				
F4048	2.00 2.20	0.20 0.40	0.20 0.40	0.025	0.020	11.00 12.00				
WFC27	0.14 0.19	0.40	1.00 1.30	0.035	0.035	0.80 1.10				
WFC29	0.17 0.22	0.40	1.10 1.40	0.035	0.035	1.00 1.30				
WFC31	0.20 0.25	0.40	1.30 1.60	0.035	0.035	1.20 1.50				
WFF24	0.15	1.00	0.20	0.025	0.020	23.00 25.00				A1 1.5 2.0
WFM48	0.28 0.33	0.40	0.50 0.70	0.030	0.030	2.20 2.50		0.15 0.20		
WN48	0.28 0.33	0.40	0.50 0.70	0.025	0.020	2.20 2.50		0.15 0.20		
FM881	0.34 0.39	0.40	0.40 0.60	0.035	0.030	1.60 1.90		0.10 0.15		
WFM961	0.43 0.48	0.40	0.50 0.70	0.030	0.030	1.30 1.50		0.15 0.20		
WFM1041	0.47 0.55	0.40	0.80 1.00	0.030	0.030	1.00 1.20		0.10 0.18		
WFM1141	0.55 0.62	0.40	0.90 1.10	0.030	0.030	1.00 1.20		0.10 0.18		
FM1251	0.60 0.68	0.70	0.70 1.00	0.030	0.030	1.10 1.30		0.10 0.18		
FM2432	1.15 1.25	0.20 0.35	0.20 0.40	0.030	0.030	0.60 0.80		0.10 0.15		
WFP12	0.30 0.35	0.40	0.50 0.70	0.025	0.020	1.30 1.50				1.00 1.20
HGS	0.55 0.60	0.20 0.40	0.50 0.70	0.030	0.030	0.68 0.80	1.50 1.80	0.15 0.20		
HGS Extra	0.50	0.20	0.50	0.030	0.030	0.68		0.40		
REZ Extra	0.55	0.40	0.70			0.80		0.50		
HGS Spez.	0.34 0.39	0.20 0.40	0.50 0.70	0.030	0.030	0.68 0.80		0.15 0.20		
HM4G	0.90 1.00	0.20 0.40	0.25 0.40	0.025	0.025	0.35 0.50				
M202	0.90 1.00	0.20 0.30	0.35 0.45	0.025	0.020				0.25 0.30	
NFKC	1.35 1.45	0.15 0.30	0.25 0.35	0.025	0.020	0.40 0.50			0.20 0.30	3.00 3.50
PFM	0.95 1.05	0.15 0.30	0.15 0.30	0.030	0.030	0.20 0.30			0.10 0.15	
Amino 3	0.38 0.43	0.30 0.60	0.20 0.40	0.025	0.020	12.50 13.50	0.60			

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capable of holding about 20 tons. tool and high speed steels were packed and sealed in pipes without packing compound, the openings in the end of the pipes were merely "mudded". Pipes were quite large, being approximately 350 mm in diameter and were made of low carbon steel.

Nearly all of the annealing furnaces were of the car type, and were gas fired. The pipes were supported in the furnace on cast iron cradles which lifted pipes about 6 ft from furnace bottom. Only a few pipes were charged in each furnace, the number usually being from 3 to 5. General practice seemed to be to heat the steel to the desired annealing temperature, hold for about 8 hr, and then furnace cool for about 24 hr.

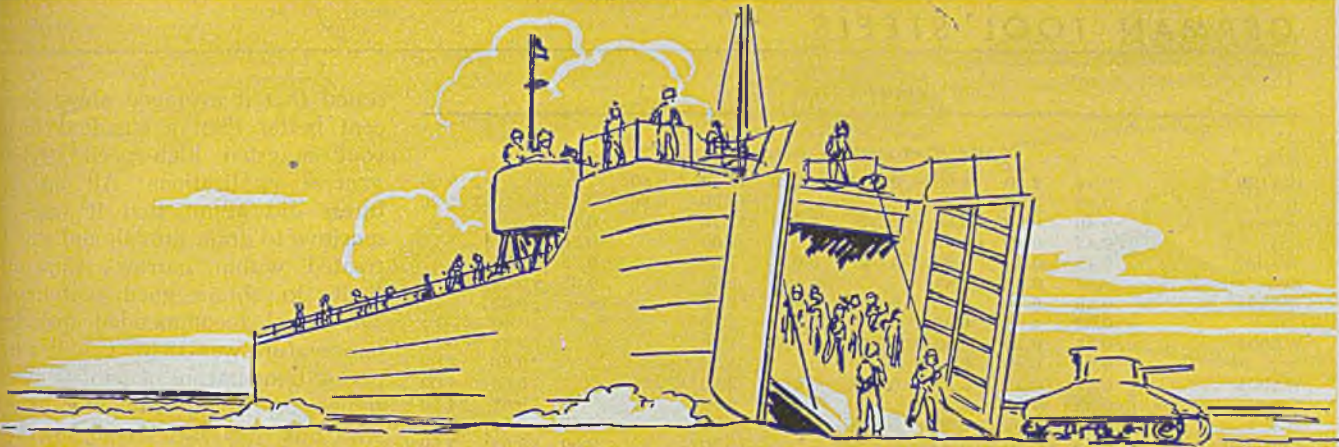
Materials Manufactured

All of the five companies mentioned manufactured materials of a similar nature, these materials consisting of high speed alloy and carbon tool steel special steels such as magnet steel and valve steels, heat and corrosion resisting steels and structural alloy steels of the SAE type, as shown in the tables. Both Krupp and Edelstahl as well as Poldi, produced sintered carbides.

A study of the compositions manufactured in 1939 as compared to those being manufactured in 1945 reveals some changes as a result of lack of alloying metals. A direct comparison exists in the list of tool steels as manufactured by Rochling, one list showing the compositions manufactured in 1939, and the other list showing the compositions being manufactured in the fall and winter of 1944.

The study of the compositions reveals that there was a decided preference in 1939 for high speed steels containing about 13 per cent tungsten and about 4 per cent chromium, and a vanadium content from 1½ per cent as high as 5 per cent. Carbon likewise was increased proportionally with vanadium content, in one instance as high as 1.50, with a cobalt content of 4.75. Many of the high speed steels contained cobalt from as low as about 2 per cent to as high as 15 per cent. As a result of the lack of alloying metals, a high speed steel was developed containing from 0.90 to 1.00 per cent carbon, about 4 per cent chromium, and a tungsten molybdenum and vanadium content each within limits from 2 to 3 per cent.

All of the men interviewed who manufactured this steel were very enthusiastic regarding its performance. One engineer, a Dr. Houdremont



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Alloy Tool Steels (Continued)

WA100	0.43	2.30	1.00	0.025	0.020	17.50	8.50				0.90
	0.48	2.80	1.40			18.50	9.50				1.20
WA342	0.40	0.20	0.80	0.035	0.035	1.70			0.15		
	0.45	0.40	1.00			2.00			0.20		
WA402	0.45	0.20	0.65	0.035	0.035	1.30			0.55	0.25	
Extra Spez.P	0.50	0.40	0.85			1.50			0.65	0.30	
WA594	0.26	0.80	0.20	0.030	0.030	2.20				0.30	
	0.32	1.00	0.40		0.050	2.50				0.40	W
WA904	0.25	0.20	0.30	0.025	0.020	1.00				0.15	3.50
	0.30	0.40	0.50			1.20				0.20	4.00
WA904	0.30	0.15	0.20	0.025	0.020	2.20				0.60	4.00
Extra	0.35	0.35	0.40			2.50				0.65	4.50
WA	0.40	0.50	0.30	0.025	0.020	1.20			0.40	0.75	0.40
Universal	0.45	0.70	0.50			1.50			0.50	0.85	0.50

Electrodes for Hard Surfacing

Brand	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	V	Ti
Zeus EA Zeus CA	1.05	0.30	13.50	0.080	0.040					
Mangan	1.25		14.50							
Zeus EA leg.	0.12	0.30	0.20	0.025	0.020	12.50	0.20			
V13F		0.60	0.40			13.50				
Zeus EA leg.	0.10	0.30	0.20	0.025	0.020	17.00	0.20			7x C
V17F	0.10	0.60	0.40	0.025	0.020	18.00	0.20			
Zeus EA Zeus GA	0.17	0.30	0.90	0.030	0.030					0.10
150	0.23	0.40	1.10							0.30
Zeus EA Zeus GA	0.24	0.30	1.50	0.030	0.030					0.10
250	0.29	0.40	1.70							0.30
Zeus GA leg.	1.50	0.80	0.10	0.025	0.020	19.50				
F20S	1.70	1.00	0.30			20.50				
Zeus EA leg.	2.40	0.80	0.10	0.025	0.020	19.50				
F20SH	2.60	1.00	0.30			20.50				
Zeus GA leg.	1.50	0.80	0.50	0.025	0.020	27.50				
F28S	1.70	1.00	0.60			28.50				
Zeus EA leg.	2.00	0.80	0.50	0.025	0.020	27.50				
F28SH	2.20	1.00	0.60			28.50				
Diawald	4.20	1.80	5.00			30.00				
	4.40		6.00							
Zeus EA Zeus	0.43	0.30	2.00	0.030	0.030	0.90				0.10
GA 350	0.48	0.40	2.20			1.20				0.30
Zeus EA Zeus	0.85	0.30	2.00	0.030	0.030	1.30				0.10
GA 500	0.90	0.40	2.20	0.030	0.030	1.30				0.30
GA Percit Extra	1.20	2.00	0.20	0.025	0.020	26.00				57.00 3.80
	1.40	3.00	0.60			28.00				63.00 4.80
Zeus EA Zeus CA	1.40	1.30	0.20	0.025	0.020	25.00				30.00 4.00
Percit Special	1.60	1.60	0.60			30.00				35.00 4.50
Zeus EA leg.	1.35	0.15	0.25	0.025	0.020	0.40		0.20		3.00
NFKC	1.45	0.30	0.35			0.50		0.30	Ti	3.50
Zeus EA Zeus GA	0.92	0.30	0.30	0.025	0.020	3.50		2.20	2.70	0.10 1.20
leg. KFM	0.98					4.00		2.50	3.00	0.15 1.50
Zeus EA Zeus GA	1.30	0.30	0.30	0.025	0.020	4.00			4.20	10.00
leg. DFMV 5	1.40					4.50			4.50	11.00

Carbon Steels for Electrodes

Brand	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	V	Ti
Zeus	0.12	Sp.	0.30	0.040	0.035					0.05
EV37T			0.50							
Zeus GV37T	0.12	0.05	0.30	0.040	0.035					0.05
			0.50							
Zeus EV42										
Zeus EV Universal	0.16	0.05	0.50	0.040	0.035					0.05
			0.70							
Zeus EV Atlantik										
Zeus GV42	0.15	0.08	0.60	0.030	0.030					
	0.25	0.15	0.80							
Zeus EV Max.	0.10	0.05	0.50	0.030	0.030					0.05
Zeus EV Total	0.14		0.70							

Alloy Steels for Electrodes

Brand	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr	Ni	Mo	V	Ti
Zeus EV52										
Zeus GV52										
Zeus EV70										
Zeus EV Opti-	0.10	0.03	1.40	0.030	0.030					
mum A/B	0.15	0.10	1.60							
ElliraschweiBdr. I										
Zeus EV60	0.11	0.18	3.10	0.030	0.030					
weiBdr. II	0.16	0.28	3.40							N2
Zeus EV leg.		0.30	17.00			14.50				0.28
CF 100 Spez.	0.08	0.60	18.00	0.025	0.020	15.50				0.33
Zeus EV leg.	0.12	0.30	17.50	0.025	0.020	11.50			0.60	0.18
Cromadur		0.60	18.50			12.50			0.70	0.23
Zeus EV leg.	0.12	2.40	0.20	0.025	0.020	5.70				0.50
FFT.6		2.70	0.40			6.20				0.70

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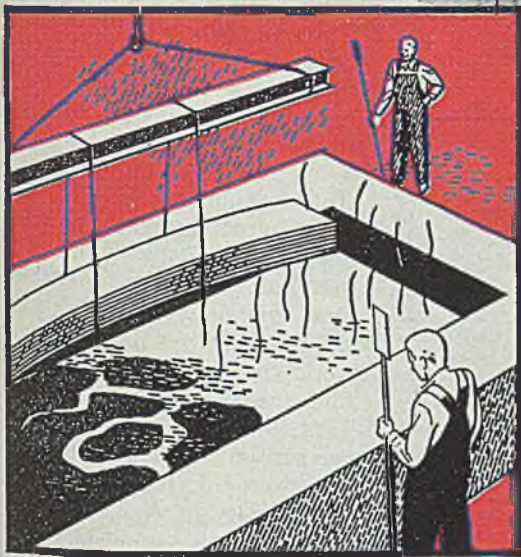
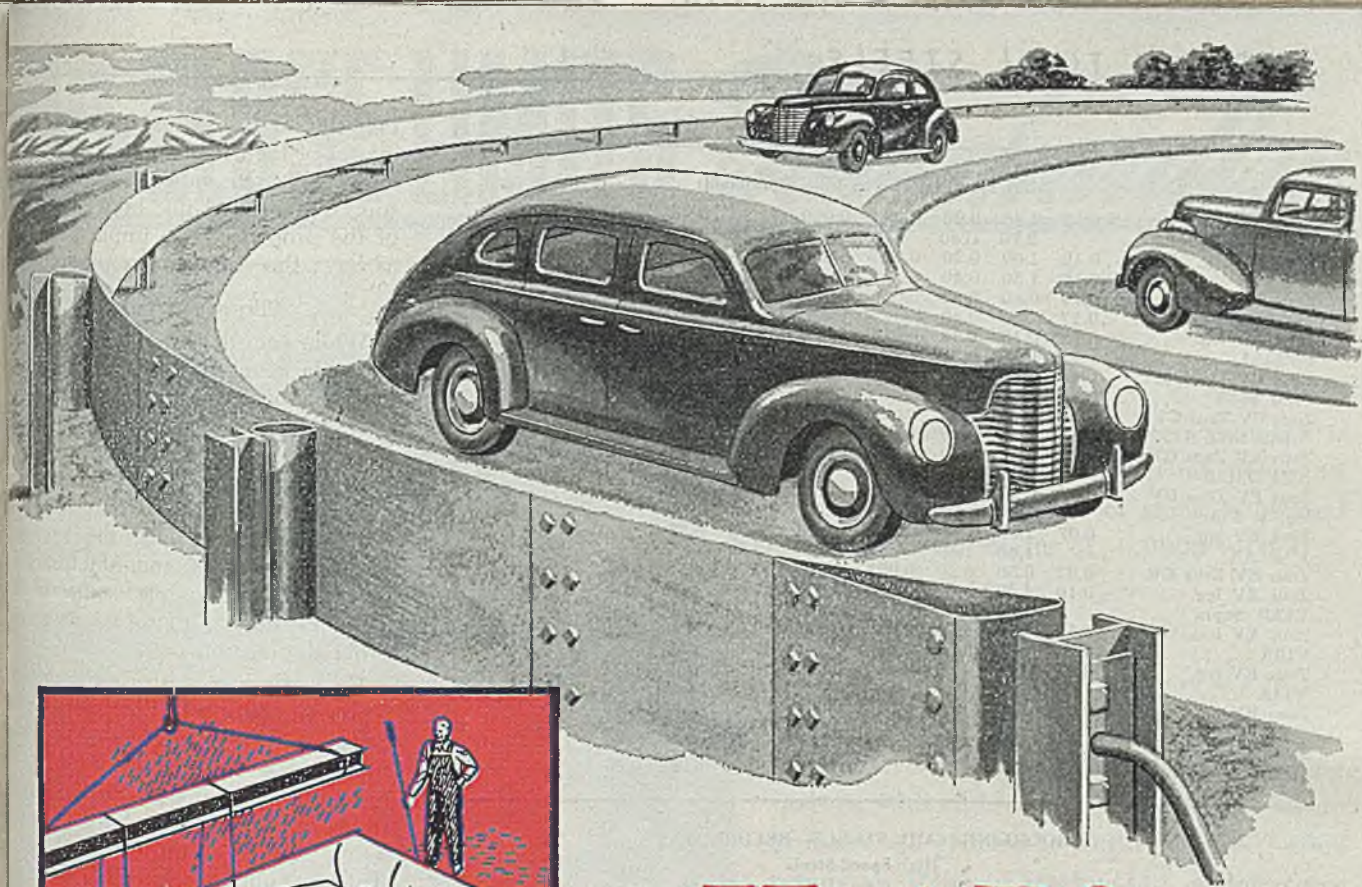
stated that it averaged about 20 per cent better than a standard 18 per cent tungsten high-speed steel for general applications. All manufacturers did admit that it was very sensitive to grain growth and must be treated within narrow temperature limits to obtain good performance. The usual recommended quenching temperature was 1240° C with a tempering temperature of 545° C, double tempering being standard practice with this steel as with all other high speed steels. It is interesting to note, however, that Krupp manufacturers of this steel with a titanium content from 0.05 to 0.10 per cent. In questioning other manufacturers of this steel as to whether they used any other alloying elements or deoxidizers other than those already stated, they invariably said no, and it appears that only Krupp used titanium. Dr. Houdremont stated definitely that if titanium were not used, the steel would be more susceptible to grain growth.

"The Holy Trinity"

In discussing the performance of this special high speed steel, which Dr. Houdremont termed the "Holy Trinity," with a number of toolmakers they invariably stated they considered it definitely inferior to the standard types. Hans Kiehm, director of Frank Mossman, who manufactured two drills, was quite emphatic in his statements regarding the inferiority of this steel. Molybdenum high speed steels did not seem to find much favor among either the German manufacturers or users, even though several of the companies had obtained licenses to manufacture high speed steel of the Momax type. Little or no molybdenum was produced in Germany by its satellites, which may explain its small use.

Tool steels for hot work appear to follow rather consistently the American practice although a much wider range of compositions was made for this purpose than that generally made in America. Tungsten was definitely favored as an alloying element for most hot work die steels, and the one was a hot work die containing about 4.5 per cent tungsten and 1½ per cent chromium made in several cases. Carbon ranges from as low as 0.24 to high as about 0.45 per cent.

Tool steels for cold work likewise follow the pattern of American practice, but it was noted there was a considerable lack of die steels for cold work of the air hardening variety in which molybdenum became the principal contributing element to ob-



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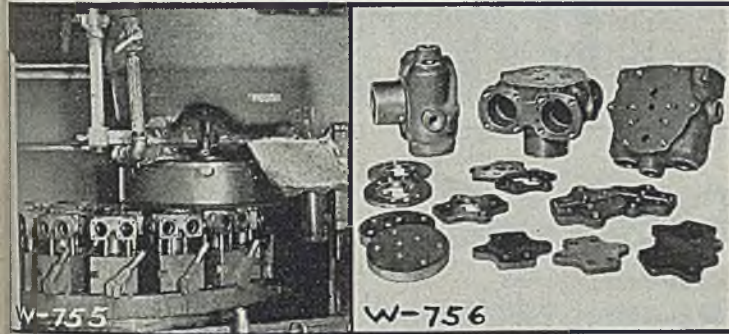


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Tool Steels for Hot Work (Continued)

RWM	0.50	0.45	0.40						
	0.58	0.55	0.50						
WWS	0.55	0.90	1.00						
	0.65	1.00	1.30						
PWD	0.23	0.20	0.20	0.35	4.00		1.15		
	0.28	0.30	0.30	0.50	4.50		1.25		
PWDN	0.25	0.30	0.30	0.60	4.50	3.80	0.65		
	0.32	0.30	0.30	0.80	4.50	4.30	0.85		

Tool Steels For Cold Work

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	Ni	W	Mo	V	Co
RCC	1.80	0.20	0.30	12.0					
	2.10	0.30	0.40	13.0					
RUS	0.85	1.70	0.20	0.15				0.10	
	0.95	1.90	0.30	0.25				0.20	
RUS 2	1.00	0.30	1.20	0.90					
	1.10	0.40	1.40	1.10					
RUS 4	0.95	0.40	0.20	1.40		0.90			
	1.10	0.60	0.30	1.60		1.10			
T 76	1.45	0.20	0.20	0.60		7.00	0.30	0.30	
	1.55	0.30	0.30	0.80		7.80		0.50	
RTW 3 Special	1.30	0.20	0.20	0.60		4.60			
	1.40	0.30	0.30	0.80		5.00			
RTW 1	1.15	0.20	0.15	0.10		1.10			
	1.25	0.30	0.25	0.20		1.30			
RTW 2	0.33	0.30	0.90	1.00		2.60			
	0.40	0.40	1.10	1.20		3.00			
Robust M	0.40	0.40	1.10	1.20		2.25			
	0.46	0.40	1.10	1.20		2.50			
RTWK	0.60	0.20	0.20	1.00		2.20		0.10	
	0.65	0.40	0.30	1.50		2.50		0.20	
ZK	1.50	0.20	0.20	1.80					
	1.60	0.30	0.30	2.00					
RTC 20	0.88	0.25	0.30	2.00					
	0.95	0.35	0.30	2.00					
RTK 10	1.00	0.35	0.30	1.00					
	1.10	0.35	0.30	1.25					
RTC 14	0.93	0.25	0.30	0.30					
	1.10	0.40	0.30	1.60					
RT 14 Cr	1.35	0.20	0.15	0.40					
	1.45	0.30	0.25	0.60					
RT 11 Cr	1.00	0.30	0.25	0.20					
	1.10	0.30	0.25	0.40					
RT 7 Cr	0.70	0.20	0.25	0.45					
	0.79	0.30	0.25	0.55					
Kubax	1.20	0.35	0.15	0.10				0.15	
	1.30	0.45	0.25	0.20				0.25	
RKMV	0.95	0.40	0.15					Spuren	
	1.00	0.50	0.25					Spuren	
SKSV	0.65	0.23	max.			0.50		0.10	
	0.73	0.33	0.15			0.60		0.15	
RTC 14 Mo	1.10	0.30	0.15	1.15			0.20		
	1.20	0.40	0.30	1.30			0.30		
D Special	0.96	0.35	0.30	1.90					
	1.00	0.45	0.40	2.10					
RAB w	0.42	0.40	0.20	1.30	3.40				
	0.50	0.50	0.30	1.50	3.65				
RAB 1	0.35	0.40	0.20	1.30	4.20				
	0.38	0.50	0.30	1.50	4.60				
Ordix	0.60	0.35	1.20						
	0.70	0.50	1.50						

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High Speed Steels

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	Ni	W	Mo	V	Co
Gigant 11	0.92	0.20	0.20	3.50		1.20	2.20	2.20	
	0.98	0.35	0.35	4.00		1.50	2.50	2.50	
Gigant 22	0.78	0.20	0.20	3.50		7.30		1.80	
	0.85	0.35	0.35	4.00		8.00		2.00	
Gigant 44	1.30	0.20	0.20	4.00		9.00		3.50	
	1.40	0.35	0.35	4.50		10.00		4.00	
Gigant 5	0.87	0.20	0.20	3.50		9.00		1.90	2.50
	0.95	0.35	0.35	4.00		10.00		2.20	3.00

Tool Steels for Hot Work

Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	Mi	W	Mo	V	Co
WWS	0.50	0.80	0.80						
	0.57	1.00	1.00						
Robust 35	0.32	0.30	1.20	1.20				0.05	
	0.40	0.50	1.50	1.50				1.10	
Faktum	0.26	0.40	0.15	2.20				0.13	
	0.34	0.60	0.25	2.50				0.18	

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Germany's Magnesium Production

Report to WPB indicates former foe attained 95-ton daily production

MAGNESIUM capacity of Germany is about 190,000 lb of metal per day. Of this total, I. G. Farbenindustrie in Bitterfeld, Stassfurt and Aken produces 154,000 lb, according to Ralph M. Hunter of DuPont Chemical Co., technical investigator for the War Production Board. Stassfurt and Aken each are about 30 miles from Bitterfeld and although manufacturing facilities at these cities are greater than those at Bitterfeld, they are directed from the main office in the latter city. Processes are said to be identical.

I. G. Farbenindustrie

Works at Bitterfeld are very extensive, with four separate enclosures employing a total of 35,000 employees. Plants are called South Bitterfeld, North Bitterfeld, Wolfen Farbbauwerk fabrik, and Wolfen Filmfabrik. The first two specialize in inorganic products, while the Wolfen operations are organic. Light metal manufacture is carried out at Stassfurt and Aken (near Dessau), and light metal casting at Leipzig is under the direction of Bitterfeld.

Magnesium has been produced with ferrosilicon and magnesium oxide in an experimental plant. Thus far it has not been promising. A carbonyl reduction (Hansgirg) unit also has been tried with negative results.

Power for operations in this area was made from "Braunkohle" mined from nearby deposits by open-pit methods. One mine near the plant is about 1½ miles square. Coal is burned on falling grates after rough crushing. Stack gases contain about one per cent sulphur dioxide. Bitterfeld generates 160,000 kw and is connected with other stations, such as Leuna. The Stassfurt and Aken operations receive power from this system. A nearby power plant on the system had 30,000 kw capacity destroyed by bombs, but, from general information received, it is believed that the I.G.F. power system (estimated at 250,000 kw), which is tied


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Tool Steels for Hot Work (Continued)									
RAN	0.40	0.50	0.20	1.20	1.10				
	0.50	0.80	0.40	1.50	1.40				
RWA	0.25	0.20	0.15	2.20		4.00		0.50	
	0.35	0.40	0.25	2.50		4.50		0.60	
MFR	0.35	1.10	0.15	1.70			0.05	0.10	
	0.45	1.50	0.25	2.00			0.10	0.15	
Stentor	0.50	0.50	0.15	0.60	1.50			0.10	0.10
	0.60	0.80	0.25	0.80	1.80			0.15	0.18
PWD 13	0.22	0.20	0.30	0.60	1.20			0.20	0.15
	0.30	0.40	0.50	0.90	1.50			0.40	0.20
NGSA	0.40	0.30	0.50	1.20		0.40		0.40	0.75
	0.50	0.50	0.70	1.50		0.50		0.50	0.85
RGS 4	0.50	0.50	0.15	1.00	1.50			0.30	0.15
	0.60	0.80	0.25	1.20	1.80			0.40	0.20
PWD 6	0.24	0.20	0.30	0.60	2.20			0.50	0.25
	0.32	0.40	0.50	0.90	2.50			0.70	0.32
CeOT	0.40	0.65	0.15	1.30				0.55	0.25
	0.50	0.85	0.25	1.50				0.70	0.32

Tool Steels for Cold Work									
Brand	C	Mn	Si	Cr	Ni	W	Mo	V	Co
R LB	0.11	0.25	0.20						
	0.18	0.40	0.30						
RB 7	0.68	0.20	0.10						
	0.75	0.35	0.20						
RT 7	0.70	0.22	0.08						
	0.80	0.32	0.15						
RR 7	0.70	0.60	0.25						
	0.80	0.80	0.40						
BS 2	0.75	0.50	0.25						
	0.83	0.70	0.40						
RT 11	0.05	0.15	0.15						
	1.15	0.25	0.25						
S	0.25	0.20	0.10						
	1.35	0.35	0.20						
Ordix	0.65	0.60	1.50						
	0.75	0.80	1.80						
RFFw	0.42	0.80	0.80						
	0.50	1.00	1.00						
RUS	0.85	1.80	0.15					0.08	
	0.95	2.00	0.25					0.15	
ES	1.30	0.20	0.25	0.50					
	1.50	0.35	0.40	0.80					
RTS	1.10	0.20	0.15	0.50				0.07	
	1.25	0.40	0.25	0.80				0.12	
RTC 14	0.95	0.60	0.40	0.75					
	1.05	0.80	0.60	0.95					
RSH	1.00	0.25	0.15	0.80					
	1.10	0.40	0.25	1.00					
Ordix Special	0.55	0.80	0.15	0.90				0.07	
	0.62	1.10	0.25	1.20				0.12	
D Special	1.20	0.60	1.05	1.10					
	1.30	0.80	0.25	1.30					
Robust 40	0.40	0.40	1.20	1.20				0.05	
	0.50	0.60	1.50	1.50				1.10	
ZK	1.40	0.30	1.15	1.30				0.08	
	1.50	0.60	0.25	1.50				0.15	
RTC 20	0.80	0.25	0.10	1.60					
	0.90	0.40	0.30	1.90					
RCC	2.00	0.20	0.20	11.00					
	2.25	0.40	0.40	12.00					
RCCw	1.55	0.40	0.40	12.00				0.07	
	1.75							0.12	
RABw	0.45	0.30	0.15	0.90	3.0				
	0.55	0.60	0.30	1.20	3.5				

BOHLER STEELS High Speed Steels

(Available 1940)

Brand	C	W	V	Mo	Cr	Co
CC Special	0.75	18.0	1.6	0.80	4.00	19.0
CC	0.80	18.0	1.6	1.00	4.20	9.0
Super Rapid, Extra 500	0.85	18.5	2.0	0.50	4.00	5.0
Super Rapid, Extra 214	0.70	19.0	1.7		4.30	2.4
Super Rapid, Extra HV	0.90	14.5	2.0	1.15	4.50	
Super Rapid, Extra	0.65	18.5	1.3		4.00	
Super Rapid	0.65	15.5	0.6		3.75	

Alloy Tool Steels

Brand	C	Si	Cr	W	V	Mn
KP	1.30	0.20		4.75		0.30
KL	0.50	0.85	1.60	1.90	0.10	0.45
MY Extra	0.40	0.90	1.00	1.85		0.35
MY A	0.40	1.50	1.35		0.10	0.30

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with other systems, can produce obtain almost enough current to operate the chemical plants at capacity.

Coal analyzes 53 per cent water per cent ash, and 3000 calories per kilogram. It is stated that 1.7 kilograms are required per kw hr, with 1.5 for the newer stations. Analysis of this figure indicates a low thermal efficiency. However, as the evaporator and other plants operate on atmosphere steam, it may be assumed that high condenser vacuums are used. The coal, in seams of 50 ft thickness covered with 100 ft of overburden, is very soft and is mined by continuous bucket chain conveyor which loads into cars.

No serious damage due to bombing has been done to any of the

TABLE I
Capacities in Metric Tons

Location	Capacity
South Bitterfeld	1000
Stassfurt	1000
Aken	1000

equipment for the production of magnesium in Bitterfeld, Stassfurt, Aken. Capacities of these plants are listed in Table I.

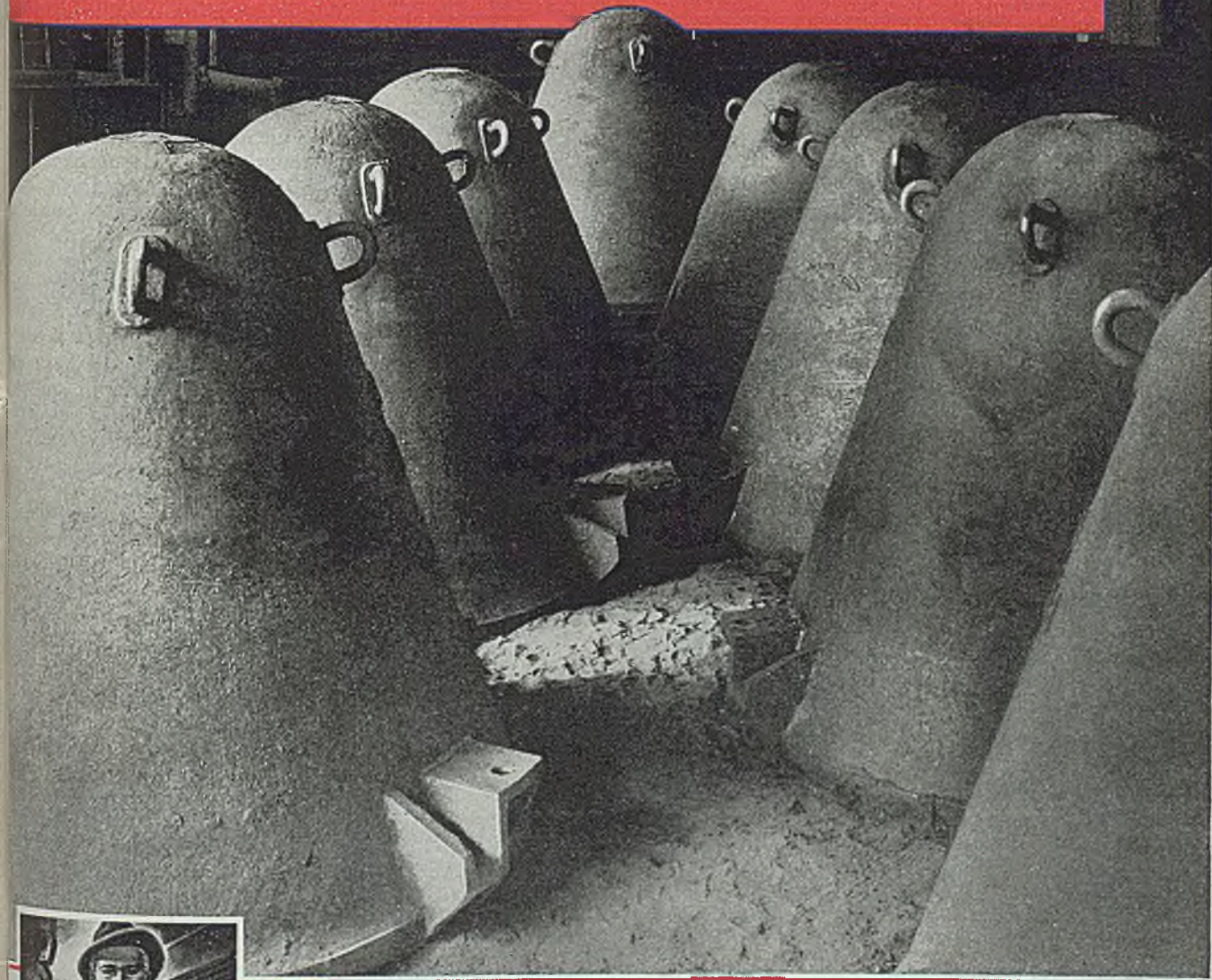
Processes: Raw materials for the operation are carnallite from Stassfurt and high magnesium content dolomite (stated to be 40 per cent MgO) from Scharzfeld in the Harz mountains. The dolomite is calcined at the quarry and shipped to Teutschenthal near Halle, where it is slaked with 26 per cent MgCl₂ brine, an end product of the potassium chlorine operations from carnallite in the Stassfurt area. The precipitated Mg(OH)₂ is filtered on an Oliver filter, washed with water and cake dropped with water to 60 per cent water. This cake is dried in a shelf drier at 500° C with rabble arms on a vertical shaft to move the material across the shelves. Producer gas is the fuel used. It is calcined at 900° C with Braunkohle producer gas. The dried MgO then is mixed thoroughly with crystal MgO·6H₂O obtained by evaporation of MgCl₂ liquors from the carnallite operations. The product (a mixture of water of crystallization) is called "chloride" and does not absorb moisture. It is shipped from Teutschenthal to Bitterfeld, Stassfurt and Aken in special triple-hopper cars holding 32 metric tons per car. (Average distance 50 km). At these plants it is mixed with Braunkohle, which

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MST	0.80	0.25			0.10	1.90
MG Extra	1.00	0.20	0.55			1.10
TWW	1.25	0.25	0.85	1.65		0.30
T W	1.15	0.25		0.90		0.30
SW	1.00	0.20		0.90		0.30
TWV	1.20	0.20		1.20		0.25
Special K	2.00	0.70	12.00			0.30
Special KN	2.00	0.35	12.00			0.30
K Extra	0.80	0.25	1.50			0.30
K 100 S	1.10	0.30	1.20			0.35
K 100/I	1.20	0.25	0.80			0.40
Extra Hart	1.40		0.50		1.10	0.30

Special Tool Steels

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	W	V
RM Special, Sehr Hart	1.5	0.25	0.25	0.65	7.50	0.40
Special, Sehr Hart	1.4	0.25	0.25	0.65	4.75	0.25
Special, Sehr Hart	1.3	0.25	0.25	0.65	4.75	0.25

Tool Steels For Hot Work

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	W	V	Co	Mo	Ni
WPZ	0.30	0.30	0.30	2.25	9.0	0.35	2.25		
WKZ	0.30	0.30	0.40	2.25	8.5	0.40			
WPD	0.25	0.30	0.35	1.85	0.9			2.85	2.5
US Special	0.40	0.30	0.30	1.55		0.30		0.60	
NW	0.40	0.30	0.50	1.25					4.4
GNM	0.50	0.30	0.50	0.70				0.30	1.5
GSI	0.50	0.30	0.90	0.70					
WB	0.50	0.50	0.90						

Tool Steels For Cold Work

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	W	V	Mo	Ni
NBS	0.50	0.25	0.25	1.00				3.20
NBSN	0.50	0.25	0.25	0.70			0.30	1.50
TWV	1.20	0.20			1.2	0.10		
WON	0.80	0.30	0.35			0.35		

High Speed Steels

(Available 1944)

Brand	C	Si	Mn	W	Cr	Mo	V	Co
Super Rapid, Extra 214 A	0.7	0.3	0.3	9.50	3.7		2.80	2.8
Extra Rapid 300 A	1.2	0.3	0.3	10.50	4.3		3.8	
Super Rapid, Extra HVA	0.9	0.3	0.3	9.50	3.8		2.50	
Super Rapid, Extra A	0.65	0.3	0.3	8.50	3.8		1.80	
MO Rapid Extra 3 A	1.00	0.3	0.3	1.35	3.8	2.35	2.35	

Tool Steels

Brand	C	Si	Mn	W	Cr	Mo	V	Co	Ni
Special sehr Hart A	1.40	0.25	0.25	3.25	0.65		0.25		
SSC	1.10	0.20	0.30		0.70		0.10		
FM Extra	1.50	0.20	0.40		1.40		0.10		
SC Extra	1.25	1.15	0.30		1.20				
CNW	0.45	0.25	0.30		1.35				1.65
MSI	0.60	0.95	0.95						
GMNE	0.55	0.30	0.30		0.70	0.5			1.70
WKV	0.45	0.60	0.25	0.50	1.35	0.5	0.90		
WKZ 50	0.30	0.60	0.25	4.35	2.35		0.65		
WM	0.30	0.30	0.30	3.85	1.05		0.20		
WM 2	0.35	0.90	0.30	1.85	0.05		0.20		
GMCA	0.40	0.25	1.35		1.85	0.2			
US 25	0.30	0.30	0.30		2.35		0.25		
MYD	0.35	1.50	0.30		1.35		0.10		
SCV	0.60	0.30	1.00		1.20		0.10		
CSI	0.70	1.30	0.30		0.50				
WKW 6	0.40	0.20	0.30		13.50				
WKW 2	0.20	0.30	0.30		13.00				
ESK	0.15	0.25	0.30		0.80				
KR Special	2.10	0.35	0.30	0.7	12.00				
KPV	1.45	0.20	0.30				1.20		

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Cobalt-Tungsten-Vanadium	C	Cr	Mo	V	W	Co
Cobalt II	0.80	4.25	0.65	2.23	12.5	5.00
Cobalt III	0.80	4.25	0.65	2.25	12.5	2.75
Cobalt III N X	0.80	4.25	0.65	2.00	10.0	2.50

ground to 25 per cent through 20 mesh. At Bitterfeld the mix is of calcium chloride—88 per cent, plus coal dust to give 6 per cent carbon, and peat to yield 6 per cent carbon.

At Stassfurt 12 per cent carbon peat is obtained from Braunkohle; only 10 per cent peat is added. Operations at Altona regarding peat are not clear, but probably is not used. Elimination of peat in the new plants is due to the use of larger and better chlorinators instead of by the production of a more porous briquette obtained by using the water vapor driven off during drying to increase porosity.

Employ Extrusion Briquetters

Oxychloride, coal, and peat are mixed in dry mixers, a little MgO liquor added to aid in briquetting, and the moist mixture is extruded through a sausage-type briquetter (scraper against an orifice) to a 1½-in. cylinder of low strength which breaks up to 2-in. to 4-in. lengths as it is extruded. These are dried at 400° F. to harden and then calcined at 600° F. temperature to decompose the peat and peat. The product is estimated to contain 10 per cent water. The chlorinators at Bitterfeld are estimated at 10 tons of anhydrous MgO per day. They are vertical steel cylinders, acid-brick-lined, and are 20 ft high, about 9 ft ID, and 13 ft OD. The briquettes are fed in at the top. Chlorine from the cells (90 per cent concentration), to which is added makeup chlorine from liquid, is introduced just above the bottom. The temperature is maintained by carbon resistors operating 3-phase at 20 amp and 22 v (about 0.6 kva per amp of magnesium). Each chlorinator serves about 12 cells. Molten magnesium chloride flows out of the chlorinators and is transferred into 3-ft crucibles, electrically driven, on a tilting mechanism, and fed to the cells once per 8-hr shift.

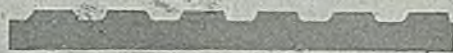
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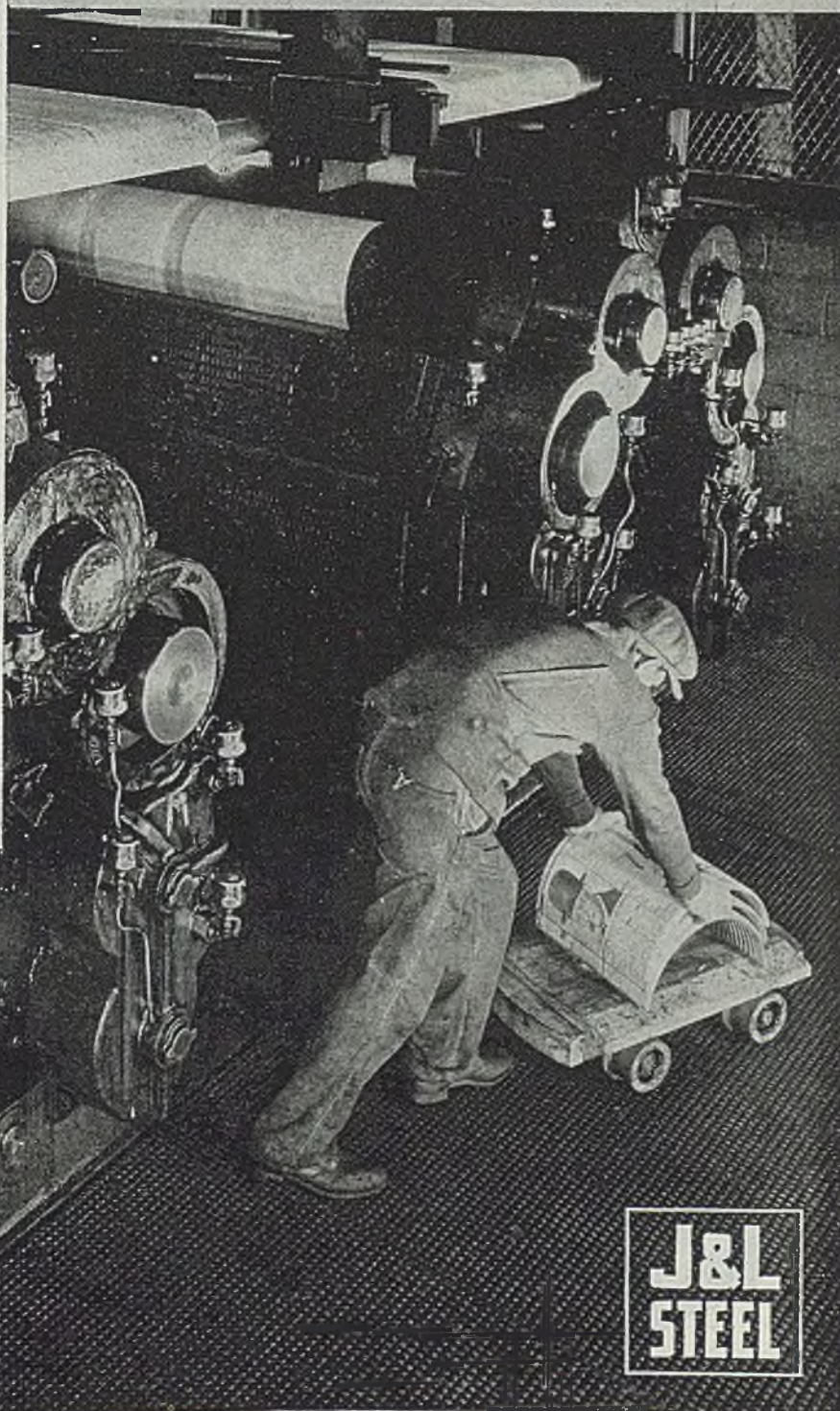
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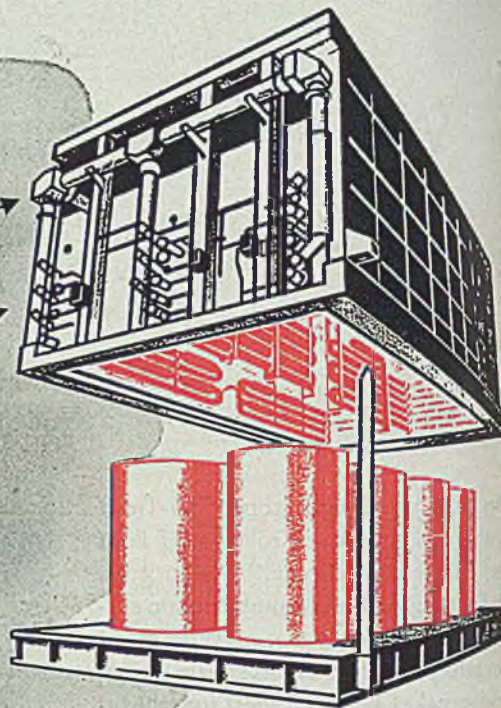
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Tungsten-Vanadium	C	Cr	Mo	V	W	Co
SA 200	0.85	4.00	(0.3)	2.50	10-11	..
SA 500	1.35	4.25	(0.3)	4.30	10-11	..
SA 900	1.50	4.25	0.65	4.25	12.50	5.00
000 Special 31	0.80	4.00	(0.3)	2.60	10.00	..

Low Tungsten	C	Cr	Mo	V	W	Co
Rapid Special BN X	0.80	4.0	(0.3)	1.60	8.0	10.0
Mo 325 X	0.9/10	4.0	2.5	2.5-3.0	2.2	2.5
Mo 1225 X	0.9/10	4.0	2.5	2.5-3.0	1.0	1.5

Steels for Battering Tools

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	V	W
Durax Special	0.25	0.5	0.50	1.10	0.10	3.75
Durax W 2	0.45	0.9	0.35	1.20	..ca	2.00
Durax W 3	0.35	0.9	0.35	1.20	..ca	2.00
Durax H	0.55	0.5	0.35	1.25	0.40ca	2.00
CaV 1	0.60	0.9	0.90	1.35	0.15	..
CaV 2	0.50	1.5	0.75	1.20	0.15	..
CaV 3	0.35	1.5	0.70	1.10	0.15	1.5-7
E 612	0.40	1.0	0.40	5.25	0.15	3.75
E 975	0.45	0.3	0.75	2.50	0.20	..

Stainless and Acid Resisting Steel

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Ni
Remanit 1510	0.15	0.60	0.4	14.0	..
Remanit 1520	0.20	0.33	0.5	13.5	0.5
Remanit 1540	0.40	0.30	0.4	13.5	..

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	
Remanit 1610	0.10	0.60	0.4	18.0	..	..
Remanit 1610 S	0.10	0.50	0.4	18.0	..	+ Ti
Remanit 1620	0.25	0.30	0.4	16.5	1.5	..
Remanit 1710 A	0.12	0.30	0.6	16.5	0.2	+ S
Remanit 1710 S	0.10	0.50	0.4	18.0	1.8	+Cb +Ta 0.7

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	V
Remanit 1690	1.00	0.30	0.4	17.5	..
Remanit 1690 V	0.85	0.30	0.4	18.0	0.5

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Ni	Mo	
Remanit 1880	0.10	0.5	0.4	18.0	8.5	..	..
Remanit 1880 S	0.10	0.5	0.4	18.0	8.5	..	Cb +Ta
Remanit 1880 SS	0.10	0.5	0.4	18.0	9.5	2.0	..
Remanit 1880 T	0.10	0.6	0.4	18.0	9.5	..	N2-0.1
Remanit 1990 S	0.10	1.7	0.4	18.0	8.5	..	..
Remanit 1990 SS	0.10	2.4	0.4	18.0	9.5	2.0	..

Welding Rod Steel	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Ni	Mo	Cb
Thermit A (17)	0.10	1.20	0.40	19.5	9.0	2.0	1.5
Thermit C	0.10	2.20	1.25	23.0	16.5	..	..
Thermit D	0.15	1.75	1.25	22.5	9.5	..	..
Thermit G	0.05	0.50	0.40	18.0	9.0	2.0	..
Thermit J	0.05	0.50	0.40	18.5	8.0	..	..
Thermit K	0.15	0.55	0.60	13.5	..	..	..
Thermit L	0.20	0.50	0.50	23.0	3.0	..	..
Thermit X	0.10	0.50	5.00	18.0	7.0	..	..

Drop Forging Die Steels

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Ni	Mo
AMS	0.55	0.30	0.5-0.8	0.60	1.50	0.15-0.2
AMS Extra	0.55	0.30	0.8	0.75	1.5-1.8	0.40-0.6
CMS	0.45	0.35	1.3	1.8-2.0	W	0.20-0.3
CNS T H	0.25-0.3	0.30	0.4	1.0-1.3	4.5	0.50-0.5

Steels For Use With Heat and Hydrogen
Medium High Temp. Steels

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	V	Mo
CV 30	0.30	0.3	0.2	1.00	..	0.20
CV 60	0.30	0.3	0.4	1.35	..	0.55
CV 70	0.15	0.3	0.4	1.00	0.25	0.30
CV 110	0.30	0.3	0.4	1.40	..	1.10
CV 120	0.30	0.3	0.4	1.40	0.40	0.55

Medium High Temp. Steels

Brand	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Mo	V	W
HC 5	0.10	0.35	0.4	2.5-2.75	..	..	..
HC 8	0.25	0.35	0.4	2.5-2.75	..	..	..
HC 9	0.20	0.35	0.4	3.0-3.25	0.25	0.5	..
MC III V	0.20	0.30	0.4	2.5-2.75	0.40	0.8	0.4

to be 1.48 lb of chlorine per pound of metal in the MgCl₂·6H₂O added at Teutschental and 0.5 to 1.0 new chlorine, making a total addition of 1.98 to 2.48 and a known loss from HCl and CaCl₂ of 1.7. The difference, then, is probably the amount which is lost out of the chlorinators.

Magnesium Cells

The magnesium cells at the Bitterfeld plant are about 88 in. ID by 48 in. wide by 48 in. deep. Facing the 88-in. dimension, the cell is compartmented as follows: 9-in. cathode space, 2-in. partition, 10-in. anode space, 2-in. partition, 13-in. cathode space, 2-in. partition, 10-in. anode, 2-in. partition, 13-in. cathode, 2-in. partition, 10-in. anode, 2-in. partition, 9-in. cathode. Partitions are made of high silica, acid-proof brick in two pieces about 24-in. long and 17 in. deep; they extend a few inches under the bath and above the cell top to serve as sides of the chlorine dome. The front of the chlorine dome is completed with brick. Anodes are graphite pieces about 4½ x 9 x 55 in. and are assembled close together at the top on bus bars to make an electrode 4½ x 54 x 55 in. Anode life is from 12 to 16 months, and failure is due to breaking just above the chlorine dome cover and below the bus bar connection. During the life of the anodes, very little wear is experienced, and the broken electrodes would still serve, were it not for the break. This is believed to be due to crystallization of salts in the pores of the electrodes, with subsequent strains due to vaporization. The anodes are sealed into the dome with asbestos and cement, and it is not necessary to renew the seal. The electrodes never are moved during operation, except for breakage, which can be predicted by appearance. As stated, chlorine gas from this operation is said to be of 90 per cent concentration.

Cathodes are steel castings of eccentric shape designed to present a face about 18 x 50 in, to the anode and tapered up to maintain constant current density through the steel. Bars coming through the top are 3 to 4 in. thick. The spacing is about 7 in., anode-to-cathode face.

Cells are composed of high silica, acid-proof brick built into walls about 18 in. thick and encased in steel shells with solid bottoms. Diaphragm brick is the same composition as the lining (about 70 per cent SiO₂-30 per cent Al₂O₃). It has a maximum life of about 16 months. The cell pot lin-

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Steels For High Temperatures

	C	Si	Mn	Cr	Ni		
Heat-Resisting							
Thermax 8 F	0.10	2.75	1.00	3.25			+ Ti
Thermax 9 F	0.10	2.75	1.00	6.75			+ Ti
Thermax 10 F	0.10	2.75	1.00	13.50			+ Ti
Thermax 11 FN	0.20	0.50	0.65	25.00	2.5-3.0		
Thermax 12 F	0.15	1.75	1.00	25.00	0.5		
Heat-Resisting							
Thermax 10 A	0.10	2.35	1.25	19.0	10.0		
Thermax 11 A	0.15	2.30	1.25	23.5	19.5		
Low Grade Welding Rod							
Thermax 9 AM	0.10	3.50	14.00	9.0			+ N2
Thermax 10 AM	0.10	3.50	18.50	9.5	1.75		+ N2
Valve Steel							
Silchrom II	0.40	4.00	0.30		3.0		
Silchrom	0.40	3.50	0.50		9.5		
Gs	1.60	0.40	0.35		12.0		
GSE	0.45	1.50	0.70	13.0	15.0		1.25
GSM	0.40	2.25	15.50		12.5		
V 444 D	0.40	2.45	1.00	10.0	18.5	1.50	
Magnet Steel							
Magnet C	1.00	0.25	0.25	3.3			
Magnet CM	0.95	0.25	1.10	5.0			
Cobalt 125	1.00	0.30	1.10	8.5	1.25	6.25	
Cobalt 160	1.00	0.30	0.30	8.5	1.50	10.50	
Cobalt 200	1.00	0.25	0.25	8.5	1.50	15.50	
Cobalt 300	0.90	0.25	0.25	4.5	0.30	30.00	4.50

ing lasts about 5 years. A diaphragm repair requires that the cell be shut down, which includes dipping out the bath. Cells are spaced with about 3 ft between cells in rows about 12 ft apart. Aisles in front of the cells are used for operations, and the back aisles are used for the bus bar which consists of 6 bars of 0.45 x 7-in. copper. Elaborate switches are used in this aisle to short cells out of service.

The Bitterfeld cells are rated at 23,000 amp and 7 v per cell, although there is evidence of operating at 18,000 amp. Ampere efficiency is about 88 per cent.

Power required is between 8.0 and 8.5 dc kw-hr per lb of metal. Further analysis of power requirements was given as 25 ac kw per kilogram, including briquetting and process power, giving an overall of 11.2 ac kw per lb. Graphite consumption is 0.025 lb per pound of magnesium. Assuming the cathode face at 18 x 50 in., the current density is 4.3 amp per square inch.

The cell bath was not sampled, as all cells were frozen and true samples were impossible. Analysis of the cell bath is given in Table II.

The cell feed in the form of molten MgCl₂ analyzes 86 to 90 per cent MgCl₂, 5 to 6 per cent CaCl₂, and the balance NaCl and KCl. There are no sulphates present, as they are eliminated in the chlorinator. Sludge is dipped once a week and analyzes 30 per cent MgO, 10 per cent metallic magnesium, and the remaining 60 per cent being bath. A study of the im-

purity balance indicates a build-up of CaCl₂ in the bath, and it is said that the bath was dipped whenever CaCl₂ exceeded 50 per cent. NaCl was added to restore the desired composition. Usually 0.11 lb of bath is dipped per pound of metal produced, but recently was compelled to go as high as 0.28 lb of bath dipped per pound of metal because of high Ca content of feed. It was never necessary to clean the cathodes.

Cells are started by pouring in a few hundred pounds of molten carnallite. The graphite electrodes are used

TABLE II

Analysis of Cell Bath

CaCl ₂	45-50%
MgCl ₂	10-25%
NaCl	30%
	(Average 15%)
KCl	10%
CaF ₂	0.5-1.0%

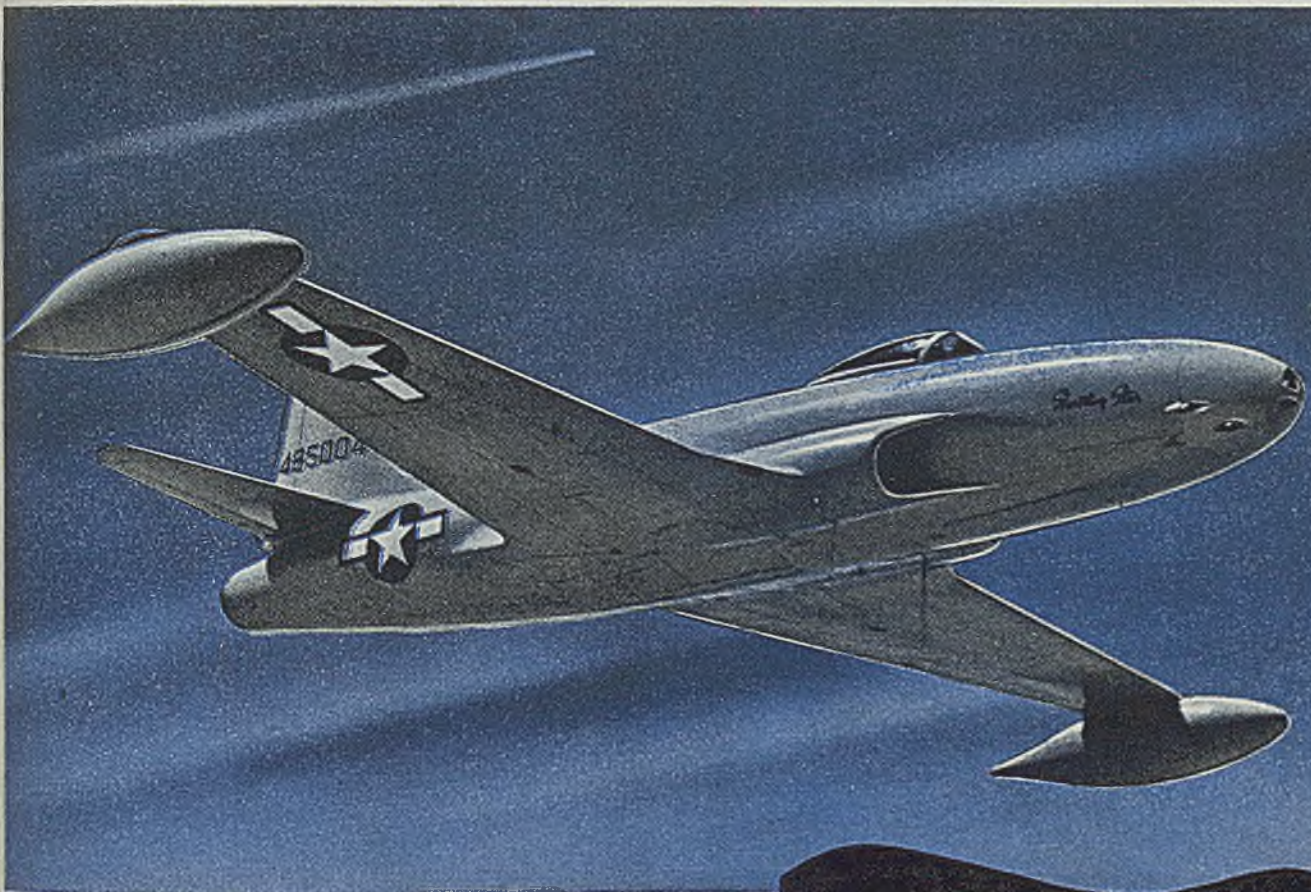
with a special transformer for alternating current heating which is used until the cell is full of normal bath which is added slowly. There is no indication of iron pickup during the starting of the cell.

One chlorine gas outlet is provided for each dome—three per cell. They are about 2 in. ID, and are composed of a section of ceramic pipe delivering into a cast iron line. The line suction is 1 in. of water, and the cell suction about 0.1-in. Before compression, the chlorine is dry filtered through thimbles (bag house) of as-

bestos cloth for removal of the and is then compressed to about in. of water pressure with a Ja Blower (similar to the American C nersville-Roots) and returned to chlorinators. The four cathode ch bers are ceramic covered, with provided in the front for metal sludge removal, and are vented the back through lines similar those for chlorine, to remove These gases are scrubbed and thro away. Power for the operation rectified with motor generator set 93 per cent conversion. Units quite old.

Labor for Operation: Figures en (cells only) are 20.5 man h per ton of magnesium, for maintena of cells 16.8 man hours per ton magnesium, making a total in the room of 37.3 man hours per ton metal.

Metal dipping from cells is d once a day and could be done o two-day schedule. Metal collecte the four cathode compartments (double—two single) is collected automatic skimming. Apparatus this purpose is a pot holding 800 k grams which is fitted for vacuum eration. The casing is about 5 ft diameter and 5 ft high and conta a nichrome resistance heater rated 60 kw. It is mounted on an elect truck. The whole assembly wei about 7 tons. A large handwh operates four corner screws wh raise and lower the pot to conform bath levels. Suction lines at 300 absolute pressure are provid throughout the plant. A pipe, skimmer for the cell, is connecte the top of the vacuum pot; it is ab 1½ in. ID and reasonably well in lated. It is put lower than necessa in the cell for preheating. Wh ready, a valve is opened, and the ski mer placed at the surface, the me being sucked in. There is a certa amount of flexibility in the pipe, b as the cell level falls, the pot is lo ered by the screws. The pot is mov from compartment to compartn until one cell is cleared. A man rak metal toward the skimmer to aid t skimming. When cells are clear, t valve is closed, and the pot goes another cell, or, if full, to a separa ing pot. A full pot usually contain 1300 lb of metal and 400 lb of ce bath. At the separating not, whi is in a corner of the cell buildin the skimming pot is put under pre sure and metal and bath discharg through a dip pipe in it. The separ ating pot is similar to the first in siz (about 40 x 54 in.), and is heated wit



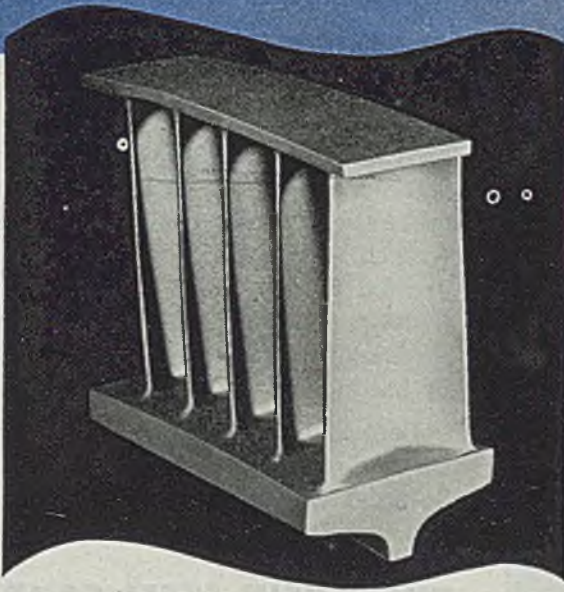
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an electric heater. It is mounted so as to tip over at 180°. First it is discharged through a pipe cast in it, which extends to the bottom. The excess bath runs out, and a small amount of metal is discharged; the pot is tilted the other way and discharged into an alloy pot which transports the metal to the alloy plant. The skimming operation is said to dip one cell in less than 5 min (70 cells in 5 hr), and five men can handle this operation at that speed.

The cell settings are supported on a set of I-beams running lengthwise which are carried by columns. A number of smaller beams act as purtins. Bricks are used for insulation. The floor is supported by noncontinuous steel beams resting on the walls or brick piers. Reinforced concrete slabs span the beams, and the slabs are covered with brick. Bitterfeld has never stored metal outdoors, preferring to use a building provided with a little heat to avoid condensation.

The Stassfurt cells are the same as those at Bitterfeld with the following exceptions. One line of cells is operated at 32,000 amp and 6.8 to 7 v per cell. These cells contain four anode assemblies and five cathodes (two single—three double). The units are the same, but the cathode to an-

ode spacing is given at 4 in., compared to the smaller cells at 7 in. This cell was developed in 1938. Its power requirement is slightly better, being 7.8 dc kw-hr for each pound of metal.

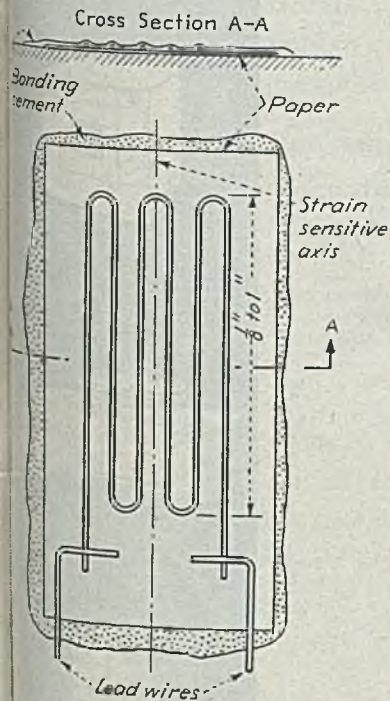
At Stassfurt dc power is supplied by rectifiers of multi-anode type, rated at 6000 amp, each containing 18 anodes. The efficiency was 94 per cent. A sludge treatment is used to recover the 10 per cent metal in sludge. A pot setting is used with alternating current used on several electrodes. Sludge is agitated in the cell bath. It is claimed that 8 to 10 metric tons of metal are recovered per month.

Composition of the cell bath at Stassfurt was given as 30 to 40 per cent CaCl_2 , 20 to 25 per cent KCl , 20 per cent NaCl , 15 per cent MgCl_2 , with about 100 lb of NaF added per cell per month.

Wintershall at Heringen

The remaining 36,000 lb of magnesium per day is said to be produced by Wintershall. Location was sufficiently remote so as to be unavailable for investigation. However, the following information was obtained from assessment reports. Eighty cells operate at about 10,000 amp and 6 to 7 v per cell. Power for this elec-

trolytic operation is about 12 kw hr per pound. One hundred thirty-two cells operate at 18,000 amp at 6 v, with a power requirement of 10.6 kw hr per pound. The average for the overall operation, including the foundry, is 13 kw hr per pound. The raw material is carnallite from potash operations, and the carnallite feed is prepared by air drying in a shelf drier or in tray furnaces with feeding shovels similar to those used for the roasting of zinc. The feed sent to the cells contains 3 per cent water, 1½ per cent MgO , a low percentage of impurities, and the balance carnallite. In this type of operation it is necessary to remove bath from the cell to equalize the KCl fed in with the feed. The material removed is discarded for fertilizer purposes and is stated to be from 2 to 5 per cent MgCl_2 , 20 per cent NaCl , a small amount of fluoride, and the balance KCl . It is, therefore, evident that NaCl is fed along with the carnallite to maintain the bath composition. The 18,000-amp pots were stated to be about 8 ft in diameter and 4 ft deep, and to use about 16 graphite anodes of 12 to 14-in. diameter. Cathodes are spaced between these anodes, and the electrode assembly is arranged in a circle. Metal is collected in the center.



Stresses and Strains Determined by Bonded Resistance-Wire

STRAIN GAGE

towers, such as broadcasting antenna, and high-tension electrical lines. It also is used for testing heavy guns for the strains which are developed during firing. High pressure vessels and tanks, which might cause severe damage if overloaded, are said to be kept under control by this gage, which is made by Baldwin Southwark Division of Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Operation depends on the fact any wire which is conducting an electric current will change in resistance if it is strained, inasmuch as internal stresses distort and interrupt energy levels at which electron transfer takes place. It is therefore, necessary to select this wire with great care in order to get the highest possible degree of correlation between the various gages used in a single test. This means that size and resistance must be controlled

within very narrow limits and that the temperature coefficient characteristics of the wire be known to a high degree of precision in order that these gages may give the design engineer a true picture of what is happening in the structure he has designed. Accompanying plan and cross-section view shows construction of a typical strain gage.

Advance brand wire, supplied to Baldwin by Driver-Harris Co., Harrison, N. J., has been found very satisfactory for this application. Usually only 0.001-inch in diameter, one-third the size of a human hair, this alloy has a comparatively high ratio of resistance change to load and at the same time, a small rate of change in resistance with temperature. This makes it possible to use the strain gage with a comparatively simple setup where resistance is measured by a good Wheatstone bridge.

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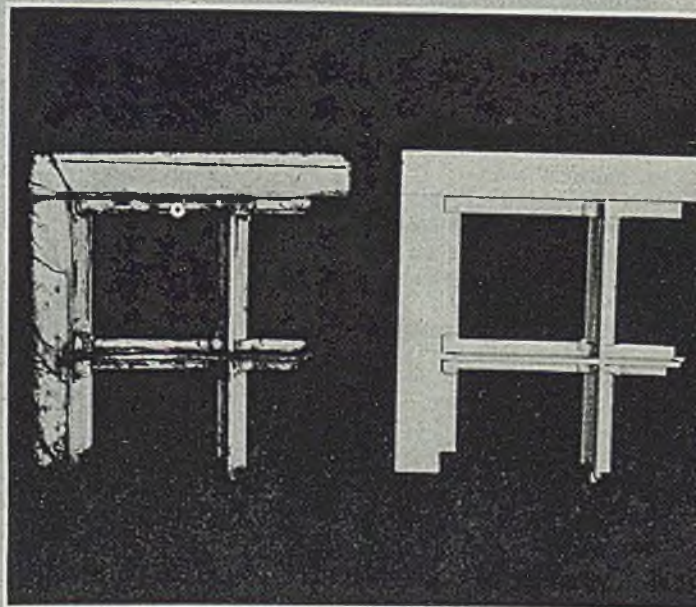


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Stress Distribution

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tension axially the strain is determined simply with one gage. In the case of a complex stress distribution several gages are used at a point and from the orientation of the gages and mathematical formulae the amount and kind of principle stress or strain and its orientation may be determined. Shear at the same point may also be determined.

The electrical changes induced are small but electrical measuring devices of sufficient sensitiveness and accuracy are available for measurement.

The gage is attached to the piece to be loaded at a spot which has been thoroughly cleaned. It does not appear that it is necessary that the spot be extremely smooth if adherence is good.

The gage is held in position by a lacquer and must be kept dry. Temperature must be held constant or compensated for.

The gages themselves are inexpensive but the recording apparatus is relatively expensive.

Since strain is recorded, the modulus of elasticity is used in transforming this strain to stress and therefore, stress may be determined only within the range for which this constant applies. Strains beyond this point may be determined however. These strain indicators may be used in dynamic work where there is alternation of stress if an oscillograph is used in connection with the recording apparatus.

Apparatus is available for the solution of the mathematical equations involved. There is an electronic type, a machine based upon a plurality of rotary transformers and a mechanical integrating machine. No machine is necessary but the electrically operated computers such as the electronic and transformer type give an immediate answer while a test is run.

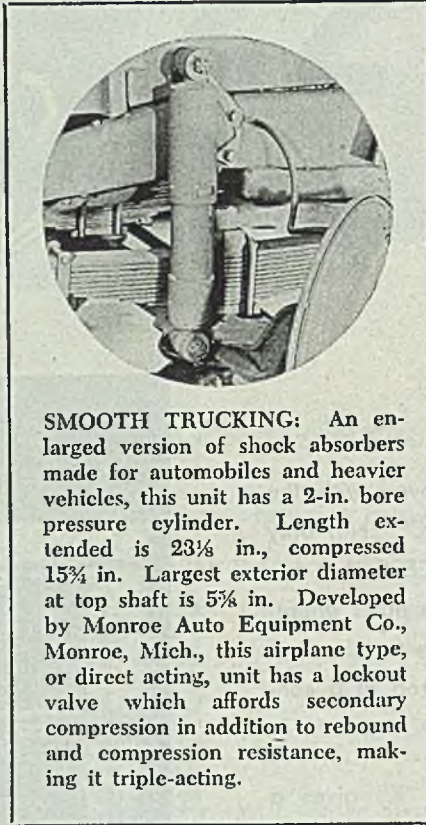
There are many concrete examples of the application of this type of strain gage to structures for the determination of strains and stresses. They have been used on railroad rail to determine the strains at various points in a rail, to determine strains in rails at curves, applied to tie plates and to bridge members. When the floor system of one of Pittsburgh's bridges was replaced in aluminum, the change release in strain in bridge members was determined as a check on mathematical computation. They have also been used to determine stresses in penstocks, a drag line boom, at the fillets of a pump impeller, fatigue stresses in studs in aluminum forgings, on tools to determine tool pressures and on forging hammers to determine effect of foundation cushions.

One of the most important uses of such strain gages has been in connection with the determination of stresses in complex structures.

An interesting use of the resistance wire strain gage is in connection with a new type of accelerometer. This accelerometer is a simple type of cantilever beam which is attached to the object for which it is desired to find the acceleration or

deceleration. As determined by the circumstances, the cantilever may be loaded at the end or not. A wire strain gage is attached to the cantilever and records the extent of compression or tension in the cantilever under conditions of shock. Any sudden acceleration or reverse results in vibration of the cantilever and the record of strain gage readings shows the magnitude and duration of the disturbance.

Such an accelerometer has been attached to a Charpy impact machine to record the magnitude and length of time of the resistant force at breaking. This may perhaps give more accurate evalua-



SMOOTH TRUCKING: An enlarged version of shock absorbers made for automobiles and heavier vehicles, this unit has a 2-in. bore pressure cylinder. Length extended is 23½ in., compressed 15¼ in. Largest exterior diameter at top shaft is 5½ in. Developed by Monroe Auto Equipment Co., Monroe, Mich., this airplane type, or direct acting, unit has a lockout valve which affords secondary compression in addition to rebound and compression resistance, making it triple-acting.

tion of impact tests than has been possible previously.

Such indications of residual stress have been shown as to cause the manufacturer of castings to pause and wonder if stress relieving should not be resorted to in the case of every casting subject to severe loadings. However, it is also apparent that on occasion initial stress, if of the proper kind, may result in advantageous service. Therefore, it is wise to consider the matter fully as to what residual stresses there may be, to consider the service equally and then to form an opinion as to desirable action.

Residual Stress

In the field of residual stress determinations the sectioning or dissecting method has been of most use, although this has been combined with wire strain gage methods to some extent.

Particular attention has been given to the use of residual stresses to strengthen a part. By so treating the material as to place the outer portion in compression before loading it is possible that the

stress in the extreme fibers will be the resultant of a residual stress in compression and a tensile stress from loading. Thus a materially greater load may be applied before failure.

Residual stresses may be introduced several ways. Shot blasting, heat treating by quench and draw, nitriding and carburizing are treatments which result in residual stresses. The differing methods result in stresses differing in value and in the position of the residual tensile or compressive forces. It is possible to treat a bar as to have compression in the exterior layer, tension in a layer immediately beneath and compression again in the core. It is possible to have compression in the exterior layer to a very high value and moderate tension in the rest of the section. The kind and approximate location of the residual stresses may be postulated by consideration of the influence of heat in causing expansion and the manner in which cooling contracts.

It may be said that there are two types of treatment which are used to produce residual stress. A type of treatment resulting in change in structure might be designated as micro and one not resulting in structure change as macro.

The value of compressive and tensile residual stresses has been investigated by sectioning means and surprisingly high values, particularly in compression, have been ascertained to exist.

By such investigations it has been determined in some cases that initial failure has started at a layer beneath the surface where residual tension existed rather than at the surface where residual compression existed.

Much work has been done by various means in determining the distribution of stress at oil holes in steel crankshafts, and one of the cures of failure (which generally starts at such a point) is to produce a residual compressive stress in the surface of the hole.

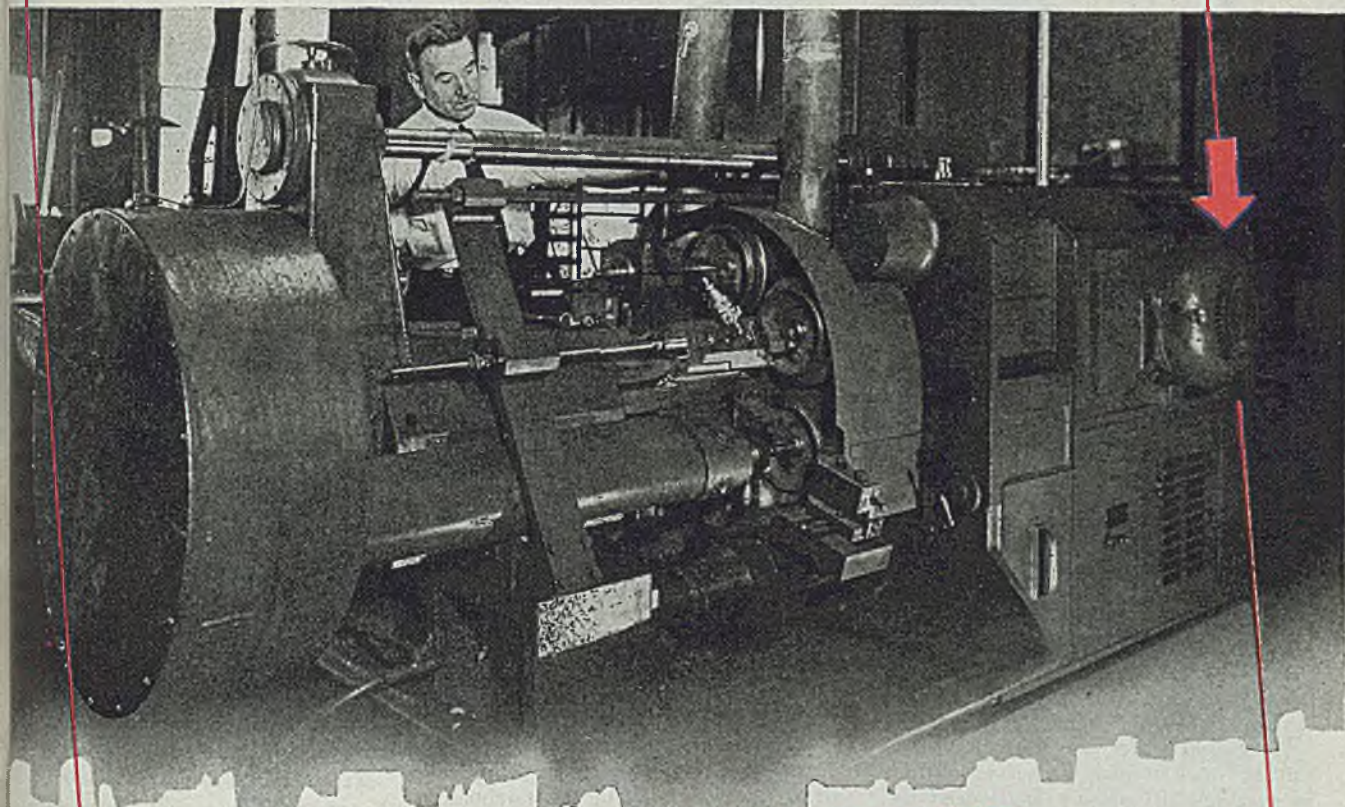
Steel pieces have shown very definite increase in fatigue strengths due to shot blasting or other treatment resulting in residual compressive stress in a surface layer.

This whole field has just been scratched lightly but the opportunity for studying stress distribution as related to design is so vast that no progressive foundryman or design engineer can afford to neglect it or ignore the vast amount of knowledge and methods of determining stress distribution that are now available to him. As an example of the commercial value of such work, we mention the case of a crankshaft redesigned and worked out by a Meehanite foundry.

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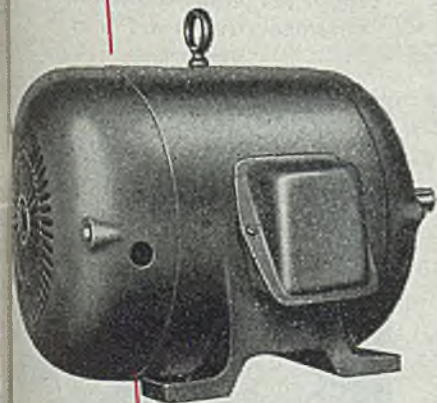
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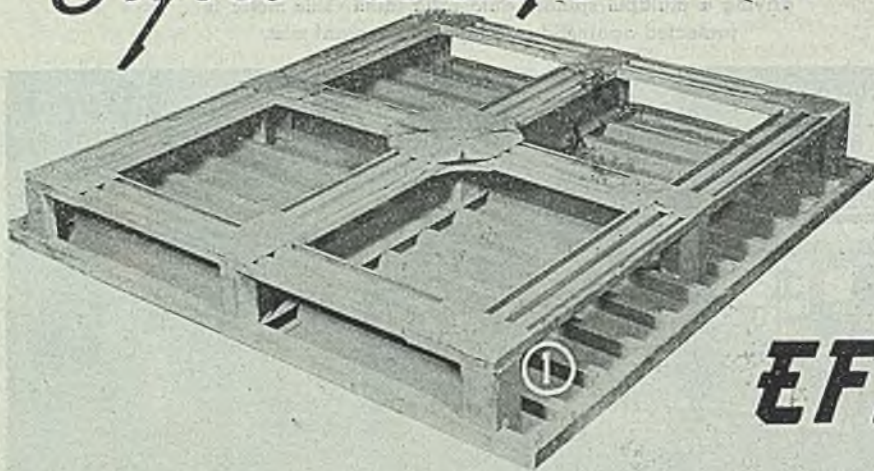
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New 8-way pallet used by U. S. Navy's Bureau of Ordnance provides important increases in versatility and flexibility in handling and stowage, at same time reducing aisle space requirements and strengthening unit loads

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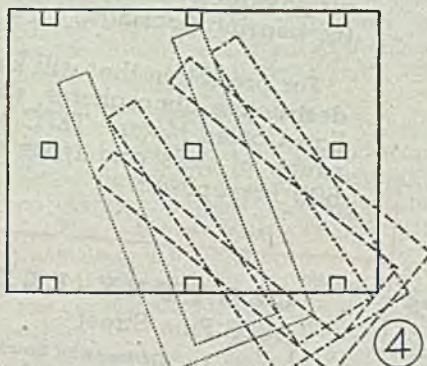
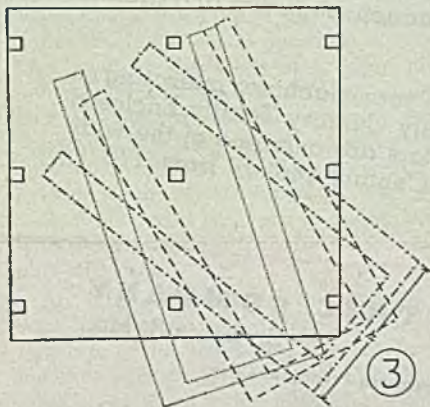
Fig. 1 — One of several new reinforced steel designs of the 8-way pallet, shown here bottom up to show construction

Fig. 2 — Three methods of stowing a freight car with 35 x 45 1/2-in. pallets made possible by the new 8-way pallet. Shaded units should be loaded by transporter

Fig. 3 — Entry angles possible on standard 4-ft square 8-way pallet when upright supports are no more than 2 in. square or 3 in. diameter. Corner and center supports could be larger without hindering accessibility, but not the other four supports

Fig. 4 — Somewhat more limited entry angles on standard 35 x 45 1/2-in. pallet caused by supports being closer. Setting supports in from edge on larger pallet has same effect

Fig. 5 — Diagonally stowed 8-way pallets can be approached from two directions even in a 7 ft aisle as shown here

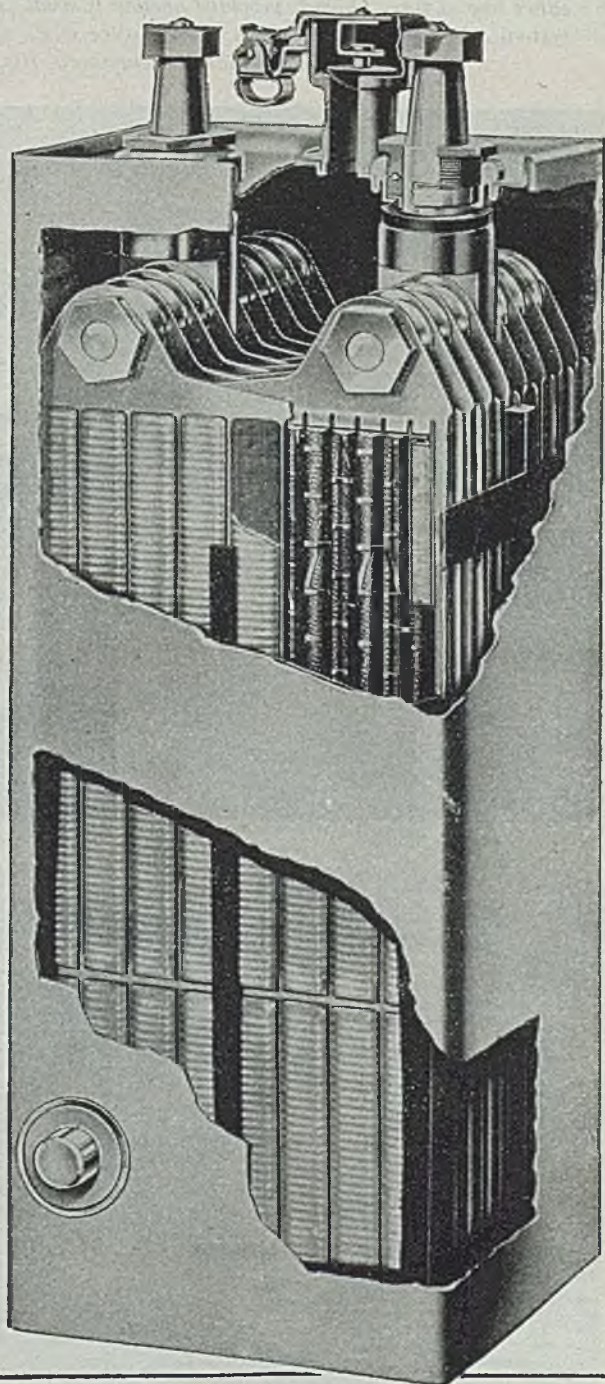


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level or platform level, an advantage which becomes important if the cars (or trailers) are used in a congested area.

When box cars are being loaded with such items as ammunition in tanks, which often require that all the units face the same way, it is handy to be able to set pallets fore and aft into the door area

without need for damage on the deck. Also, when a fork truck on ground level is feeding loads to a hand lift truck in a car, the hand truck can run them directly into position without having to turn around.

The 8-way entry enables rectangular pallets to be used in a variety of stowage patterns that would be impossible if the pallets had to be facing the same way. This feature can be a real space saver in warehouses having structural disadvantages such as columns, alcoves and the like. For example, if columns are 15 ft apart center to center, it is not practical to stow more than three standard Navy 35 x 45½-in. pallets of the two-way design between them, and nearly 4 ft of space is wasted. However, the 8-way pallets can be placed two wide way and one the narrow way.

In irregularly shaped warehouses with alcoves or bays, similar combinations frequently be used to accommodate a greater number of loads than could be stowed with 2-way pallets. Also, it may be convenient to pick up such pallets from

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Fig. 6—A 4000-lb capacity fork truck can enter an 8-way pallet at intersection of two 7-ft aisles as shown here. With corner stow removed, ones on either side are easier yet

Fig. 7—Cars can be unloaded on narrow platforms by using a transporter to feed a fork truck

Fig. 8—The 8-way feature greatly facilitates placing last pallets in a freight car as it enables the truck to get forks under corner and swing pallet around

Fig. 9—BuOrd's 8-way 35 x 45½-in. pallet can be loaded into a freight car either two or three abreast, provided overlap is small. A wide range of loading patterns is possible. Photos Figs. 5-9 inclusive made with small models at the Navy's Materials Handling Laboratory, Hingham, Mass.

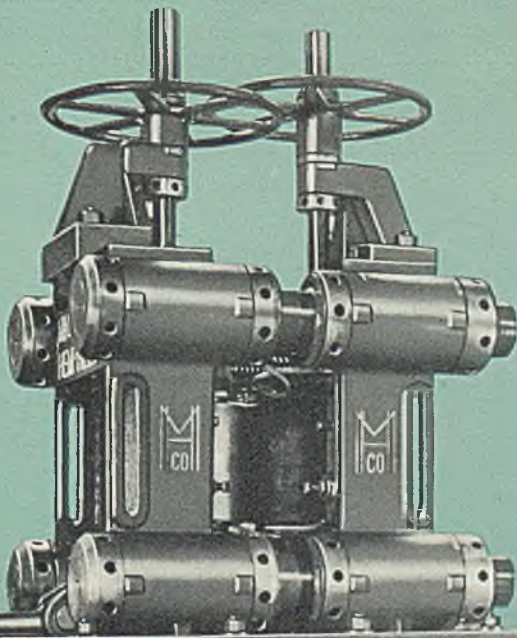


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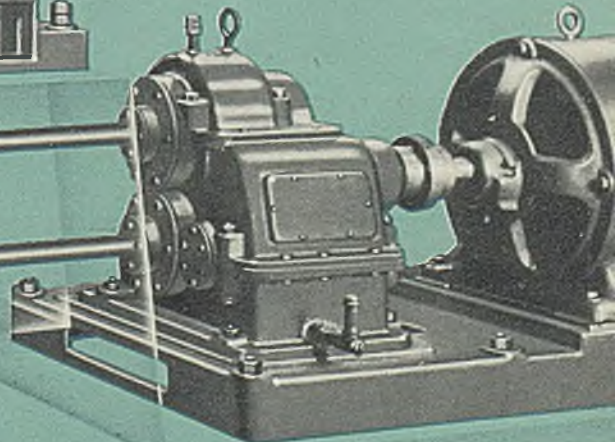
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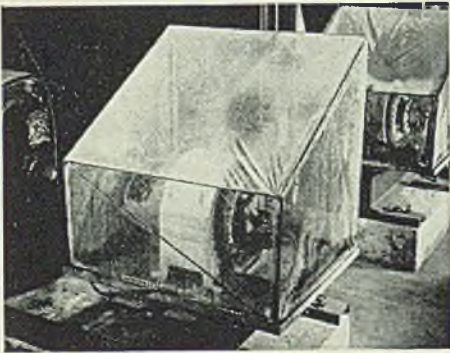
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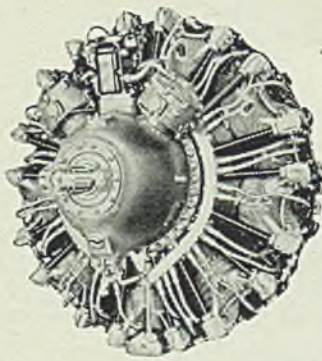
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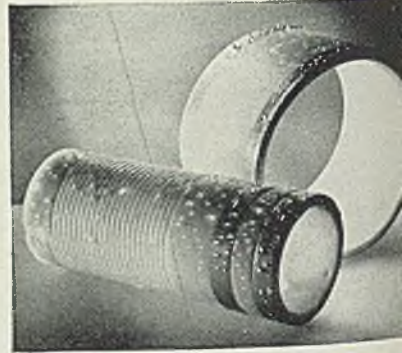
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Fourth article on heat treating and quenching defines the purpose of carburizing steel and relates explicitly how a hard surface can be produced upon a tough, ductile core. Preceding articles of series reviewed principles of the subject, construction and use of S-curves, hardenability tests and quenching

CARBURIZING is one of the oldest metallurgical processes on record. Case hardened knives, chisels and other tools have been found in Egyptian tombs of 200 to 200 B. C. The early 17th century was the beginning of the cementation process of steelmaking. Purpose of cementation process was to increase carbon content of wrought iron to about 0.05 per cent carbon to near per cent carbon. Often during the carburizing the carbon reacted with the oxide of iron to form carbon monoxide, and when the reaction took place beneath the surface of the metal, blisters were produced. For this reason the steel is sometimes called blister steel. Later surface of armor plate was carbu-

alized. Today the process has been developed to the extent that it is of commercial importance and has a long record of successful applications in industry.

The object of carburizing or case hardening is to produce a hard surface upon a tough, ductile core. The case can be varied to any depth by controlling time and temperature of the carburizing cycle. Selecting the proper heat treatment after carburizing, the part can be provided with a case of high fatigue and wear resistance and a wide range of core properties. It is employed where high hardness, high strength or wear resistance are required of the surface and it is essential for the core to be

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Fig. 17 — Fine grained steel as shown by McQuaid-Ehn test. Nitral etch. X100

Fig. 18—Coarse-grained steel micrograph at X100 from same test

tough to resist shock or soft to permit machining. Gears, camshafts, bearing races, ball bearings are a few parts that are case hardened.

Carburizing of case hardening is done by three methods: (1) Solid or pack carburizing, (2) gas carburizing, and (3) liquid salt bath carburizing.

Pack carburizing is dependent on the action of CO and CO₂ mixture with the steel; in gas carburizing the agent may be any of a number of hydrocarbons with which CO is present. In liquid salt bath carburizing, the carbon is obtained from the reaction of the composition of activated salts.

Carburizing steels should have the ability to absorb carbon uniformly at the usual carburizing temperatures, and to harden satisfactorily in a suitable quenching medium. The presence of iron oxide and nonmetallic inclusions, such as found in bessemer screw stock, rimmed or semikilled steels, greatly affect the ability of the steel to meet these requirements. Carburizing quality is controlled in the manufacturing of the steel. Since low carbon steels are made "killed", "semikilled", "rimmed" or "capped", it is important to specify to the source of the material when steel is to be used for carburizing. Good quality carburizing steel must be thoroughly killed and have a normal grain structure.

In 1922 McQuaid and Ehn found that

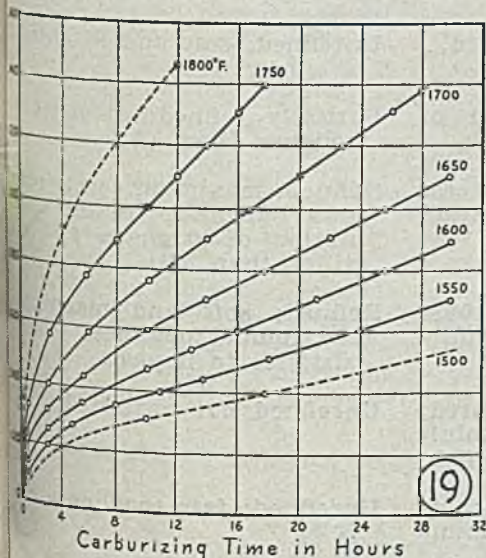


Fig. 19 — Effect of temperature on case depth SAE 3115 steel carburized in natural gas. Curves for solid carburizers would be approximately the same for equal lengths of time at heat

TABLE IV
LIQUID CARBURIZING PENETRATIONS
Degrees Fahr.

Minutes	1500	1550	1600	1675
30	0.006-0.008	0.007-0.009	0.009-0.011	0.010-0.012
60	0.008-0.010	0.010-0.013	0.013-0.015	0.016-0.018
90	0.010-0.013	0.014-0.017	0.017-0.020	0.020-0.023
120				0.025-0.027
180				0.031-0.034
240				0.040-0.042

carburizing steels which developed soft spots in the carburized case when heat treated had a different carbide formation in the grain boundary than steel that hardened satisfactorily. The satisfactory structure was termed "normal", the unsatisfactory "abnormal." (See STEEL, September 10, p. 114, McQuaid-Ehn Test). The hyper-eutectoid case of a normal steel, when slow cooled from a carburizing temperature, has a fine lamellar pearlitic grain enveloped by a thin network of hyper-eutectoid cementite. (See Figs. 17 and 18). Abnormal steel is identified when the pearlitic grain is surrounded by free ferrite with irregular networks of islands of hyper-eutectoid cementite.

There is some difference in the readiness with which carbon is absorbed in the carburizing grades of both standard

and alternate grades. NE 8020, 8620, and 9420 are above the average for alloy steel, yet show no tendency to build up high carbon concentrations at the very surface, as do SAE 4120, 5120 and 6120. Manganese, chromium, nickel and molybdenum in various combinations are added to the steel to increase the strength and hardness of the core and help produce very hard, wear-resistant cases. Manganese steels were once considered to be coarse grained and brittle, but by controlled ladle additions they can be made fine grained, which largely overcomes this brittleness.

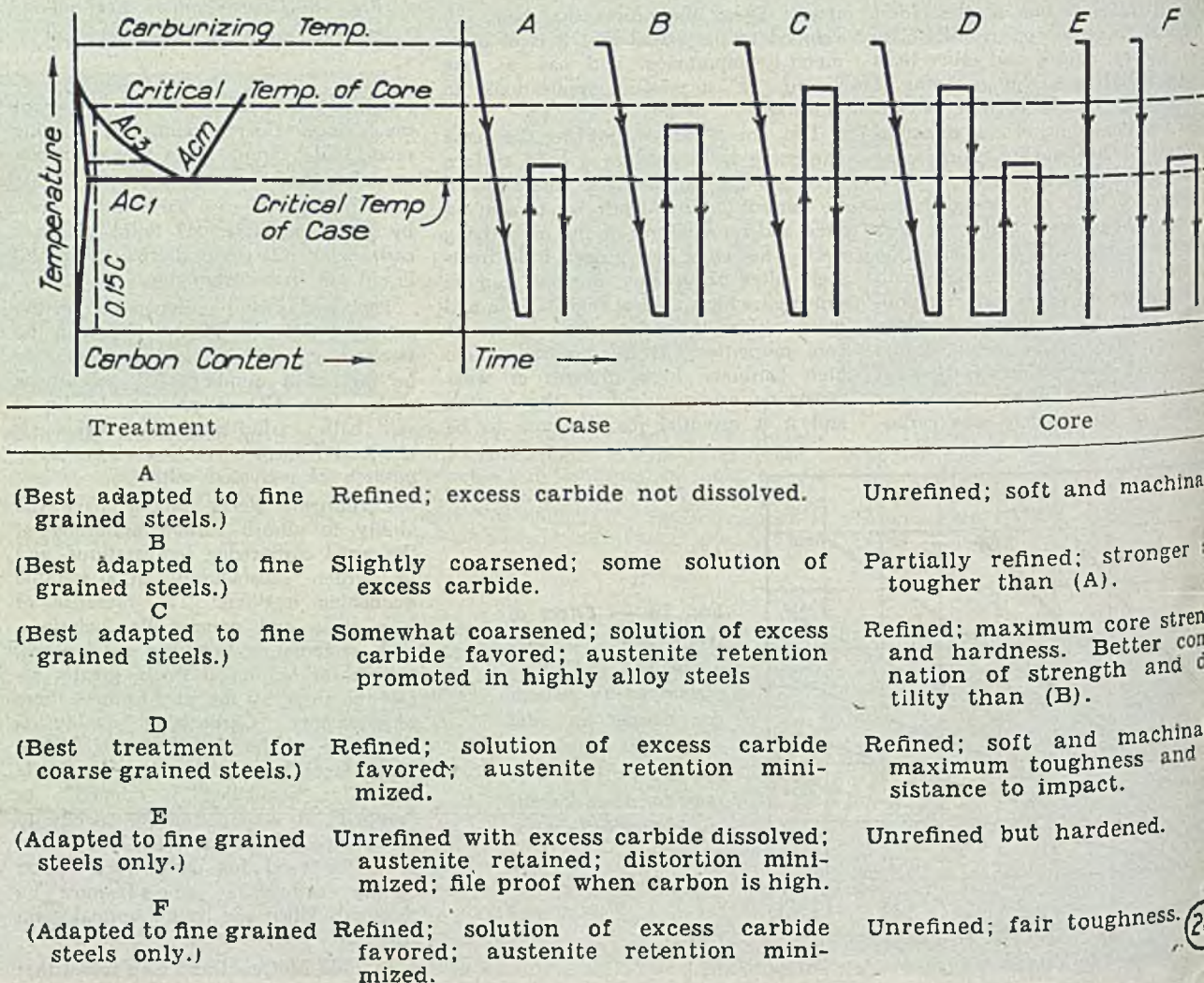
Pack Carburizing

Commercial carburizing materials used in pack carburizing vary in composition, resulting in a different rate of carbon penetration and character of

case. Base of the carburizing compound may be charcoal, coke, or a mixture of the two combined with some form of energizers. Carburizing compounds energized with either sodium carbonate or barium carbonate have greater rate of penetration over plain charcoal or coke. Barium, calcium and sodium in various forms are used for the energizers.

In G. K. Manning's summary (1919) before ASM of "Carburizing Characteristics of 0.20 Per Cent Carbon Alloy and Plain Carbon Steels", he states: "Alloying elements, when present in amounts generally found in the carburizing grade steels, had no pronounced effect on case depth. The presence of chromium led to extreme carbon build-up at the surface, when carburized in simple compounds. Nickel tended to modify the effect of chromium to some extent. One of the five carburizers investigated appeared to overcome completely the tendency of chromium toward a high carbon surface. Cooling rate had appreciable effect on the surface carbon content of the carburized case. The longer the time, the higher was the surface carbon and the deeper the case, providing the low carbon

Fig. 20—Diagrammatic representation of various hardening treatments for carburized steels and summary of case and core properties



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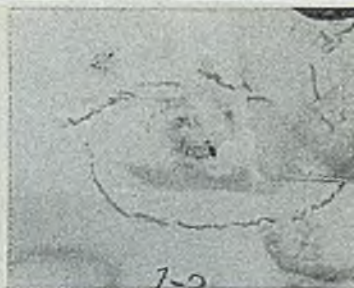
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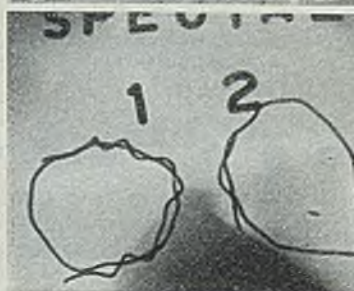
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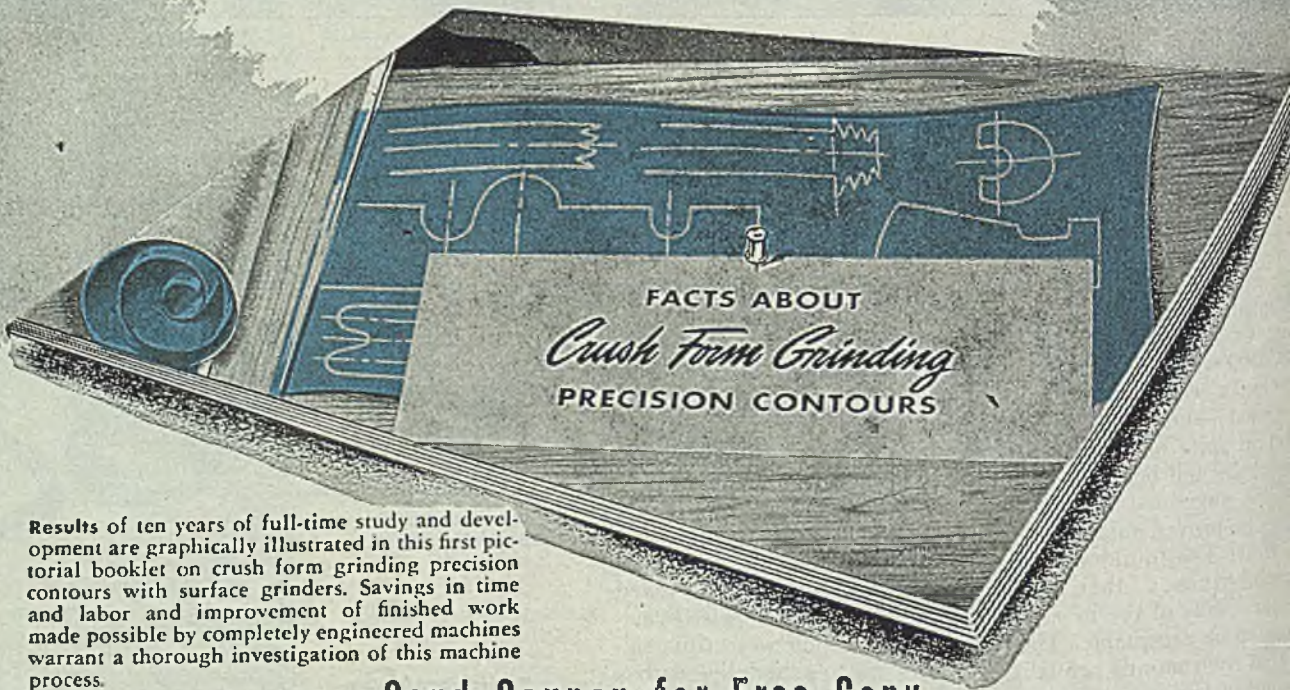
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0003 to 0.001-in. deep after 10 hours at 1700° F was disregarded. For a constant time, the higher the temperature, the higher was the surface carbon and the deeper the case, again providing that the low carbon skin was disregarded."

During the past 10 years, rapid development has been made in gas carburizing in both continuous and batch type furnaces. This process is dependent for its carburizing medium upon the introduction into the furnace chamber of hydrocarbon gases, such as natural gas, butane, propane and often city gases. Liquid hydrocarbon oils volatilized by the temperature of the furnace chamber are also used.

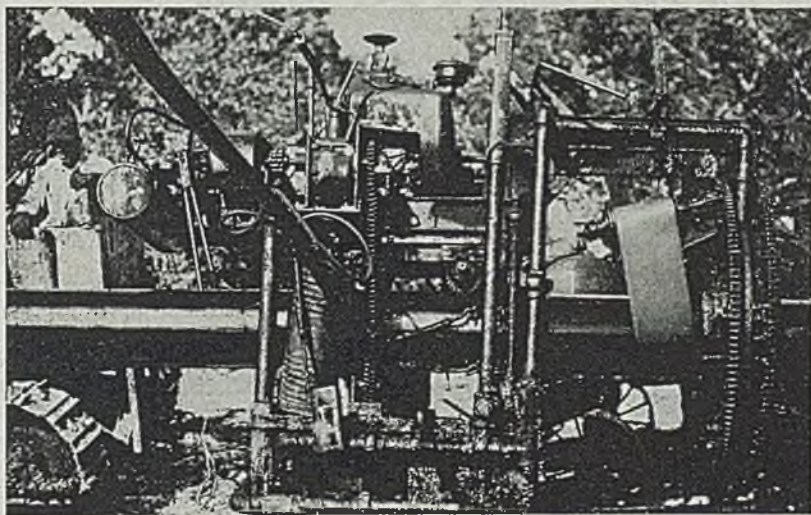
Steels carburized in solid compounds are equally adapted to gas carburizing. The total case depth, surface carbon content, and the carbon concentration gradient from surface to core are all functions of temperature, time and the characteristics of the carburizing mixtures used.

Liquid Salt Bath Carburizing

Carburizing salts are a mixture of activated salts, composed of neutral salts with a cyanide content. On the surface of the bath is a carbon mixture forming a crust which is capable of being dissolved in the liquid bath to keep the bath supersaturated with carbon, with a minimum burning or consumption. This method of liquid bath carburizing is capable of penetrations up to 0.125-in. deep. The case is a true carbon case and differs from the nitride case obtained from cyanide hardening at somewhat lower temperatures. The rate of penetration will vary somewhat for different steels and with the carburizing temperature. Depth of penetration is a function of time and temperature as is shown in Table IV.

Time for carburizing is much reduced when liquid salt carburizer is substituted for the older pack carburizing, especially when several hours may be necessary to bring the pots up to heat, depending upon the type of parts and size of the charge. The parts are brought up to heat much more rapidly and evenly when heated in a molten salt bath. Also, the total heat treating time will be reduced as compared with gas. One of the chief advantages of salt bath heat treatment is the uniformity of heating obtained. Parts treated in salt baths are likely to suffer only a minimum of distortion. This holds true for such parts as transmission and differential gears, stem pinions, spline shafts, etc.

Work which has been carburized in a liquid bath may be quenched in water, brine or oil according to the results desired. Work which has been quenched in either water or brine will emerge free from salt or requiring only a hot water rinse. For cleaning after an oil quench, an alkaline cleaner is used. The parts retain much of the original finish except that there is a wavy pattern of slight mottling to indicate they have been heat treated.



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Carburizing steels are furnished fine or coarse grain. Coarse grain steels generally are used for their easier machining and deeper hardening qualities. Fine grain steels do not coarsen at the carburizing temperatures, so when quenched direct from the carburizing temperature, the result is a tougher product. Generally a coarse grain steel requires a double treatment for the added toughness. Temperatures vary from 1550 to 1675° F and can be controlled within the limits of error of the pyrometer equipment. Gear teeth, representing relatively thin sections, might be expected to heat more rapidly than the mass of metal at the root. A uniform heating by conduction of the salt at all points results in a minimum of distortion.

Increased carbon of the case lowers the critical range of the steel. The carburized case therefore will require a relatively low temperature for hardening, while a higher one will be required for the low carbon core. These differences permit a number of variations in heat treating to be used after carburizing to provide a wide range of case and core properties. It is also important to keep in mind in determining the proper heat treatment that grain size is an important factor in obtaining maximum ductility and toughness to resist shock.

To understand the control of grain size, let us follow the changes in a piece of plain carbon, carburizing steel with 0.15 per cent carbon. Before heating, it has the structure produced from heat for rolling or forging. As its temperature rises, its grain size remains the same until it reaches its lower critical

or A_c temperature, at which moment it begins to transform to austenite. It will reach minimum grain size at the A_c temperature.

Let us assume it has a grain size 6 to 8. An A_c temperature for a 0.15 carbon steel is about 1575° F. If the steel is now heated to a higher temperature, it is found that coarsening does not begin immediately. There is a temperature range in which the grain size remains constant. Let us assume this steel remains the same grain size from the moment it transforms to austenite at 1575° F till it reaches the temperature of 1600° F, it begins to coarsen. A portion of the grains begin to coarsen, while the majority of the grains are still at their original 6 to 8 grain size. This mixture of mixed grain size (fine and coarse) is called a duplex structure and definitely is an undesirable grain structure for good physical properties, tending toward distortion in heat treating. Heating still higher to a temperature of 1700° F, the grains become coarser consisting almost entirely of No. 1 or 2 grain size, with a few No. 6 or 8. At still higher temperature, the last of the No. 6 and 8 grains will disappear and the steel will be coarsened entirely.

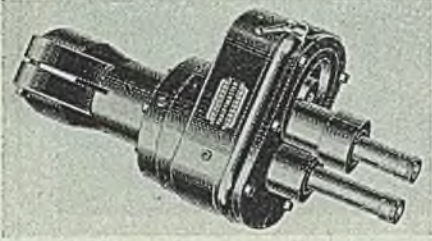
Steel that has coarsening temperature below 1700° F is considered coarse grain steel, while steels that retain an austenitic grain of 5 to 8 grain size at temperatures 1700° F or above, are considered fine grain steel. The McQuaid-Ehn carburizing test shows whether the coarsening temperature of the case is above or below 1700° F. The adopted

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INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

Adjustable Drillhead

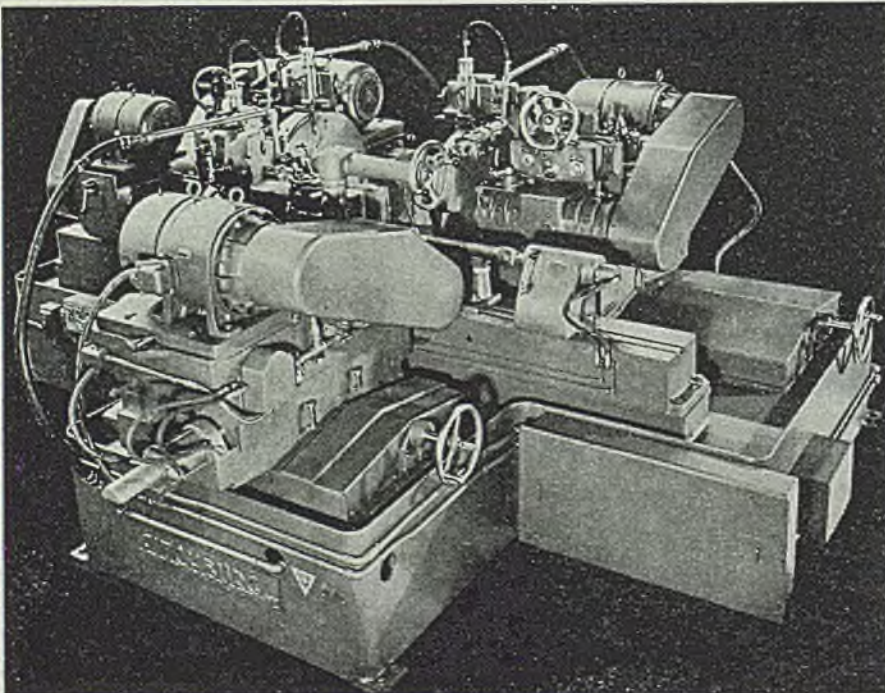
Thriftmaster Products Division of Thomson Industries Inc., 29-05 Review avenue, Long Island City, N. Y., announces a new two spindle offset type drillhead in which one spindle is built integral with the drive shaft and the other is offset and adjustable for variable



centers. This permits drilling on closer centers. The three sizes used most have spindles provided with 1/4-in. capacity chucks, No. 1 or No. 2 Morse taper and are available from standard designs. This drillhead is of full ball bearing construction, having all vital parts enclosed running in grease.

Grinding Machine

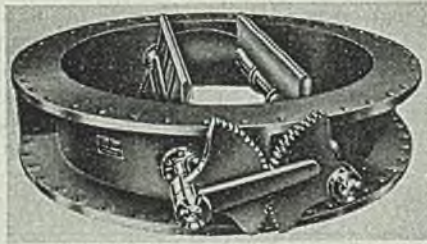
Fitchburg Grinding Machine Corp., Fitchburg, Mass., announces a new multiple precision grinding machine for plunge-cut grinding three spottings on 96 in. torsion springs for tanks. It grinds all dimensions at the same time within time of longest single grinding operation and in one handling. If any operation is discontinued, heads can be used elsewhere, either on standard machines or regrouped and remounted on new special bases.



Normal swing over table is 6 in.; maximum swing, 18 1/2 in.; maximum diameter with 3 in. rapid traverse, 6 in.; maximum distance between the centers, 96 in. Range of work speeds is 51 to 306 rpm; work speed drive is a V-belt and chain.

Butterfly Valves

Development of double louver butterfly valves for use in blast furnace gas mains where dirty or abrasive gas is present is announced by S. P. Kinney Engineers, 233 Oliver avenue, Pittsburgh 22. Constructed of 12 per cent manganese, the louvers and filler pieces of these valves effectively resist abrasive materials in gas and prevent, through streamlining the flow, imping-



ing of dust particles on sides of main. Body of the valve is made of either iron or heavy welded steel.

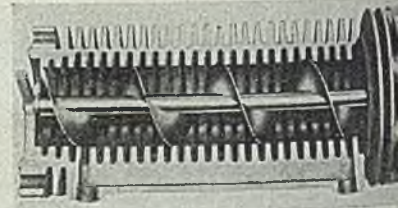
The butterfly valve can be used also to control the flow of gas in mains to washers, boilers or bleeder mains. The double louvers may be ground for very close clearance to give a complete gas shutoff or clearance may be provided as desired.

Equipped with packing glands and

bearings, the two square shafts supporting the louvers are arranged with gear segment for operating both at the same time. They are operated easily by a hydraulic control cylinder. Louvers are secured on these shafts by split keys located at back of louvers out of the abrasive gas flow.

Temperature Exchanger

Bird-White Co. 3119 West Lake street Chicago 12, announces development of new temperature exchanger based on the principle of heat transfer for air and gas lines and offering as a byproduct, external heating applications and position purification by centrifugal action. The unit as an after-cooler, is recommended for installation at the compressor discharge point. Supplied with external and internal cooling fins, it features a multiple action helicoid flighting. Velocity of element (air or gas) under pressure involves the helicoid flighting at high speeds forcing air or gas outward against



internal cooling fins. These internal cooling fins rapidly absorb heat or BTU generated in compression and dissipate this heat to outside atmosphere through external cooling fins thereby lowering element to room temperature in length of unit. By this cooling action vaporized moisture and oil suspended in element condenses and is entrained in sum assured moisture-free, cooled element at discharge point.

Another advantage in design permits tandem installation to any required length. The exchangers are available for both flanged and screwed-type assemblies and may also be supplied for either manual or automatic draining to the sump.

Dust Collector

Designated as Model 420, a new self-contained and portable dust collector for grinders, sanders, abrasive disks and cut-offs and polishing lathes is announced by Agat-Detroit Co., 602 First National building, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The unit features a cyclone separator, motor driven multiple blade fan, large dust storage bin, and flat, spun glass filter, all contained in an all steel, fire safe unit. Dust and dirt drawn in from the source first enter cyclone separator

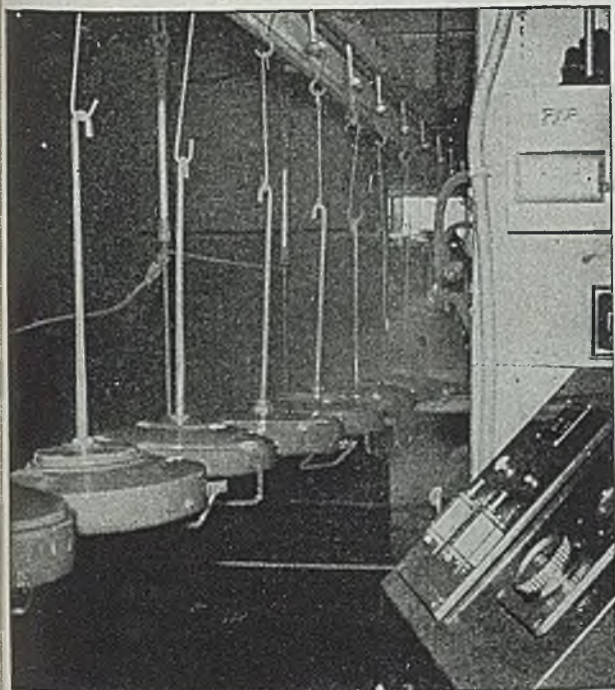
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In ordinary spray gun finishing, paint is sprayed on one side of an object, which must be turned to receive a coating on all sides, but in electrostatic finishing the paint particles acquire a charge as they enter the field and are attracted instantly

to all sides of the work, creating a smooth, uniform film whose thickness may be precisely controlled to suit any specification.

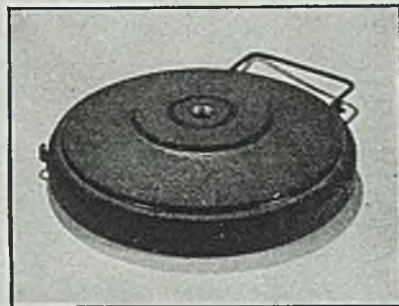
This manner of application utilizes a very high percentage of the material sprayed. The paint does not pass over and beyond the work, but creates a dense fog around it, and the amount of paint sprayed is greatly reduced, eliminating the usual waste concomitant to the spraying method.

Electrostatic spraying is entirely automatic, and few attendants are required to supervise the work. Advantages of the process may be summed up as follows:

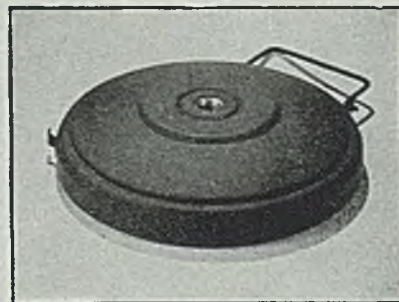
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GET THE REST OF THE STORY!

Space here is limited, but reprints of the IRON AGE article, "Electrostatic Spraying and Detearing" may be obtained without charge by writing the Japan Company. This article discusses at length the advantages and limitations of electrostatic spraying.



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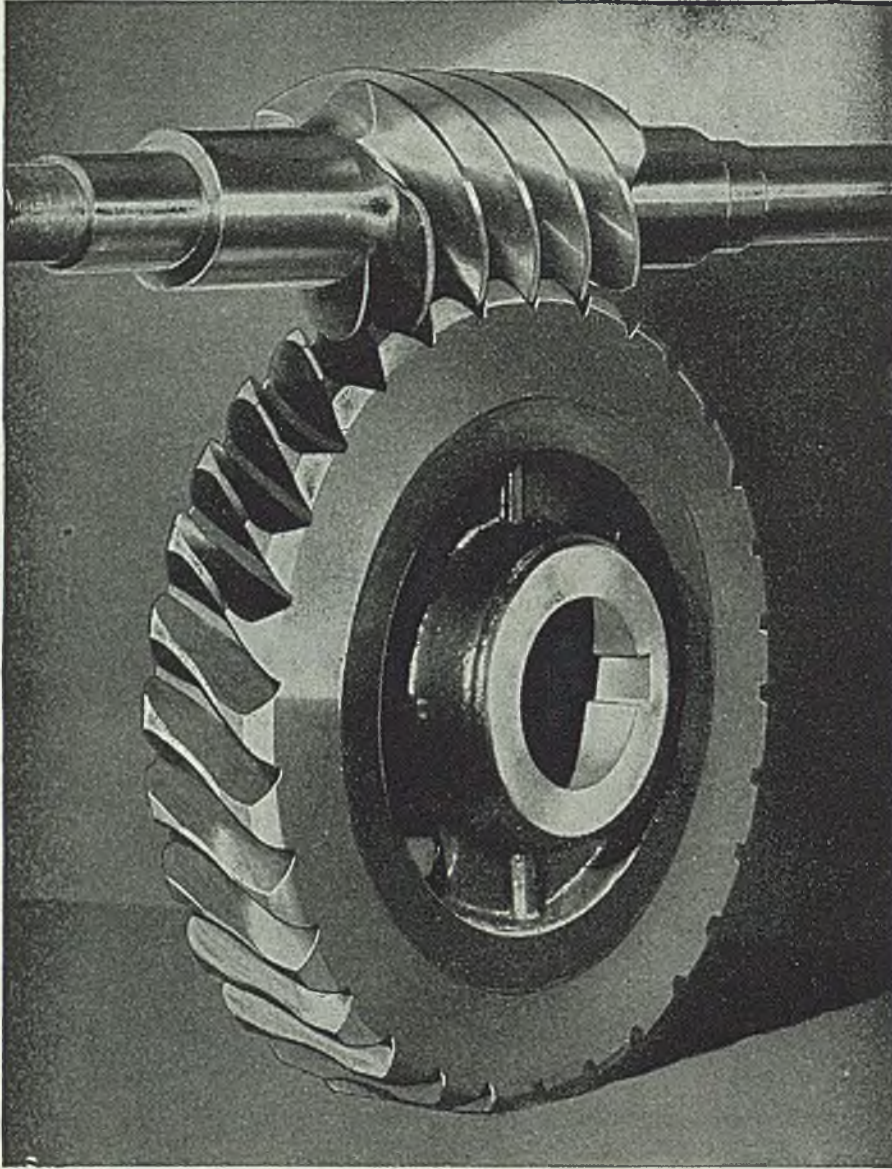
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where most of the dirt is removed; filter, which comprises top of the dust collector, removes balance of dust and dirt, returning cleaned air to working space. Measuring 12 x 22 x 24 in., can be placed in a small space behind grinder or beside it. It is installed by slipping the flexible metal hose onto inlet sleeves of the dust collector and connecting hose to dust outlet of grinder.

Dust storage compartment is the size of the entire base of the machine.

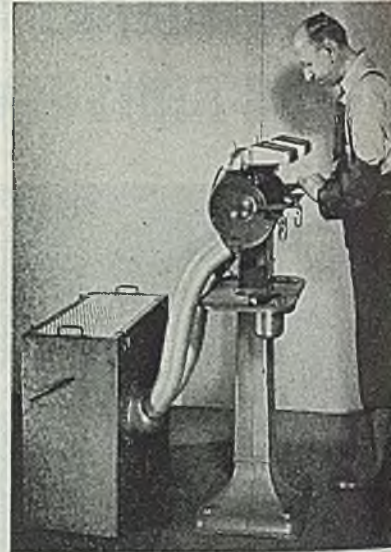


Plate on the front of the unit is removed to empty the collected dust. Power to provide the suction (which is rated at 420 cfm with a 1-in. static suction in a 5-in. pipe) is supplied by a multiple blade fan driven by a 1/4-hp continuous duty 3450 rpm motor, the latter being available to suit almost any 60 cycle power supply.

Milling Machines

W. H. Nichols & Sons, Waltham, Mass., announces a new line of double spindle milling machines for light production work requiring medium depth cuts in metals and plastics. These machines are designed so that two cuts can be made simultaneously.

The machine illustrated has two opposed spindles with No. 40 milling machine taper. Adjustments are provided on this model so that spindles may be lined up or may be set out of line vertically 2 1/2 in., horizontally 2 1/2 in. in or out 1 1/2 in. Another model that is available has two identical spindles one directly over the other. A vertical adjustment is provided so that center line of spindles may be positioned from 4 1/2 in., minimum, to 7 1/2 in., maximum.

Both models have a choice of spindle drives. They are regularly supplied with two motors, one for each spindle so that independent selection of spindle rotation is obtained. An optional drive uses a single motor which turns both spindles in the same direction. Unit has heavy alloy spindles mounted on permanently lubricated ball bearing

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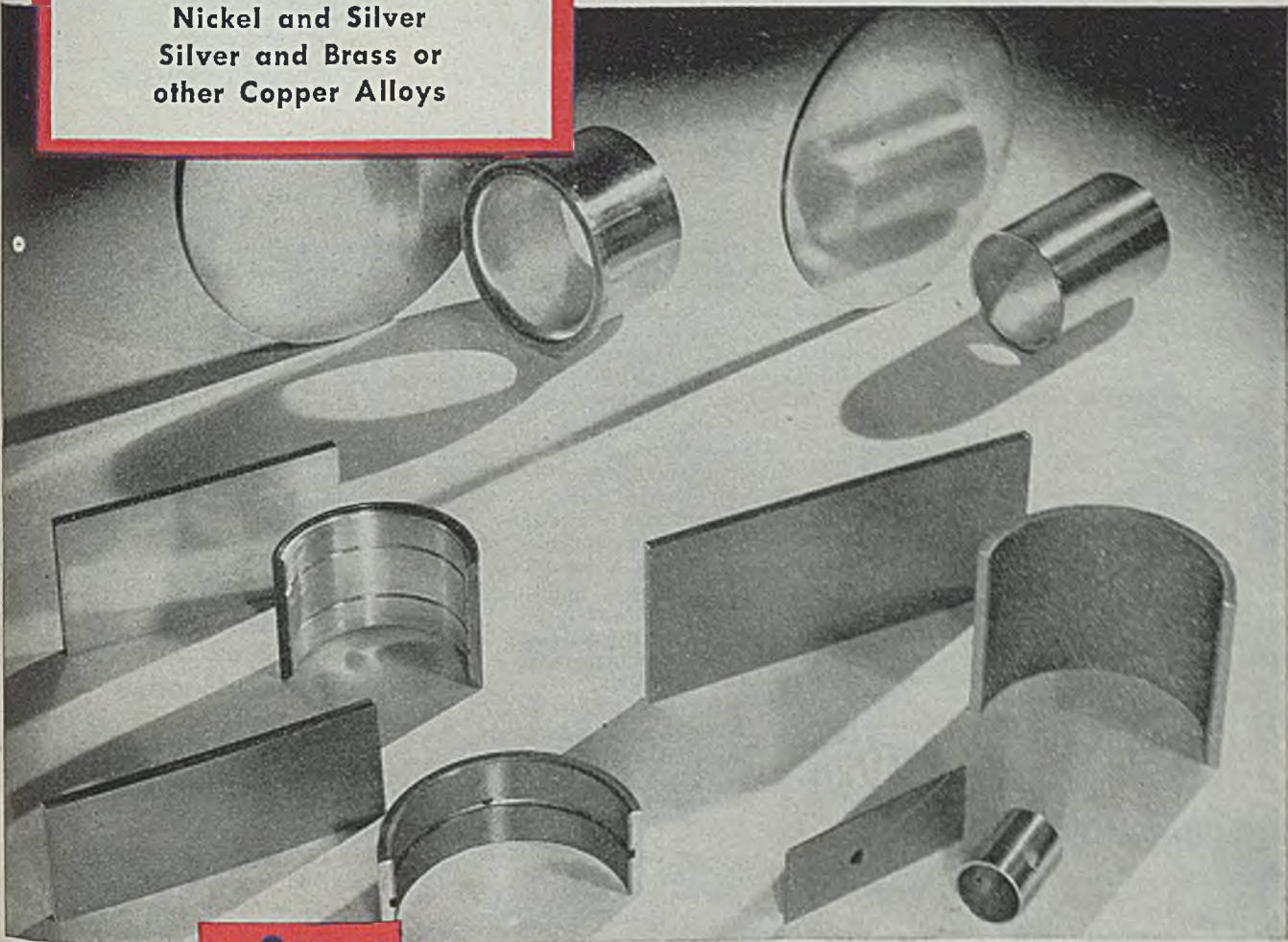
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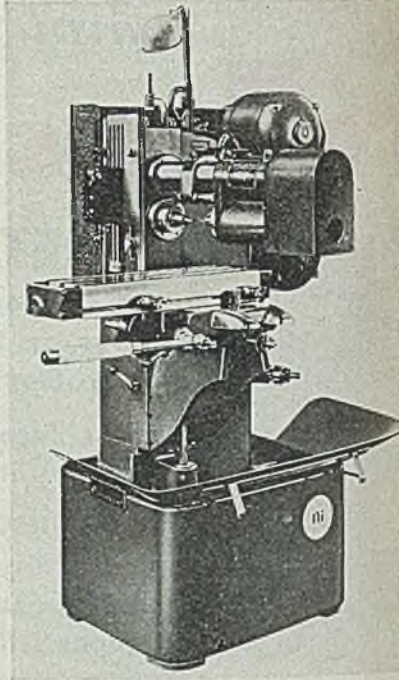


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Alloy Welding Rod

Chromend 9-M, an alloy electrode giving 8 to 10 per cent chromium and 1 per cent molybdenum weld deposit, has been developed to meet the need for an electrode that will give strength and corrosion resistance combined with high creep resistance for high temperature corrosion resistance work. It is a product of Arcos Corp., 1515 Locust Street Philadelphia 2.

Respirator Hoods

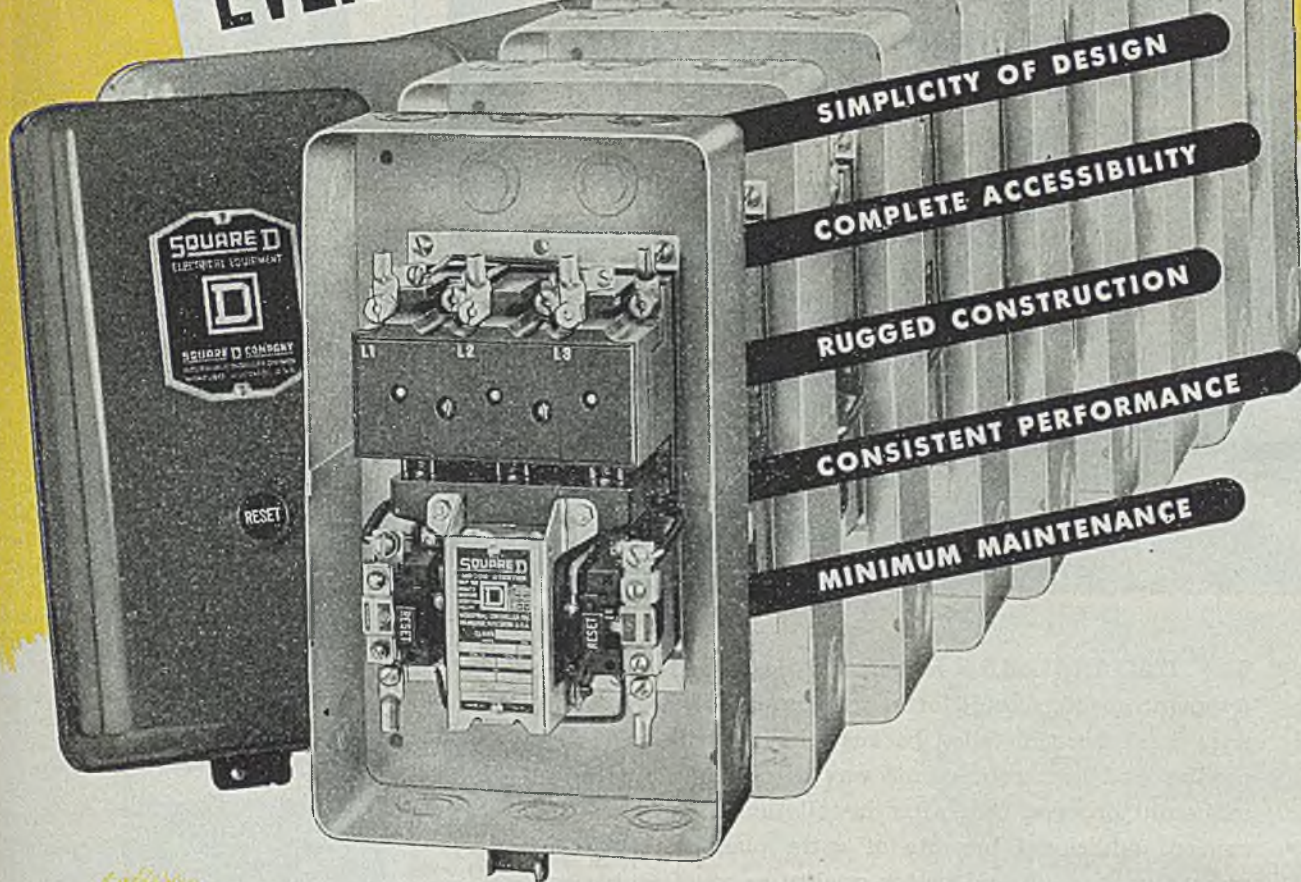
Designed to give complete head protection on operations involving dust and spray and at the same time allowing normal, unrestricted vision, a new line of respirator hoods is introduced by Industrial Products Co., 2820 North Fourth Street, Philadelphia 33. They feature a plastic window of heavy gage (0.04 in.) for impact resistance. It can be placed when necessary without use of tools. The device may be worn with or without correction glasses.

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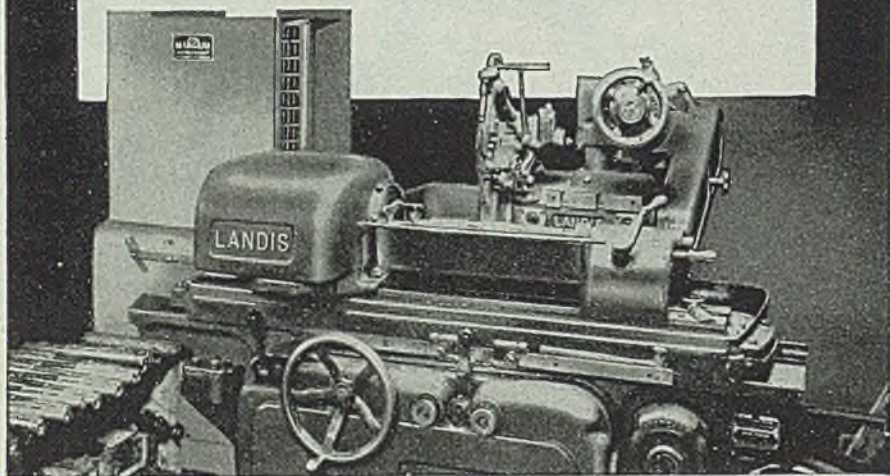
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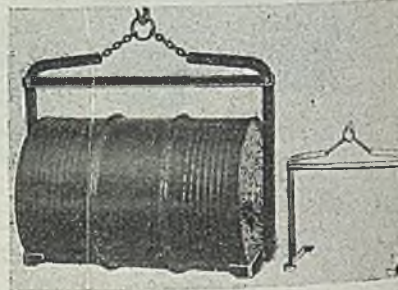
mended. Type GB-55 is the same as GB-200 except that it is fitted with respirator that is more adaptable for painting spray and general nuisance dusts. Sam-



as GB-200, GB 1 is fitted with a chemical cartridge type respirator for absorption of fumes given off in spraying lacquers and enamels.

Barrel Cradle

An improved style toggle type barrel cradle is announced by Palmer-Shile Co., 796 South Harrington avenue, Detroit 17. It is able to pick up any shape barrel or drum with straight or bilged sides and with flat or chined ends. While primarily designed for handling barrels and drums, it can also pick up rolls of paper,



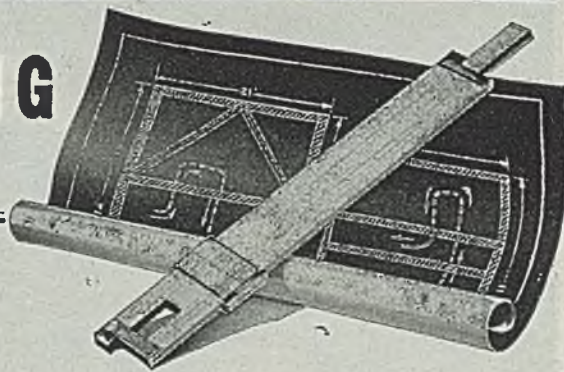
carpeting or other cylindrical packages. The unit has a capacity of 1000 lb and is made of heavy bar stock, welded construction.

The cradle shown here handles units 20 to 25 in. in diameter and 32 to 36 in. in length. Special sizes can be obtained.

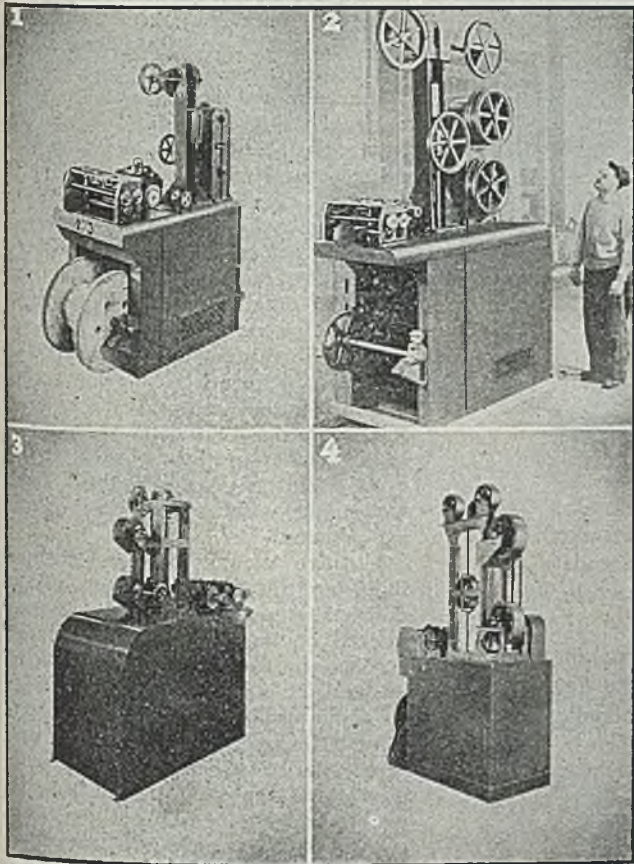
Incandescent Lamps

Incandescent lamps rated from 150 to 1500 w in eight sizes and three types for commercial and industrial lighting are available from Sylvania Electric Products Inc., Salem, Mass. All wattage sizes are available in clear. Inside frosted types are supplied in 300 w and larger sizes. Inside white bowl bulbs, particularly suited for use with standard RLM reflectors for industrial service are supplied in 150, 200 and 300 w sizes. All lamps are supplied for use in 115, 120 or 125 v circuits. Standard packages of 60 for 150 or 200 w; 24 for 300 w; 12 for 500 w and 6 for 750 or 1000 or 1500 w lamps are available.

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Fig. 1 shows a high-speed, low-tension unit for lacquering, saturating, waxing, re-spooling and monofilament impregnation. It will handle materials from .010" to .385" diameter at speeds up to 1500 feet per minute.

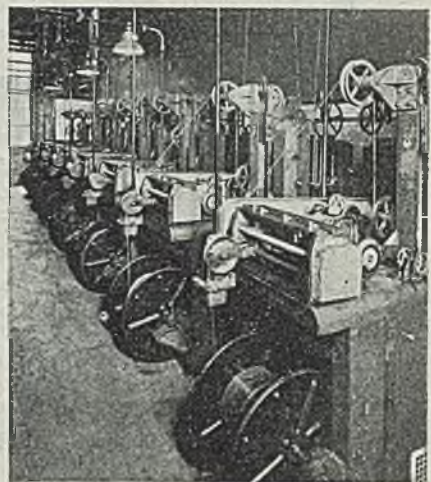
The large machine in Fig. 2 is a heavy-duty extrusion takeup for large diameter cable running at low speeds and high tensions. It handles flexible materials up to 1.50" diameter at speeds from 25 to 240 feet per minute, with tensions as high as 500 pounds.

The saturating takeup in Fig. 3 is designed for medium speeds and tensions. This machine handles material up to .750" diameter at tensions up to 40 pounds and speeds from 80 to 480 feet per minute.

Flat materials such as tape and textiles are handled by the machine in Fig. 4.

This particular model is designed for materials up to 6" wide and .050" thick, though wider rolls are available. Tension is adjustable over a wide range, and the speed change ratio is 10 to 1.

All machines are available with hydraulic, electric or electronic synchronization, and with traversing mechanisms for wide lay range adjustment. Multiple units handling up to 12 ends simultaneously also are supplied by this company, a good example being the eight-end system shown below, in operation at the Lenz Electric Company of Chicago.



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case hardening effect. As in gas carburizing, the active constituents are in relatively small proportions, diluted with a carrier gas which has substantially no effect upon the reacting gases or upon the steel. Carbon dioxide and water vapor are harmful constituents and are excluded from the carrier gas. Frequent checks of the muffle gas dew point are made to insure against any influx of water vapor which will result in discoloration and tarnishing of the parts. Otherwise the parts emerge from the treatment clean and bright, with color resembling a dull-finished aluminum and require no further processing before use. Should the dew point check show presence of water vapor, its effect can be neutralized by feeding additional natural gas to the furnace atmosphere.

Furnace equipment was built by Surface Combustion Corp., Toledo, O. and is flexible in that a dozen or more different sizes and types of parts can be handled. Designed to process about 200,000 pieces per week, the equipment currently is handling some 400,000.

The slow cooling is adopted to minimize and distortion in the hardening of such thin pieces. The furnace has a side gas lock to permit withdrawal of trays for water or oil quench if the slow cooling is not required. Actually the combination carburizing-nitriding treatment at 1425°, followed by a slow cooling cycle, yields a surface hardness higher than normally obtained by usual quenching practice.

If there should be some distortion following the heat treatment, the individual pieces, of a single size, are stacked on an arbor, and while under pressure to straighten them are drawn at 600° F, a low enough temperature to avoid disturbing surface hardness.

With the exception of loading the tray at the start and one hand operation to transfer a tray from the cooling zone to the discharge vestibule, all operations of the furnace cycle are carried out by five master hydraulic valves on a central control panel located to one side of the furnace. A convenient signboard lists the sequence of valve operations which the attendant must follow.

Coating Stick Replaces Damaged Metal Finishes

For use in the cable and wire manufacturing field, Amco coating stick manufactured by American Solder & Flux Co., Philadelphia 25, replaces the damaged metal coating brought about during the process of butt welding wire. It is necessary only to apply the stick to the heated wire. Brands include: A, a pure tin coating; B, a tin and lead combination; C, a lead coating; and E, a zinc coating. It is claimed that coatings produced by the stick are equivalent to the hot dip process.



How the New Murex Type U Eased Jonesy's Supervisory Duties

Jonesy, our arc welding super, looked at this new job that came in and emitted a stricken groan. Being his secretary, I acted sympathetic.

"Miss Clark," he complained, "I am unhappy. Look at this weird assembly, of which they expect me to do ninety before the week is out. Vertical fillets here, downhand fillets there, and darned if there isn't even some overhead welding—wish we had one rod that would do the whole job. Besides looking after my routine work, I will be all over

this place like a blue-bottle fly, keeping the boys straight on which rod to use and where. I am unhappy."

"And deservedly so," I said tartly, "for not keeping up with events in the arc welding world. Metal & Thermit has just come out with a new E-6013 rod that makes *any* type of weld in *any* position with *any* current. They call it Type U, meaning Universal. Its arc is penetrating and easily handled. Welds are smooth and unusually sound. Slag is easy to remove. The rod is

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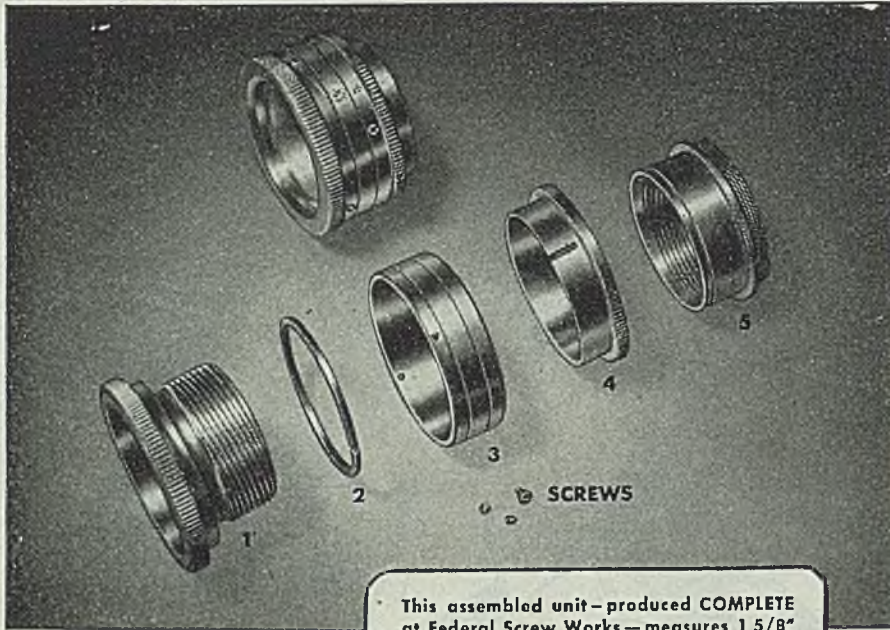
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Long life is insured by making repairs before tires have become too badly worn. Trucks can be kept in operation instead of standing idle. At Warner and Swasey Co., Cleveland, effective methods of repairing power truck tires are used by the electrical maintenance industrial truck department. Conservation measures have resulted in longer useful life for tires and better operating efficiency.

Vibration due to lumpy tires reduces operating efficiency of the material handling system by inducing operator fatigue or by causing damage to the loads, such as finished precision parts. Tires out of round wear out faster. Travel vibration is harmful to the truck.

Smooth Floors Reduce Wear

Tire wear is reduced when floors are smooth and kept clean of grease, chips and metal parts, and when drivers avoid hitting curbs, holes, machines, wall columns and similar obstructions. But it is impracticable to eliminate oil and chips from some floors, nor can holes be repaired the instant they appear. Principal causes of tire wear are: Oil or grease, imbedded chips, and hard smashes on obstructions and pitted floors. Oil weakens a tire by changing rubber to a springless, putty-like material. Pieces separated from the main body of a tire causes holes. Holes also are caused by chips or shocks. Conditions are aggravated by heavy loads which increase compression.

Tires subject to excessive service conditions seldom are worn smooth. Large pieces tear out, and the wheel is out of round. When the wheel becomes flat in one spot, the flat spot grows larger rather than rounding off. With several flat spots, a truck running at 5 miles per hour has excessive vibration. It handles like an automobile with a bad shimmy, and it is necessary to reduce speed to preserve normal control and avoid fatigue induced by difficult handling.

A satisfactory method for reconditioning a lumpy tire is to remove high spots by turning in a lathe, making circumference true with wheel center. Remaining rubber life is prolonged by smoothing contours and more uniform distribution of loads. Efficiency of the truck is restored. Rubber is not wasted as it is damaged beyond value.

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Cutting tools should be ground to considerable rake or clearance with fairly sharp edge and rigidly clamped into the tool post. The sharp edge is fed into the tire at an upward angle. Make a cut 1/16-in. deep, or less, using a slow feed with the lathe chuck turning between 300 and 500 rpm. Since a variety of rubber compounds are encountered and condition of the tires varies, tool angle, clearance, feed and speed are best determined by experience. The worn top layer of rubber is more easily cut than subsurface layers, chips giving little difficulty if large ones are removed before turning. Warning that a chip will make trouble is given by the tool ticking against it before it catches. When a chip is caught on the tool edge, it scores the rubber. The lathe must be stopped immediately and the chip removed. It can be done without removing the tool from rubber. The lathe operator should wear safety goggles.

Tire Life Is One Year

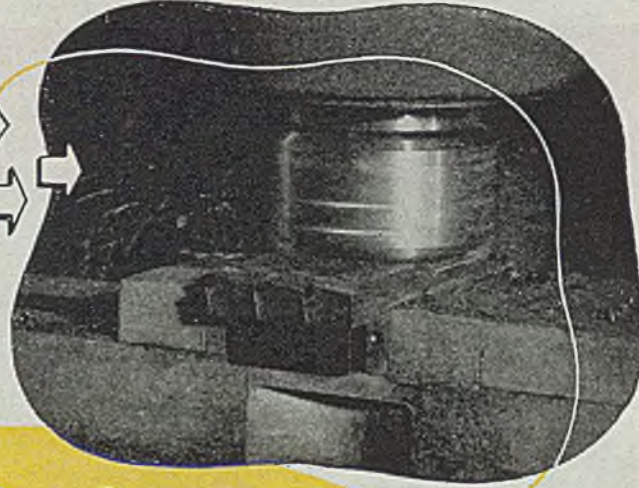
At present, when trucks are used three shifts, 7 days a week, the tires have a normal life of 1 year. After turning, they run about four months before needing further attention. Following the first treatment there is a difference in tire performance. After a second cutting, tires feel more solid. And, if a third cut is possible, they feel very solid. Reconditioning adds 70 to 80 per cent to tire life. Care is taken to replace tires in pairs having the same outside diameter to keep the truck in level position. This benefits the drive axle reducing differential wear.

Wheels of smaller diameter, such as those used beneath platforms of lift trucks, are not so easy to recondition by turning because of lower peripheral speed. A hub may be turned and chucked or centered in a grinder and rubber ground off, using a very fine 6-in. diameter wheel turning at high speed. Large quantities of water must be used to wash rubber out of the pores of the grinding wheel. It also is better to remove imbedded chips before grinding small tires.

Some trucks have a cluster of four wheels under the platform. These have molded-on tires which are difficult to replace. It is necessary to return hubs to the tire companies and seldom possible to obtain spares. Steel rims can be installed to relieve wear on rubber when the truck is loaded. Two steel wheels, one right and one left, are provided with two rubber wheels, one right and one left, steel wheels being turned 1/4-in. smaller in outside diameter. Rubber tires, being larger, carry the truck when empty or lightly loaded. If a heavy load is placed on the platform, rubber tires are compressed and steel wheels take a part of the load.

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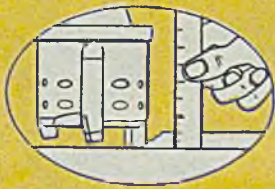
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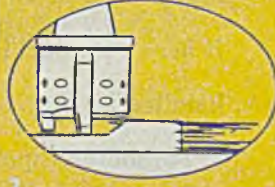
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Handling Efficiency

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the narrow side and take them through spaces too small for regular pallets who strangers run the short way. In simplifying, the variety of patterns made possible permits unit loads to be stowed in spots that would otherwise have to be lined with loose cargo.

Important too is the new range of carrying patterns that have developed. Eight-way pallets of the 35 x 45½ in. size will fit into a freight car either two abreast the long way or three abreast the short way. The latter condition requires a freight car 9 ft 2 in. wide and a pallet load with an overlap of not more than 7½ in. As a result, car capacity may be utilized more completely than was previously possible with this size of pallet.

If the unit loads have no overlap, many as 93 will fit into a standard 40½-ft freight car so snugly that virtually no bracing will be required. Even with 1½ in. of overlap on each of the 35 in. sides, 87 loads can be put into a car. (See diagram Fig. 2.)

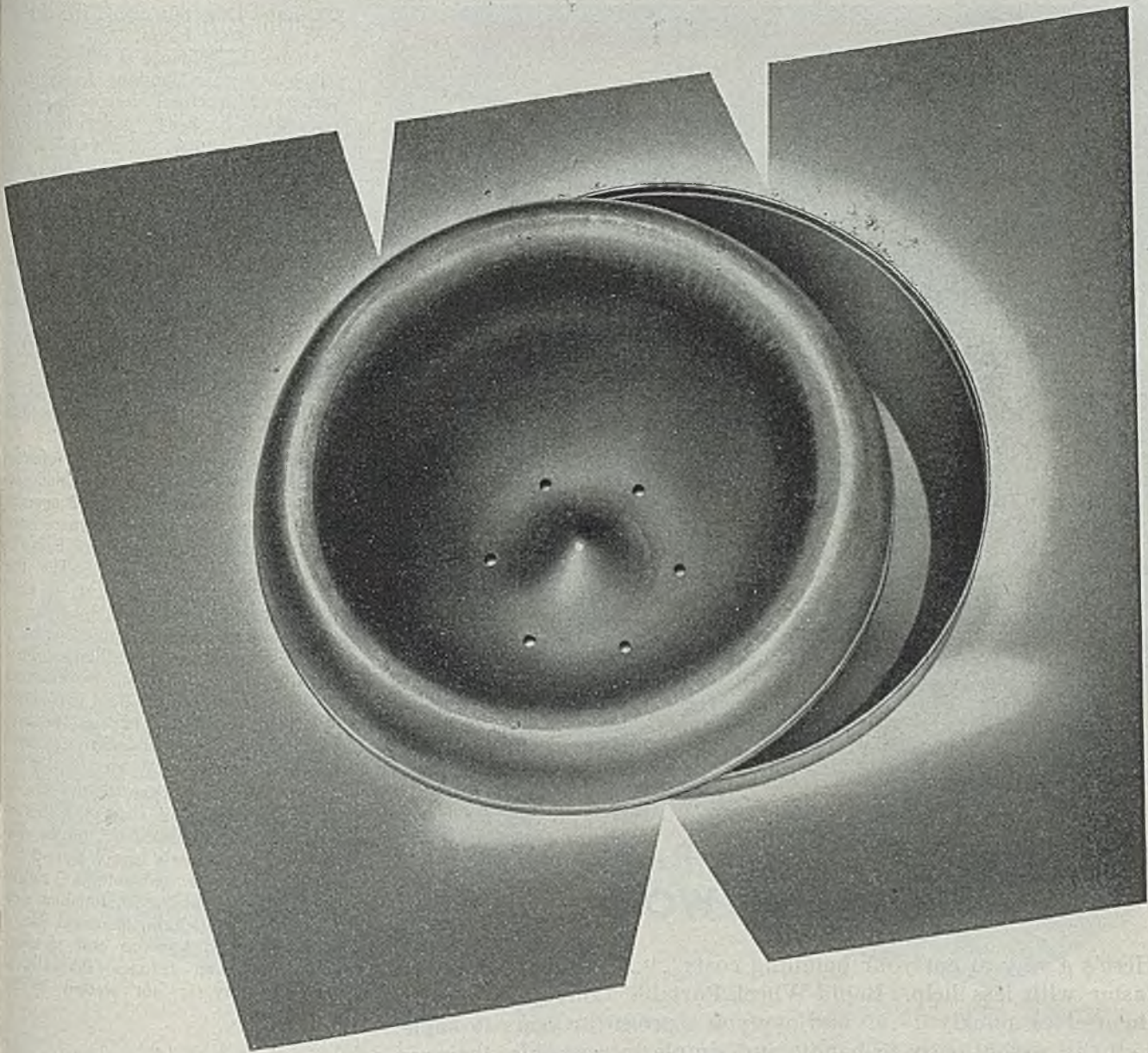
Utilized in Truckloading

By permitting 35 x 45½-in. pallets to be handled from either side, the 8-way feature has made important contributions to truckloading. Two units can be set into the truck the narrow way or on the wide way and one the narrow, making possible many different loading arrangements. (See the *Illustration*, June 1951, published by the Naval Ordnance Materials Handling Laboratory, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Hingham, Mass.)

Less handling space is required because a fork truck need make only half turn from an aisle to enter the corner of an 8-way pallet. Consequently, the place of the 12 to 14 ft aisle required for a 4000-lb capacity fork truck handling 2-way standard Navy 48 x 48-in. pallets, 7 ft is ample provided that there are cross aisles of the same width to expose the corners of some of the pallets. Where cross aisles are not desired, 8-way pallets can be handled from an 8-ft aisle provided there are occasional 4-ft gaps in the stowage to permit corner entry. After one row has been removed the aisle will be a regular 12-ft aisle.

The value of corner entry is greatly increased if a fork truck can come in from a wide variety of angles. Three factors govern its ability to do so—narrow fork slender vertical supports in the pallet, a wide clearance between the vertical supports. See diagrams Figs. 3 and 4. Under proper conditions a skillful operator can find many other applications for this 8-way feature.

Stronger unit loads are possible with 8-way pallets, since material can easily be bound to them by athwartships straps well as by fore and aft straps. Good athwartships strapping may eliminate the need for swaybracing in freight cars, simplifying loading and unloading operations. In ships, where units will probably receive rough handling and are always subject to considerable lateral stress



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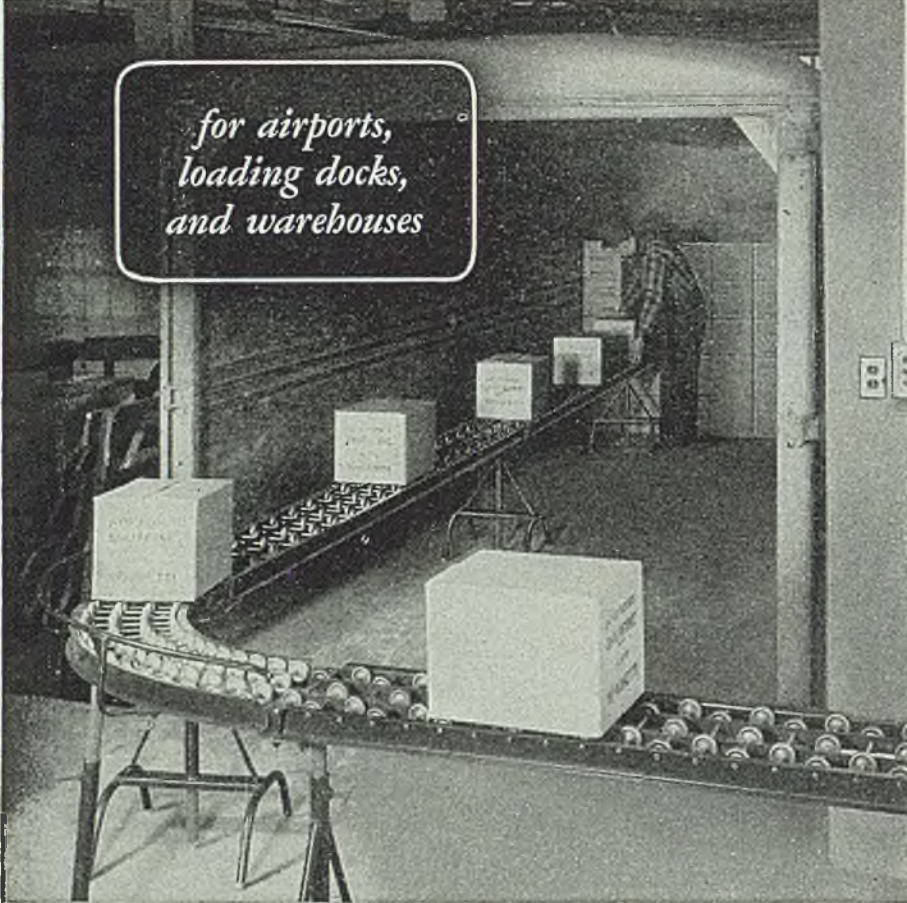


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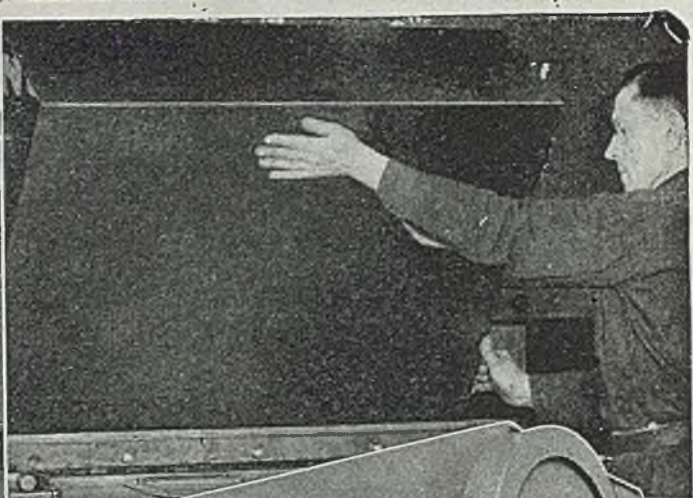
A zirconium silicate base refractory for forming a hard, dense working surface to withstand high furnace operating temperatures and unusual furnace conditions has been developed by Basic Refractories Inc., Cleveland. The fine-grained material, Zircoat M, is mixed with water for application by spray gun and is used as a protective coating of silicon carbide, fireclay, sillimanite, mullite, silica and other acid type refractories. In the industrial boiler field it is applied to protect brickwork exposed to severe flame impingement and corrosive action of clinker of fly ash.

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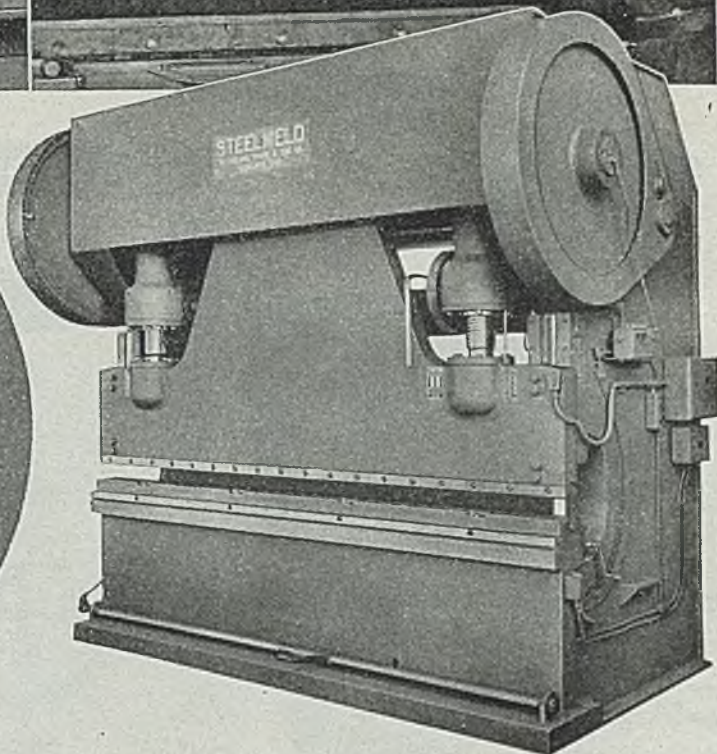
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Heat Treating Practice

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standard test consists of heating a sample of steel in a carburizing mixture for 8 hours at a temperature of 1700° F and then slowly cooling it in the carburizing box. After this carburizing treatment, the sample is cut, polished, etched to bring out the grain boundaries and from the carburized case the grain size and "normality" is rated. Grain sizes 1 to 5 on the ASTM standard are classed as coarse grains, while sizes 5 to 8 are considered fine grains.

Several of the most important treatments are shown graphically in Fig. 20 in relation to the transformation temperatures of the case and core and the properties developed. In all except treatments E and F the carburizing treatment is assumed to be followed by a box cool. These treatments and principal characteristics of resulting products are described in following paragraphs.

Treatment A — Reheat to just over the critical temperature range of the case and quench. Since the critical is below the temperature for hardening the core, it will retain grain size caused by prolonged heating at carburizing temperatures. Thus this treatment is best adapted to steels which retain fine grain size in the McQuaid-Elm test. Provided carbon concentration in the case is kept down (no hypereutectoid cementite present), a hard, highly refined case is obtained which is conducive to good wear resistance. Advantages, as applied to fine grain steels, are that core and uncarburized portions of parts are left in a readily machineable condition and distortion is minimized by hardening only once from low temperatures. However, the parts as a whole will not have the best impact resistance or toughness.

Treatment B — If the reheating temperature of treatment A is raised somewhat, a partial core refinement and core hardening will be obtained. Treatment B when using appropriate temperatures, provides a case in fine grain steels showing only minor coarsening and a core of improved strength. In this instance, a moderate amount of hypereutectoid carbon will be dissolved at these intermediate quenching temperatures.

Treatment C — When reheating temperature is raised above the critical temperature of the core, there will be somewhat more coarsening of the case structure, but complete refinement will be produced in the core, which on quenching will be hardened and provide approximately the highest strength procurable in steels of given low carbon content. Widely used for automotive gears. Provides a product in which the case secures support for heavy duty service from a hardened core. Only one quenching treatment is used and distortion on hardening is minimized.

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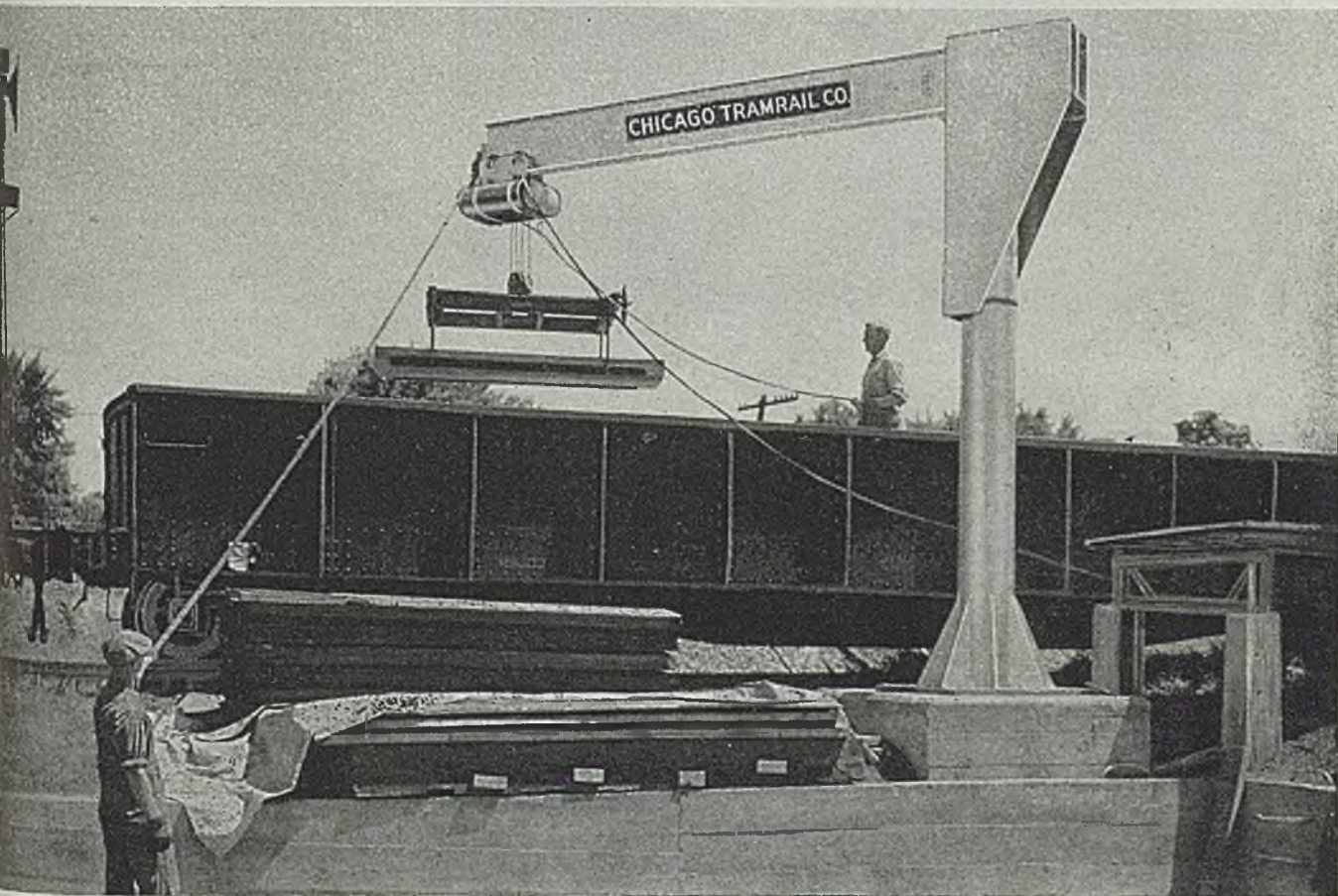


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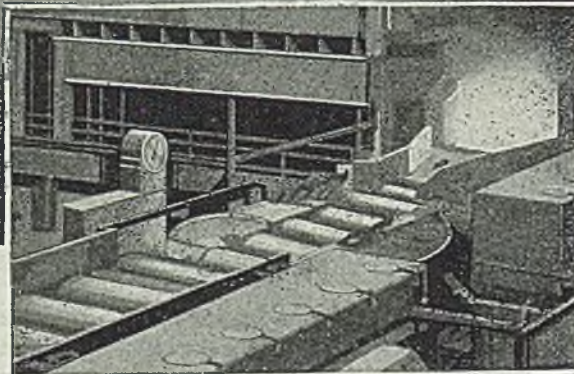
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grain steels. If used with steels having marked air hardening tendencies from the presence of relatively high proportions of alloying elements, the high quenching temperatures, which favor the retention of austenite, may result in a slight reduction in case hardness.

Treatment D — If treatment C is followed by reheating for case refinement and re-quenching, the best toughness and ductility obtainable in the case-hardened steel will be developed. This full treatment is desirable for coarse grained steels where coarsening of case in treatment C is marked.

Treatment E — If carburized steel is quenched directly from carburizing box without any intermediate cooling, no refinement will be obtained in either case or core, but both will be hardened. This treatment provides conditions favorable to the retention of austenite and with sufficiently high carbon concentration there is evidence that the case while soft in the usual indentation hardness tests (rockwell, shore, etc.), is file proof and exhibits a high resistance to fatigue and wear.

Other advantages include retention in solution of all excess carbide, lessening of distortion due to austenite retention and economy because of eliminating all reheating for quenching. Treatment requires considerable care in selection of steel and determination of carburizing conditions. Since there is no subsequent refinement of either case or core, both will be characterized by grain size existing at end of carburizing cycle. This generally restricts the method to steel exhibiting a fine grained structure under the conditions of the McQuaid-Ehn test.

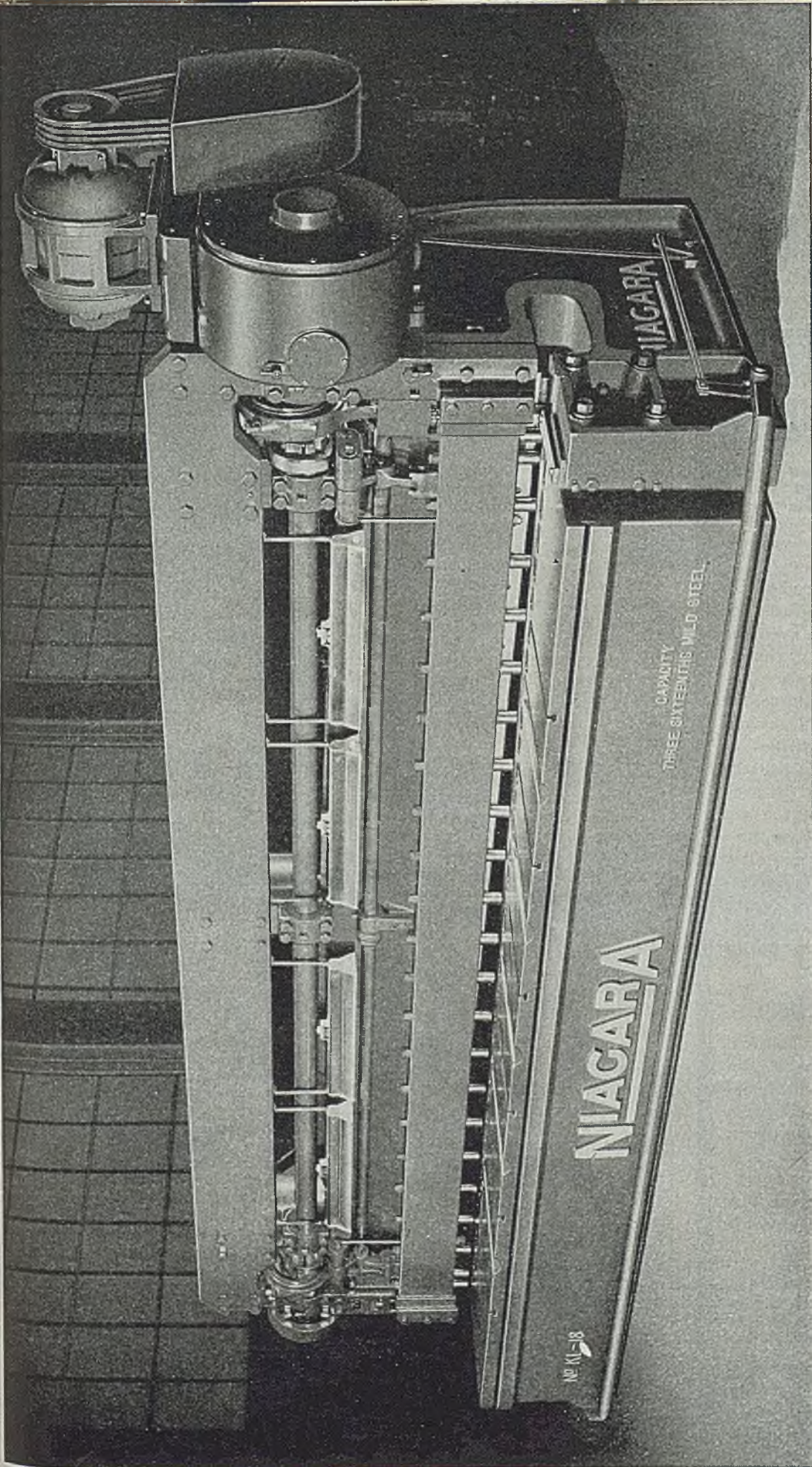
Treatment E is now being applied more extensively in the manufacture of automotive gears after carburizing technique regulated to secure cases of high carbon content (1.10 to 1.40 per cent) in fine grained steels Nos. 5 to 8).

Treatment F—If treatment E is followed by reheating to just over critical temperature range for case refinement and re-quenching, maximum toughness and ductility of case is obtained.

Since reheat is below the temperature for hardening core, it will remain soft and will not undergo structural refinement but will retain the grain size left by the prolonged heating at carburizing temperature. For this reason, this treatment is only adapted to fine grain steel.

Treatment F is favored over A where the parts are slow-cooled from the carburizing temperature. The quench from the carburizing temperature retains more carbide in solution of the case after the final quench. Therefore, the case will have less carbide network, which will increase the strength and toughness as well as decrease the likelihood of cracking and spalling in service.

The selection of the proper quenching medium would depend upon the cross-section of the part, the hardenability of the steel used and the ultimate results desired. For parts of irregular sections



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oil would be selected as a quenching medium instead of water because its cooling rate is slower, providing less temperature differential between the thin section and heavy section, tending to reduce quench cracks and distortion. When using oil as a quenching medium, steel with a higher alloy content would be required to increase hardenability. In the past, carburized parts always were quenched in oil or water, but recently the martempering method has been proved to have many advantages.

(Continued next week)

Gas Turbines for Air Transport Promising

Gas turbine operated propellers, rather than jet engines, may power the future long-range air transports. This prediction, and an analysis of the applications for several new combinations of aircraft motive power, was made recently at a Los Angeles ASME meeting by S. R. Puffer and J. S. Alford, General Electric engineers.

High-speed jet propulsion, said these engineers who have helped in the development of the AAF jet engines, may be relatively expensive for single flights over 500 miles. For greater distances the cost increases, but could be justified on the basis of faster service. Flights not greatly in excess of 500 miles cost only a little more than do those of present day transports.

The internal combustion engine combined with an exhaust gas turbine gives the best performance of any power plant for use at extreme ranges. With water injection added to this engine, a tremendous reserve of power is obtained at all altitudes where the turbine nozzle pressure does not fall off. This combination has the highest rate of climb of any power plant.

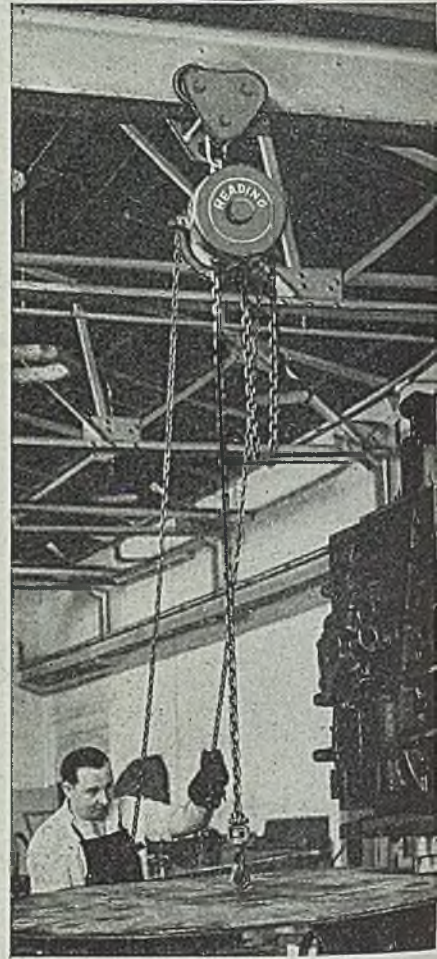
Because of its low specific weight, the gas-turbine propeller combination provides a power unit which, except at very high speeds gives a performance approaching that of the jet and, with much better range. Though the power or thrust output does decrease with diminishing air density, the performance of the gas turbine does not decrease; the cold air at high altitudes has a favorable effect on the overall gas turbine output and probably makes up for the lack of supercharging.

The present internal combustion engine equipped with turbo-superchargers and utilizing the exhaust gases through a jet, is nearly equal to the jet propulsion unit in speed and surpasses it in climbing power.

Adler and Puffer stressed the importance of relatively small improvements in compressor and turbine efficiencies in obtaining gains in net power output of the gas turbine. Temperature of the gases entering the turbine was cited as another factor greatly affecting performance and economy. Gas temperatures as high as 1750° F are possible for

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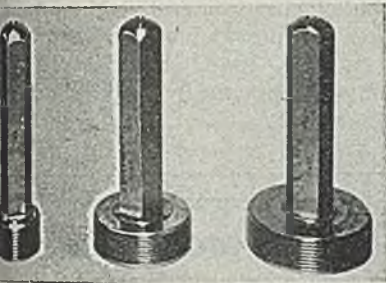
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craft applications, they said. If the present rate of improvement in materials continues, temperatures of 2000° F will probably be achieved.

Mechanite Gages Used in Manufacturing Bomb Heads

A new use for Mechanite thread gages, shown in the accompanying illustration, was in manufacturing fragmentation bomb heads. This method was developed by Continental Gin Co., Birmingham, Ala., to meet a serious shortage



of steel thread gages. Many of these gages have a record of service and have not only proved successful but have contributed advantages to production and inspection. Ready machinability of this material permits an increase in the quantity of gages machined and finished. Records of service life indicate that Mechanite gages provide improved wear properties, giving as high as 25 per cent longer life than steel gages.

New Type Motor Improves Time Switches

An industrial type, self-starting synchronous motor, adding years to life of time switches, is a recent improvement in the Paragon 300 Series time switches, according to Paragon Electric Co., Chicago. Among operating advantages claimed for the Telechron motor are: Almost instantaneous self-starting at full rated load; gear reduction fully sealed to exclude dust and dirt; and low power consumption. It is constructed to give efficient performance, is light in weight, small and compact in design, and has switch capacity of 3000 w per pole with easily mounted, accessible terminals, skip-trip feature, knockouts on both sides, back and bottom, and two-bearing plate construction.

The 300 Series time switches are used for controlling signs, commercial lights, attic fans, stokers, oil burners, etc.

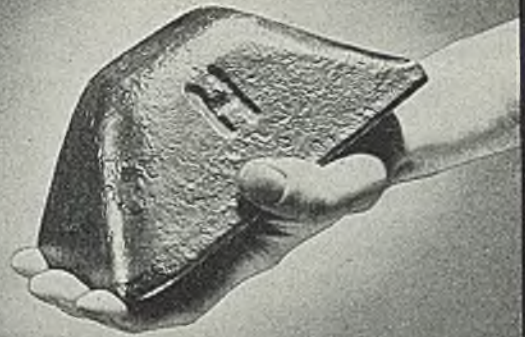
A sample package of Ampco-Trode, a coated aluminum bronze weldrod, consisting of a selection of five grades in three sizes, 1/8, 3/16, and 1/4-in. diameters, is offered by Ampco Metal Inc., Milwaukee. It gives welders a selection suitable for trial purposes and allows small shops to purchase a small lot for stock emergency use.

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Labor Unrest Threatens Reconversion Progress

SPREADING labor unrest threatens to impede seriously the progress of reconversion. While prompt removal of wartime restrictions put industry in a position to move full speed ahead into peacetime production, it now appears quite possible that much of this advantage may be lost. Nevertheless, the desire to enjoy the fruits of the huge accumulated demand for goods undoubtedly will bring about some solution to the problems that would hamper reconversion. The question isn't whether complete reconversion will be attained but how much faster reconversion would be if it weren't hindered by labor unrest.

AUTO PRODUCTION—One of the first indicators to reflect the current labor difficulties is automobile production. Were there no obstacles, auto production undoubtedly would be decidedly on the upgrade. However, in the week ended Sept. 15 auto production was 300 units less than in the previous week, a short work week because of Labor Day.

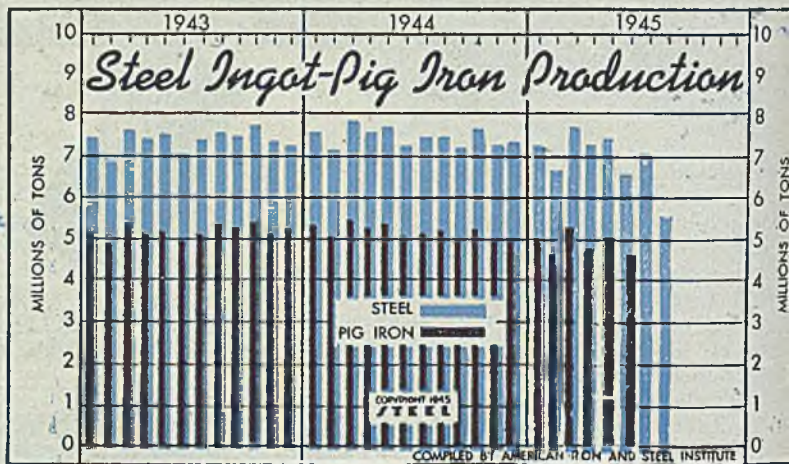
STOCK MARKET—Labor unrest supplied the basis late in the week ended Sept. 15 for a long expected reaction, which was noted particularly in the industrial section of the list. The industrial-share average closed the week 1.34 points below the previous week's closing. It has been customary not to sell stocks on strike news but the troubles in labor circles come at a time when resumption of peacetime production is going forward, and Wall Street is studying the possibility of a slowdown in progress of reconversion.

EMPLOYMENT—While the War Manpower Commission predicts that employment in the next six months may exceed prewar levels in a number of durable goods industries, it emphasizes that ultimate employment levels will depend largely on the extent to which manage-

ment, labor, and government can agree on price, wage, contract termination, and surplus property disposal policies.

STEEL—Bright spot in the reconversion picture is steel ingot production which has regained most of the ground it lost during V-J week. Continued advancement depends largely on the labor situation. Shortage of labor has for some time prevented the steel ingot rate from rising as far as it could have gone to fulfill consumer demand, and now labor unrest that would hamper steel shipments to industry could also be an important factor in holding back the rate.

CASTINGS—Shipments of gray iron castings in June increased 2 per cent from the previous month but were 10 per cent higher than in June, 1944. Unfilled orders at the end of June, 1945, were practically unchanged from the end of the previous month.



	Steel Ingots		Pig Iron	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
January	7,206	7,593	7,424	4,945
February	6,655	7,194	6,824	4,563
March	7,708	7,826	7,673	5,228
April	7,292	7,594	7,375	4,786
May	7,452	7,703	7,550	5,016
June	6,842	7,234	7,041	4,605
July	6,987	7,498	7,416	.....
August	5,713	7,499	7,592	.....
September	.....	7,235	7,519	.....
October	.....	7,621	7,819	.....
November	.....	7,279	7,374	.....
December	.....	7,366	7,266	.....
Total	.....	89,642	88,873	.....

FIGURES THIS WEEK

INDUSTRY

	Latest Period*	Prior Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
Steel Ingot Output (per cent of capacity)	80.5	73.5	60	96
Electric Power Distributed (million kilowatt hours)	4,106	3,909	3,939	4,395
Bituminous Coal Production (daily av.—1000 tons)	1,632	2,025	1,923	1,832
Petroleum Production (daily av.—1000 bbls.)	4,538	4,518	4,934	4,745
Construction Volume (ENR—Unit \$1,000,000)	\$60.4	\$30.8	\$49.1	\$42.5
Automobile and Truck Output (Ward's—number units)	13,910	14,210	11,205	20,865

*Dates on request.

TRADE

	Latest Period*	Prior Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
Freight Carloadings (unit—1000 cars)	825†	731	653	892
Business Failures (Dun & Bradstreet, number)	7	19	5	23
Money in Circulation (in millions of dollars)†	\$27,793	\$27,750	\$27,351	\$23,495
Department Store Sales (change from like wk. a yr. ago)†	-1%	0%	+18%	+14%

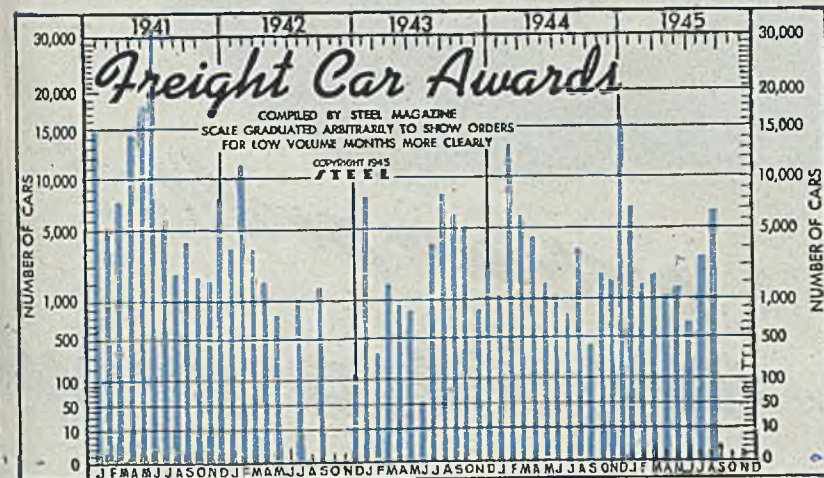
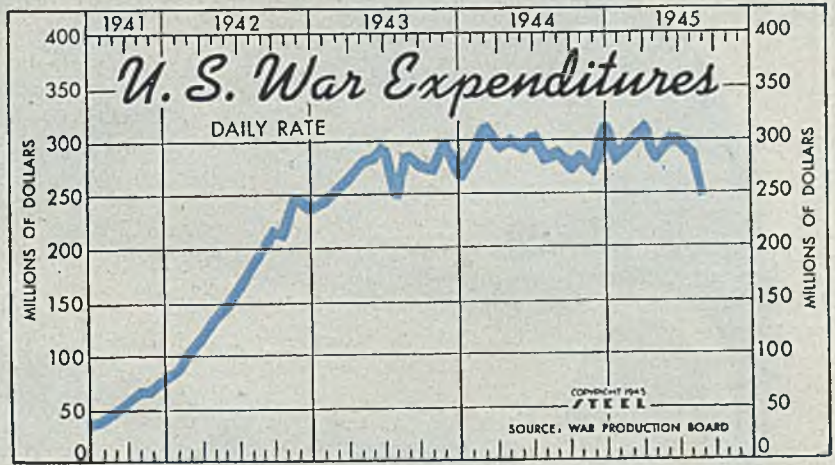
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War Expenditures

(millions)

—1945— : —1944—

	Monthly Expenditures	Daily Rate	Monthly Expenditures	Daily Rate
Jan.	\$7,519	\$278.4	\$7,416	\$285.2
Feb.	6,965	290.2	7,808	312.3
March ...	8,318	308.1	7,948	291.4
April	7,045	281.8	7,493	299.7
May	8,166	302.5	7,918	293.3
June	7,885	303.4	7,957	306.0
July	7,324	281.7	7,355	282.9
Aug.	6,398	246.1	7,798	288.8
Sept. ....	.....	.....	7,104	273.2
Oct. ....	.....	.....	7,447	286.4
Nov. ....	.....	.....	7,095	272.9
Dec. ....	.....	.....	7,835	313.4
Total .....	.....	.....	91,174 Ave.	292.4



Freight Car Awards

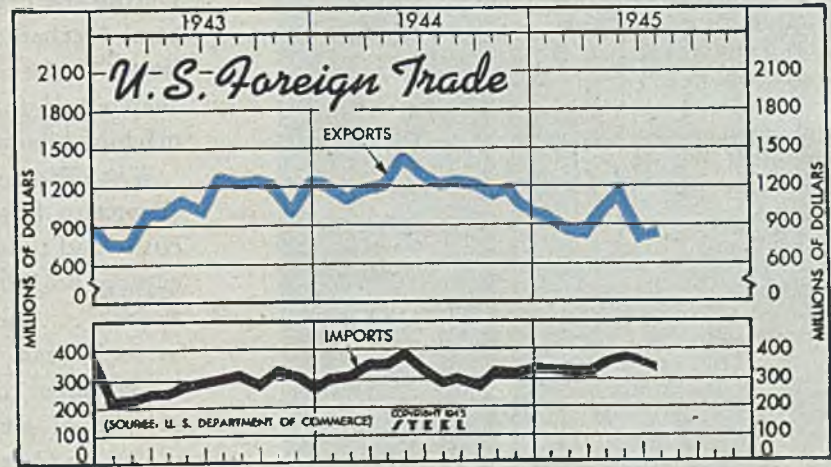
	1945	1944	1943	1942
Jan.	7,200	1,320	8,365	4,253
Feb.	1,750	13,240	350	11,725
March ...	2,500	6,510	1,985	4,080
April	1,120	4,519	1,000	2,125
May	1,528	1,952	870	822
June	670	1,150	50	0
July	3,500	795	4,190	1,025
Aug.	7,240	3,900	8,747	0
Sept. ....	.....	400	6,820	1,863
Oct. ....	.....	2,425	5,258	0
Nov. ....	.....	1,065	870	0
Dec. ....	.....	16,245	2,919	135
Total .....	.....	53,221	41,374	26,028

Foreign Trade

Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce

(Unit Value—\$1,000,000)

	Exports		Imports	
	1945	1944	1944	1943
Jan.	900	1,124	730	334 300 228
Feb.	882	1,086	719	324 313 234
Mar.	881	1,197	988	324 359 249
Apr.	1,002	1,182	980	366 359 258
May	1,133	1,419	1,085	372 336 281
June	866	1,271	1,002	360 330 295
July	882	1,198	1,262	345 293 300
Aug. ....	.....	1,207	1,204	..... 302 315
Sept. ....	.....	1,199	1,235	..... 280 285
Oct.	1,140	1,195 327 329
Nov.	1,184	1,074 322 317
Dec.	934	1,244 336 281
Total	14,141	12,718	3,907 3,372



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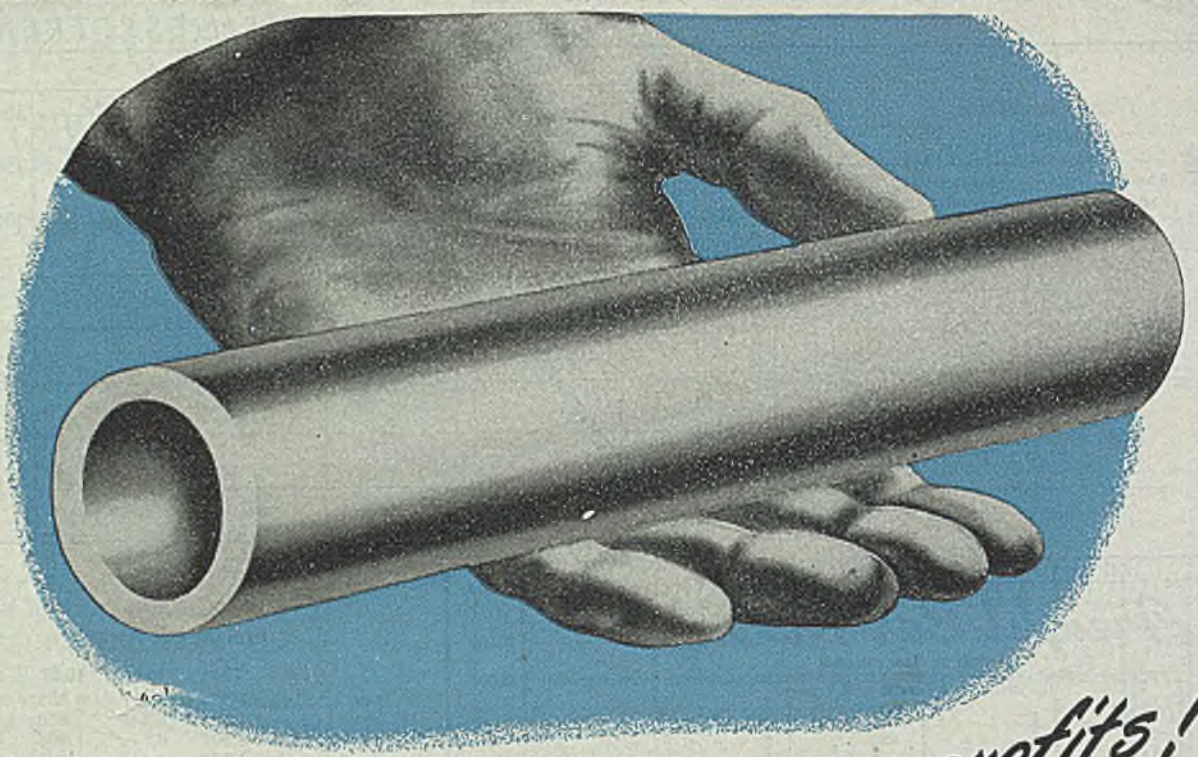
	Latest Period*	Prior Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
Bank Clearings (Dun & Bradstreet—millions)	\$9,704	\$9,331	\$7,865	\$8,177
Federal Gross Debt (billions)	\$263.2	\$263.2	\$263.0	\$211.3
Bond Volume, NYSE (millions)	\$25.9	\$30.6	\$18.1	\$30.8
Stocks Sales, NYSE (thousands)	6,425	5,141	3,096	3,644
Loans and Investments (billions)†	\$62.4	\$62.5	\$63.1	\$55.5
United States Gov't. Obligations Held (millions)	\$46,182	\$46,371	\$46,771	\$41,446

†Member banks, Federal Reserve System.

PRICES

	Latest Period*	Prior Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
STEEL's composite finished steel price average	\$58.27	\$58.27	\$58.27	\$56.73
All Commodities†	105.0	105.2	105.7	103.6
Industrial Raw Materials†	115.3	115.8	117.7	112.8
Manufactured Products†	102.0	102.1	102.0	101.1

†Bureau of Labor Statistics Index, 1926 = 100.



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IN SPITE of concern over growing labor agitation in the metalworking industries, the automotive industry in particular, demand for steel continues heavy, inquiry for sheets being almost as active as at any time during the war, and for carbon bars, especially in smaller sizes, taking a sharp spurt.

Producers of some wire specialties are booked well into next year and pipe producers are in about the same situation. Shape sellers are booked solidly into December and some platemakers now are quoting December, reflecting a shrinkage in capacity but a better demand than had been expected.

Contributing to extended deliveries on various products is difficulty obtaining labor in some centers, combined with efforts of the industry as a whole to get back to the 40-hour week. Demand for sheets has reached the stage where many consumers no longer insist on definite delivery promise, placing orders for a position on books, and none too close a position in numerous cases, on the chance that delivery can be made. This doubtless is causing order duplication in many instances and producers are tightening policies in acceptance of such orders. At least two sheetmakers have not formally opened books for first quarter on major grades until they know more definitely where they stand. They are assuring regular customers, however, that they will endeavor to take care of them on at least the basis of fourth quarter.

At present most sellers of hot and cold-rolled sheets and galvanized sheets quote second quarter and in case of one important specialty, electrical sheets, producers generally are booked for first half. In a number of instances, particularly where civilian type products have been involved, war contract cancellations have not been reflected in steel mill cancellations.

Closing of outlets to automobile builders, as a result of strikes,

allows sheetmakers to ship more tonnage to other users, thus reducing effect of the labor situation.

Almost paralleling interest in sheets has been recent demand for carbon bars, especially in smaller sizes. One large independent producer within the past fortnight has advanced promises on small rounds and flats from late November and December to April and beyond. Carbon bar sellers generally have little to offer in any size before February. Automobile needs are outstanding in small and medium sizes but there is great diversity of inquiry, extending even to larger diameters. Cold-drawn bar deliveries now fall mainly into next year but alloy bars still can be had in November, due mainly to wartime expansion in production.

Steel production continues its upward march from the low point following the end of the war, as steelmakers are able to rearrange schedules and resume output more nearly normal. Last week the estimated national steelmaking rate advanced 2½ points to 83 per cent of capacity. Increases in various districts were small. Pittsburgh gained ½-point to 84 per cent, Chicago 4½ points to 88 per cent, Youngstown 4 points to 89 per cent, Cincinnati 5 points to 81, Cleveland 2 points to 85, eastern Pennsylvania 1 point to 76 and New England 2 points to 80. Detroit dropped 2 points to 87 and Wheeling 1 point to 94. Rates were unchanged at St. Louis 68, Birmingham, 95 and Buffalo 81½.

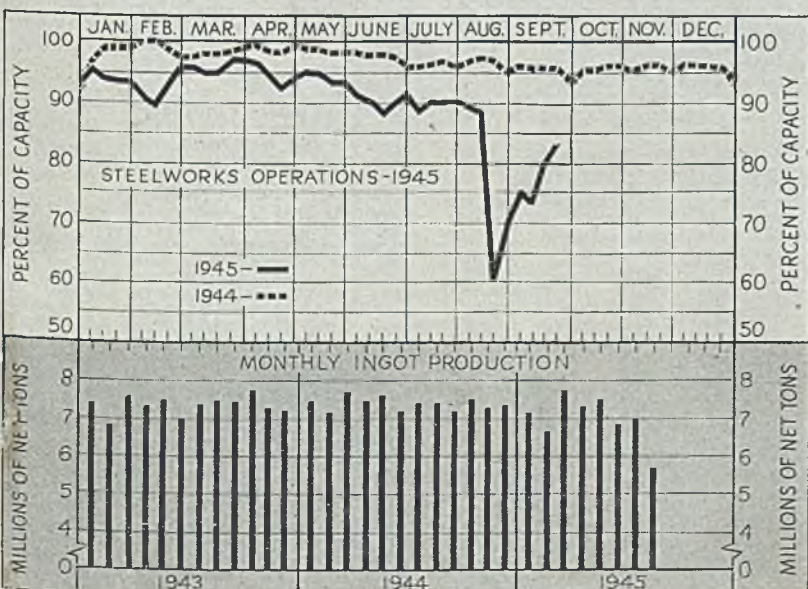
Reduced supply of scrap, resulting in part from lack of labor for preparation, coupled with smaller reserves in hands of melters, sustains prices at ceilings for all grades except borings and turnings, which show some weakness, though on a better level than a few months ago. Steelmakers are taking all offerings at full prices, seeking to build inventories for the winter, as steel production is expected to near normal.

Average composite prices of steel and iron products show no change, holding at OPA ceilings, finished steel composite at \$58.27, semifinished steel \$27.80, steelmaking pig iron \$24.05 and steelmaking scrap \$19.17.

DISTRICT STEEL RATES

	Percentage of Ingot Capacity Engaged in Leading Districts		Engaged	
	Week Ended		Same Week	
	Sept. 22	Change	1944	1943
Pittsburgh	74	+0.5	90.5	99
Chicago	88	+4.5*	99	100
Eastern Pa.	76	+1	95	96
Youngstown	89	+4	90	97
Wheeling	94	-1	96	104
Cleveland	85	+2	91	93.5
Buffalo	81.5	None	88.5	90.5
Birmingham	95	None	95	100
New England	80	+2	92	95
Cincinnati	81	+5	94	96
St. Louis	68	None	84.5	93
Detroit	87	-2	89	92
Estimated national rate	83	+2.5	96	99.5

*Based on steelmaking capacities as of these dates.



So strong is demand for sheets and strip that some producers not only are sold through this year but have little to offer before the middle of 1946. In general, sheet bookings are about as heavy as at any time during the war. On low-silicon grades one producer says he is sold for all next year. To prevent some consumers obtaining more than a fair share of production mills are enforcing an allocation plan based on volume of prewar buying.

New York — Certain leading sellers of hot and cold sheets are now sold through the first quarter of next year, with schedules in general about as tight as at any time in recent months. The situation in galvanized also is far extended and in the case of electrical sheets some sellers have little tonnage to offer before the second half of next year. On low-silicon grades one producer asserts he is practically sold out for all of 1946 despite the fact that he is devoting a normal percentage of his capacity to these lower grades.

At least a couple of producers have not yet formally opened books on hot and cold-rolled sheets for first quarter; however, they are tentatively promising their regular customers in this district the same amount of tonnage that they have promised to supply them in the fourth quarter. As indicated by the manner in which sheet deliveries are being extended in general, fourth quarter requirements are well in excess of supply.

Boston — Heavy buying of stainless strip for automobile trim has extended delivery schedules with several mills to December-January. Carbon strip is generally in December, with limited tonnage for November with some mills. Demand is heavy for shoe shank strip and most producers are well booked through the remainder of the year on narrower widths. Orders for typewriters and other civilian products are substantial. Sheet buying holds close to the peak, with reconversion requirements heavy. Hot-rolled pickled, cold-rolled and galvanized are sold well through first quarter with most producers and November schedules are filling on plain hot-rolled.

Cleveland — Strikes and threatened strikes in the automotive industry so far have not resulted in any requests for deferment of shipments from sheet mills or changes in rolling schedules. Due to the unbalanced demand-supply situation, automobile manufacturers will wait as long as possible before relinquishing their positions on rolling schedules. However, sheet producers point out that the storage facilities of automobile manufacturers are limited, that the cost of materials mounts sharply in proportion to the amount of handling that is required, and that the mills can maintain efficient operations only as finished material moves out regularly, with maximum storage placed at about three days' output. Therefore, a further spread of the strikes or intensification of those in progress are a distinct threat to mill operations.

Many sheet sellers are accepting orders for 1946 delivery but are not drawing up rolling schedules until a more accurate estimate of production is available on which to base their customers' quotas.

Estimates of production take into consideration the necessity of closing practically all units for extensive repairs before the year end. It is estimated that the mills will be able to furnish from 50 to 75 per cent of the base tonnage, in many instances the 1939-40 average. Production is still restricted by shortage of manpower, especially in annealing and pickling departments.

Chicago — Sheet demand continues unabated, with pressure concentrated heaviest in light gages of hot-rolled, cold-rolled, galvanized and long ternes. Gages of 20 to 24, inclusive, predominate. Consumers are more insistent on delivery promises on specified tonnages, but sheetmakers report that in most cases they are willing to accept less tonnage in a given time than was ordered. Should widespread work stoppage occur in the automotive industry, mills would merely divert rollings to other consumers. A manufacturer of beer barrels is seeking to place 1500 tons of sheets.

St. Louis — Sheets continue in enormous demand with deliveries dropping back steadily. The labor situation has cut production in the area's largest rolling mill to 70 per cent of capacity, lowest since 1938. Deliveries on some hot and cold-rolled and electrical sheets now are scheduled for the end of 1946. Readiness of veterans to work is expected to relieve the labor situation soon. A number of finishers from this source last week enabled shipment of several hundred tons of unfinished sheets. Biggest demand for sheets springs from warehouses and industrial repairs and expansions.

Cincinnati — Sheet mills are confronted with the problem of allocating available tonnage, which is insufficient to meet pressing demands. Cessation of cancellations has clarified the situation to a degree, but efforts to give equitable distribution present difficulties in scheduling. Ordering is of such proportion that backlogs are extended in all grades. Lack of manpower hampers attempts to get capacity production.

Pittsburgh — Unusually heavy influx of orders shows no sign of letting up and continues to exceed output in some instances. Backlogs on hot-rolled pickled and cold-rolled sheets are extended into January and February, with galvanized, electrical and enameling items through first quarter. Confusion created by war contract cancellations has cleared up somewhat, although it is still a factor in formulating rolling schedules. Heavy backlogs and continuation of demand have forced most producers to scrutinize new orders closely in an attempt to limit bookings to actual needs, and to portion out available production as equitably as possible. Sheet and strip output has recovered rapidly the past ten days, with most schedules now near capacity. However, manpower shortages in finishing departments continue a retarding factor. Practically all cancellations are now in on stainless steel and sellers report deliveries on most items are available in October and November except on polished sheets, which are scheduled well into next year. In addition to stainless steel basing point changes announced last week, Republic Steel Corp. has established a base at Canton on forging billets, hot and cold-rolled bars and strip, cold-drawn and cold-rolled flat wire, plates and sheets.

Steel bars in small diameters are in heavier demand and deliveries have been considerably further deferred recently, little capacity being open before February, with some producers filled further. Medium and large diameters are available in late fourth quarter. Small open capacity in December for cold-rolled bars is expected to disappear soon. Some interruptions in shipment because of strikes in the consuming plants have allowed other tonnage to be moved up earlier.

New York — Demand for small carbon bars is exceptionally brisk, with specifications from a diversity of sources. One large producer has advanced his delivery schedules within the past fortnight from late November and December to April of next year, and producers in general now appear to have little available before February in smaller sizes. Medium and large bars, however, can still be bought for delivery late this year, although another week or so may see the end of that. Some cold-drawn tonnage can be had for December shipment, but here also it should not be long before all sellers are out of the market for this year.

Pittsburgh — Demand for carbon steel bars remains comparatively strong, particularly from automotive, railroad and farm equipment industries. Mill deliveries on most sizes extend into late October and November. Alloy bars are in somewhat easier position, with most mills promising October shipment. Cold-drawn bar producers report a steady flow of new orders with operations well sustained at relatively high levels. Forge shops are operating well below wartime levels, but a moderate increase in new demand is indicated. With richer alloys now available there has been a definite trend in the purchase of these grades. However, the leaner NE alloys have proven adequate in many applications so it is believed that demand for the richer alloys will not develop to prewar scale. Producers also believe that size specifications will be standardized to a greater extent than in the prewar period. Strike at four rolling mills of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.'s Clairton works last week resulted in loss of about 15,000 tons in bar and light shape tonnage. Of particular interest to the trade here was announcement last week of Steel & Tubes Division of Timken Roller Bearing Co. establishing Canton as a base on tool steel ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, hot and cold-finished bars, and forging billets.

Boston — Carbon bar mill schedules have clarified, with some producers not too far extended, November offered on more sizes in hot-rolled and November-December on cold-rolled. Buying is slightly more active following deep reductions in war tonnage. This is more apparent in carbon stock than in alloys. The latter are in October and November on hot-rolled and cold-finished, respectively.

Chicago — Demand for carbon bars has increased until schedules are filled for the balance of the year and producers are required to allocate tonnages to consumers. Requirements of forgers have dropped sharply, these shops reporting sizable inventories created by canceled

war contracts. Alloys continue comparatively easy, although some tightening is occurring in recent orders.

Steel Plates . . .

Plate Prices, Page 187

Philadelphia — Plate operations are being bolstered by some fairly large orders from abroad, particularly from Norway and Sweden and also from Holland. Recently there also has been some improvement in domestic demand of diversified character. Deliveries fall mainly in November and December, with two large producers offering nothing before December. The first export shipment from the Sparrows Point plant of Bethlehem Steel Co. since the end of the war left last week, including 500 tons of plates, sheets and bars consigned to the purchasing agency of the Norwegian Ministry of Supply and Reconstruction. In addition 601 tons of shapes from the Bethlehem plant and 368 tons of sheets from Lackawanna, N. Y., plant were included. One eastern plate mill last week was able to resume finishing operations after suspension of several days, due to lack of fuel gas because of labor difficulties. Ingot operations, which relied on fuel oil, were sustained.

Boston — Fabricators of small underground gasoline tanks are active buyers, as well as truck tank builders. Orders for heavier plates are slow, requirements of flame cutters being lower. Buying is especially active in plates 3/16-inch.

Chicago — Buying of plates is heavier than had been anticipated after the shipbuilding load dropped away, and some mills believe it will be necessary to allocate tonnages to customers soon. Industrial construction is rising to an extent which makes current business reminiscent of early months of the war. Product mix serves to restrict production.

St. Louis — An unexpected demand for plates has developed from prewar users. On the expectation that ship repairs for a year or more would provide the only major plate market, mills here had cut plate production to around 12 per cent of total capacity. There is some open plate tonnage in January.

Birmingham — Plate production maintains a steady pace in the South and, except for the lack of wartime pressure, is little changed over the past few months. Production is estimated at close to 85 per cent of capacity.

Seattle — Release of plate stocks for private construction has stimulated inquiry for elevated water tanks, many of which are projected by cities in the Pacific Northwest. One agency reports more interest in this type of construction in the last 30 days than during the entire war period. The outlook is promising for absorption of a large tonnage in the near future. H. D. Fowler, Seattle, representing Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co., is low to Seattle at \$110,306 for a million-gallon elevated steel tank for the West Myrtle street improvement. About 350 tons of plates and shapes are involved.

Tubular Goods . . .

Tubular Goods Prices, Page 187

New York — Most producers of merchant pipe are now booked solidly into first quarter. Some sellers of butt-weld, in fact, have little to offer before Feb-

ruary or March. Some sellers are allocating tonnage to their various distributors, based on war purchases. Demand reflects particularly expanding requirements for building construction and repairs. Repair needs usually reach their peak late in the fall, before the winter season.

Mechanical and boiler tubing also are in good demand and despite substantial cutbacks in Navy work, most producers are booked weeks ahead.

Seattle — Increasing interest in cast iron pipe is noted as cities prepare to undertake improvements delayed by the war. Inquiry has developed for several major projects in this area. H. C. Purcell, Seattle, has been awarded 1200 tons of 12, 8 and 6-inch cast iron pipe

by Everett, Wash. Seattle has awarded the general contract for the Hillcrest Ave. improvement, involving 70 tons, sub-award pending.

Boston — Deliveries on butt-weld have extended to January with several suppliers. Demand by distributors is active, most building inventories of merchant steel pipe in anticipation of more construction. Seamless tubing is less active, with deliveries in December on more sizes.

Wire . . .

Wire Prices, Page 187

Boston — Wire buying for reconversion is heavy. Orders cover a wide range, with the ratio of low carbon up



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slightly, on which delivery in November is possible on some items. Most mills are sold through the remainder of the year on fine wire specialties, which are rationed to consumers on a monthly tonnage basis in some instances. Spring wire and merchant products are among the tightest. Demand for manufacturers' wire is brisk and aggregate volume of new orders is close to the wartime peak. While mill schedules still are subject to spot revisions they are more clarified. Heavy demand for razor blade steel is unabated and pressure for automobile industry stock holds. Except for scattered openings most mills are in first quarter on rod deliveries. Some Swedish steel is reaching district mills, resulting in a minor cancellation of rod in one instance.

Peak production by the automobile industry is expected to require 125 million complete antifriction bearing assemblies.

Chicago — Wiremakers report a few orders with MM ratings are beginning to appear and fear that confusion will result if they are numerous. Wire order books are virtually filled for the balance of the year. Pressure is persistent for high carbon spring wire, and demand is good for low carbon grades for the automobile industry and for household items. As for merchant products, consumer requirements for corn cribs, nails and steel posts give heavy volume.

Birmingham — Wire output is brisk. All items in wire, especially wire fencing, are in heavy demand throughout

the trade area. Mills are scheduling production to give as much attention as possible to wire in the face of other needs.

Tin Plate . . .

Tin Plate Prices, Page 187

Cleveland—Acute shortage of tin continues to restrict production of tin plate. Books of most producers are filled through first quarter.

Fourth quarter tin allocations for tin plate manufacture have been cut 400 tons to 6400 tons, compared with the third quarter allocations by the War Production Board. This conforms to an earlier plan to cut to 90 per cent of base use as established in recent tin conservation amendments. Representatives of the industry have agreed that fourth quarter allocations should be sufficient for essential production needs.

Rails, Cars . . .

Track Material Prices, Page 187

New York — Inquiry for 1000 fifty-ton box cars for the Reading Co. is outstanding in an otherwise rather dull car market. Freight car awards are light and while a relatively substantial number of passenger cars have been figured over the past three or four weeks, few orders developed.

Philadelphia Transit Co., Philadelphia, in a \$19,500,000 expansion program, plans to acquire over a 5-year period 320 buses, 300 street cars and 250 trackless trolleys. Orders have been placed with the ACF-Brill Co., that city, for the manufacture of 65 trackless trolleys with these units expected to be in operation over the next year.

Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, has received orders for 72 steam locomotives for South America, including 47 for five railroads in Brazil, 14 for three railroads in Colombia, 6 for Guatemala, 3 for Ecuador and 2 for Bolivia. Also on order are 16 oil burning steam locomotives for the National Railways of Mexico, four switch engines for another Mexican railroad.

With both the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroad figuring on substantial tonnages and others feeling out the market, a substantial spurt in rail buying for next year should develop shortly. Indications point to most railroads placing more than they were permitted under wartime restrictions to buy for the current year, although demand in some cases at least is comparable with what they originally asked for 1945. Meanwhile, deliveries on track accessories are expanding rapidly. In track spikes, one producer is booked until late spring of next year.

Structural Shapes . . .

Structural Shape Prices, Page 187

Chicago — Inquiries for structural steel fabrication are being received at a pace reminiscent of the early days of the war. With engineering offices short handed as to draftsmen and estimators, only from a third to a half of the inquiries can be processed. Plain shapes also have tightened considerably, mill books now being filled for the balance of the year, consequently a high proportion of the work now coming out must by necessity go over into 1946. For

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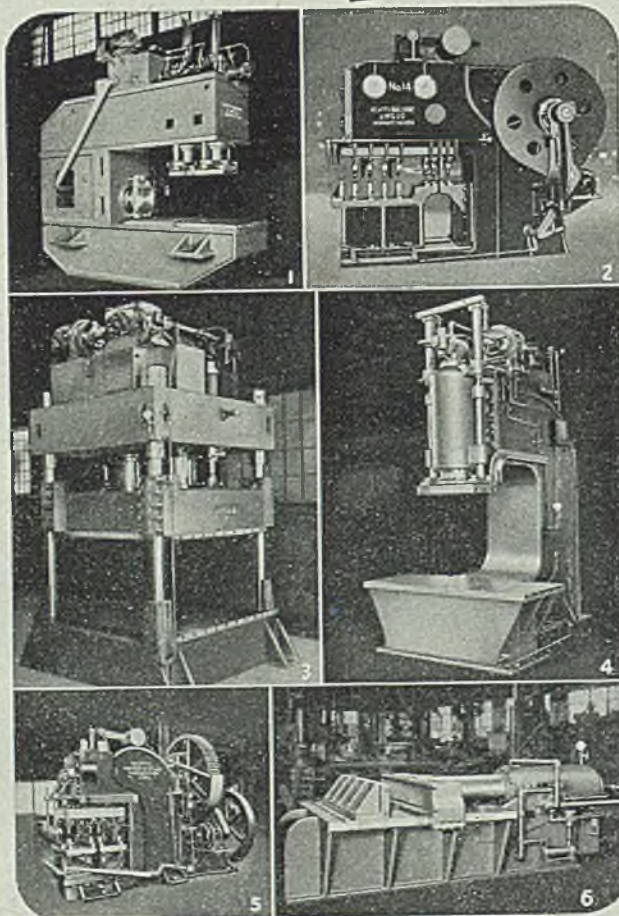
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the most part, the new construction involves plant additions and expansions for manufacture of civilian goods.

Boston — With contracts amounting to about 1500 tons, inquiry for estimates on fabricated steel is more active. Shape mill schedules are tightening, with December delivery applicable to most sizes. Industrial construction leads, with public works programs slow to get under way. Numerous small expansions by utilities are becoming active. Railroad buying is slow. Inquiry includes designs calling for some sizes which have been out of production during the war under the simplified program which reduced the number of shape sizes.

Cleveland — Aggregate inquiry for structurals is heavy, consisting mainly of many small orders for plant additions or alterations necessitated by reconversion. Little inquiry has been received involving highway work.

The lead time from placement of an order to delivery of the fabricated shapes is now about four months, compared with a normal span of about two and one-half months. Most fabricating departments are operating far below capacities and will not be able to step up operations until heavier shipments are made from mills. While plain materials are available in November and December, fabricated material is not available before January.

Seattle — Fabricating shops are still in a state of uncertainty following extended cancellations, but with materials more easily obtainable a potential demand, dammed up since the war, is beginning to come into the open. Many bridge jobs are projected and it is expected that considerable tonnage will be required in this and other industrial fields. The largest job assuming definite shape is the rebuilding of the Narrows bridge near Tacoma, Wash., destroyed by a gale in 1940. Engineers have agreed on the proposed design which increases the width from 39 to 60 feet. The piers and foundations of the original structure will be used. The work will cost about \$6 million and involves a large but unstated tonnage. Bids will be called in January.

Birmingham — Shape output is consistently good. Fabricators report bookings well into next year and with little prospect of any material decrease. Considerable construction work is evident throughout the Southeast, many long delayed projects, which account for a substantial shape tonnage.

Reinforcing Bars . . .
Reinforcing Bar Prices, Page 187

Pittsburgh — Only moderate improvement in reinforcing bar output is indicated for October, but November production is scheduled to increase, almost doubling wartime output under CMP directive. Producers report heavy backlogs with considerable tonnage for delivery well into next year. Export tonnage represents a considerable tonnage, nearly one-third of current output, much for South America. Just prior to the cessation of lend-lease Italy was in the market for about 16,500 tons of reinforcing bars. Current domestic demand continues to expand, notably in the Detroit area. Highway work is not expected to reach full scale proportions until next spring. Dravo Corp., Pitts-

burgh, is low bidder on 1400 tons for reinforced concrete retaining ways at Portsmouth, O., for U. S. Engineers. Two veterans' hospitals are in the planning stage for Western Pennsylvania, both of which will require over 1000 tons if decided to go concrete.

New York — S. A. Healy, White Plains, N. Y., is low on the general contract for an aqueduct project for New York city board of water supply, requiring 2000 tons of reinforcing steel. Approximately 800 tons are required for a repair shop for the New York city fire department, with the Corbetta Construction Co., general contractor.

Chicago — Reinforcing steel suppliers are swamped with work and many inquiries pass almost unnoticed. Lack of engineers and draftsmen, as well as limit-

ed steel supply, all operate to create this situation. Most inquiry involves quantities of less than 100 tons, although a few of the projects current will require several hundred tons. Most of these are for building construction of miscellaneous character, but highway work and bridges are beginning to come out in large number.

Pig Iron . . .
Pig Iron Prices, Page 189

Increasing tightness shows in the pig iron market as foundries find the labor situation slightly eased. All tonnage produced is being shipped and no stocks are accumulated, either at furnaces or at melters' plants. Considerable inquiry for export iron is being entertained but

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is not being accepted, for most part. Some observers see continued allocations to spread the supply equitably. A considerable number of blast furnaces are idle and output could be increased materially by relighting.

New York — Pig iron sellers here report that fourth quarter backlogs are increasing substantially, with indications that consumption in that period will be limited mainly by manpower available at foundries. Some expect an easing when colder weather sets in, but to date there has been no appreciable improvement in labor supply, despite cutbacks in various plants engaged in war work.

Buffalo — Pig iron producers report shipments to Michigan are being held up by the Ford shutdown and strikes among parts plants, but other demand absorbs

full production. Foundries now report more civilian orders on books than they can handle with labor supply. Bethlehem Steel Co. has relighted its Lackawanna G stack, for basic iron production. Another stack will be blown out soon for repairs.

Chicago — Fact that pig iron demand exceeds available supply in this area leads to the conclusion that some form of allocation will have to be continued in fourth quarter. When the plan was kept operative for September, WPB had hoped that it could be dropped in succeeding months. Foundry melt still is held down by manpower shortage, and executives assert that even if adequate workers were available they would be unable to keep abreast of castings demand, so heavy are backlogs. Here

and there, some shops are picking up a few additional workers; on the other hand, some report losses since V-J Day. Gray iron foundries are gratified over OPA's approval of a 10 per cent increase in base prices as of Sept. 17 although the relief is a little less than had been felt adequate. Of the district's 41 blast furnaces, 34 are active, Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. having returned one Gary stack and two South Chicago stacks to production within the past ten days.

Pittsburgh — Foundry pig iron consumption is steadily increasing, reflecting expanding production now that civilian goods output is gaining momentum. Indicated further gain in foundry operations is seen as largely offsetting somewhat lower requirements for steelmaking. Large export inquiries are reported, estimated at over 300,000 tons, and still further increase in foreign demand is indicated. Outlook for continued operations at the Struthers, O., furnace is uncertain at the moment. This unit is considered a high cost furnace and there is no longer the pressing demand for basic pig iron that existed during the war. However, this unit may share in the substantial volume of export tonnage. Continued limitation of pig iron inventories to 30 days is being discussed by blast furnace interests to prevent larger buyers from draining the market at the expense of smaller consumers.

Philadelphia — Increasing strength is noted in pig iron. Supply is still sufficient for requirements but the outlook for fall is tight, especially if labor supply eases in foundries. Also, substantial export demand overhangs the market.

Boston — Until more foundry labor is available pig iron melt in New England holds close to 25,000 tons per month, some consumers operating with inventories less than 30 days. Subcontracting on a broad scale by textile mill equipment shops continues and papermill machinery plants are slowly increasing requirements. Buffalo suppliers are furnishing most foundry tonnage and also basic to two steel plants and are unable to take on additional tonnage offered in some instances.

Cincinnati — Buying of fourth quarter pig iron has begun, and most buying is from customary sources. Supplies are tight, but shipments are coming in without undue delay. Demand for castings is well sustained, with persistent lack of labor the bottleneck preventing expansion in melt.

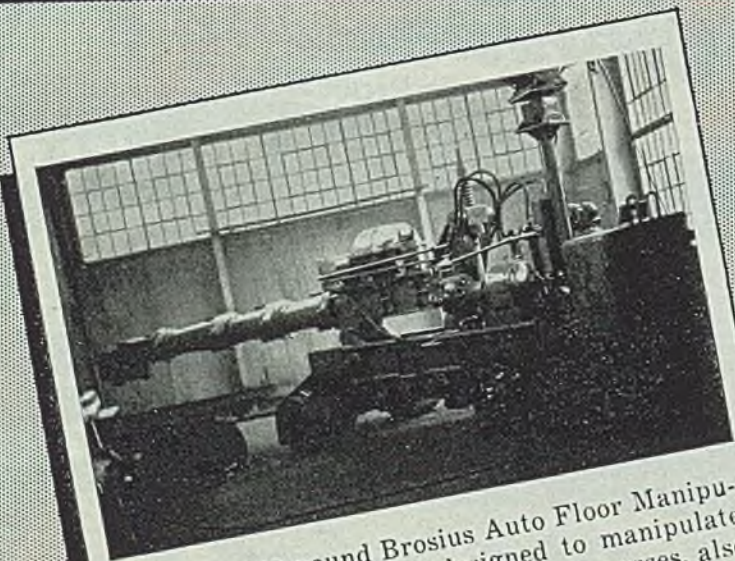
Birmingham — Pig iron output holds at capacity in the South. Eighteen blast furnaces are operating and demand for deliveries is increasing from merchant iron producers, one of whom is just getting back in stride after a recent strike and fire.

Scrap . . .

Scrap Prices, Page 190

Strength is the dominating feature in the scrap market, aided by scarcity, resulting from the industrial lull following the war end and lack of labor for yard processing. Steel mill consumers seek to build reserves for winter safety and find supply short. Much of the softening in borings and turnings noted recently has disappeared. Uncertainty as to demand for steelmaking grades resulting from widespread strikes in the

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motor and other industries has not had appreciable effect on buying.

Buffalo — In spite of an occasional note of caution among buyers because of strikes, strength continues in the scrap market, with a sale of railroad material reported at the ceiling of \$21 per ton. Additionally, dealers covering recent substantial sales have cut into available supply. Dealers report marked lessening in yard receipts, especially quality material. A leading mill consumer has been aided in building reserves by continued receipts of water scrap, a cargo of 5000 tons arriving from Duluth and a barge fleet with 2500 tons came from the seaboard during last week.

Seattle — Mill buying has been curtailed and there is a general decline. Prices have dropped from \$14.50 to \$12.50 for No. 1, delivered. Dealers expect it will be the end of the year before the situation is stabilized as many factors have to be adjusted, important among which is reconversion of plants using steel scrap. Supplies are ample for current needs and a moderate tonnage is moving to mills through dealers, who still are handicapped by lack of competent labor.

Boston—On scattered buying heavier grades of steelmaking scrap are at ceiling, with machine shop turnings and unprepared scrap the only soft spots. Supply of turnings is light and offerings of heavy melting steel as well. Cast grades remain firm at ceiling and are scarce. Machinery volume being scrapped in textile mills and shoe factories is light.

New York — Following a slight easing recently, borings and turnings again are in tight supply. This is ascribed not only to reduction in ordnance work, but to a more active demand by several leading consumers. Bethlehem Steel Co. continues to buy actively for its Bethlehem, Sparrows Point and Lackawanna plants. Several other eastern consumers of melting steel are buying in moderate volume, with some pressing hard for such tonnage as they already have on order. The scrap trade is watching closely the labor disturbances in the automobile and metalworking industries, particularly because of the effect they may have on steel consumption and in turn consumption of scrap. Scrap prices continue at ceiling levels on all major grades.

St. Louis — Scrap shipments are light because of labor shortage. Melters are not buying but shipments on old orders hold reserves at 30 to 45 days. Foundries are reported in better position than in several months. Sales are few, plants producing turnings having reconverted from shell work. No. 2 heavy melting steel is in greatest demand and cast scrap is easing somewhat. Virtually no termination scrap is on the market. Demand from the Chicago market shows no decline. Prices are at ceiling except for turnings, which are unchanged.

Philadelphia — Shortage of turnings is the feature of the scrap market. Demand is well in excess of supply as production continues to decline as a result of further ordnance cancellations. Heavy melting and cast grades are in strong demand and prices generally are at ceiling. An exception is unprepared scrap, with prices well below ceiling.

Pittsburgh — Scrap prices are nominal with no new buying of consequence.

However, substantial tonnage recently bought by Republic Steel Corp. for Cleveland and Youngstown mills at full ceilings plus commission indicates current price strength. Purchases in other districts at top price levels also occurred this past week. The little tonnage moving in this district is said to be sold at full ceiling prices, plus commission. On No. 1 heavy melting up to \$1 a ton springboard is being paid. While mill operations are off substantially from peak war pace, their inventories are relatively low and supply of good melting steel, low phos, alloy free turnings and cast scrap grades are limited.

Chicago — Buying of top grades of scrap by mills is general and prices hold at full ceiling. These include No. 1 and

No. 2 heavy melting, No. 1 and No. 2 bundles, and electric furnace grades. Baled machine shop turnings, however, was sold for \$16.75, representing a \$2 break on a small lot, and in spite of the fact that turning supply has dropped sharply with the war's end. Blast furnace grades, previously untested, are now selling at \$13 in limited transactions, this being a shading of 75 cents. This level also applies to cast iron borings. Volume of scrap is down considerably since V-J day, but virtually all mills are in need of material as steelmaking operations rise slowly to near normal level.

Cincinnati — Iron and steel scrap is moving at ceilings, the only exceptions being borings and turnings. The market,

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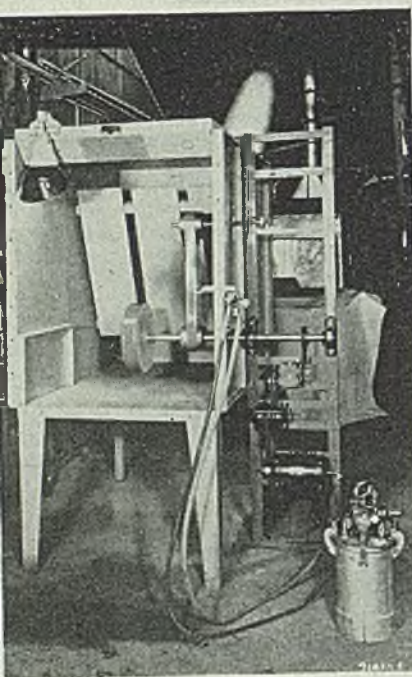


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however, seems dull in absence of volume buying and reduced shipments to melters. Despite approach of winter and accompanying handicaps to scrap movement, all interests show a degree of caution. One district mill will evidently be out of the market for scrap during a proposed shutdown for inventory taking.

Cleveland — A tight situation prevails in scrap, all important consumers being in the market, with supply unusually light. Orders recently have been placed at ceiling prices, with spring-board added, in all grades, including borings and turnings. These orders were for mills here and in the Valley. Small shipments are being made against orders, but movement is far below needs.

Warehouse . . .

Warehouse Prices, Page 188

Chicago — In the face of strong demand, warehouses find themselves in short position. While this applies to most products, it is most aggravated for hot and cold-rolled sheets, galvanized sheets and long ternes. Consumer pressure is particularly heavy for light-gage sheets, including 20 to 24-gage. Replacements from mills are received slowly. Some rated business still is being accommodated, of course, but so far few MM or CC orders are coming in. Both classifications are expected to increase after Sept. 30 when CMP ends. Alloys are in relatively easy position as compared with carbon.

Pittsburgh — Shipments from steel distributors' stocks have leveled at about 10 to 15 per cent below former war stimulated pace. Extended mill deliveries on most steel products tend to sustain warehouse steel demand, particularly for light flat-rolled steel, notably galvanized, cold-rolled sheets and strip.

Philadelphia — September, the first full month since the war's end, is shaping up unusually well for most jobbers. Some leaders report business so far is 5 per cent above August on a daily basis, with business limited in certain lines, sheets in particular, because of inadequate stocks. Bar and shape demand is brisk.

Boston — Demand for steel from warehouse is strong for sheets and strip, with an increase of fill-in orders for reconversion. Alloy buying is slower, with distributors somewhat concerned as to NE grade inventories, anticipating a gradual return to double alloy stock. Mill replacement of flat-rolled stock, notably in galvanized sheets, has not improved and except for some heavier hot-rolled products only slight improvement in balance of inventories is noted.

Cincinnati — Sales by warehouses are sustained at high level, with active demand for structurals a feature. Considerable tonnage may be attributed to efforts at speed in reconversion. Stocks of structurals, sheets and strip are proving inadequate. Heavy plates are dull.

St. Louis — Warehouse inventories are improving but sizes and varieties remain scattered. Civilian orders are topping wartime peaks. With the number of customers on the increase, warehouses hesitate to accept orders, due to uncertainty of stock replenishment.

Seattle — While structurals, plates and alloys are moving freely from warehouse there is no change in the position of sheets, which are as tight as before the

end of the war. Demand continues strong for sheets with deliveries months in the future, although interest in other items has dropped since Japan's surrender. Cold-rolled steel is in fair demand and deliveries have eased. The trade reports that while the volume of orders has held well, the weight per order is less and the tonnage turnover shows a drop. The 10c advance on cold-rolled is now in effect and jobbers are working through their national association to obtain a more equitable price level on other items.

Ferroalloys . . .

Ferroalloy Prices, Page 189

New York—Tungsten stocks appear plentiful. According to some leading trade interests there is now enough in government hands, exclusive of pre-war stocks, to take care of industry for two years. Private stocks are estimated at two to three months supply. Government stocks are well diversified as to wolframite, scheelite and other grades.

Over past months about 75 per cent of consumption has been supplied currently by shipments from foreign and domestic mines, the major portion foreign, with the remainder coming from stocks on hand. Recent imports have come largely from South America and there is still quite a sizeable tonnage coming in, particularly from Bolivia. Brazil is probably the second largest South American supplier, although a rather poor second as compared with Bolivia.

Some tonnage is coming in from various other countries and it is believed now that the war is over in the Far East that China will soon be assuming her more normal position as this country's principal supplier of wolframite, the grade in heaviest demand here regularly, for ferrotungsten and certain other requirements. Incidentally, scheelite has been used in increasing quantities for direct addition to steel, it is said.

The first large shipments of ferromanganese from India to this country in some time are scheduled to get under way this month. In fact, one shipment of size was scheduled to leave India Sept. 20.

Ferromanganese now is coming principally from Russia and the Gold Coast, West Africa, Russian shipments having been resumed earlier in the year following a wartime suspension. Some tonnage is also coming from Brazil where one large steel company owns properties, and from Cuba; also from Chile, from where, despite difficulties of off-shore loading, approximately 20,000 tons per month have been coming in for the past couple of months or so.

There should be some definite word soon with respect to resumption of manganese ore, and also chrome and other mineral from the Philippines. Shortly, or almost simultaneously with the recapture of Philippines, mining experts began making a survey of the minerals situation. A full report is being expected shortly. Philippines were never large suppliers of manganese but prior to the war they furnished a fair tonnage to this country.

Complicating the water movement of foreign ores to this country is continued application of war risk insurance rates;

once these are dropped and the trade feels that they could be dropped at any time, there should be a livelier interest in ore now in rather short supply, notably chrome for metallurgical purposes.

Metallurgical chrome is still coming in principally from Rhodesia, notwithstanding the fact that the rail situation in that country is rather bad. There has been no important resumption of metallurgical chrome shipments from Turkey. Turkish interests are still quoting prices unattractive to American buyers, prices which had become inflated as a result of purchases by the Allies to keep supplies from falling in the hands of the enemies and which to date, notwithstanding the fact that the war is over, have undergone little readjustment.

Government stocks in this country, barring a strategic reserve owned by the Treasury Department for account of the military services, are fairly well picked over as far as metallurgical chrome is concerned, it is said. Some metallurgical ore is coming in from New Caledonia and the Transvaal, the chrome from the latter being high chrome high iron used by some consumers for direct addition.

Incidentally, chrome interests expect production of low carbon ferrochrome to be well sustained, particularly in view of anticipated peacetime requirements for stainless steel.

Meanwhile most of the refractory ore is coming from Cuba, although this situation should change somewhat with the resumption of output in the Philippines. Normally most of the refractory ore consumed in this country comes from Cuba and the Philippines.

Iron Ore . . .

Iron Ore Prices, Page 188

Consumption of Lake Superior iron ore in August showed considerable drop, with a total of 5,658,278 gross tons, compared with 6,532,273 tons in July and 7,341,964 tons in August, 1944, according to the Lake Superior Iron Ore Association, Cleveland. Cumulative consumption for the year to Sept. 1 was 52,536,854 tons, compared with 59,003,927 tons in the comparable period last year.

Ore on hand at furnaces and Lake Erie docks Sept. 1 totaled 34,781,382 tons, compared with 37,243,322 tons at the corresponding date last year. Furnaces in blast Sept. 1 numbered 146 in the United States and six in Canada, compared with 158 and seven a month earlier and 167 and six a year earlier.

Three less vessels were in the iron ore trade Sept. 15 than a month earlier, 244 compared with 247. As of Sept. 15, 1944, vessels carrying ore numbered 293. Smaller requirements expected during the winter has taken some pressure off ore transportation, compared with war years.

Canada . . .

Toronto, Ont. — With controlled buying largely eliminated from the Canadian iron and steel markets, business gradually is settling down to a more normal basis. Cancellations on war account have not greatly eased the situation, and some Canadian steelmakers are out of the market on further orders for delivery this year. Large commitments are re-



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ed on civilian consumption account and while mills are doing their best to fill the growing demand they are indefinite regarding delivery on new orders. However, with some producers declining orders for delivery in 1946, there has been some curtailment in new bookings but it is believed there will be a new flood of orders when books are opened for first quarter.

Sheet cancellations following the end of the war were below expectations, while demand on civilian account has shown considerable volume, with the result that the supply remains tight and sheetmakers are making no promise regarding delivery on new orders. Most producers report solid bookings to the end of the year with large tonnage carry-over into 1946.

Barmakers report a continuous flow of orders, with only small additional capacity available this year. Demand centers largely on carbon bars, with slackening demand for alloy bars. Bookings are equally heavy on heavy and light sizes.

No improvement in supply is reported in wire and nails. Demand is heavy on both commodities and some producers, unable to accept additional business for shipment this year, have withdrawn from the market. Stocks in the hands of producers and warehouse operators are negligible and consumers are said to be having difficulty obtaining supplies for current needs.

Scrap iron and steel continues under ceiling price regulations, and in most materials trading is done at ceiling. How-

ever, consumers are insisting on deliveries being to specifications and are not paying top prices for inferior scrap. Demand is brisk for better grades of steelmaking scrap as well as for all iron grades. Dealers report some improvement in receipts although incoming scrap is not equal to consumption.

Steel in Europe . . .

London — (By Radio) — Fuel and labor scarcity in the steel industry of Great Britain are limiting production. Structural steel demand is quiet. Shortage of billets is causing some anxiety. Sheet mills are operating to capacity.

STRUCTURAL SHAPES . . .

STRUCTURAL STEEL PLACED

- 1500 tons, warehouse, St. Paul, for Paper-Calmenson & Co., to Minneapolis-Moline Power Implement Co.
- 900 tons, box plant for Hinde & Dauch Paper Co. at Watertown, Mass., to American Bridge Co., Pittsburgh.
- 500 tons, pilot building, Argo, Ill., for Corn Products Refining Co., 360 tons to Vierling Steel Works, Chicago, and 140 tons of miscellaneous to David Architectural Iron Works Inc., Chicago; Ragnar Benson Inc., Chicago, contractor; bids Aug. 14.
- 500 tons, Wynnewood Apartments, Philadelphia, to Belmont Iron Works, Eddystone, Pa.
- 500 tons, power house addition for New Bedford Gas & Light Co., New Bedford, Mass., to A. O. Wilson Structural Co., Cambridge, Mass.
- 455 tons, dairy mill building and warehouse, Lyons, Kans., for American Salt Corp., sub-

siary of Cudahy Packing Co., to Darby Corp., Kansas City, Kans.

- 277 tons, crane runway, Waterloo, Iowa, for Deere & Co., to Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co., Pittsburgh; bids Sept. 5.
- 225 tons, building addition for Lever Bros. at Cambridge, Mass., to Lehigh Structural Steel Co., Allentown, Pa., through Stone & Webster Engineering Corp., New York.
- 200 tons, factory building, South Bend, Ind., for Roach-Appleton Mfg. Co., to American Bridge Co., Pittsburgh; bids June 11.
- 165 tons, power plant for Montaup Electric Co., Fall River, Mass., to American Bridge Co., Pittsburgh.
- 110 tons, building addition, Chicago, for Madigan Bros., to Wendnagel & Co., Chicago.

STRUCTURAL STEEL PENDING

- 9000 tons, estimated, telephone building, Boston; Stone & Webster Engineering Corp., New York, engineer-contractor.
- 6000 tons, more or less, Narrows bridge, near Tacoma, Wash.; bids probably in January to Washington Toll Bridge Authority, Olympia, Wash.
- 6000 tons, building for John Hancock Insurance Co., Boston; Turner Construction Co., Boston, contractor.
- 2000 tons, including 1500 tons in soda fountain building and building addition, Chicago, and 500 tons, manufacturing building, Morrison, Ill., for Liquid Carbonic Corp.
- 1500 tons, two buildings for Schaeffer Brewery Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 1200 tons, eleven-span plate girder bridge for New York state; bids Sept. 26.
- 1200 tons, fiber box factory for J. & J. Corrugated Box Co., Fall River, Mass.
- 930 tons, bridge, Farley, Mo., for Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad; bids Sept. 21.
- 900 tons, factory building for Celanese Corp., Bridgewater, Va.
- 728 tons, bridge over North Canadian river, McAlester, Okla., for Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad; bids Sept. 8.
- 550 tons, cantilever bridge over barge canal, Brooks Ave., Rochester, N. Y.; bids Sept. 19.
- 500 tons, alterations to blast furnace No. 6, Gary, Ind., for Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.; Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., Chicago, contractor.
- 500 tons, mill building, Aurora, Ill., for All-Steel Equip. Co.
- 500 tons, store building, Gary, Ind., for Montgomery, Ward & Co.
- 450 tons, fabricating plant, Chicago, for Ceco Steel Products Corp.
- 400 tons, plant addition for du Pont interests, Houston, Tex., bids now closing.
- 375 tons, warehouse, Green Bay, Wis., for Joannes Bros.; bids Sept. 28.
- 330 tons, highway bridge, Freeport, Ill., for state highway commission; Illinois Steel Bridge Co., Jacksonville, Ill., low; bids Sept. 14.
- 300 tons, manufacturing building, Denver, for Sam Judd.
- 215 tons, addition to power generating plant at Fall River, Mass.

REINFORCING BARS . . .

REINFORCING BARS PLACED

- 500 tons, veterans tuberculosis hospital, Rutland Heights, Mass., to J. Morgan, through F. D. Rich Co., contractor.
- 400 tons, culverts, Norfolk & Western Railway, Lambert's Point, Va., to Virginia Steel Co., Richmond, Va., through McDowell & Wood, contractors.
- 400 tons, wharf, U. S. Coast Guard, Boston, to Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., through Merritt, Chapman & Scott, contractors.
- 250 tons, reservoir for Philadelphia Navy Yard, to Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., through Hughes, Foulkrod, Philadelphia.
- 100 tons for J. T. Lewis Paint Co., Philadelphia, to Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., through Turner Construction Co., New York.

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- 2000 tons, aqueduct, New York board of water supply, S. A. Healy, White Plains, N. Y., low on general contract.
- 1000 tons, speedway at Atlantic City, N. J.; McCloskey & Co., Philadelphia, contractor.
- 992 tons, including 922 tons bars and 70 tons mesh, additions to body buildings, Indianapolis, for Chevrolet Commercial Body Division, General Motors Corp.; project revived following abandonment in November, 1944.
- 800 tons, repair shop, municipal fire department, New York City, Corbetta Construction Co., New York, general contractor.
- 300 tons, office building, Elkhart, Ind., for General Electric Co.
- 300 tons, sewage disposal plant, Baltimore.
- 200 to 300 tons, treatment building, Jacksonville, Ill., for Jacksonville State Hospital; bids Sept. 25.
- 188 tons, road paving and circle overpass, Camden county, New Jersey.
- 150 tons, grade crossing elimination at Massapequa, New York, for Long Island railroad.
- 149 tons, addition to warehouse, Chicago, for Service Wholesale Drug Co.
- 120 tons, addition to brewery, St. Paul, for Theodore Hamm Brewing Co.
- 120 tons, bridge and access road, Prince Georges county, Maryland.
- Unstated, assembly building and office, Janesville, Wis., for Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corp.; bids Sept. 24.

PLATES . . .

PLATES PENDING

- 350 tons (including shapes) elevated water tank West Myrtle street project, Seattle; Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co. low, \$110,306.
- 240 tons, stack, Chicago, for Chicago Fire Brick Co.

PIPE . . .

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- 1200 tons, 12, 8 and 6-inch Class 150, Everett, Wash., to H. G. Purcell, Seattle, for U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co., Burlington, N. J.

RAILS, CARS . . .

RAILROAD CARS PLACED

- Philadelphia Transportation Co., Philadelphia, 65 trackless trolleys, to the ACF-Brill Co., Philadelphia.
- St. Louis-San Francisco, 200 seventy-ton steel ballast cars, to American Car & Foundry Co., St. Louis shop.

RAILROAD CARS PENDING

- Reading Co., 1000 fifty-ton box cars, bids asked.

Some Confusion Expected From New Basing System

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market had been expanding steadily, resulting in about a tenfold increase in output in ten years. Production of stainless steel amounted to only 55,907 tons in 1934, jumped to 179,620 by 1939, to 371,984 by 1941, to 457,448 by 1943 and to an estimated total of around 500,000 tons last year.

In addition to the advantages gained by increased production facilities to meet competition in the postwar markets, the industry has benefited by improved techniques which were developed to meet exacting specifications in military orders. Research in steel metallurgy was the most intensive in the history of the industry.

In the rolling department, for instance,

much thinner sheet is now being produced than was possible in the prewar period, opening up many new applications where light weight and high strength are demanded. These characteristics, plus those of resistance to corrosion and high reflectability, are the chief reasons for the market expansion.

Stainless steel railroad car orders which have been placed and those which are pending are forerunners of a large volume of business in that field, the industry believes. Other markets which were just entering the comparatively big tonnage stage when the defense and war programs interrupted them and which are being reopened rapidly include household appliances, construction, communication equipment, metalworking machinery, chemical and food processing equipment. The airplane and accessory industries, of course, will continue to be important outlets for stainless steel.

Orders being received from reconvert-ing industries, coupled with military orders still on the books, have extended delivery schedules on some products well into 1946. Some mills are booked solidly through the first quarter of next year on highly polished sheet with other finishes available in earlier months, depending on widths and gauges.

Reich's Potential Steel Production Still Large

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they're too important to tear out.

British engineers are clearing the Rhine-Herne canal, and the Wesel-Datteln canal, hoping to get them into operation this fall so they can help in the coal movement. The Dortmund-Ems canal was badly wrecked, probably will require more time.

One of the problems is retrieving many of the canal tugs which must be gotten out, both because they are menaces to navigation and because they are needed to haul the coal-laden barges.

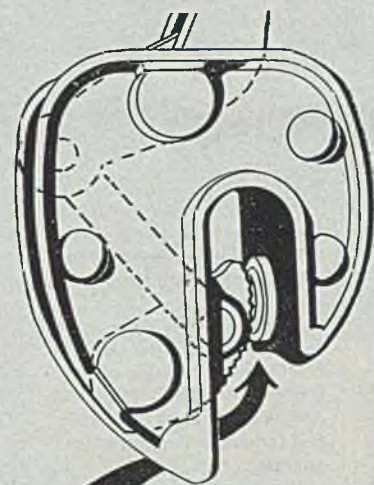
One of the top problems of the German steel plants, were they permitted to rebuild, would be one of personnel and of housing facilities. Many of the steel plants' most expert workers have been scattered, others were killed in the bombing raids. Adjacent cities were so badly smashed up, losing so many dwelling units, that finding adequate living quarters for repair gangs and then for operating crews would be difficult.

Production charts taken from the Krupp factories in the Ruhr showed heavy production losses in 1943 and 1944 from absenteeism during air raids; one chart covering April, 1944, showed 20 per cent of the potential working hours were lost that month because of absenteeism resulting from workers being bombed out, stranded without transportation, being injured or ill or killed, or absent for other reasons; and 8 per cent of the working hours were lost during air raids or air raid alarms when they were sent to the shelters.

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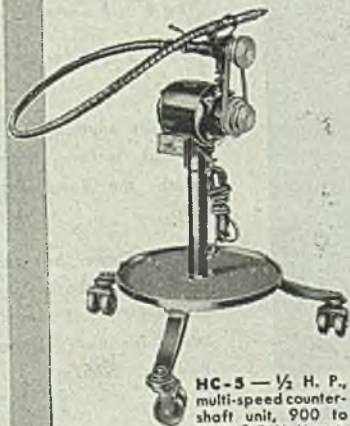


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AKRON, O.—Atlas Toy & Products Co. has been incorporated with 500 shares at \$100 each and 3000 shares no par value, to manufacture toys and other products, by H. W. Schwab, agent, 32 Elmdale Ave., Akron, and associates.

CLEVELAND—Modill-Stevens Electronic Co. has been incorporated with \$500 capital and 250 shares no par value to manufacture electric and electronic controls, by Hal H. Griswold and associates, 1128 Standard Bldg.

CLEVELAND—Harris, Seybold, Potter Co., A. S. Harris, president, 4510 East 71st St., will build a \$140,000 addition and install \$300,000 worth of equipment, to triple output of offset presses. Expansion of the plant at Dayton, O., will also be undertaken at cost of \$125,000.

CLEVELAND—Reliable Stamping & Mfg. Co., Conesco Products Inc. and Teco Mfg. Co. have been incorporated, each with \$500 capital and 250 shares no par value, for manufacture of automobile accessories and tools, by E. J. Flesher, 1102 Scovill Ave.

CLEVELAND—Builders Structural Steel Co., Herman Friedman, manager, 2880 East 34th St., will build a one-story 60 x 175-foot warehouse at 2958 East 34th street, to cost \$15,000.

CLEVELAND—Pioneer Mfg. Co., 3033 East 87th St., will build a two-story plant at that address, 57 x 140 feet, costing about \$40,000.

COSHOCTON, O.—General Electric Co., William H. Milton Jr, manager plastics division, Pittsfield, Mass., will build plant here for manufacture of laminated plastics, covering 285,000 square feet floor space.

MANSFIELD, O.—Empire Steel Corp. has plans for a \$250,000 program for expanding facilities, including pack furnace and mill, flash coating furnace, to be ready by Jan. 1.

MAINE

LEWISTON, ME.—North American Phillips Co., Lisbon Rd., has let contract to Stewart & Williams Inc., 185 Water St., Augusta, Me., for a one-story 160 x 185-foot plant addition, costing about \$75,000.

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—Underwood, Elliott, Fisher Co., 575 Broad St., will ask bids soon for a boiler house costing about \$95,000. Lockwood Greene Inc., Rockefeller Plaza New York, is engineer.

FAIRFIELD, CONN.—Handy & Harmon Co., 1770 Kingshighway, has let contract to Galatly Construction Co., 25 Housatonic Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., for a 50 x 85-foot melting plant addition, 30 x 60-foot box shop, 15 x 25 and 15 x 35-foot machine shop additions and a refining plant addition, all one-story.

MERIDEN, CONN.—New Departure Division of General Motors Corp., 269 North Main St., Bristol, Conn., will let contract soon for a boiler plant addition. Albert Kahn Associated Architects & Engineers Inc., 345 New Center Bldg., Detroit, is engineer.

NEW BRITAIN, CONN.—Stanley Works, 195 Lake St., R. E. Pritchard, president, has let contract to Turner Construction Co., 420 Lexington Ave., New York, for two manufacturing buildings. Bldg. 150 will be seven stories, 95 x 222 feet with two wings 77 x 106 feet; Bldg. 153 will be six stories 77 x 201 feet with wing 75 x 95 feet. Plans by J. H. Fellows, New Britain, engineer.

NORWALK, CONN.—Fletcher Thompson Inc., engineer, 211 State St., will let contract soon for a boiler plant and equipment for Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co., Norwalk.

ROCKY HILL, CONN.—Hartford Rayon Corp., Dividend St., Hartford, Conn., has plans by Buck & Buck, 650 Main St., Hartford, for a

plant addition costing \$40,000.

WINSTED, CONN.—City, J. W. Darcey, mayor, City Hall, has voted to build sewage disposal plant and additional sewers, to cost about \$1 million. Buck & Buck, 650 Main St., Hartford, Conn., are consulting engineers. E. Keefe, City Hall, is city engineer.

NEW YORK

JOHNSON CITY, N. Y.—Ozalid Products Division of General Aniline & Film Corp., 230 Park Ave., New York, has plans by Conrad & Cummings, 99 Collier St., Binghamton, N. Y., for a plant addition costing \$270,000.

PENNSYLVANIA

BRACKENRIDGE, PA.—Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., H. G. Batcheller, president, Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, plans research laboratory and pilot plant, to cost about \$2,500,000.

EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.—Art Metal Works Inc., 250 Harris St., has plans by H. C. Hill, 112 South 16th St., Philadelphia, for a manufacturing building to cost about \$350,000.

LEECHBURG, PA.—Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., H. G. Batcheller, president, Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, plans cold rolling mill for stainless and silicon strip at West Leechburg, to cost about \$2,500,000.

PHILADELPHIA—Dana Tool Co., 30 North Fifth St., has plans by Frank E. Hahn Inc., 1511 West Oxford St., for a machine shop addition costing about \$75,000.

ROYERSFORD, PA.—Royersford Spring Co., Main and First Sts., has let contract for building additions and alterations to R. M. Shoemaker, 1619 Sansom St., Philadelphia, to cost about \$40,000. Douglas March Blum, 23 South Main St., Phoenixville, Pa., is architect.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Bethlehem Steel Co., care J. B. Ferguson, Williamsport, has let contract to Lundy Construction Co., Williamsport, for a wire rope plant costing about \$1 million. C. V. Lehr, Bethlehem, Pa., is engineer.

MICHIGAN

BRIDGMAN, MICH.—Mathieu Foundry Inc., has been incorporated with \$350,000 capital to manufacture foundry products, by Walter H. Steere, 409 Ridge St., Marquette, Mich.

DETROIT—Detroit Machinery Corp., 9325 Forest Ave., has been incorporated with \$100,000 capital to manufacture machinery, by Phillip K. Mebus, 1306 Whittier St., Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

DETROIT—Mi-Lo Tool & Gauge Corp., 2519 McKinstry St., has been incorporated with \$10,000 capital to manufacture tools, dies, gages, and fixtures, by George F. Miller, 20039 Indian St., Detroit.

DETROIT—Resco Mfg. Corp., 6201 Grand River Ave., has been incorporated with \$50,000 capital to manufacture refrigerators, by John R. Miller, 18252 Wildemere Ave.

DETROIT—J. K. Lytle Corp., 3166 Penobscot Bldg., has been incorporated with \$100,000 capital to conduct a general manufacturing business, by James K. Lytle, same address.

ILLINOIS

BELLELEVILLE, ILL.—Griesedieck-Western Brewery Co., 1201 West E St., will let contracts soon for a one-story 152 x 435-foot bottling plant. Plans are by O. Jansen, Chemical Bldg., 721 Olive St., St. Louis.

CHICAGO—Ingersoll Steel & Disc. Co., 310 South Michigan Ave., will let contract soon through A. J. Boynton & Co., engineers, 58 East Washington St., for a one-story 100 x 440-foot heat treating building, 35 x 360-foot leanto and other additions.

CHICAGO—Illinois Auto Electric Co., 2101 Indiana Ave., will build a one and two-story factory and office building costing about

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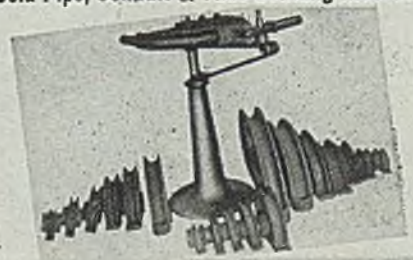
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\$200,000. Engineering Systems, 221 North LaSalle St., is engineer.

CHICAGO—Crucible Steel Co., of America, 405 Lexington Ave., New York, has let contract to Campbell, Lowrie & Lautermilch, 400 West Madison St., for a one and two-story warehouse and office building to cost about \$150,000. C. A. Metz, 224 South Michigan Ave., is engineer.

EVANSTON, ILL.—Sentinel Radio Corp., 2080 Ridge Ave., has let contract to Ragnar Benson, 4744 Rice St., Chicago, for a new plant costing about \$500,000. Victor Charn, 4744 Rise St., is architect.

PEORIA, ILL.—Advance Appliance Co., H. W. Lehman, president, has let contract to T. S. Willis and W. G. Best for a plant building at 808 South Washington St., costing \$35,000, for manufacture of stokers.

INDIANA

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Seeger Sunbeam Corp., St. Paul, Minn., and Evansville, manufacturer of refrigerators, which recently announced \$1,200,000 improvement at St. Paul will expand Evansville plant at cost of \$2 million. Robert M. Reay is president.

NAPANEE, IND.—Board of public works, Mayor R. L. Amott, chairman, plans sewage treatment plant and interceptor sewer, to cost \$250,000. Laramore & Douglas, 327 South LaSalle St., Chicago, are consulting engineers.

HAMMOND, IND.—Standard Oil Co. is building a research laboratory here, close to its refinery at Whiting, Ind., to unify various research facilities scattered through the Whiting plant. Robert E. Wilson is chairman of the board.

ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. has let contract to Hutchinson & Burton Co. Inc., Birmingham, for three

shafts 325 to 550 feet deep at Wenonah and Ishkooda iron ore mines, with ventilating installation at each shaft.

NORTH CAROLINA

CANTON, N. C.—Champion Paper & Fibre Co. plans expansion to increase capacity here at cost of about \$5 million, to increase capacity to 1000 tons per day. Will include chemical recovery plant, pulp bleaching unit, 7500 kw turbine, high-pressure steam boiler and foundry paper unit. H. K. Ferguson Co., Cleveland, is engineer.

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Klassen Pattern & Foundry Co., 1414 Kansas Ave., has let contract to Universal Construction Co. for a one-story foundry addition.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Acme Sash & Door Co., 17th and Askew Aves., plans one and two-story plant to cost about \$200,000.

ST. LOUIS—Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, announces it has listed 151 construction and expansion projects estimated to cost \$48,000,000 for consideration in its postwar program. Francis J. Curtis is vice president in charge.

ST. LOUIS—Missouri Pacific railroad, F. E. Bates, chief engineer, Missouri Pacific Bldg., 1224 Olive St., has let contract to H. B. Deal & Co. Inc. 1218 Olive street, for a one-story 50 x 90-foot machine shop at 3001 Chouteau Ave., estimated to cost about \$40,000.

OKLAHOMA

TULSA, OKLA.—Nelson Electric & Mfg. Co. has let contract to Creamer & Dean for a one-story foundry plant 75 x 140 ft.

WISCONSIN

GENOA, WIS.—Dairyland Power Co-operative plans new steam generating plant and exten-

sion of transmission facilities to cost about \$3,500,000. REA has allotted \$1,250,000 to finance first unit. Vern E. Alden, 120 South LaSalle St., Chicago, is engineer.

WAUKESHA, WIS.—Waukesha Foundry Co., C. C. Smith, president, has bought part of I. B. Rowell Co. plant to be used for pump manufacture. Company also plans to build one-story foundry 64 x 200 feet at Watertown, Wis.

IOWA

BALMOND, IOWA—General Mills Inc., Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Minneapolis has let contract to McKenzie-Hague-Simmons Co., 610 Wesley Temple Bldg., Minneapolis, for a 500,000-bushel capacity soybean processing plant addition, to cost about \$153,000.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—Cherry-Burrell Corp., manufacturer of dairy and ice cream equipment, is building a one-story plant at Wilson Ave. and Sixth St. to cost about \$1,500,000. H. R. Green Engineering Co., 417 First Ave. East, are engineers.

FORT DODGE, IOWA—G. L. Glaser Packing Co. has let contract to Smith Construction Co., Webster City, Iowa, for a packing house and equipment, to cost about \$50,000. Plans are by Henschien, Everts & Crombie, 56 East Van Buren St., Chicago.

SIBLEY CITY, IOWA—City, R. D. Stewart, clerk, will open bids Sept. 25 for improvements to municipal power plant, including addition, boiler feed pumps and deaerating feed water heater. Ralph D. Thomas & Associates, 1200 Second Ave. South, Minneapolis, are engineers.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—Sieg Sioux City Co., distributor of automotive parts and equipment, has let contract for one-story plant 100 x 118 feet, including machine shop.

WALNUT, IOWA—City, Marjorie Williams, clerk, will open bids Oct. 1 for improvements and equipment for municipal power plant, including diesel generating unit, cooler, switchboard and auxiliaries, with building changes to accommodate trolley beam and hoist. Ralph W. Gearheart, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is engineer.

UTAH

COPPERTON, UTAH—Utah Copper Co., Kearns Blvd., Salt Lake City, has let contract to Bowers Building & Construction Co., 1033 South State St., Salt Lake City, for a machine shop and acetylene generator house at Copperton, to cost about \$400,000.

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES—California Cornice, Steel & Supply Co., 1620 North Main St., is building a storage building at 1601 Naud St., 122 x 130 feet and 50 x 120 feet, with two 5-ton cranes, to cost about \$80,000.

LOS ANGELES—General Cable Corp., 3600 East Olympic Blvd., has let contract to McIsaac & Menke, 3440 East 22nd St., Los Angeles, for a plant addition 25 x 140 feet, to cost \$20,000.

LOS ANGELES—Byron Jackson Co., 2301 East Vernon Ave., is having plans made for a plant building with 75,000 square feet floor space.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF.—Armstrong Cork Co., 5037 Patata St., will let contract soon for a plant addition 100 x 120 feet, to cost about \$40,000.

OREGON

PORTLAND, OREG.—Beall Pipe & Tank Co., 1945 North Columbia Blvd., will build new factory building at that address, 200 x 500 feet, to cost about \$500,000.

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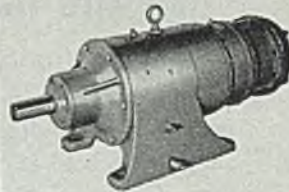
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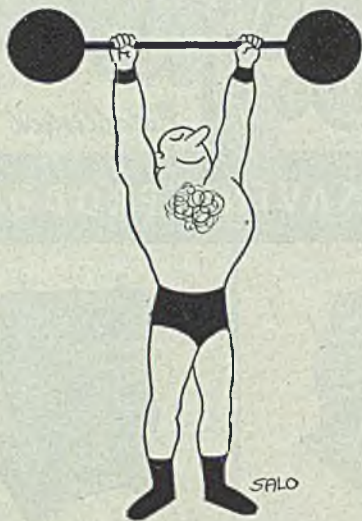


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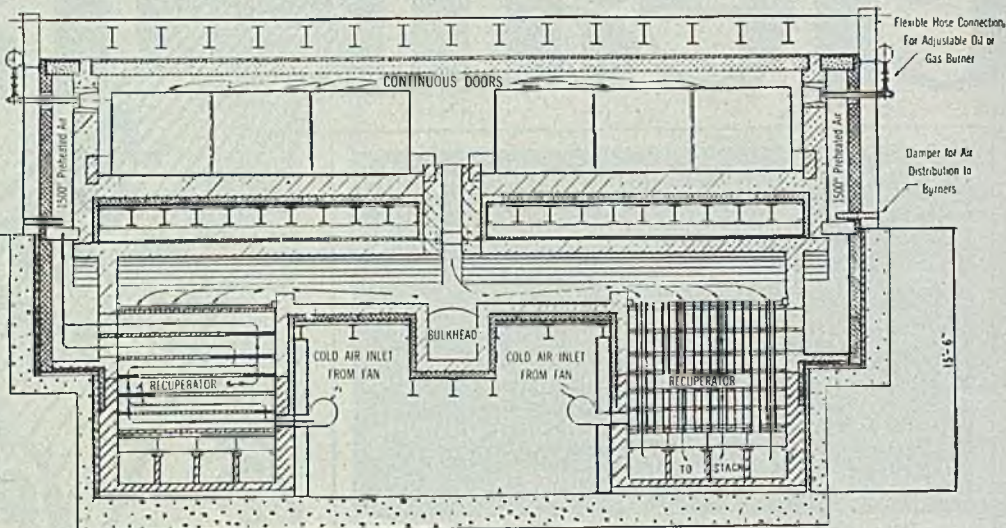
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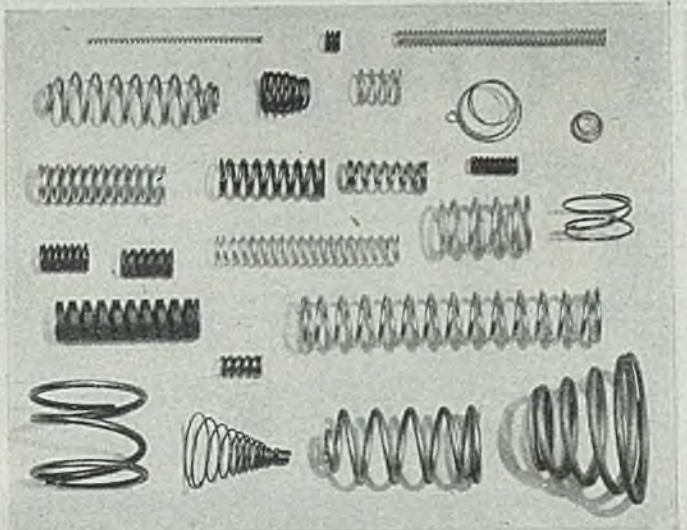
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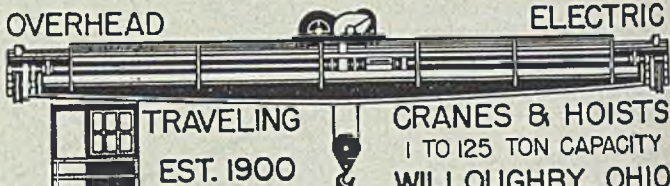
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