

U. S. Seeking Scrap Steel in Reich Zone

10 Million Tons Would Replenish Supplies

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 22—The U. S. government is working out a plan here to obtain from our zone of Germany an estimated 10 million tons of scrap iron and steel.

The scrap is needed by our own industry. Ordinarily, a ton of scrap goes into the making of three tons of steel. Because so much of our steel and iron was dissipated over the world by war, U. S. scrap prices now are at record highs.

A long ton—2240 pounds—of cut-up steel rails, needed for making alloy steel, now sells for the same price as a short ton—2000 pounds—of new rails.

Other special types of scrap are even more expensive. Especially pinched are hundreds of foundries, which make special castings for industrial and home equipment.

Hold On to Pig Iron

Ordinarily these foundries rely on pig iron bought from the big steel companies. But with scrap so scarce and expensive, the steel companies are holding onto their pig iron for their own needs, charging their furnaces with a higher proportion of pig iron to scrap than is usual.

A group of steel men and government officials has just returned from Germany. They estimated 10 million tons of scrap metal could be collected there without hampering the German's own steel industry.

Though written in such a manner as not to offend either the Army, which now administers our zone in Germany, or the State Department, soon to take over, the experts' report contains some statements embarrassing to our administration.

Krupp Subsidiary

For instance, 19 submarines standing on the ways at Bremen when we moved in still have not been claimed by the U. S. as war materiel because no proof can be found that the German Navy ever paid for them. The submarine plant was a Krupp subsidiary.

Of the relatively small amount of Nazi materiel which we confiscated (100,000 tons), half of this has been sold to Czechoslovakia through a German civilian corporation which we control.

At the time our mission was there, 3000 tons had been delivered. Unless the contract has been cancelled, the rest will fall to the Russians.

By contrast with our timidity in laying claim to scrap, the experts reported that the British have a "far more comprehensive" definition of booty and have shipped out to the United Kingdom 500,000 tons.

Seek Large Supply

Every ton of scrap iron or steel brought back to the U. S. saves two tons of our dwindling supply of ore—so depleted by the war that the Great Lakes iron and steel industry is now talking of eventually relocating at seaports for better access to raw materials from abroad.

Estimates of the additional steel production which the United States could achieve if scrap were available vary from one to three millions tons annually.

Lodge to Install New Officers

Formal installation ceremonies of Koran Temple 30, Daughters of the Nile, will be held at 8:15 p. m. Wednesday in the Traverthe Room of the Lincoln Hotel.

Mrs. E. H. Little, 145 W. 43d St., will be installed as Queen.

Other officers to be installed are Mesdames Donovan A. Turk, Homer Anderson, Charles Russell, O. C. Collins and P. E. Cox.

Mrs. Dwight L. Clark, soloist and director of the Koran Temple choir, will present a special program. Miss Patra Kennedy, contralto, will be soloist, and Paul Mathews organist.

OES Auxiliary Books Installation Rites

An all day meeting and installation of officers will be held by the Corinthian OES Auxiliary Wednesday in Evergreen Masonic Temple. The installation will be held at 2 p. m.

Officers to be installed are Mrs. Thelma Garriott, president; Flossie Rhodes, vice president; Vera Littrell, secretary; Marie Mount, treasurer; Mrs. Jessie Davis, first directress; Mrs. Leah Meadows, second directress; Mrs. Francis Duggan, third directress.

Mrs. Garriott has appointed Ella Ann Richardson, chaplain; Ennis Suesy, organist; Gussie Sweetzer, chairman of sick committee, and Mrs. Lula McDonald, publicity.

Manual High Band To Present Concert

With Hugh Wheatley as student conductor, the Manual Training High School Band will present its annual spring concert in the school auditorium at 8 p. m. next Thursday, E. L. Brittan, band director, has announced.

Elected by the band members, Young Wheatley will direct the playing of "Marche Courageous," and will receive a baton autographed by senior band members Wayne Van Sickle of Lebanon will be guest conductor.

Soloists for the concert will be Geraldine Richeson at the marimba in "Marimba Capers"; Larry Holland, cornet soloist, in "Grand Russian Fantasia," and Don Kelly, sousaphone, in "Barbarosa."

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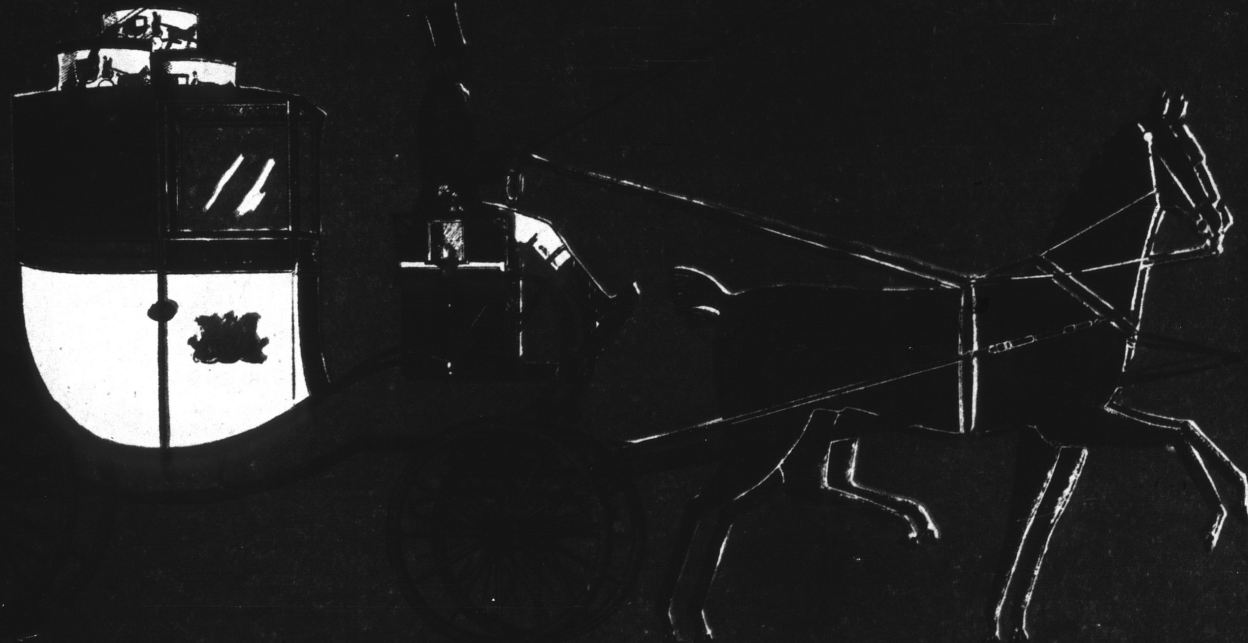
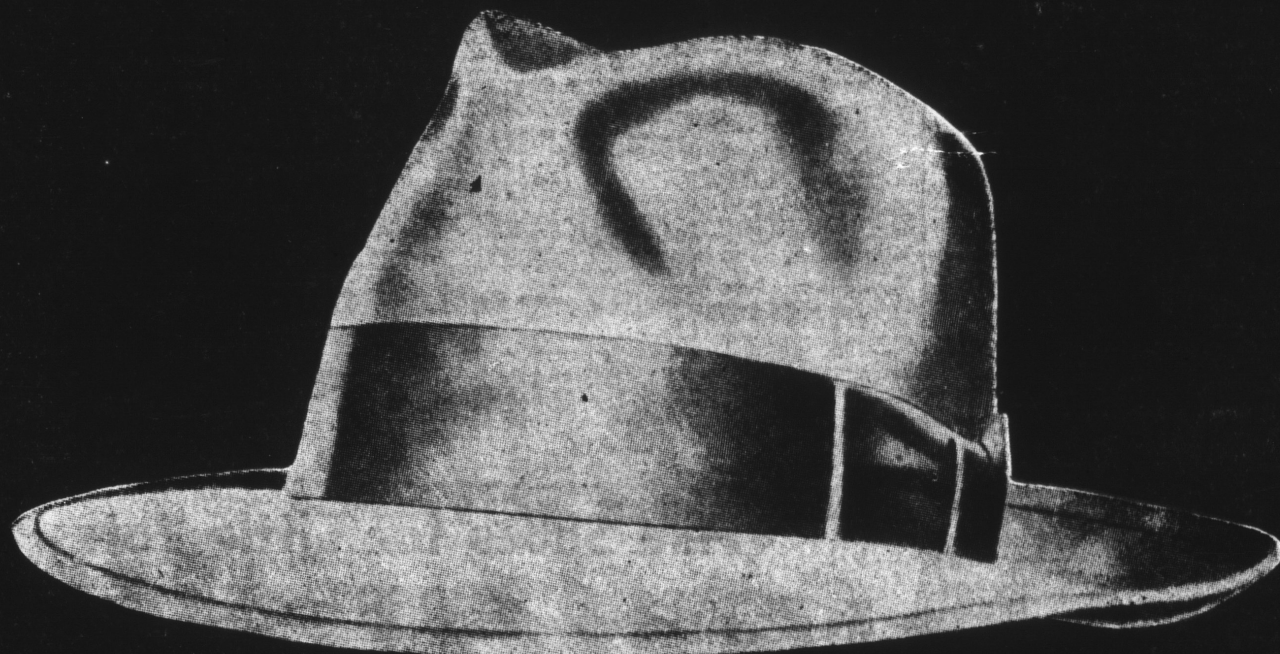
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