ATTACK ON AMERICA

BY GENERAL FRED WHITE

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THE STORY SO FAR: Gunfighter Arthur Donovan, secret service man, takes his foreign brown suit passed to Mexico for an errand for the United States government secret service to army headquarters. But the people know he is supposed to be "war mongering." Four large gunmen, who have been secretly selected from

CHAPTER VIII—Continued

As Bill's eye went back into the air, his mind was lifted suddenly out of the depths of black despair by a joyous miracle of deviling. Those new planes were climbing to and be made out by the shape of wings and fuselage that they were not Van Hassek planes.

Bill's hand flashed out his field glasses. He glued them to the eyes. From under the wings of those ironrumbling squadrons flashed the golden legend "U. S. Army."

American planes patrolling down Van Hassek's hornets now were circling about in a Lufberry circle awaiting the developments of attack. In a twinkling the American brain, man projected an audacious assault. Planes circled, dove, rolled, darted in the throes of combat. A plane came whirling down. Bill's jaw tightened as he saw the first casualty. It was an American plane. But another two of Van Hassek's hornets came tumbling out of the sky.

If the Van Hassek planes had stalled in reinforcements, they had decided upon precipitate flight against superior number. American Van Hassek plane went down. In a minute the cloud of fighting falcons passed into the distance behind.

A soon-now was burning the broken hills and swales when Bill's survivors rolled in on a Second Division outpost of Kirk. Bill's clank rolled in blood, was throbbing with pain, his right hand hung stiff and useless at his side. He climbed from the truck and shoddy checked his command as it came through the outpost. Forty-two manned in the Division of wounds, twenty-nine left behind dead along the erosion road from Laredo.

The outpost commander came hurrying up.

"Sorry to report in with my command shot to pieces like this, Colonel," Bill reported to grim deposition. "But the only choice was—capture. Where's the hospital, sir? My wounded must have care at once!"

"Eleventh's men are being evacuated to San Antonio, Captain," the outpost commander advised. "Colonel Dunn was killed, total casualties were three hundred men. But maybe that's not too bad when you consider our border cavalry was all gobbled up. The Twelfth and Fifth are still fighting it out, but they haven't any more chance than Custer had. From all reconnaissance reports, we'll be attacked in force here before many hours pass. All right, Bill, get rolling."

CHAPTER IX

In Washington, Captain Benning spent a sleepless nightmare of a night on the assignment from Flagwell of observing panic-stricken streets.

Daybreak and exhaustion restored some degree of reason. People moved about now as if stunned, but from time to time lunge looking fearfully into the skies or straining at every word of radio loudspeakers that had been put in service on principal streets.

Traffic jams finally had been reduced, steady streams of cabs and cars were pouring out of the city on all roads. Thousands flocked about the railway station clamoring for standing space on any train that led away from Washington.

Extra editions of newspapers burst into the streets at frequent intervals.

Texas invaded. Extras massed black headlines over meager dispatches from San Antonio. Van Hassek was moving north in three columns. American infantry and cavalry were fighting him at the Rio Grande. American Army Air Division was moving south to resume intervasion.

Another extra dashed out. Washington held! Benning rend eagerly. It had been as Flagwell guessed. The night raiders had planted a refueling field. Back of the Tennessee River, southwest from Nashville. The thing had been camouflaged as a new airways enterprise, had even been fostered by ambitious and unsuspecting chambers of commerce.

When the bombers and their convoys of fighting craft had put down to fill their tanks after bombing Washington, a few mounted machine guns had kept curious natives away. The aircraft had taken its personnel off at resuming their flight back to Mexico. Another raid on Washington would be impossible—unless attack could be launched from the sea.

That subdued hum of relentless activity filled the Munitions Building. Faces were lined and gray from strain and fatigue, but eyes burned from smudged sockets with steel resolution.

The night's panic had swept the whole country. In the midwest there had been incredulity at first. The whole thing seemed too inconceivable. Invasions, bomber raids, were an intangible atrocity occurring to distant peoples and recorded in dispatches. Those inexplicable atrocities

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the air, Washington was bombed and the President killed. Governor Reid, state member of the army in Texas, reported to General Grant at Washington that he was opposed by greatly superior forces. General Reid said he was in retreat, General Grant's advance at all costs. Bill and Bernard Kamm had to lead the trip. It is

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into hieroglyphics on the pages of Shanghai, Canton, and Madrid.

Already the hue and cry was rising west of the Allegheniens sharp on the heels of the first hysterical wave of fear. What of the Army? Why had our armed forces been caught napping? Why hadn't the raiders been detected and shot down?

The first reports of mobilization of Army and National Guard were received in Middletown was less than one fourth complete. The Regular Army was ready to entrain for concentration points from its forty-odd outposts of small garrisons whose location had been dictated by the interests of commerce and congressmen rather than by the strategic of military training in the vital theaters of larger units.

Plans were being laid for a call for 500,000 conscripts. "We don't know to wait action by Congress. But Congress can be rushed upon now to go the limit. A draft of only a million men would come next."

As he spoke, Bernard Kamm, that would have to wait. There would be no time to train a million men. France and England, even in Canada, as of the beginning of World War. A year, or two years, might elapse before industrial mobilization, the country's own resources, could provide anything more than the valiant sacrifice of contact. If a major war was in the offing, the country would have to depend upon the massed valor of its manpower to take unequal red losses and drive through at all costs.

It was nine o'clock before Colonel Flagwell stamped in from the Chief of Staff's office. His face was ashen and lined, but his level black eyes glowed vitally.

"What an inglorious tangle!" he muttered to Lieutenant Benning with a shake of his head. "Which way to turn, that's the question bedeviling all of us."

"I've been reading the reports and recommendations of the staff sections, sir," Benning answered. "Mobilization seems to be moving right along and the panic is cooling off, even in Washington."

"Mobilizing is one thing, fighting another," Flagwell snapped out. "By tonight, when the Second gets entrenched at San Antonio, the whole country will be howling for action. The bond for anti-aircraft is already pouring in—and every one of the six regiments of anti-aircraft is short something, a battery or two, a full battalion, or essential equipment. Not to mention ammunition.

"The big trouble is, we don't know yet what we're up against and we've got to play a cautious game. If all we had to consider was Van Hassek, we'd rush troops in there and give him his lesson in a very few weeks. What the public will not be able to understand, nor even Congress, is that we've got to use some of our peace-strength army as a framework for building a national army.

"But anyhow, come what may with the future," Flagwell went on with a sardonic grin. "the Chief has just made one bon-mot of a quotation. We're to make our first real military stand down around Fort Worth, which is about as far as Van Hassek would dare go in any event."

Flagwell bolted a sandwich and washed it down with a cup of coffee, then pulled himself up to his desk.

"Uncle reports that will interest you, Benning," he announced abruptly. "Fifth, we've a tip from London that the Coalition espionage system in the United States is organized to completely wreck our industrial organization. That merely

"I have two reports that will interest you."

NEXT WEEK

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ing to their learning and imbibed opinions, but generally act according to custom.—Bacon

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Lesson for March 16

JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS DEATH

LESSON TEXT—Luke 22 14-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—As often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.—1 Corinthians 11:26.

Old things pass away, and new things take their place—such seems to be the law of life. That which is useful and greatly desired fulfills its time of service and is set aside for that which better serves the purpose. The change which occurred in our lesson seems the greatest, but was in reality so vital and fundamental that it must be most closely observed.

The Passover feast had come first great and joyful night of Israel's redemption out of Egypt's bondage, looking forward to the Christ and His atoning sacrifice, and the hope of redemption by the shedding of the blood of the lamb. The hour had come for Him to give Himself in death, and He had set aside the Passover because it has been fulfilled. It was now to be replaced by a feast of remembrance—the Lord's Supper, showing forth His death till He come.

I. The Last Passover (vv. 14-16). Our Lord had made ready for the intimate device to the Passover which He had celebrated with His disciples, for it was the last feast of Israel's kind recognized by God. All that it had been designed to represent and hope was fulfilled in Him who now lay at the head of the table. He had moved forward with reading, understanding, and joy to the day when His mission on earth was to be accomplished, and He was to become the Passover lamb (vv. 15, 16).

The fact that He had looked for word to it with desire does not in any sense minimize the deep distress of either Gethsemane or Calvary. Remember that, when as the Lamb of God, He was to be offered, He thought of the possibility of the cup being taken from Him. He said to His Father, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." Praying concerning the same matter in John 12: 27, He said, "Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour."

II. The First Communion (vv. 19-20).

Taking the unleavened bread and the unfermented wine of the Passover, which had just been observed by Him for the last time, Jesus established a new feast, the Christian feast of remembrance, which we call communion or the Lord's table.

As we have already suggested, it was not such a celebration as we know it today, for it was a meal, and as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor 11:26). At the Lord's table His followers find spiritual strength in remembering His death for them, and they also find that as they remember that He is to come again. In doing so they testify to the world that they believe in and cherish these truths.

This feast is also rightly called communion. For down through the ages and until He does come the disciples of Christ are joined in sweet communion, first of all with Him, and then with one another.

We also note that our Lord spoke of the cup as "my blood of the new testament." The word "testament" means "covenant." The Lord's table therefore speaks of our allegiance to Him, of our loyalty to our Lord, and our devotion to His service. The Christian Church therefore speaks of the communion service as a sacrament, a word taken from the Latin "sacramentum," meaning "a military oath, or solemn oath of allegiance.

III. Betrayal and Strife (vv 21-30).

Someone will say, "That point does not belong with the other two. Both the feast of the Passover and the Lord's Supper are for the joyful remembrance of deliverance and redemption." The objection is well taken except for one thing—we are dealing with human beings as they are, not as they should be and could be by the grace of God.

Here in the inner circle of the twelve there was one traitor. It seems impossible, but apparently Judas had maintained such outward conduct as to turn no suspicion in his direction, even though all along he had in his heart the blackest of treachery against his Lord. It is a sad and soul-searching fact which here is revealed, that it is possible for one to make a high profession of faith in Christ and even so to live as to give no cause for criticism, and yet to be unregenerate and in fact the enemy of Christ.

What about the strife regarding position? Shame on us, for it still goes on in the church. Not even the remembrance of our Lord's death and the reminder that He is coming again is enough to keep men from wanting to be greatest.

May the spirit of Christ get hold of some self-seeking Christian as he takes Jesus Christ as the One whose body was broken and whose blood was shed for him.

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FIRST LOG OF MARINES

Battered and worn is an old book that exists in the archives of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Yet its covers are some of the most dissimilar entries ever included in a record volume. Its pages reveal records of Revolutionary meetings, lists, hardware accounts and data concerning the first log of the Marines.

Flames of the Revolution had not yet begun to smoulder in 1770, when a Quaker gentleman neatly inscribed in the leather-bound book the minutes of a Masonic meeting. For some six years thereafter accounts of similar meetings were faithfully entered in the ledger of Tun Tavern, formerly a riverside hostelry near the Delaware in old Philadelphia.

But the Masons moved to new quarters in 1775, leaving their ledger behind. A score of years later when the Marines were drumming up recruits for the new Continental Navy, they made their headquarters at the tavern, and the book was used to jot down the names, ages, heights of the newly recruited sea soldiers.

Almost as legible as when they were written the book reveals the merger roll, pay roll and other records of the Early American Marines. The first of the Marines enlisting in 1775 and showing the year they were paid in pounds, shillings and pence.

Soon after 1779 the Marines dismissed the book and the tavern keeper took it home to destroy the ledger of Tun Tavern, but forgot to do so. Nearly fifty years later the Marines were drumming up recruits for the American Marines, the time of the War of 1812, and in 1775 and showing the year they were paid in pounds, shillings and pence.

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After serving so many purposes the forgotten book lay in an attic for another half-century until it became the property of the Historical Society in 1891.

Deliberate with caution, but act with decision, and deal with opponents or oppose with firmness.—Colton.

THE FARM AND HOME

Sandwich fillings can be made of leftover meat, cheese, or ground leftover cold meat seasoned with a little onion juice or mayonnaise. Combinations of meat and moist of leftover cooked vegetables and ground meat mixed with mayonnaise.

In preparing the broader beans, remove cobwebs and lint from floor and walls, and scrub with boiling water containing a can of lye to 12 gallons. Then spray with a 5 per cent solution of coal tar of creosote.

Lye used in clean drain pipes may combine with grease and clog the pipes. If lye is used, it should be followed immediately with large quantities of hot water. Lye will damage china and enameled fixtures.

Well-rotted manure and high grade commercial fertilizer are used in feeding shrubs, given Lonsen the out to a depth of 3 to 4 inches, or drill holes 15 to 20 inches deep, to permit the fertilizer to come in close contact with the roots.

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According to an article that appeared in the Rand McNally Bankers Monthly the Bank of Maysville, in Maysville, Kentucky, is the one bank in Kentucky over 100 years old. There are 149 banks in the United States over 100. The Maysville bank was established in 1836.

Medical Society To Meet At Erlanger

The Licking Valley Medical Society, of which the doctors of this county are members, will meet at Erlanger, Kentucky on March 15 at 11:00 o'clock, eastern standard time. The principle speakers will be Dr. A. Harry Crum and Dr. Frank H. Mayfield, both of Cincinnati, Ohio.

CUSTOM

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Plans Announced For Wheat Quota Vote

Tentative plans for holding a national marketing quota referendum among wheat growers, on May 31 have been approved by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard and arrangements for conducting the vote among Kentucky wheat growers are now being made by the State AAA office announces.

Although the marketing quota determination will not be made until a later date, J. Berry Burkhead, chairman of the Shelby County Agricultural Conservation Association, stated that preliminary estimates indicate a 1941-42 supply of wheat in excess of the marketing quota, which was fixed by the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

The quota will be one effective when announced and will continue in effect for the 1941-42 marketing year unless opposed by more than one-third of farm farmers voting in the referendum. Under the quota, a cooperating wheat farmer, one who plants within his wheat acreage allotment, may sell his market all he produces plus his carryover wheat. Farmers who exceed the quota on or over

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Soil Conservation

There are actually one mechanic, ten members of survey crews and draftsmen, five clerks and property keepers, one filling station operator, cooks, bakers, medical attendants, and other specialized types of work in the conservation control camp. In addition, there is a group who advises as officers, known as foremen and assistant leaders.

"The personnel has come up many times recently as to what the CCC is doing toward National Defense," Mr. Williams said. No Military training is given. All young men between than 21 years of age, however, are registered for the Selective Service just the same as if they were not in a camp. They will report for duty in the order as soon as their numbers are called.

"When CCC boys go into the Army, according to opinions of Army officers they will make far better soldiers than if they had never been enrolled in a camp. They have been vaccinated and have been put through the "toughening-up" process so necessary for a soldier before he can be in the fight. They have learned to live together and work together. In other words, these boys have had their elementary training if they are drafted into the Army.

"The CCC is preparing young men for National Defense, however, in many ways besides making them physically and temperamentally fit. The training they receive in skill of vital non-combatant value may be an important part of the defense program.

The boy who can be trusted to drive a truck in convoy and has his fundamentals of safety driving and drafting can make military sketches with fairly rational training. Visitors who have eaten the 'grub' in a CCC camp agree that the cooks and enrollee cooks would be a blessing to the company messes of some Army units. "These are but a few of the skills taught CCC men that are preparing them to do their part toward the nation's defense."

In all cases the work training received on the job is supplemented with classroom instruction that gives the essential "book-learning" necessary to make the boys effective in their particular line. Some of the jobs require more theoretical training than others. The surveying crews, draftsmen, clerks and bookkeepers must spend some time studying mathematics. Other boys are taught soil analysis, dietetics, first aid, and many other subjects. All illiterates are taught to read and write.

The training program goes even further, however, than just teaching the boys how to hold a job. It also teaches them how to get a job when they are graduated from camp. Each boy is taught how to fill out an application blank and make applications for a job. The correct approach in applying for a job is often as important to these unemployed youngsters as their skill as workmen.

"Most of the boys who graduate from the camps get a job at the time they leave the camp, or soon thereafter," Mr. Williams reported. There are some, however, who go back to the home farm. These boys also find that their training in camp has been highly beneficial because soil conservation is one of the things that all of the boys are taught thoroughly."

MONEY TALKS

By Frederick W. Stamm, Economist and Director of Adult Education, University of Louisville.

One day a year millions of Americans are made conscious of the government's way. Every day in March, 15 when personal income tax returns are due and payable. Most Americans are now figuring how much they owe and, in some cases, how they are going to pay it. To many, this will be a sore experience for this year the exemptions were lowered from $1000 to $800 for the single person and from $2500 to $2000 for the married person.

In addition to the income tax, the national government has other taxes which we pay every day of the year. These taxes produce two billion dollars yearly. Hidden taxes are added to the price of articles and we often we fail to realize we are paying them. For example, when we buy a ten cent package of cigarettes, we pay a 6 1-2 cent Federal tax. If a sick baby's two days, then we will buy 192 a year and pay a tax of $96.00. This is a fairly large amount and I am sure that if the government taxed us each $30 once a year for the privilege of smoking we would all set up a howl. Federal tax on this product yields over $600 a year. Maybe you like a cocktail. If you pay a Federal tax every time you buy a ticket. And serve it at your parties, you pay these taxes.

I am not attacking hidden taxes in this article. I am merely pointing out that many of us pay taxes 365 days out of the year and not only on March 15. Very few Americans escape paying taxes and this is the way it should be.

Want to save money on your income tax?

To save money is simply to know all the deductions to which you are entitled. Before pointing out some of the deductions that many people overlook, let me remind you that every single person receiving a total yearly income of $800 or over and every married person receiving a total yearly income of $2,000 or over must file a return, even though he pays no tax. And remember, these returns must be in by March 15.

Now for some deductions. First, taxes that are collected at state, county, and city real and personal property taxes, state income taxes, gasoline taxes in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and West Virginia, and amusement taxes. You may also deduct automobile license fees and driver's license fees. You cannot, however, deduct Federal income tax paid last year.

If you are a lawyer, dentist, doctor, or chiropractor, you may deduct dues to professional societies, cost of professional journals, and depreciation on your library.

Clergymen may deduct automobile expense when automobile is used for official duties and also traveling expenses to church conventions. Lawyers, dentists, and doctors may deduct traveling expenses to professional meetings as may teachers.

Workingmen may deduct labor union dues. Policemen and firemen may deduct cost of rubber coats, boots, holsters, etc., which are necessary in the performance of duty. We can all deduct the interest we pay on loans and contributions made to religious and charitable institutions.

Business and professional men may deduct all business costs including bad debts, depreciation, and all repairs to business property.

And do not forget to take off the 10 per cent earned income deduction allowed all wage earners. This is the deduction most overlooked and a large one, too.

There may be more deductions to which you are entitled. There are a number of inexpensive books published on this subject which should help you prepare your tax return and also save you money by informing you of all your allowable deductions.

Here's The Latest In Spring Styles

The spring's leading colors for everybody's clothes? The state's boys of beige to brown, blue and black; but plum, wine, red, purple and pink are for many seasons.

The most important "must" on the wardrobe list? Tailored suits, sheer with easy-fitting jackets. Skirts are average length of 25 inches, and often smooth-on shoulders, though not always. In fact, many styles and varieties of suits may be worn this season, according to Mrs Verna Latake, clothing specialist for the University of Kentucky.

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Dietetians Enroll In Defense Program

By the time the annual spring meeting of the Kentucky Dietetic Association is held March 21-22 at Louisville, every dietetian in Kentucky will be registered for service in national defense, it was stated today in a preliminary report by Miss Elizabeth Hodges, state secretary. Cards listing education and training, experience, specialductions.

And, above all, be sure and file your return on time! Lucky home economics department.

Coats may be fitted or box with emphasis on straight lines and deeper "armseyes," the clothing specialist reports. Skirts have an easy, controlled fullness or else they are rather straight. Most coats will be found to have the deeper armeye, set-in sleeves and carefully padded shoulders, and the very new may have more blouse in the top.

As for hats—for once, the woman buyer may select what is becoming to her with no fear of style lack. Almost any size, shape and fabric goes. Therefore the wearer should select for looks.

As for clothing fabrics, they are smoother in texture than have been used for several years, and as usual in such cases there is more emphasis on quality.

Colors that are good besides the spring greens that still are soft looking and either light or dark; gold, red, and wine are the common spring trend, on the whole, is toward smooth shoulders, Miss Latake warns that this must not be used by everyone, everytime, but only in styles calling for it. Box sleeves are not for everyone, either.

Assisting speakers at the state meeting will be Dr. Lydia J. Roberts, head of the University of Chicago home economics department; Miss Marsha Wheeler director of the Consumers Foundation of W.L.W radio station; Dr. Stacie E. Erikson, head of the University of Kentucky home economics department and chairman of the Kentucky Nutrition Committee for national defense; Miss Gladys Hall, educational director of the American Dietetic Association; Miss Miriam Birdseye, extension nutritionist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture home economics department, and Dr. Frank Gunderson, Chicago research director.

Special features will include talks by Mrs. Wayland Rhoads, president of the Kentucky Woman's Clubs, who will discuss nutrition as a force in professional and home activities; a dramatic reading by Frank Fowler, director of the university's little theatre; a 40-minute movie of Hungarian stock farms by G. B. Leach, Lexington, and a talk by Miss Myrtle Weldon, state leader of home demonstration work. Miss Lillian Horacher, Lexington, will give demonstrations of flower arrangements at the annual luncheon.

The custom and fashion of today will be the awkwardness and outrage of tomorrow—so history and these transitory laws.—Dumas.

THE GARDEN

(By John S. Gardner, Kentucky)

Those gardeners who have their gardens broken are indeed fortunate, for the few frosts that have occurred have done much to make the soil friable and loose. Unbroken gardens should be turned as soon as at all possible, and a manure or cover crop growth is to be turned under, a thorough harrowing should be given, before. This is to be taken into consideration if this material were turned under as it lies, it might form a layer that would cut off the deeper soil moisture, and make the garden "droughty."

Many complaints are heard each year about garden soils "running together." To some extent, this may be attributed to the soil being of a clayey nature. A stiff clay tends to run together, of course, but this condition may be much improved by turning under matter of a strawy nature, to rot down to form what is called "humus."

On the other hand, some gardens perform well as long as there are rains aplenty, but "burn-up" when warm, dry weather starts. By a strange coincidence, the results for such a soil is the same as for one that "runs together," namely: humus. For humus makes sandy soils dense enough, enabling them to better hold moisture.

The best humus material is of course stable manure, of the two commonly used, horse manure is better than cow manure, for the latter, being alone and over long periods, tends to "bind" soils that are composed largely of clay. On the other hand, cow manure helps make loose sands dense, and able to hold moisture.

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