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more than half a year.

For ~~the best part of a year~~ the Lend-Lease Act has been in force and almost since the beginning of the war we've heard of American factories working for Britain. ~~We've read a great deal about United States docks busy loading our ships with guns and rifles and planes and tanks and~~ We've followed with breathless anxiety the dangerous passage of these vital goods across the Atlantic. But we haven't seen very much evidence with our own eyes of the stuff in Britain. In the pictures that follow, you will see just a small part of that war material made in United States factories. You will see how the stream of modern weapons is swelling to a flood; you will see an endless chain of steel fighting-equipment flowing in to equip a new British offensive machine; It's a pity these pictures can't be shown in Germany and to the countries now occupied and oppressed. The effect would be revolutionary.

For all this, we have to thank one man. At the start of the war, America was three thousand miles away from our battlefields; her policy since the last great war had been to keep her nose out of European affairs; and you couldn't honestly blame her. But America's President had the genius that foresaw Hitler's design for world conquest with unmistakable clarity. He knew that if Britain went down, America must probably go down too. But he had the job of selling that conviction to millions of Americans who didn't want to believe it. What you see now is the evidence of how well he succeeded. Yes --- we in Britain have good cause to say ---

"Thanks Mr. Roosevelt."

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Inside one of the depots of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps they're receiving and testing American fieldguns ^{& predictors;} Germany had many years start of the democracies in the massing of armaments for war; and although we knew what Hitler was doing, we were foolishly content to hope for the best and we let him get on with it. It's pretty obvious that the price we must pay for peace in the future is to keep ourselves armed and strong. No doubt, after the war there will be plenty of soft-heads who will call for world disarmament. Let us never forget that because we once listened to that cry, we nearly ceased to exist as a free nation. Nations are like people; it's a ~~great~~ ideal to have everybody disarm so long as the world is populated by angels; but nations are like ~~people~~ and they have the same instincts; ~~the~~ nations that want to start robbery don't try to rob the big fellow --- they pick on the small and ^{the} ~~weak~~. Britain's strength is growing daily: and so Britain is regaining her old place as a leader among the nations of the world.

Thousands of Tommy Guns; girls of the A.T.S. and armourers testing and assembling in another giant depot. The army plus nearly two million men in the Home Guard to-day are well-armed: it looks as though it won't be long before they all have devastating fire-power. *^ This is the real Victory March!*

~~T.N.T. explosive for mines and blasting and bombs:~~ more concrete evidence of the force of weapons being built up to smash Germany.

~~And talking of bombs,~~ *talking smashing -* here's a useful looking fellow that's

2 getting himself talked about by the R.A.F.

Still the stream flows on. *to train + train* Endless conveyors carry the war-goods from ship to lorry; from lorry to depot; from depot to underground store. While the Soviet Union continues her magnificent fight we have a welcome breathing space; time to build up a mighty arsenal; time to train our men in the use of the new weapons that are coming in every day and every night. If the invasion does come, every German will stand a good chance of being blown sky high.

So that's a little clue to the extent of the help that is coming across the Atlantic. Much help must now go to the Soviet whose need to-day is even more pressing than ours. But with this help and our own great efforts we can lay our path to victory. Mr. Churchill recently gave us good news of the Battle of the Atlantic; our losses are down by two-thirds and every ship that comes in adds to this great ~~great~~ storehouse of the weapons of victory.

Hitler's excursion against the Soviet has given us a chance we never dared to hope for. Let's grab it with both hands, ^{victory} for speedy/ In the meantime, once again -- Thanks, Mr. Roosevelt.