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Dear Sumner:

The global war has reached a crescendo which would appear to be the beginning of the end, with the end in sight. First there is the attack on Japan's homeland by our new super Liberators which evidently caught that country by surprise, caused not only heavy damage, but must have brought about the fear of impending doom at home. Then there is the steady advance on the Normandy beachhead which is expanding, slowly but surely. The success of the attack in that region gives the lie to the constant claim of the Nazis of the impregnability of Europe. When we are able to get going there on high gear, the results will be like those now in Italy where we are progressing at an extraordinarily high rate of speed towards Florence. There in Italy two German armies appear to have disintegrated so that the resistance is now feeble. Returning to the Pacific, we read of the attack on Saipan in the Marianas where steady progress is being made. Evidently we are now fully equipped to stage a full show in every ring. Such global power is breath taking and definite portent of victory. May that victory come in this year.

With today's article, herewith enclosed <sup>by</sup> Wendell Willkie on a labor program I agree wholeheartedly. To put it in a word, capital, management, and labor together form a three legged stool upon which our national economic rests. Each leg must be as strong as the other two, if the perfect balance is to be maintained.

No special news here.

Affectionately,