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OUR FORESTS AND THE WAR

Man the axe, the saws, the peavies;
Lay the forest giants low!
In our nation's arms and navies,
Timber now to war must go!

In the crushing of our enemies,
Wood must play a major role;
Nations wrung by tragic conflict
Cry for help from pole to pole.

Landing wheels, invasion barges;
Tank obstructions, rifle stocks;
Skiis and and staffs and bombing charges,
Pontoon bridges, wharves and docks;

Lacquer, pulp and turpentine
Products from the forest hail;
Coat propellers spreading wings,
Masts and spars and wooden rail.

Anti-moisture impregnate,
Insulators, gasogene,
Poison masks, torpedo tubes,
Rayon chutes and cellophane;

Desks and tables for the mappers;
Both at home and over-sea.
Photo films and cartridge wrappers;
Flour of wood for TNT.

Bombers, fighters, cruisers, chasers,
Fashioned from the nation's store.
Submarines and "Battle Wagons."
Swell production more and more!

Blitz and blast the foes of freedom
From the land, the sky, the sea!
And restore our peace and comfort
Certified by Liberty!

—J. A. Larsen

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