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1. In October 1946, the firm of Schaffer & Budenberg in Magdeburg-Buckau produced 207 tons of electro-steel castings for machinery, of which 143 tons were earmarked to be used for machinery for cement factories; actually they are used as armor plating for tanks.
2. The steel casting industry has recently been badly hampered by traffic conditions described as "catastrophical" and by supply difficulties. Factories live from hand to mouth. Scrap metal for the electro-furnaces is scraped together from ruined buildings and elsewhere. These conditions make it difficult for the required gradings of steel to be obtained but it is stated that the manganese content of the castings for the cement machinery order has not exceeded 0.35 percent.
3. The Magdeburg factories are also suffering from a shortage of electric power and some of them are therefore taking a week-day off instead of Sundays in order to stagger working periods.

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