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EDITORIALS

THE AMERICAN STORY

Much of the talk nowadays is of the commodity shortages caused by war priorities. In a world at war, military needs necessarily come first and civilian needs second.

Not enough attention has been paid to the remarkable fact that, in spite of the magnitude of our arms effort, the American people have caused so little discomfort.

Everywhere else in the world the strictest kind of rationing is the rule. Only in the United States is there abundance of all the necessities and many of the luxuries.

That is partly due to the fact that this is a rich country, possessed of boundless resources. But resources in the raw are of value to no one. They must be produced, processed, manufactured, distributed, before they can contribute to economic and social life.

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It is American private enterprise in the service field—transportation, light and power, communication, etc.—which is rendering still another unsurpassed and essential contribution to the preservation, protection and maintenance of the American system.

That is the American story—the story of American private enterprise, in a thousand fields of activity. It is responsible for our greatness as a nation. It is responsible for the creation of a defense machine which will make us the foremost military power.

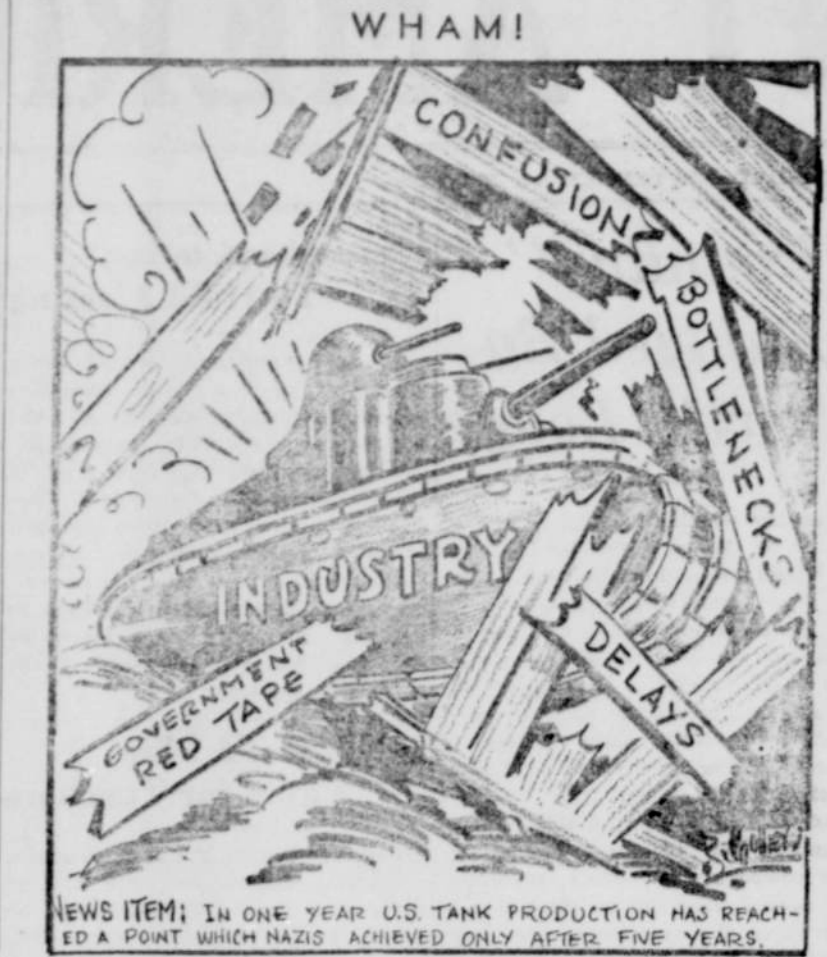
HERE COMES WINTER

Fall and winter are on their way. Many parts of the country are still enjoying clear, warm days—but the months of rain and snow and cold aren't far off.

The winter season brings with it some of the greatest fire hazards—hazards which are responsible for thousands of deaths and the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property each year. Yet those hazards can be easily corrected.

Winter hazard number one is your heating plant. Before long, it will be subjected to maximum load. Any defect, any weakness, may result in a disastrous fire. That is true of furnaces, stoves, fireplaces and everything which has to do with creating and conveying heat. Don't be your own inspector—that is not an amateur's job. Call in a qualified repairman. It won't cost much—and it may save a life, a home, or a factory.

Another hazard is exposed electric wiring. Cords fray and fixtures get



out of whack. Short days involve heavy use of light. Here again, a qualified expert should make all repairs. And keep a stock of fuses on hand—the more or less common act of using a penny to replace a burned-out fuse is an invitation to disaster.

Now is the time to get ready for winter—not when it is here and you must use maximum heat and light. Do it today.

Economic Highlights

On September 1, the war entered its third year. In the two years that have passed since Hitler sent his legions into Poland, a long list of nations have been subjected to the ruthless Nazi rule. One of the citadels of democracy, France, has suffered ignominious military defeat, and has become a total state patterned on Hitler's Reich. Some 7,000,000 soldiers have been killed, wounded or imprisoned, and an unknown total of civilians have died in the rubble of falling buildings, and before the firing squads of the Gestapo and the S.S. troops. One of the Nazi military songs contains this line: "Today we rule Europe—tomorrow the world is ours." The first part of that has come true with a vengeance—but the second has not.

It is difficult, the war still being in an indecisive phase, to accurately sum up what has taken place during this astonishing conflict—a conflict which may well, as Hitler has said, decide the history of the world for the next thousand years. But one thing seems undeniably true, and that is that the forces which oppose Hitler have become tremendously stronger in the last year. After the evacuation of Dunkirk, it took an almost miraculous degree of optimism to give England a chance for victory. The best that most authorities hoped for was a negotiated peace, which would let some semblance of parliamentary government continue to live in parts of the Old World. Today Britain has at least an even chance of full and conclusive victory—and some experts think that her chance is better than that.

The United States is playing a great part in this. We are slowly becoming, in the President's phrase, "the arsenal of democracy." The possibility of our actually going to war in Europe seems to lessen, rather than grow greater. As yet, at least, Britain and her Allies have no need for additional manpower. What they need is munitions, and more munitions—and aircraft and still more aircraft. Today Britain is carrying the war to the Continent—and she is carrying it there partly with American bombers which can fly at 30,000 feet, above the range of anti-aircraft fire, and above the efficient fighting level for pursuit planes.

Britain spokesmen have been say-

ing lately, however, that we are not doing enough. American help, they observe, is as yet only a stream—not a surging river. And there can be no question but what the arms program has been held back by unnecessary delay, labor trouble, indolence, red tape, buck-passing. The lack of a single executive head for the multitudinous overlapping defense boards and commissions is still an extremely serious deficiency. Even so, production is coming up, especially in the aircraft field.

Some believe that the coming year will decide this war. Hitler is not only fighting a war on two fronts—smoothing he always said he would avoid at all costs—he must face a third front, too. The third front is the growing underground anti-Nazi movement in the occupied countries. Reports filter out from Europe of sabotage, the assassination of Nazi troops and police, the slow-down of work in factories in occupied lands which have been forced to produce for Germany. Later, the German authorities in the occupied areas have put into effect extremely stringent new rules designed to prevent anti-German activity of all kinds. But the underground movement continues and grows. It is said to be especially effective in France. Frenchmen who have escaped from Europe almost unanimously report that the overwhelming majority of French people pray for Allied victory—and wait in grim silence for the day when they may be able to settle their long account with what they regard as the traitors at Vichy.

On the Russian front, Hitler has been forced into precisely the kind of campaign he swore to avoid—a long campaign which must go through a Russian winter. The victories he has gained against the Soviet are relatively slight—there is little question but

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what he expected total victory in a matter of a few weeks, when he began. The Russians, soldiers and civilians alike, are fighting with that dogged fanaticism which has always been the mark of the Slav. And the German soldiers are dying like flies on Russian soil.

So, there is reason for hope as the third year of war begins. The Allies may not yet have the strength of the Nazi—but Allied power grows, and many are certain that German power, for all the areas it has conquered, and the resources it has gained, is dwindling. This may be the decisive winter in which one of the great pages of world history is written.

Mrs. Teddy Reynolds and children Dorothy and George Eddie of Glendale visited friends in Central Point last week.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of ELMAR D. SCHRADER, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, Administrator of the estate of the above named decedent, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same, duly verified as provided by law, to the undersigned at the office of G. W. Neilson, attorney for said estate, in the Court-house, at Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first posting of this notice. All persons owing said estate are directed to make payment to said Administrator. Dated and first posted this 4th day of September, 1941.

KENNETH E. GROVES
Administrator of the Estate of Elmar D. Schrader, Deceased.
28—Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

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In the Matter of the Estate of CAROLINE EPLER, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court of the State of Oregon, for the County aforesaid, Executor of the Estate of Caroline Epler, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased, to present them, verified as required by law, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said O. H. Bengtson at his office at 126 East Main Street, Medford, Oregon.

Dated August 21, 1941.
O. H. BENGTSON,
Executor of the Estate of Caroline Epler, deceased.
24—Aug. 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11

NOTICE OF SEASONAL DETERMINATION

Notice is hereby given that the employers listed below have been determined to be seasonal employers within the meaning of Section 126-707 O.C.L.A. Any interested party may request a hearing before the Commission within ten days after final publication of this notice. The "off-season" (in calendar weeks) of each seasonal employer in Jackson County is as stated below:
American Fruit Growers, Inc. (Medford), 52-30; Hagley Company, 50-32; Betz Packing Company, 44-

28; Robert D. Chamberlain, 48-10; Coffee Pot, 1-13; Arthur L. Coggins, 44-9; Arthur Davies, 48-8; Diamond Lake Improvement Company, 42-19; L. E. Edmonds, 52-21; Arthur J. Farra, 45-11; Montana J. Gilhouse, 41-13; Hamaker and Hild 44-22; Henry Lumber Company, 43-15; Herman Brothers Lumber Company, 42-12; Knight Packing Company, (Medford Plant), 46-32; Adolph C. Larson, 44-13; McGraw Morgan Lumber Company, 52-11; Medford Ice Storage Co., 14-26; Rogue River Valley Canning Company, 42-24; Myron Root and Company, 41-30; E. W. Segessenman, 44-11; F. J. Spalding, 51-11; Timber Products Company, (Sawmill), 44-5.
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