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WHEN the urge comes to give the railroads a kick, pause for a moment and reflect on the war situation and where we would be today if it were not for the efficiency and untiring energy of this great transportation system. Too many of us are inclined to consider only our own selfish interests, not taking into account the general scheme of things in which our individual puny discomforts and inconveniences cannot be reckoned if the Allied Nations are to sweep forward to victory.

We are thankful that there are men in the country big enough to recognize the intelligent, patriotic effort of the railroads and take the privilege of quoting from an editorial recently appearing in the Kansas City Journal over the signature of Editor Harry Newman. It is a finely-phrased tribute to an industry which is literally performing wonders in behalf of the American war effort.

Writes Editor Newman:

"We know where we would hang a medal, if we were hanging medals.

"And you will never guess.

"It would be on the chest of what too many of us had come to believe was a decrepit old veteran about ready to fall apart—

"The railroads of America.

"All of us have been inclined to criticize them for what we considered their lack of efficiency and indifference, and gossip had it that they were outmoded and incapable of handling modern problems of traffic, both freight and passenger, and under emergency pressure, would collapse.

"What a mistaken idea that was!

"Unsung, unacknowledged, without fanfare or boasting, they are doing the greatest transportation job ever known in the history of the world.

"They are moving troops and materials over mountains, across the plains and deserts, and tying coast lines together with an efficiency that is amazing.

"At the same time, passenger traffic is moving with greater comfort and speed than ever before and nonwar freight is being handled as though that's all there was.

"If there ever was an institution completely and thoroughly in step with the war effort and needs of the United States,

"It is the railroads."

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OLDER BOYS WILL REGISTER

MONDAY, April 27, is the day set aside by the government for men in the older brackets to register for selective service. As in the case of the younger men, there is no loophole for evading registration. Every citizen coming under the prescribed age must sign up. It will remain with the draft board to determine those fit for service, so regardless of your physical condition, get to the registration headquarters and place your name on the dotted line.

The strategy board has outlined plans for development. To do this, many men now working in defense in an army of 8,000,000, or even 10,000,000 fighting plants will be withdrawn for active military duty. Their places must be filled in order to keep military supplies rolling. This means that millions of men now employed in pursuits other than defense industries, or not employed at all, will have to take up the burden of keeping supplies moving to our armed forces and to our allies. The task will become greater as the armed forces increase, so there is no escape for those able to fill such jobs. Every man between the ages of 21 and 65 will be signed up for the duration and the prospect looks good for every able bodied man between those ages to be doing his part wherever officials see fit to place him.

The outlook is not a cheerful one, but far brighter than it would be if an all-out effort were not put forth.

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TURNING POINT MAY BE NEAR

NEWS dispatches earlier in the week indicated that the Allied Nations are beginning to get some of the breaks in the present rough and tumble conflict scattered over a large portion of the globe. Heartening news came from Japan, where American bombers paid a social call (the Japs are trying vainly to find out where they came from), and from the western front where one Mr. Schicklgruber is suffering from the jitters over the advent of numbers of American troops. It is stated that 15 divisions of nazi troops slated to relieve their badly chilled brothers on the Russian front have been diverted to the western front in anticipation of a grand offensive to be launched by the Allies now

concentrated on the British Isles. The offensive may be on the way before these lines go to press, but at the time of writing there was no information relative to the time of starting or where it will start, except that observers believe Norway will be the scene of action.

Be that as it may, the fact remains that Adolf not only has his hands full on the eastern front, but signs are growing that all is not well at home and it is a certainty that strong American forces are not in England on a sightseeing tour.

What a headache for the erstwhile painter and paper-hanger!

MRS. AMERICA IN THE WAR

- Cuffless Sleeves for Women
- Bleaching Poor Substitute
- Familiar Medicines Changing
- Golf to Tiddly-winks
- Watch the Price Tags
- Kiddies' Toys to Suffer

THE long-awaited order restricting women's styles is here at last and proves to be very mild. Mrs. America won't look very different, after all. A little less fullness in her skirts, a little less length in her jackets, no French curls on her sleeves. It's doubtful whether men will notice the difference at all—except that lines will be slightly more figure-revealing.

YOU'RE going to miss certain of your favorite canned soups. A new tin order prohibits tin for canning all except certain specified varieties. The range is still wide, but if your favorite was black bean or cream of mushroom, you won't find it on the list. Fish chowders, chicken, and a wide variety of vegetable soups will still be available, although many cans may be larger than usual. Also, a greater amount of tin is being allowed for packaging soups which require the addition of water, rather than those which come "ready to serve."

WHEN your old heating pad wears out, you may not get a new one to wrap around yourself. No more chromium may be used in their manufacture and production for home use is to be cut drastically. Hospital types, however, will still be made in near-normal quantities.

MAYBE it's a good thing that you won't be able to get chlorine bleaches as usual for your laundry. According to the Consumer Division it is only recently that housewives have used bleaches regularly. And often, in an effort to get clothes snowy white, the use of chlorine has damaged fabrics. Bleaching has never been a good substitute for washing, and clothes will last much longer if you depend on good washing methods, plenty of soap and water—and sunshine for a whitener.

EVEN familiar medicines are changing with the war. Both supply and distribution of quinine so important as an anti-malarial agent, has now been put under government control. Although quinine will probably disappear from many common medicines, it will be saved for military use and treatments in which it is indispensable. Ninety-five percent of America's supply of cinchona bark, the source of quinine, came from Java and the Dutch East Indies. South America is the next best source, and growing there is being spread as quickly as possible.

IF YOU and your husband are golfers, you may be taking up tiddly-winks before long. First the government took the rubber out of golf balls, and now a new order bans all iron and steel, other critical metals, plastics and cork from the manufacture of golf clubs. Soon golf club production is expected to stop entirely. However, supplies of golf balls and clubs for this summer are reported adequate.

AMONG government limitation orders last week of interest to Mrs. America: Almost complete prohibition of all new civilian building. No new installations of liquid gas equipment for cooking or heating. No more metal foil in cigarette packaging. No more household copper screening. A further deep cut in the jute previously allotted for rug and carpet manufacture.

PERHAPS unintentionally you have been hoarding first aid materials. It is true that the government has asked every household to be prepared with an adequately stocked first-aid cabinet—but this does not mean you should set up a miniature hospital. A very serious shortage of surgical gauze, bandages and other

medical essentials is threatened by a present wave of home hoarding. So don't stock up unnecessarily on materials which are of such vital importance to our fighting men.

MRS. AMERICA, watch the price tags! Already ceiling prices have been set on a number of household articles such as radios, phonographs, cooking and heating stoves, washing and ironing machines and vacuum cleaners—and many more are coming! Government regulations say that a tag must appear on each article clearly stating the maximum price which may be charged. This order is specifically for consumer protection against unfair prices—so be an intelligent shopper and look for the government tags.

AFTER June 30, a long list of metals, cloth, plastics, colors, oils and chemicals may not be used for toys, games or Christmas ornaments. So start looking forward to games made entirely of wood and cardboard, and Christmas tree ornaments made of paper and spun glass (no more dangling tinsel or cellophane). Already one manufacturer has perfected a tricycle made almost entirely of wood, and similar substitutions are being made in boys' coaster wagons. Unfortunately for big as well as little boys, however, electric trains are out for the duration.

Phone Company to Present Artist Series

A new "great artists" series of roadcasts will be featured on the "Telephone Hour" radio program of the Bell Telephone system beginning Monday evening, April 27, it was announced today by H. S. Aikens, manager of the telephone company, who said that the change marks the inauguration of the program's third year on the air.

In forthcoming broadcasts, the "Telephone Hour" will present Jascha Heifetz, violinist, who will be guest star on April 27; Grace Moore, soprano, on May 4; Charles Kullman, tenor, May 11; Lansing Hatfield, baritone, May 18; and Jose Iturbe, pianist, May 25. In June, listeners will hear Helen Jepson, Lawrence Tippetts, Lily Pons, James Melton and John Charles Thomas, on successive Mondays. Donald Voorhees will continue to conduct the Bell Symphonic orchestra.

Carried by NBC, a special live broadcast of the "Telephone Hour" from New York city is heard here at 9 p. m. every Monday.

Under the new program ar-

range, with different stars appearing each week, it will be possible to present an even wider variety of music than was featured during the Telephone Hour's first two years, Mr. Aikens said.

QUESTIONS

1. How long is the Great Wall of China?
2. What Englishman did most to open up South Africa?
3. What range of mountains are found in Australia?
4. Where is the deepest place in the Atlantic ocean?
5. What natural wonder is in Northern Ireland?
6. What famous reformer was preaching in the 16th century?
7. To what religion do most of the people of India belong?
8. What large island lies off the southern tip of Italy?
9. What mountain range separates Spain from France?
10. Was William Tell a historic character?

AAA FEED WHEAT PROGRAM EASES SPRING SHORTAGES

The AAA feed wheat program, through which government-held wheat is being released at local loan rates for feeding purposes, has been credited by the Oregon USDA war board with a major contribution toward meeting milk, egg and pork production goals set for the state under the Food for Freedom program.

Reviewing progress of production to date at its April meeting the board found that the 500 carloads of wheat sold to Oregon farmers under the program had helped relieve a deficiency of feeds created by the late spring and the increased number of livestock.

The board recommended to the

secretary of agriculture that the feed wheat program be continued "as the best means of converting the tremendous wheat surplus into needed livestock and poultry products, and of alleviating the acute grain storage problem."

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