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### Far From Beaten

It is not difficult to believe that Hitler is losing the conflict, but to contend that he is beaten is surely stretching a point. The Nazi war machine has shown some of its reserve strength during the past week, and while the Allies have met this resistance with only a slight check in their forward stride, it is to be seen that the enemy is still capable of putting up a strong delaying action. This not only is costly to the Allies but gives the Nazis much-needed time to strengthen the inner defenses of the fortress of Europe.

One of the phases of the Italian campaign in which we at home are most deeply interested is the war of hate being waged by the retreating Nazis. It is doubtful if a single important Italian town through which they pass will be spared all the destruction they can wreak before being pushed out by the determined Allied armies. Every home rendered desolate means more demand for relief funds from America. This campaign of wanton destruction will continue as long as German armies are on foreign soil. It is their purpose to leave nothing for the populace to survive on and with winter close at hand, it is readily seen that relief will have to be provided at an early date.

In the present effort to raise the quota set up by Oregon War Chest, Inc., we must ever be mindful that the war is far from won. On the contrary, much of the hardest fighting lies ahead. The supreme command knows this and has told the people to steel themselves for what is coming for it is anything but a pretty picture. Through our high command we are pledged to release the conquered peoples from their bondage and to supply them with the necessities of life until they are able to take care of themselves. It is not a task to be accomplished in a week, a month or a year. It will require several years at the least and we will have to accustom ourselves to the idea of giving liberally and often.

In the first week of the relief fund drive in Morrow county returns have been small, considering that more than \$4,000 have to be raised. This is less than one dollar per capita and something that many should contribute to rather than leave the bulk of the subscriptions up to a comparatively few generous donors. If you have a relative—and who has not—in the great conflict, don't forget that he is offering his life to free the conquered peoples and restore to them the right to live under the type of government they choose. He has no choice but to obey his commander's orders. He cannot concern himself about a new fall outfit, an unnecessary trip, a good time or the numerous other things we at home indulge in. He has to fight, to kill or be killed. And if he fails our money won't be worth much to us.

Let us look the situation squarely in the face and resolve to set aside a few dollars for this

worthy cause before we start spending too much on ourselves. There is plenty to go around if we budget carefully and if every one does his or her share the burden will not be heavy on any one of us.

### Actual Figures Minimize Losses

Railroad wrecks involving serious loss of life seldom occur and when they do the public as a whole is deeply shocked. There is no apparent reason for being shocked, unless it is due to the fact that our railroad system has a record unequalled by any other transportation method in the matter of safety and when a disastrous wreck occurs it gets far greater publicity. This was demonstrated recently when several serious train wrecks occurred in the east.

Figures show that the chances of the average passenger being killed in a train wreck are on a ratio of but one chance in four million. This means the average passenger can look forward to traveling in safety 370,000,000 miles—a journey which would require constant travel for about 1200 years. And this ratio is made on a basis including the higher passenger casualty list this year, which will exceed that of any year in the past 20 years. Fatalities for 1943 per 100,000,000 passenger-miles are very little more than they were in 1940, 1926 and 1925, and less than they were in 1922 and some of the earlier years.

If you have been losing sleep over the loss of life in railroad accidents, compare the record in three years since 1940 with one year of automobile accidents. Since 1940, seven bad railroad crashes cost the lives of 175 persons, whereas in the single year of 1941 automobile accidents killed 40,000 persons in the United States.

Also bear in mind that this record of safety has been maintained throughout a period of unprecedented rail travel in conjunction with a tremendous movement of freight. It is a record to commend the railroads for public consideration when travel under normal conditions may be resumed.

### Let's Get Rid of Them!

There is hope that the earwig pest may be eliminated to a large extent, if all property owners will cooperate in a general fall clean-up. No less an authority than County Agent Cliff Conrad has stated that the pesky little crawlers will multiply so long as there is plenty of cover for them and when that cover is removed and their egg beds are exposed to cold weather they will perish. Egg beds deposited under rocks will have to be treated with poison, it is pointed out.

A drive to rid the community of earwigs and other garden pests will serve a double purpose—that of getting rid of the bugs and improving the general sanitary condition of the town. In addition it will enhance the appearance of property that now is overburdened with weeds and debris.

A general cleanup is desirable and should be participated in by every loyal citizen, whether he be a property owner or not.

None of the 32 other states that use an income tax has an arrangement anything like Oregon's "Walker Plan," adopted by the 1943 legislature, that adjusts amount to be paid by a taxpayer to the amount of revenue required to be raised by that tax for state purposes. Wisconsin, where income tax surtax rates were abolished this year, is particularly interested in Oregon's new leveling-off device.

Hitler must have sensed what was coming. He put his master of retreat strategy in charge of the Nazi forces in southern Italy. If anyone can get the Heinies out of a tight spot it is Rommel.

### PLANNED DIET AID TO HEALTH

The vitamin-B-complex plays a very important part in preventing fatigue. Recent studies show that individuals suffering from deficiencies of the vitamin-B-complex tire easily and show greatly diminished ability to work. We are all mindful of the fact that reaching production goals depends to a great extent on the health of the workers. And in turn, health depends in large part on proper nutrition. The food suggested in rules for good nutrition supply all necessary food

factors adequately, including, of course, needed amounts of vitamins of the B-complex. These foods are among the good sources of one or more of the vitamins of the B-complex. Why not check your food to see whether it supplies all the factors which are necessary for health and vitality.

Do you have at least a pint of milk a day?

Do you eat a whole-grain cereal with milk for breakfast?

Do you have some whole-grain

bread during the day?

Dried beans or peas as often as once a week?

How long since you've had liver?

Do you eat generous servings of raw vegetables and fruit?

With restrictions on practically every food, cereal products now take on a new wartime role. And since they will be playing a larger part in meals than they have in generations, they ought to be as delicious as possible, as nutritious as possible, and served in as great variety as possible.

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From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Every time Lem Martin hears about another Jap battleship being sunk—or another Nazi city being blasted—Lem grits his teeth, and digs into his pocket for more War Bond money.

"With our soldiers over there doin' better 'n' better at their scorin'," Lem says grimly, "we can do the same at home."

It's easy to think that if the war is going well, we can afford to let down just a little instead o' realizing that the bigger our offensive gets the more our boys are going to need equipment and munitions.

From where I sit, here's the way it is... It's up to everyone of us to put not only our spare money into War Bonds, but to figure out new ways of saving so that we'll have still more money to invest in Victory.

As Lem says: "We asked for plenty of action—and we're sure getting it. All over the world our men have got them Axis fellas on the run. Let's Back the Attack with War Bonds."

Joe Marsh