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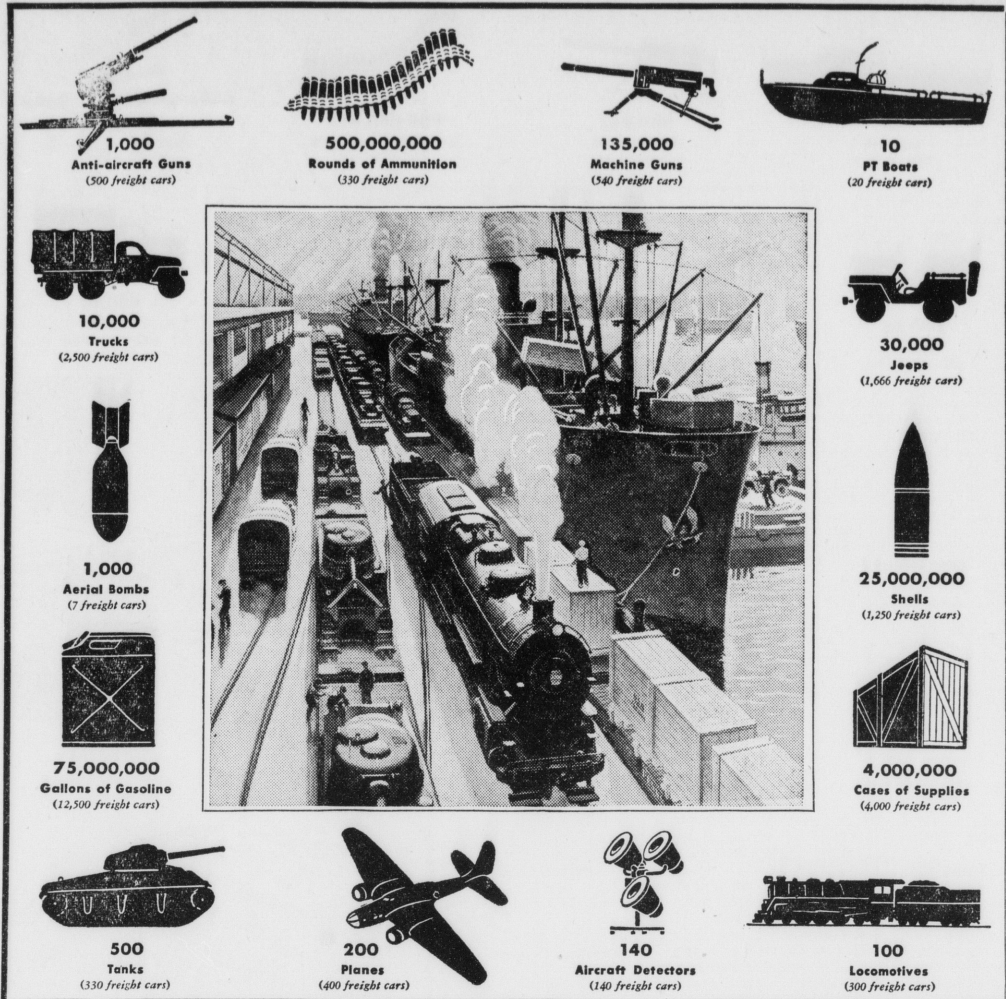
THE TEMPO OF THE WAR IN THE past several weeks has been so swift toward victory that most people are somewhat confused as to just what gains are being made. Strange names constantly loom in the daily news, both in Germany and in the Pacific theatre. But all these new names mean great achievements. That Germany elected to be destroyed to a great extent, even though they know long ago their cause was hopeless, is the greatest surprise of this war. It was this decision on the part of the Nazi leaders that fooled the Allies and the public generally, when most folks thought that the Krauts would fold up as early as last September. Anything can happen in Europe most any time now. Possibly at the time

you read this something has happened—but likely the German fighting will not end with any formal surrender. It will end gradually as the armies capitulate, and sporadic guerilla and underground fighting may continue for some time after all organized resistance has ended.

THE UNITED STATES MAY BE A stickler for the rules as laid down for treatment of prisoners of war at the Geneva conference, but when one reads of the condition that American prisoners of war had to endure, and then considers the coddling we have been giving German prisoners in this country—it makes one's blood boil. Living in dirt and filth, and starving our American boys, many of whom were rescued recently by our advancing Armies in the Reich, certainly haven't been getting anything like our government has been according the German prisoners we hold. It's about time that we wake up to the proposition that these arrogant Nazis are not to be coddled and should be treated in a manner in which they deserve. They deserve no better than what our own boys are given by their Nazi captors.

LISTENING RECENTLY TO A radio commentator we heard the allegation that our good government even has gone to the expense of buying ear phones, at a cost of \$60 each, for Nazi prisoners of war in this country who have become hard of hearing. If we are to have peace in Europe after this war ends, we had better quit the coddling of "the poor German people" at once. If we do it before the war finishes, what will be our attitude after it ends? The German populace are just as guilty in this war as are their Nazi leaders. Events that transpire in conquered German towns and cities show the German people as a whole figure Germany is in the right—that we are the aggressors. A form of government that makes its people believe that they are better than the rest of humanity, even when conquered, presents a problem that only a sheer force of arms can hold down. Let's hope this soft old country of ours, and our Allies, keep the Germans in their place, and not let them win the peace, as was the case after World War I.

WHEN THE NAZI FANATICS decided to carry on the war last fall, knowing that they were licked, and knowing that hundreds of thousands of casualties would needlessly occur in both German and Allied Armies, they did so with probably the great fear of their own particular hides. A loss of life to many meant nothing to them so long as they could obtain an additional lease on life for themselves. Their ruthlessness in the conquered areas, in Poland, Russia, and ev-



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everywhere, came home to roost with them. Now they are subjecting their own people to the same ordeal. This time they have elected to place Germany in an economic condition that it will take years to build up. The great "supermen" have been forced to degradation by the very same forces they employed to conquer a world.

AND IF PEACE IN EUROPE comes this week, next week, or in the next month, remember, too, that the fighting of the past several weeks has claimed the lives of thousands of American boys, boys who have been needlessly sacrificed, simply because a bunch of fanatics in a whipped country, kept a war going unnecessarily. Right here at home the casualties of local boys reflects, as it does all over the nation, ample reason why there should be no coddling of Germany after the war. Germany, if given half a chance, will again provoke another war when they have sufficiently regained strength. Our greatest concern now is the peace—to win it, we must see to it that there will be no great conflict again in another quarter century. There must be no forgiveness of the "poor German people." They must be demilitarized and we must see to it that they remain demilitarized.

WE ARE NOW APPROACHING another annual campaign for the raising of the necessary funds to carry on the administrative work of the Boy Scouts of America. It isn't asking too much of any of us, we feel sure, to help in carrying on this excellent program to make better men and citizens out of our boys. Give the campaign drive your help.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT DOGS ARE always coming in at this time of year. Dogs without license tags, and even dogs running at large are targets of home owners and tenants alike. With the start of early gardening this year, there have been complaints received of dogs destroying yards and potted plants. Keep your dog tied, or at least under control, at all times.

LAST WEEK, THE OLD NEWS-paper press that for the past quarter century printed the Patton Courier and the Union Press-Courier, was dismantled and sold for junk, and is ev-

en now finishing its career of usefulness by become an aid to the war effort. The Press-Courier now comes off a much larger press each week, and will shortly come to you in a much larger form. We have to get our plans completed first, and likewise utilize quite a large stock of the present size of newsprint, before the change occurs. For the past couple of years, our facilities have not been adequate to the demand for advertising space. That shortly, will be corrected.

ASHVILLE HAPPENINGS By ROSEMARY MURPHY

There will be a meeting for the mothers of children who are interested in 4-H Club activities in the Church Hall on Friday evening, April 9th.

Mrs. Ellwood Truax of Warren, O., spent the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Conrad.

Mr. F. P. Hollern, who is employed in Harrisburg, has been under observation at the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, Pa.

Mrs. Owen Godfrey is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Barbara Oiler, in West Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Litzinger of Sewickley, Pa., spent a few days at the home of his sister Mrs. A. H. Arug.

32-c James Lidwell spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lidwell.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
In the Estate of Cyril J. Hanlin, Late of the Township of Gallitzin, County of Cambria and State of Pennsylvania.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration in the Estate of said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to the undersigned.

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COUNTY DESTROYS SOME SLOT MACHINES

Fourteen slot machines yielded \$58,85 and 2,087 slugs to the county last week when the confiscated property, which had been stored in the Public Safety Building in Johnstown, was ordered destroyed by the District Attorney's office.

Judge Ivan J. McKenrick signed an order directing the disposal of the machines following a request from the district attorney's office. Detective John F. Carroll was in charge of the smashing of the machines. Roy Griffith, county treasurer, also was present.

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