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Nazis Plundering Occupied Lands

The German people have been able to live better during this war than during the last one because they have occupied the greater part of Europe and plundered the countries of their livestock, foods and economic resources, but as this is a process that cannot be continued indefinitely to anything like the same extent, and as they have already lost the great wheatfields of the Ukraine and will soon be cut off of Russia altogether, the future outlook for food is black, comments the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Norway, Holland and Denmark have been plundered until the natives live in a chronic state of hunger. The French government in London is in a position to give almost exact figures of direct levies of food by the Germans in France since June, 1940, which reveal the extent of German reliance on looting in one country alone to feed their own armies and people. The Nazis have also "bought" great quantities by means of paper marks.

In spite of the dislocation, removal and appropriation of French industries, Germany imposed a cost-of-occupation bill of \$10,000,000 a day based on a figure of 4,000,000 occupation troops. Notwithstanding the fact that there are probably not more than 1,000,000 German soldiers in France today, the Nazis still demand their \$10,000,000 a day for their maintenance, the balance being clear financial profit.

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BLACK DAWN

By VICTOR ROSSEAU

CHAPTER XV

They were almost at the bottom of the ravine, for beyond it the cliffs towered up to meet the coal-black sky. There was green grass underfoot, and the sound of a rattle falling from the rocks above.

Lois reined in Black Dawn. "This is the place, Dave," she said, and slid from her saddle, to fall in a crumple heap upon the grass.

Dave flung himself upon his knees beside her. The upper part of the overalls, already stiffened with blood, was wet with a new flow from the wound. Lois was breathing gently, but she had dropped unconscious.

In the face of the rocks immediately to the right of him Dave saw the entrance to a cave. He gathered the girl into his arms and staggered into it. Then he laid the girl down on the pebbly floor.

Dave tore off his scarf and made a pad of it, compressing the wound and holding it there for minutes. When he gently removed it, there came another spurt of blood. Again, this time for half an hour, Dave held the compress in position, and when he ventured to remove it the flow had dwindled to a small trickle.

the fragmentary muttering: "We'll save him, Black Dawn. He didn't do it. He's not the murdering kind." Then she slipped back into unconsciousness.

A sudden feeling of tenderness swept over him. Why, this was his girl—he'd known it from the first moment he had seen her.

Mescal was seething with excitement the following morning when Wilbur Ferris rode in. Curran had aroused the ranchman at dawn and informed him of the events of the night, and the futile attempt to follow the trail of the fugitives.

Judge Lonergan's house was the substantial one. Lonergan's Mexican servant admitted Ferris into a comfortably furnished living-room where Lonergan was seated at his breakfast table.

"Morning, Ferris," Lonergan greeted his visitor. "Sit down and have a bite, won't you? I've got a quarter of an hour before holding the inquest over old Hooker."

He wiped his mouth with a napkin, leaned back, and surveyed Ferris with a sardonic look that was not lost on the ranchman. Wilbur Ferris sank heavily into a chair.

"What the devil's all this mess about?" he demanded fiercely. "Damn you, Lonergan, I believe you brought that murdering scoundrel into this district for some infernal reasons of your own."

"Now that doesn't do credit to your intelligence, Ferris," responded Lonergan, after draining his coffee. "Fact is, I never set eyes on him till he came into the Wayside Rest, day before yesterday, and paid off old Hooker's mortgage interest."

"I want to know what that girl, Lois Hooker, is to you," said Ferris. "What did you bring the Hookers here for, and why have you kept them here these twelve years past? And why did you decide that the time had come to get rid of them?"

"Go easy, Ferris," Lonergan advised him. "You don't want to worry about my business. I've stood by you a good while now, when you'd have been down and out, and—"

"Yep, you've about drove me to my limit, Lonergan," answered Ferris. "You put that man Curran in charge of the Cross-Bar, and you sent away my good cowhands and brought in a gang of Mexicans."

"And now this Bruce feller comes along and plays hell generally, and, after his murdering old Hooker, that girl, Lois, stages a rescue from the lynch party. I tell you, it don't look straight to me. I want to know what's behind it."

Lonergan bit off the end of a cigar and lighted it. He emitted a puff or two of smoke before replying.

"So you think I've ridden you too hard, Ferris?" he asked. "Well, maybe I have seen my advantage and taken it when it come along. Lemme see, Ferris," he continued in an irrelevant manner, "you must be close to sixty, if I'm not mistaken."

"What's that got to do with it?" demanded the ranchman.

"Quite a lot," said Lonergan. "Why go on worrying, and muddling your head with things that bother you? Ever think of a little place in California to end your days in peacefully? A place where you won't have to think of—well, of me? I'd never trouble you, Ferris, if you should decide to sell out to me."

"Of course, prices having dropped so low, I couldn't make you a very advantageous offer, but if you liked to consider eight or nine thousand dollars—why, you could go a long ways with that in California."

"You devil!" shouted Ferris, springing to his feet. "So that's what you've had in mind, getting me out of the district! I guessed it!"

"You guessed right, Ferris," answered Lonergan. There was a steely glitter in the judge's eyes now, in place of the sardonic look.

"After all, Ferris, you owe me everything you've been, don't you? No, I'm not going back over old times. But there's my offer."

"The Cross-Bar's worth forty thousand, if it's worth a penny!" Ferris shouted.

"I'd say it will be nearer fifty, when prices lift," responded the

Japan Has Great Naval Base At Truk

Truk, the great Japanese naval base, is an objective of the Americans in the South Pacific, relates the Windsor Star. The island group is 900 miles from Rabaul, 2,000 miles from Yokohama, and 3,500 miles from Honolulu.

Truk is a group of 250 islands enclosing a lagoon that measures 130 miles around. There are four small gaps as entrances to this great harbor area, which is large enough to accommodate the entire Japanese fleet. The islands vary in size from a few square yards to a few square miles. But, even the small islands provide emplacements for anti-aircraft guns or heavier artillery.

Germany bought Truk from Spain for £1,000,000 in 1889. The Americans had taken the islands from Spain in the Spanish-American war, but gave them back because they had no use for them. The United States little thought then that Truk would be a formidable naval base to be used against the Americans in 1944. Japan got the islands following the last war.

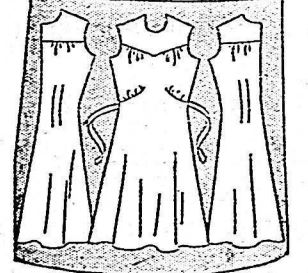
It is going to take skill and daring to capture Truk. But, it is one of the obstacles to overcome on the way to Tokio.

Trapped Mink Keeps On Fighting For Life

Mink-life, to a mink, is a good and glad thing. Alan Devore writes in The American Mercury. Its wild freedom, its stealth and strength, its lusting and exulting, are not lightly to be surrendered. And so, when the hidden trap-jaws clang together on the leg of a mink, what happens is in the nature of a fearful thing. The mink, if it can, will gnaw off its leg in order to go free. If it cannot free itself, there wells up in it such a fury, such a surging compound of rage and hate and terror and malignance and despair, that many a trapper could wish that he had never watched it.

A trapped mink snarls, screams, screeches, froths and spits. It looses from its musky glands a stench that is subtler but more sickening than the odor of a skunk, and it fouls the trap and all the surrounding earth with as thorough a pollution as it can. Until the minute of death, a trapped mink battles to withhold, from an unknown woman in a far metropolis, the pelt which she will scarcely realize came from an animal, and the life which she will scarcely know was ever lived.

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2 tablespoons fat
1 cup sliced onion
3/4 pound fresh pork cut into strips
1/2 cup uncooked rice
4 bouillon cubes
4 cups hot water

3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup green pepper strips
1 cup celery strips
1 1/2 teaspoons Soy Sauce
2 cups oven-popped rice cereal
1 tablespoon butter

Heat fat in heavy frying pan; add onions and meat; cook until lightly browned. Add rice and stock made by dissolving bouillon cubes in hot water. Add salt, green pepper and celery strips, and soy sauce; cover and simmer about 20 minutes longer. Serve at once with crisp rice cereal which has been buttered and toasted.

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other. "I'll make it nine thousand clear, if you accept my offer and quit within the next two weeks."

Ferris was standing like a statue, but slowly his head and shoulders bowed. A look of utter misery came over his face.

"Listen, Lonergan," he pleaded. "You know how I came into this district years ago—"

"With Blane Rowland, your partner, who ran off with that chequ for the cattle," interposed Lonergan.

"I've made my home here. It's hard to have to pull stakes and start afresh. If you'd make it twenty thousand I'd feel it might be done. But can't this business be settled somehow else?"

"Nope," answered Lonergan decisively. "My offer's nine thousand, and it's got to be accepted or rejected within the next couple of days. And two weeks to vacate. You'll have to excuse me now, Ferris, because they'll be waiting for me to impanel the jury."

He walked past the ranchman, took down his hat from a stag's antler in the hall, and clapped it on his head. Wilbur Ferris, who had been watching him in dumb despair, moved slowly toward the door.

(Continued Next Week)

TABLE TALKS

Your War Saving Stamp Recipe

The Food Industry of Canada has undertaken the huge task of selling 2 million dollars worth of War Saving Stamps during the month of February. This column presents a penny saving recipe, which will help you buy your War Saving Stamps. Here it is:

FROSTED MEAT LOAF

2 tablespoons fat
1 onion, chopped
1 1/2 lbs. chuck beef, ground
3/4 lb. pork shoulder, ground
2 1/2 cups corn flakes, rolled
1 egg, unbeaten
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
dash of pepper and paprika
1/2 teaspoon poultry spice
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 teaspoon lemon juice
4 steamed weiners
2 cups fluffy mashed potatoes
2 medium carrots, cooked whole

Heat the fat and add the chopped onion. Cook and stir till the onion is tender and golden brown; add all remaining ingredients except the weiners, potatoes and carrots; spoon half the mixture into an oiled loaf pan 9" x 5" x 3". Press the weiners into the meat mixture, laying them end to end and touching. Cover with all remaining mixture, pressing firmly. Bake in a moderate oven; after the first half hour drain off the liquid. When the meat loaf is cooked, invert on a hot platter. Frost all over with mashed potatoes. Score the cooked carrots with a fork and cut in thin slices. Decorate the sides and top of the meat loaf with the carrot slices. Heat again in the oven till the potatoes are slightly browned.

Temperature: 350° F.
Time: 1 1/4 hours.

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U. S. War Casualties

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