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HELPING HAND FOR REFUGEES

The pathetic plight of the political and religious refugees who may be practically driven out of Germany and Austria by the drastic acts of their government, has stirred the heart of the world. The United States Government has moved in this question by addressing appeals to 29 countries, suggesting a co-operative effort to aid such unfortunate people.

The sympathy of the world has been moved by the troubles of these people, who have found it necessary, or may be forced, to leave their homes, and try their fortunes in unknown lands. While it is not thought that Germany will forbid the departure of such refugees, it is regarded as very doubtful if they will be allowed to take their money with them.

The plight of some family which has always been able to make a living in such countries, but which finds it impossible to continue there under present conditions, will be pitiful if these people must leave their homes penniless. It will be hard to make a wholly new start in foreign lands, where they probably do not speak the language, and have no means of obtaining work.

Jesus Christ gave his highest commendation to the "Good Samaritan" who found a man lying wounded by the roadside, and who picked him up and dressed his wounds and provided for his care.

The American people have all they can do to find work for their own people. But when they see sufferers elsewhere, who are practically forced to leave their home countries, our folks will not be deaf to their cries for help. They will do their share to co-operate with other countries to give these pathetic folks a chance.

ABOUT REORGANIZATION

The fight on the President's reorganization bill having failed in the United States Senate it seems proper to discuss the measure.

We admit quite freely and without reserve that we are not familiar with many of the details of the measure. There may be clauses, sentences and paragraphs that go too far and some that fail to go far enough.

Generally, however, the President is the Executive of this republic. It is so declared in the Constitution. The officials appointed by him to assist in the work of the executive department, it seems to us, should be subject to removal by him. We cannot see where a President can be held responsible for the performance of the executive department unless he is in full control.

Without particular reference to the present bill it seems necessary for the President to have authority in regards to the organization of his branch of the government. He should not have to seek or obtain the consent of Congress to change that, in his opinion, would secure desired ends.

While there has been much hostile criticism of the present proposal by those who fear dictatorship, we agree with the statement of Former President Hoover, who upon landing in New York from Europe, was asked about the fight on the reorganization bill. While not agreeing with the measure entirely Mr. Hoover said he could not see that the bill contained any suggestion of dictatorship and that he, himself, always had favored reorganization of departments.

WARREN VAN DYKE

Not alone has the Democratic party lost a loyal supporter and counsellor, but every proponent of good government will recognize a distinct loss in the death of Warren Van Dyke, Secretary of Highways of the State of Pennsylvania. A Democrat of the old school, he remained in that category. He was for many years "truck horse" of his party when it was in the minority. When he came into power he graciously stepped aside to permit another to become governor. That was characteristic of the man, who never allowed his own ambitions to override others. He was a simple, kindly man both in private and public life. A Democrat in politics he was nonpartisan in his services. As Secretary of the Highways of the Commonwealth he had charge of a far-flung system of good roads, road construction and thousands of employes. As chairman of the Pennsylvania publicity commission—a work in which he also gave exemplary service in the efforts to popularize the State as a tourists' paradise—he only added to his great tasks and stern duties.

Years ago, under former ownership, The Centre Democrat stood shoulder to shoulder with Warren Van Dyke fighting many a losing battle for the principles of Democracy. Later, as time effected changes in the administration of this newspaper, friendships were further cemented through close association with Mr. Van Dyke in the cause for which he valiently espoused, and happily, lived to see triumph.

The fact that he was held in high regard by both Democrats and Republicans alike, is conclusive evidence of Warren Van Dyke's high type of private and public

PASSING OF A GOOD CITIZEN

There died at his home in Milesburg on Sunday morning a man whose life work had become enshrined in the affections of practically every citizen of this community. We feel it a privilege to pay humble tribute to the memory of Frank L. Wetzler, whose passing has given rise to a wave of regret.

Mr. Wetzler was a small-town business man who, had he chosen, might have attained fame and accumulated greater worldly goods in a larger sphere of endeavor. But have been eating food all your life ing them.

he loved the people with whom he had formed early associations, and their friendly regard meant more to him than great riches. So he preferred to remain in the community where his cherished friends lived.

Mr. Wetzler was a useful citizen in every sense, of the word, but the interest he took in keeping alive the spirit of music in the community will long remain one of his finest characteristics. He had the happy faculty of taking young folks and moulding them into groups of accomplished musicians. Scores of citizens will attest to Bandmaster Frank Wetzler's kindly nature and inspiration that drew from them the best of devoted and effic-

Mr. Wetzler gave unstinted, his time and support to community affairs, the importance of which can only be revealed as time passes. We believe the world is better for such men as Frank Wetzler.

THE BIG MOTOR TRUCK

Each succeeding year finds increasing objections on the part of motorists to the large oversized trucks which crowd the highways of the land. Trucking interests have been very reasonable in presenting their side of the picture and somewhat surprised to know that public opinion is against not the smaller and faster trucks but to those rubber-tired "freight cars" which singly and in tandem fashion go crashing along the highways.

The Gallup poll recently took its customary crosssection of sentiment in the Nation and found that 66 per cent of the voters wanted these mountainous vehicles off the roads.

The question presented to the citizens was "Would you favor laws to restrict and reduce the use of the highways by large freight trucks?" And the result was that sixty-six persons out of every 100 answered "Yes." And nobody is surprised. If there is surprise it is that this 66 per cent has not been more insistent on having its will prevail.

The survey showed that opposition to the big trucks was strongest where traffic was thickest. Around the Great Lakes and along the seaboards objection was most prevalent. One can understand that, too. There is only one emotion for the motorist who is held back by a big truck making two or three miles an hour on a hill. The motorist has no charity for the large truck which "hogs" the road and all but crowds other cars off of it.

Ultimately this heavy truck problem will be solved and with justice to motorist and trucker alike. It may take the form of restricting weight and dimensions or it may find an outlet in highways built exclusively for trucks. One thing seems certain. The present situation will not continue indefinitely.

THE MEXICAN CONTROVERSY

The controversy with Mexico, over its expropriation of oil properties belonging to American citizens, serves to call attention to the friendly attitude which this country has shown to the Mexican government in the past.

The silver purchase agreement, now suspended, is said to have provided the Mexicans with funds for their purchases in this country. Although Mexico recently increased its duties against American goods there was no counter-move in the same direction here. The arms embargo, maintained against shipment of munitions to Mexico, has tended to solidify the position of President Cardenas. The sympathy extended to the Mexicans in their attempt to work out peculiar social and economic problems has been notable.

In the present issue, the Mexican government has \$1 and Adam 812 the total was 893?" seized valuable properties, belonging to foreigners, without much evidence of an intention or ability to pay for them. In the case of certain lands, seized some time ago, the owners were paid in bonds, which became practically worthless when no interest was paid. What the United States insists upon is that the Mexican government, when it takes property of Americans, shall pay for what it seizes. There is no argument as to the right of the Mexicans to assume control of the oil properties; the only question is whether they shall be purchased or stolen.

MUSSOLINI, THE WAR ADVOCATE

Premier Mussolini last week took the world into his confidence and boasted that Italy possessed the world's largest submarine fleet, that the nation's air force was among the best and that 9,000,000 men wait to march under his command.

Of course, Il Duce was full of peace; he wanted to assure "general peace" and above all "our peace." He advised that the "best defense is offense" and "that which has always counted and still counts among peoples is their war-making ability.'

Significantly, Mussolini advised the Italian people to organize their existence in small towns and villages, warning them that once mobilization began there would be no facilities for mass movements of populations to avoid the horrors of civilian bombardments.

American citizens, who read such statements, find it hard to believe that the responsible head of a large nation believes it necessary to make such declarations. Some of them blandly pass it up with the thought that Mussolini is talking for home consumption and to boost Italian morale. A few are convinced that Mussolini intends to use his submarines, his air force and his army in an effort to carve a place in the sun for Italy and a place in history for himself along with the Caesars.

BIG BUSINESS PROFITS

The restrictions against which big business clamors so loudly and the removal of which, it is said, will result in an upsurge, were in effect during the year 1937.

Reports of large corporations show unusual earnings in 1937. Some of these reports have been referred to. Among the latest is that of the General Electric Company, showing net income of \$63,546,762 in 1937 as compared with \$43,947,166 in 1936 although there was an increase in taxes paid. Encouraging is the report that the "average annual earnings" of employes were "the highest in the history of the company."

Sears, Roebuck and Co., huge mail order concern, reports the largest sales and profits in its history for 1937, with a net profit of \$30,828,248 although it records a tax bill of \$14,329,243.

The Anaconda Copper Mining Company reports a net income, after deducting all charges, taxes and reserves, except for mine depletion, of \$31,387,862, compared with only \$15,881,829 in 1936.

Evidently the restrictions did not prevent some large concerns from making large profits in 1937. Could it be possible that the clamor against them is misdirected and that the large corporations that failed to do well in 1937 ought to look elsewhere for their trouble?

The greatest contribution that a but you probably know very little mashed potatoes. citizen can make to the advance- about the science of correcting diet. ment of Centre County is some of ing. his or her time in unselfish public

think they discharge obligations by Speaking about ignorance: You finding a plausible excuse for ignor-



HONEY TOAST

Here's to the ladies, Lord bless 'em; You recall how we used to help dress 'em-It was "Honey, hook this," Or "Dearie, pin that," "Please lace my shoes," Or "Straighten my hat." Oh, a man had to be little John on the spot In the old-fashioned day, whether willing or not.

But now-what a joy and a blessing We live in the days of same dressing, There's nothing to fasten On shken hose trim, Nothing to lace up And nothing to pin

Bo here's to the ladies, Lord rest 'em, They're as fair as they were when we dressed 'em.

Just An Old Spick Custom The sweet young thing was entertaining her gray-haired husband's nephew from the big city. The young fellow had talked so incessantly the pulpit in churches?

young wife was almost distracted. She gazed wistfully at the handsome young sheik. After dinner they sat around the big fireplace. Gradually her hus- Theater collapsed.

down on the couch with the lonely little wife. "You pull a hair out of his head," whispered the nephew, "and if of repairs. A hundred men, chairs, desks, and file cases were hurled into he doesn't wake up. I'll kiss you." She did and a moment later was the basement. Twenty-two were killed, sixty-eight were injured. rewarded with a kiss.

band dozed off and when he appeared sound asleep the nephew sat

About the fifth time a hair was pulled the old gentleman sat up if you can use my head for a score board."

FUN ON THE TOMBSTONES

She drove her car with snap and dash-A bee lit on her knee; A buzz-z-z, a stab, a scream, a crash-She's now a total wreck!

He tried to cross the railroad track, Before the speeding train; They put the pieces in a sack But couldn't find the brain.

Here lies the remains of Doctor Spere, And most of his patients are also here.

Here lies the body of my mother-in-law, Her last name was Scrapper, her first name

She had a very long tongue and an active jaw, If she's gone to Heaven, I'll want to go to

Here lies the body of Jacob Meyer, He called an Irishman a liar.

Foolish Figures

While waiting for lunch to arrive a group of men in a hotel recently tried to figure out how many apples Adam and Eve ate in the Garden of Eden. Here are the various answers to the perplexing question;

1st Diner-"Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2, a total of 10 only." 2nd Diner-"Now I've figured this out differently; Eve 8 and Adam 8 also-a total of 16."

3rd Diner-"You're wrong. If Eve 8 and Adam 82, certainly the total would be 90.

4th Diner-"Scientific men, however, on the strength of the theory the antediluvians were a race of giants, figure like this: Eve 81 and tional purposes? Adam 82-total 163.

8124 Eve the total was 8938.

7th Diner-"Still another calculation is as follows: If Eve 814 Adam like welfare purposes were made. and Adam 8142 oblige Eve the total was 82.056." How would you answer it?

He Should Have Been Two Fellows

A Hebrew walked into the doctor's office and complained of a strange ailment, "It's a werry peculiar tink, doctor," he said. "I'm always tukkink to myself."

The medico wrinkled his brow. "Did I hear you correctly?" he asked. "Did I hear you say that you

can't stop talking to yourself?' "Exactly," nodded the patient. "No matter vot I'm doink-stendink or sittink donn-I'm tukkink to myself. Ain't dot tarrible?"

"Well," returned the doctor kindly, "It's probably the result of a nervous condition. Just what do you say when you talk to yourself?" The other man threw up his hands.

to myself dot aggravate me!"

Southern Eloquence

A celebrated white preacher had been engaged to address the congregation of a little negro church and was being introduced by the very nervous colored pastor.

pleasuh to introduce de speaker of de evenin'. Ah wants to explain dat while his skin ain't de same color as de odders heah, I assures yo' his of inheritance. heart is as black as any of yourn."

Reverse English

Not so long ago an old lady rushed unannounced into the private office of a lawyer.

"Are you a lawyer?" she asked jerkily,

"Yes, madame. What can I do for you?"

"Well, sir," the little old lady blurted out, "I'm a widow. My husband died detested and left three little infidels, and I'm appointed their executioner. I want your help."

Darktown Philosophy

A colored philosopher was discussing women with one of his friends. "Rufe," he said, "de men don't make such fools of demselves about men as de women do about men. If women look at de moon dey see a man in it. If de hear a mouse nibblin' it's a man, and dey all look under de bed last thing at night to find a man. Why, I never look under mah bed to find a woman, does you?"

Stork Mad

Mrs. Cassidy, the mother of thirteen, had just had another increase and Mrs. Grogan dropped in to see how she was getting along. "I heard, Mrs. Cassidy, that the stork was a visitor at your house end.

"Visitor, do yez say, Mrs. Grogan? He ain't no visitor here, saints bless ye. He's a fixture.'

Well, Of All Things!

Little Tricotine O'Toole had the very bad habit of sucking her thumb. To break her of this practice her mother told her that it would spoil her figure and that she would grow up ugly and fat, Just a few days later while Tricotine was on a bus, a woman noticeably more than plump, entered the car and sat down across the aisle. "Oh," exclaimed Tricotine, pointing at the woman, "I know what you've been doing!"

Spicy Definition

The family was preparing the lesson for Sunday school, "Surely you remember what 'synonym' means?" queried the mother. "Sure, we remember," said one of the small boys, alertly. "Synonym is something you put in pies."

Tactful Man Young Bride-"Darling, I'm afraid I put too much milk in the 22 nickles and 210 pennies-250 pieces amounting to \$5.00. Husband-"Oh, well, put in a little more and we'll drink them."

Many a woman who marries in hopes that some day her ship will The world is filled with people who come in gets nothing but a raft of kids.

> The most absent-minded professor is the one who poured his coffee in his lap and then tried to dunk his wife.

Query and Answer Column

Problem-If a match is cut in two pleces, each being exactly the same length, which is the heavy end? Answer elsewhere in this column:

L. C. H.-Does a caterpillar have many muscles?

Ans .-- A caterpillar may have as many as 4000 muscles. L. R. Y.-What are the rules of life advocated by the Oxford

Group? Ans.—They are as follows: Absolute honesty, absolute purity, absol-

ute unselfishness, and absolute love. J. H .- When were lead pencils first made?

Ans.—The earliest mention of what are known today as lead pencils appears in records dating back to 1565-not long after the discovery of the noted graphite mine at Borrowdale, England, in 15:4. This mine furnished the material for the first lead pencils. The graphite was sawed into strips and fastened into wooden casings. In 1795 the Frenchman Conte improved the process by grinding the graphite and mixing it with clay, in order to produce grades of hardness and blackness.

H. M .- Was Hitler blind at one time?

Ans.-On October 14, 1918, he was blinded by a gas attack and it was three months before his sight was restored,

B. R .- When were the last of the great herds of buffalo killed? Ans .- During the winter of 1882 and 1883, the hide hunters killed the last of the great herds.

N. H .- What is the name given to the three chairs placed back of

Ans.—These seats are referred to as sedilia. The singular is sedile. C. H.B .- Is it true that on the day Edwin Booth was buried Ford's

Ans .- On June 9, 1893, the day that Edwin Booth was buried at Boston, the three floors of Ford's Theater collapsed during the making

R. W. F .-- Are tramp trips on freighters popular?

Ans,-The demand has become so great for trips of this type that it is difficult to secure accomodations. Cabin space is limited as cargoes "I den't mind your kissing my wife," he roared, "but I'll be danged and freighters seldom have room for more than ten passengers, and reservations are often made eight months in advance.

C. G.-What is Hitler's real name? Ans .- Hitler's grandfather was Johann Georg Heidler. His father became known as Alois Hitler. This change can be easily explained, because the peasants could scarcely read or write. Some members of the

family called the name Huettier. H. L .- What is the meaning of the word deacon as applied to leath. er?

Ans,-Deacon is the skin of a very small calf, After curing, the skin weighs less than seven pounds. B. R. M .- How accurate are the United States Weather Bureau

Ans.-Verifications of forecasts made by the Weather Bureau show them to be about 87 per cent. accurate for the Country as a whole,

H. W .-- Who was the Cowboy Congressman? Ans,-The late Percy L. Glassaway of Oklahoma was so called be-

cause he wore the traditional cowboy costume while serving in the House of Representatives (1934-36.) F. W .- When was the Ohio River frozen so hard that a horse and

Ans.-The year in which the Ohio River was frozen over so that teams could be driven across, was December, 1876.

buggy could be driven across?

L. H.-What is the best way to clean a pipe? Ans.-Tobacco Leaf, the trade magazine, recommends cleaning pipes with cold coffee and a pipe cleaner. Soaking in the coffee for an hour will soften the caked material which may then be pried loose with a blunt instrument. Stale pipes can always be cured by the cold

coffee treatment. W. T. M .- How many wives and children did Brigham Young

leave? Ans.—Brigham Young died at the age of 76 on August 29, 1877. He was survived by seventeen wives and forty-seven children. L. W. R .- Is it true that the revenue from beer is used for educa-

Ans.-In 1937, taxes on beer returned approximately \$17,000,000 to 5th Diner-"Absolutely wrong! What could be clearer than if Eve the various States. Of this amount, about 40 per cent, was appropriated for support of schools and public welfare purposes. In other Btates 6th Diner—"This is the correct number—if Eve 814 Adam and Adam beer revenue went into the general fund from which appropriations for education, unemployment relief, old-age pensions, public health, and

S. B. P .- What disposition was made of George Washington's

Ans.-George Washington was the owner of 124 slaves when he died. In his will he gave the slaves held in his own right their freedom on the death of Mrs. Washington, It was, however, found necessary, for prudential reasons, to give the slaves their freedom, within one year after Washington's death.

E. L .- Was there a State personal property tax before the Earle

Administration? Ans.-The Act of June 17, 1913, imposed a personal property tax of four mills, which was to be used for county purposes only. This Act was passed under Governor Tener's Administration, June 22, 1935, the Legislature enacted what is known as the "State Personal Property Tax Act." the returns from which are for the purpose of providing revenue for the State. It might be added that up until the enforcement of the more recent personal property tax law, little attention was paid by countless to the collection of the then existing four-mill tax. Under the present "Dot's just it, doctor," he cried. "Dot's why I'm sick. I say tings system of assessment and collection, however, counties have greatly

benefitted by increased revenue. R. E .- How many different religious sects and faiths are there in the United States, and how many in Pennsylvania?

Ans .- There are 182 accredited sects in the U. S., and approximately 144 non-accredited, which has a membership of about 80,000.

E. H. D .- What is the present rate of inheritance tax in Pennsyl-"Sistern an' breddern," he began, "it affords me the extremest vania? Is the tax the same on a large or small bequest? Ans.-The inheritance tax is 2 per cent, regardless of the sum total

> G. B .- Is it true Gene Autry is leaving Hollywood? Is he married? Near what town in the State of Texas does his father own a ranch? What is the name of the ranch? Ans .- Gene Autry is married. It is rumored he is leaving Hollywood,

> but this is doubted because of long-time contracts. We have no records of his parents. However, it is said he has a 750-acre ranch near Waco,

M. S.-What are the names of the members of President Roosevelt's cabinet? Ans.-The full names of all the Cabinet officers are not available at this time, but we wish to advise that this question is being filed to

be answered within the next week or two. A Reader-To settle a dispute will you answer in your Q. and A. column where the Atlanta, Georgia, aviator, Paul Redfern, left from, and where was he bound for, when last heard from; and what tribe inhabited the parts where he was supposed to be? What was the make of his plane? How old was he? Did the party who left to hunt him ever

find him? What size cruiser did they have? Ans .- Sorry to say that we have no official records of Paul Redfern and his aviation exploits. If you write to the Bureau of Aeronautics at Washington, D. C., you may get the desired infromation.

Answer to problem: The end that produces the fire is the "light"

Last Week's Problem

We were expecting some of our readers to prove themselves smarter than the contributor of last week's problem, which read as follows: "A man sent his son to a bank to get a five-dollar bill changed into exactly 250 pieces-pennies, nickles and dimes. How many of each denomination did the young man bring back" He warned us that "it couldn't be done," and that the "nearest solution is 205 pennies, 29 nickles and 15 dimes, making \$5 with 249 pieces."

We, therefore, put it up to our readers, with a feeling of almost certainty that someone would arrive at a correct solution. We're not disappointed, for we received a number of replies, two of which are given be-

C. D. Bartholomew, Centre Hall-190 cents, 2 dimes and 58 nickles-250 pieces, value \$5.00.

P. L. C., Bellefonte-200 pennies, 40 nickles and 10 dimes-250 pieces,

Betty Kyler, seven-year-old daughter of Mrs, Aaron Kyler, of Beaver Falls, R. D. 2, successfully worked out the problem in this manner: 40 nickles, 10 dimes and 200 pennies, 250 pieces amounting to \$5.00. Glen Nairabob, of Wrightstown, Pa., sends this solution: 18 dimes,

Edward H. Myers, of Boalsburg, illustrates how the problem may be solved in seven different ways First, 2 dmies, 58 nickles, 190 pennies; second, 6 dimes, 49 nickles, 195 pennies; third, 10 dimes, 40 nickles, 200 pennies; fourth, 14 dimes, 31 nickles, 205 pennies; fifth, 18 dimes, 22 nickles, 210 pennies; sixth 22 dimes, 13 nickles, 215 pennies; seventh, 26 dimes, 4 nickles, 220 pennies.

Thanks to all who responded with solutions.