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EDITORIAL

Highway accidents continue to claim 100 lives a day. So far, few people seem to mind.

There is plenty of money in the United States but it won't do much good until somebody begins to use it.

Get up early and behold the beauties of nature these Spring mornings. Be sure it is early enough to enable you to tumble back into bed again for another snooze.

Without financial assistance from the outside world, Italy, Germany and Japan face eventually, an utter economic collapse. Their present world policy is based on the belief that if you can't buy what you want, it is all right to steal it.

A few evenings ago John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee, was scheduled to deliver a radio address titled, "Where are we bound?" If he was referring to the Republican party, the correct answer seems to be, "Hand and foot."

The Democrats will have a lead of 1678 over the Republicans in Cambria county. The registration shows the Democratic total, 38,944, and the Republican, 37,266, a net gain of eighty-six over the Democrats since last November. This doesn't indicate that the New Deal is losing prestige in Pennsylvania.

Whether or not Henry Ford is gifted as a public speaker, matters little to the country. He has accumulated millions and a reputation as a mechanic, and that should satisfy anybody. His recent visit to the White House and conference with the President has given rise to a variety of speculation as to what the motor magnate and Mr. Roosevelt talked about, but so far Mr. Ford has said very little and the President less. Perhaps Mr. Ford is displaying good sense.

Republican State Chairman G. Edward Green's prediction that Gifford Pinchot would win the party's gubernatorial nomination by 75,000 votes, fails to impress Mr. James with its truthfulness. The Judge's reply has a grain of humor: "We are glad Mr. Green has finally come out squarely into the open and revealed that he is a member of the Pinchot campaign committee. He will get the smoke out of his eyes on this prediction business on the morning of May 18, that is, if he can be found anywhere."

A MEANS TO MAKE LIFE REAL

The people of Bellefonte usually can be counted upon to give generous financial support to community affairs and the cause of welfare success in general.

For the past three years they have been convinced of the economic value of a Community Welfare Fund by which means all local organizations whose free-will activities are directed along uplifting channels, are budgeted and each is apportioned its share.

Thus under this method of financing our welfare agencies for the coming year, distribution would be made as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Organization Name and Amount. Includes Centre County Hospital (\$4500.00), Salvation Army (250.00), A. M. E. Church (300.00), Milesburg Fire Company (75.00), Undine Fire Company (300.00), Logan Fire Company (300.00).

Table with 2 columns: Organization Name and Amount. Includes Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. (5400.00), Boy Scouts (1000.00), Girl Scouts (960.00), Bellefonte Community Athletic Assn. (1350.00).

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While the experience of depression years, when many failed to secure profitable employment, has been disappointing, there has been general recognition of the fact that supporting our various charitable groups has improved our community, and made many more efficient human beings.

Let us all turn in with a will and lend our fullest financial support to the Community Welfare Fund. We cannot afford to allow any one of the above mentioned agencies to fail in the work it is performing. Each has its part in upholding the health and happiness of all our people, and it is within our province to keep it moving successfully.

THE TURKS HAVE A LAW

From Istanbul, Turkey, comes the news that a new law will require every merchant in Turkey to have one price and stick to it.

The new statute requires all articles to have their price plainly marked and any storekeeper who accepts less—or more—will be liable to a heavy fine.

While we do not pose as experts on trade or commerce, it is barely possible that the Turks have an idea that has something in it.

SOVIET ARMY—KEY TO PEACE

There is much speculation as to the condition of the Soviet Army. In Great Britain the belief is general that it has been "shot to pieces" by recent trials and the executions of generals. France, apparently, does not know how much reliance can be placed in the Soviet alliance.

What will count in the interest of peace in Europe is the opinion that the Germans have of the Soviet Army. Czecho-Slovakia, next in line for German attention, has a mutual defense pact with Soviet Russia. Recently Voroshiloff, head of the Soviet Army, made a significant utterance which reassured Prague.

Voroshiloff said, according to leading Czecho-Slovakian officials, "Germany sent 200 planes to Spain to help defeat the Spanish Government. Very well. We will send aid to Czecho-Slovakia, if necessary, not 200, but 2,000. And we say to the brown fellow (Hitler, the Brown shirt leader), for every kilometer you dare to advance into Czecho-Slovakia, we will destroy a German town."

Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten German party in Czecho-Slovakia recently declared that his followers, "like Germans in every part of the world," accepted the Nazi ideology. In his speech, making demands upon the Government at Prague, he included the threat that although the Germans of Czecho-Slovakia did not seek war at home or abroad, they would no longer tolerate a state of affairs "that means for us war in time of peace." German comment termed his speech the "last warning."

If Germany makes an advance against Czecho-Slovakia, it will be based largely upon the belief that the Soviet Army is incompetent. Not only has Czecho-Slovakia a mutual defense pact with Russia, but the nation is bulwarked by a mutual aid treaty with France, an anti-aggressor pact with Russia, Yugo-Slavia, Rumania and Turkey and a treaty within the Little Entente itself. For the time being at least, Czecho-Slovakia while endeavoring to conciliate the German minority, shows no signs of panic and apparently retains confidence in the future.

DENOUNCING THE "WAR SYSTEM"

Last week, on many college campuses throughout the United States, male and female orators mounted soapboxes to protest against what they called the "war system."

The Centre Democrat has no objection whatever to any intelligent effort to promote the cause of peace and to prevent future wars. Such efforts, however, are to be distinguished from yearning idealism, which worships peace and hates war. If college students wish to avoid war in the future, they must make a reasonable approach to the problems which lead to conflict. To wish for peace is good, but to work wisely for peace is better.

It is natural, we think, for individuals to desire peace. The price is complete self-abnegation and abject surrender to aggressive forces. The human race, in its long history, has developed very few individuals willing to purchase peace at this price. Moreover, the history of nations demonstrates that sometimes peace cannot be obtained at any price.

WHAT CAUSED THE SLUMP?

It is interesting to read some of the explanations given for the present slump in business. There are some experts who immediately plant the responsibility on the Government while others, closer to their own observations, give a variety of reasons.

Recently, Dr. Harold Moulton, of the Brookings Institutions, gave his diagnosis, "wages that were forced so high as to wipe out profits in important industries." This sounds reasonable at first glance but Mr. C. F. Hughes points out that Dr. Moulton does not specify the "important industries," that he has in mind.

In fact, the National City Bank compilation for 1,720 manufacturing and trading companies shows a gain in net profits of 8.7 per cent. over 1936.

There may be some basis for the conclusion of Dr. Moulton that wage increases wiped out the profits of industry. At the same time, there is considerable opinion to the effect that prices rose faster than wages and were more responsible for the decline. There were other factors as well.

ONE QUESTION ANSWERED

(From Warren Times)

An oft-repeated question inspired through one of the peculiarities of the present hotly-contested primaries was answered when the news was flashed from Harrisburg that Governor Earle had summarily dismissed Charles Margiotti as Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

Up to that time thousands were somewhat perplexed to understand just what situation existed that made it possible for Margiotti to go on campaigning for the gubernatorial nomination against the choice of Governor Earle and still hold his job in the cabinet.

Having been defeated for the Republican nomination for governor four years ago only to change his party allegiance and throw what strength he professed to have to the Democratic nominee in the general election, later to be rewarded with appointment as Attorney General, it will be interesting to watch the future maneuvers of the Jefferson county politician who now seems to be a candidate for nomination on his own "Middle-of-the-road" ticket.

MONEY AND GOLD

Last week the money in circulation in the United States amounted to \$6,361,000,000. In reserve, the United States Treasury held in monetary gold stocks \$12,841,000,000. This is more than \$2 worth of gold for each dollar of money in circulation.

It may be interesting to our readers to compare the money in circulation and the gold stocks in this country with similar figures of other great nations.

England had a note circulation of 495,577,131 pounds. This was backed by only 327,222,214 pounds in gold holdings. For France, the figures are worse. The note circulation, in francs, was 98,063,000,000 and the gold holdings, 55,806,000,000 francs. The condition of Nazi Germany is seen in a note circulation of 5,524,200,000 marks. This is backed by gold holdings of only 70,700,000 marks.

A casual study of these figures will reveal why the United States dollar is the soundest money in the world.

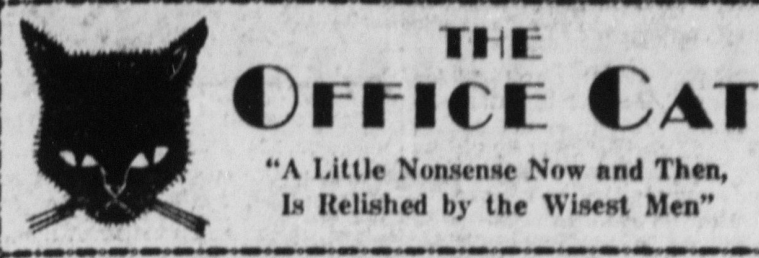
SHALL WE WISH FOR PEACE?

We confess that those who advise Americans to join in a drive for world peace intrigue us very much.

The desire for peace burns in the heart of the average man and woman of this country. The wish for peace surges mightily but we cannot follow the reasoning of those who believe that we can have world peace if we wish for it hard enough and long enough.

Nothing would compose our thoughts about international affairs more than the ability to believe that Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese rulers desire peace as a fundamental state. Nothing would tend to make more certain our faith in peace than the belief that the peoples of Germany, Italy and Japan believe that peace is a goal to seek.

There is no evidence that Hitler, Mussolini or the Japanese rulers want peace and nothing to lead us to believe that the people in these countries are against the power of politics now being applied to world affairs or that they shrink from the threat of war which their leaders seem willing to risk.



ASSORTED SUPPLICATIONS

Old Maid: Now I lay me down to sleep; I pray that in my slumber deep I dream in bliss and pure delight About the man I did last night.
Mother of Many: Now I lay me down to sleep While all around me babies creep; I thank the Lord that John is gone So I at last can sleep alone.
Stenographer: Now I lay me down to sleep; I hope I haven't been too cheap. And that new sealish coat of mine Is worth the price and genuine.
Mandy: Now Ah lays me down to sleep While all aroun' de crickets peep; Of all de lonesom' times, dey be Dis am de lonnestom' to me.
The Souze: Now I lay me down to sleep, Chock full of beer I'd like to keep; I'll crave some more at dawn if I Should happen to awaken dry.
Any of us: Now I lay me down to sleep, And if I dream I have to leap To dodge an auto like today, I'll have my pants off, anyway.

THERE'S A REASON

"I call my girl 'Nearby'" Said Gerald McPhutt, "Because Noah Webster says That means 'all but.'"

It's Gone, Anyway

Freddy—"Grandpa, did you once have hair like snow?" Grandpa—"Yes, my boy." Freddy—"Well, who shoveled it off?"

Probably Unconscious

Father (from the top of the stairs at 1 a. m.)—"Is that young man asleep, Marie?" Daughter—"Hush, father. He has just asked me to marry him and make him the happiest man in the world." Father—"Just as I thought. Wake him up."

Going Up

Fidgety Old Lady (about to get on bus)—"Does this bus go to Williamsport, my good man?" Driver—"Yes, lady." Fidgety Old Lady—"All the way down West Fourth Street?" Driver—"Yes, lady, all the way." Fidgety Old Lady—"Well, I want you to let me off at Milesburg." Driver—"fed up!"—"All right—what floor, mum?"

No, Roger, bolts do not make a political party stronger or more secure. In fact, the larger the number of bolts the quicker the party will go to pieces.

Three Follies

A wise old Swede woman, who once lived in a tar-papered shack on the outskirts of our village, once said that men were guilty of three most astonishing follies.

The first was the climbing of trees to shake down the fruit, when if they would but wait, the fruit would fall of itself. The second was the going to war to kill one another, when and if they would only wait, they must surely die naturally. The third was that they should run after women, when, if they did not do so, the women would surely run after them.

Not a Habit

They tell about a divorce hearing in an Arkansas town, where the wife, having sued for separation, suddenly found herself defending a divorce action, charged with too great an intimacy with one of the local rounders. When she took the stand in her own suit, her husband's lawyer tore into her on this issue. He grew extremely sarcastic, and set the rafters ringing with his comments on the inconsistency of women. He lingered indignantly on the clandestine trysts with another man.

"And it's true," thundered the counsellor, "that you went in the darkness of night, to lie in the arms of this home destroyer, isn't it? Out of the home of the man who bought your food, your clothing, your shelter. You left him to appease a lawless passion, didn't you?" The lady dismissed all this wind-blown oratory with a deprecating shrug.

"Just twice," she said defensively.

THE TURNING POINT

I saw her in a bathing suit; Since then I haven't felt the same— She always seemed so plump and cute— I saw her in a bathing suit, Returning from a dip, to boot And then the disillusion came. I saw her in a bathing suit— Since then I haven't felt the same.

You Can Depend On It That—

If some men were as true to their country as to their wives, goodbye country.

We All Do

Some people pay when due; some overdue; some never do; how do you do?

Signs of the Times

In a small roadside cafe, specializing in the appetites of truck drivers, can be seen this sign hanging on the wall:

CROSS COUNTRY CHICKEN PUNCTURE PROOF STEAK BLOW-OUT BEANS TIN LIZZIE COFFEE AND MILK at Speedometer Prices

Keep This Secret

Sch! Sch! Fellow motorists, just between ourselves, here is a smooth trick for getting around our tormentors, the parking regulations.

We heard of a motorist who works it. He carries a slip of paper that looks like a parking tag. When he parks in what he believes to be a forbidden territory, or in a place where he fears he may overstay the time limit, he attaches this slip to his car. The officer patrolling the district spies the car, advances gleefully to tag it, perceives that it has already been tagged by a brother officer—as he supposes—and passes on. Returning, the owner pockets his fake tag and, care-free goes on his way.

So he says, and you may believe him or not. Try this trick yourself sometime, and let us know how you come out.

Can You Read This?

O, MLE, what XTO I always feel when UTC, I used to rave of LN's eyes, 4 MA I gave countless sighs, 4 KT, 2, and LNR, I was a keen competitor, 4 U XL them all, UTC.

Ain't It The Truth

In one of President Roosevelt's fireside talks to the nation he stressed the fact that capital and labor should get together. Shucks. The more this old Office Cat labors the less capital he can get together.

That's all, folks. They say there is so much graft in the Army that even the bayonets are fixed. —"SCAT"

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—How many odd numbers are there between 1 and 21? Bet your first guess is wrong. (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

D. M.—Where was the ship wrecked on which Lord Kitchener was drowned?

Ans.—The H. M. S. Hampshire, on which Lord Kitchener lost his life, was sunk by a German mine off the West Orkney Islands, June 5, 1916.

S. S. J.—Did James Jeffries, the pugilist, ever umpire baseball games?

Ans.—While Jeffries has not umpired any major league games, he acted in that capacity in minor leagues in practically every state in the Union, about 1899 or 1900.

C. H. S.—What is the value of the Harmsworth collection of books recently purchased by the Folger Shakespeare Library at Washington, D. C.?

Ans.—In actual market value the 9000 volumes have been appraised at \$5,000,000.

R. P. B.—Has the climate of Mexico been ruined by the radio?

Ans.—The climate of Mexico has not been destroyed by radio waves. Radio waves do not affect the weather, and statements that have appeared from time to time that the tremendous outpouring of radio waves all over the world has caused bad weather, are without scientific basis. In comparison with the tremendous amount of energy broadcast continually into the atmosphere as a result of thunderstorms, the amount added from the radio stations is comparatively minute.

L. C. T.—Where does tapioca come from?

Ans.—Tapioca, also known as cassava and manioc, is made from the roots of the manioc plant. The native home of the manioc is Brazil, but it is produced in a limited way in Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Trinidad. However, on account of the cheap labor in the Far East, its cultivation was begun there and has developed, until now the greater part of the world's supply comes from the East Indies, the Straits Settlements and Japan.

R. R.—What is the word for the habit of biting the fingernails?

Ans.—The habit is known as onychophagy.

J. S.—To what extent does operating a radio in a car interfere with the ignition or miles per gallon of gas?

Ans.—It is said that the operating of a radio in an automobile has no noticeable effect upon the ignition or miles per gallon of gas. The radio uses current from the battery and therefore the battery needs more charging than if no radio were used. This means that a trifle more power from the engine is needed to operate the generator, but it is believed that there is no difference in fuel consumption.

N. D. S.—How many postoffices have been built during this administration?

Ans.—During the period from March 4, 1933, to date, 1032 post office buildings throughout the country have been completed.

J. H.—How old was George Washington when he had smallpox?

Ans.—At the age of 19 he accompanied his half-brother Lawrence to Barbados, where he contracted smallpox, which left his face permanently pitted.

H. W.—Of what denomination is the new chapel at Warm Springs, Georgia?

Ans.—It is non-denominational and was designed for the parents there who are unable to kneel when they worship.

E. W.—Is there a kind of candy and of perfume made especially for dogs?

Ans.—Dog bon-bons are now on the market and a perfume for them is available in shops that cater to the upper canine classes.

C. F.—What is the short formula for baptism in the New Testament?

Ans.—"Baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." See Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; and 19:5.

R. M.—When did President Roosevelt dedicate Boulder Dam?

Ans.—September 30, 1935.

B. G.—How many families has the United States Housing Authority moved from slum and blighted areas and placed in low-rent homes since its establishment?

Ans.—The agency was established November 1, 1937, and since then has moved 2,971 families to low-rent homes with facilities for the preservation of health.

Reader—Are rhubarb leaves poisonous?

Ans.—Numerous cases of more or less serious illness and some fatalities, have been reported in both Europe and North America from eating rhubarb leaves. The leaf blades have a high content of oxalic acid and soluble salts, and should not be used as food. The oxalic acid is present in smaller amounts and largely in insoluble form in the stalks and is harmless.

L. M.—What is the exact meaning of "plebiscite," and how does it get that name?

Ans.—Plebiscite is taken from the word "plebian," which means the "common people." It pertains to a law or tentative law enacted by a dictator or legislative body and submitted to the people for approval. In the United States this is called a "referendum," but in Europe it is called "plebiscite."

J. W.—If you are so good with the calendar will you please answer on what day of the week will the Fourth of July come on in the year 2038? I have figured it out and am putting you "on the spot."

Ans.—July 4, 2038, will occur on Saturday. If your figures don't corroborate that, we will frankly say that you have made a bobbie somewhere.

S. A.—Who was the greatest President of the United States from the time of Washington to the present time?

Ans.—This is a mooted question and is a matter of personal opinion. Some say Washington, some say Jefferson, some say Jackson, others say Lincoln, and still others say Franklin D. Roosevelt. Write your own ticket.

W. R.—How does a dynamo produce electricity?

Ans.—A dynamo is merely a machine for passing a magnet past a wire many times in succession and thus producing a continual series of electric pulses, known as electric currents. The iron sides of the dynamo contain the magnets. The revolving part in the center, called the armature, is wound to carry a series of wires past three magnets one after the other, thus producing the electricity.

N. R.—Can a chicken swim?

Ans.—No. Neither can it sink. A chicken will float and flounder until it makes its escape or becomes exhausted.

B. D.—Has Congress the power to coin money and regulate its value?

Ans.—According to Article I, Section 5, of the United States Constitution, Congress shall have the power "to coin money and regulate the value thereof"

S. O.—To settle an argument will you please state who knocked out Champion James J. Jeffries, the heavyweight prize-fighter?

Ans.—James J. Jeffries was knocked out by Jack Johnson (negro) at Reno, Nev., in 15 rounds on July 4, 1910.

H. D.—What baseball player was the champion batter the greatest number of years in either major league?

Ans.—Ty Cobb of the Detroit American League team was the champion batter for seven consecutive years from 1909 to 1915 inclusive. Roger Hornsby of the St. Louis National League team was the champion in his league six consecutive years from 1920 to 1925 inclusive.

F. J.—What country has the greatest number of automobiles?

Ans.—The United States. It has more automobiles than the rest of the world combined.

Answer to Problem: There are nine odd numbers between 1 and 21. The first and last numbers do not count, as they are not between 1 and 21.

MUSIC STUDENTS TO GIVE RECITAL IN M. E. CHURCH

An interesting recital program will be presented Friday evening, May 13 at 7:30 o'clock, in the Methodist church, Bellefonte.

The program will include the piano students of Miss Rachel Shuey and instrumental and junior voice students of Mrs. Alberta Krader. Orchestra and choral groups will appear first on the program, after which Miss Shuey's students will be heard.

The instrumental students of Mrs. Krader will offer a diversified presentation of instruments including xylophone, harp, zither, duet and accordion. Most of the vocal selections will be given in costume this year.

As a conclusion to this interesting program, the "high spots" of "Tom Sawyer" which so recently scored a tremendous hit, will be given to present the students in the cast who developed real histrionic ability under the direction of Mrs. Krader. A silver offering will be lifted for the benefit of the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church.

During the World War, it was reported that the British had an instrument of warfare that was so terrible that no responsible officials would authorize its use. The other day, according to an article, we found out that the United States also has a similar weapon.

One method of determining whether you are smart or not, is to find out whether you read to learn or to confirm your previous opinions.