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EDITORIAL

WHY BIG BUSINESS IS DOUBTED

We do not believe that the people of the United States have any basic hostility to what is generally regarded as big business. Certainly, any thinking man or woman realizes that modern economic enterprise has added considerably to the standard of living of our people.

What then, is the basis for the current critical attitude of the citizens to the leaders of mammoth business enterprises? The answer is so easy that it ought to be apparent to the leaders of capital everywhere and, more to the point, it should have prevented some of the amazing gyrations that have almost convinced the majority of people that most big business is unfair, selfish and potentially crooked and under the leadership of men fired by nothing except an ambition to get all that they can squeeze out of a situation, regardless of consequences.

Everybody is familiar with the plight of the railroads. Their executives are unanimously insisting that something must be done. However, it doesn't help the situation any for the Senate committee, now investigating railroad financing, to reveal the practices that made up railroad financing not so long ago.

Without calling names, because we do not care to pick out one of many similar instances; we cite the case of a railroad that went into receivership in 1931. The year before, it paid its president \$100,000 for special work on a consolidation plan, raised his salary from \$60,000 to \$140,000 and declared a dividend of \$3,700,000. The company, at the same time, was laying off workers and calling on its subsidiaries for financial aid. Although its financial statement showed a "profit" of \$3,781,000 this included a paper dividend of \$1,000,000 from a subsidiary, which was never paid and was later marked off the books as "not an asset."

Such facts speak for themselves, revealing that the stockholders of the company were getting neither intelligent leadership, honest accounting nor a square deal. Literally hundreds and thousands of such cases have been pushed into the open since the crash that ushered in the late depression, affecting almost every activity of the so-called big business boys. Bad as this is, it is made much worse by the utter failure of the responsible leaders as a class, to protest, reveal or fight such practices and, even now, few come out into the open to condemn them.

No wonder the general public keeps its eyes open and waits for evidence that big business has cleaned house and the so-called wizards are ready to accept a code of ethics that is equal to the morality expected of a decent, social-minded member of modern society.

SURPRISES FOR JAPAN

The Japanese Government, which expected the Chinese "incident" to be ended by Spring, is troubled over the course of the undeclared war. The only soldiers returning to Japan are the wounded and those who come back as ashes, in a neat little white box.

Hammered into unity by the aggressive tactics of their foe, the Chinese people seemingly are united in their struggle. The armies continue to get supplies and are waging an intelligent battle against the invaders. In recent months, the Chinese have handled themselves very creditably and the Japanese parade has moved backward.

While our sympathy is entirely with the Chinese and we would be glad to see the Japanese army completely defeated, we hope the matter can be disposed of with a minimum of discomfort to the Japs. The Island Empire has a great many problems, difficult of solution and although the Chinese venture is wrong, in our opinion, the Japanese are not the only people in the world who have made a mistake.

Peace in the Far East will not be made permanent through the progressive humiliation of Japan. Of course, Japanese defeat is by no means certain but it is much nearer than it was when the fighting commenced last year. If, as we hope, the Chinese defenders surprise the world and exhibit the lasting power necessary to thwart Japanese aggression, the day will come when the world can surprise Japan. Other nations can then demonstrate their friendship for the Japanese and, by refusing to take advantage of the situation, help the Japanese to take a worthy place in the ranks of civilized nations.

ADVICE TO BUSINESS MEN

Business men are urged to "forget politics and Washington" by Lew Hahn, general manager of the National Retail Drygoods Association, who says that if "businessmen determine to have good business, they can have it."

Mr. Hahn tells businessmen that the Government in Washington should not have their main attention because "if the people want the policies set by the Government, they will support it, otherwise the elected officials will have to get out."

This is good sense. As Mr. Hahn says, the 130,000,000 people in the United States intend to go on living, New Deal or otherwise. Business has a big job to supply their demands.

Mr. Hoover, who recently returned from Europe where he waded around knee-deep in chaos and tried to check up on the general confusion, doesn't believe there is a general war just around the corner. We'd like to believe this, but when it comes to seeing around corners, can we trust Mr. Hoover's vision?

LET'S MAKE A GARDEN

(The Kiwanis Magazine)

Did you ever stick a petunia seed in your eye? The chances are that if you did, you wouldn't know you had done it. It is just about the size of the period which ends this sentence.

Nothing so confirms a man's faith in God as planting one of those almost microscopic seeds and watching it sprout, produce a plant a foot high and a ruffled flower so large that it takes both hands to hide it. God's wonders are all concealed in that tiny mite of a seed.

Did you ever plant another little blonde mite of a radish seed and watch it sprout, grow and produce a radish a thousand times its size? A bunch of such radishes on your own dining room table have a succulent flavor far superior to the ordinary radishes purchased at a store.

Few people realize that the smaller the garden, the more fun. A one-man garden the size of a large rug can be cultivated, the soil prepared, the beds made, the seed planted and the weeds kept down by one man working an hour a day. That man can get more fun out of that little plot of ground, out of watching the development of the plants and the flowers or vegetables, than he can get out of the same space in any other way.

With the garden come lessons in patience, lessons in care—even in failure the lesson of more care next time—and above all, a personal touch with the wonders of nature and the wonders of God which are living sermons rather than sermons of words.

Let's make a garden!

PROTECTING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

The "freedom of the press," about which newspaper publishers often write, is guaranteed under the Constitution.

Newspaper editors are constantly seeking ways to safeguard the "freedom of the press." There is no reason for the search to be prolonged or difficult.

"Freedom of the press" is a right which carries certain definite responsibilities with it. All that the newspapers of the nation have to do, to protect and preserve the "freedom of the press," is to see that they rigorously perform the duties that the public expects of a free press.

As long as the people of this country believe that the press is in fact free there is no danger whatever of the newspapers losing their "freedom." If the public becomes convinced that the newspapers of this country are distorting the news, misrepresenting officials, or otherwise using their journals for selfish purposes, there will be no use to clamor about a free press.

The general public, disgusted with a sycophant press, will applaud any step taken to curb unbridled license. A decent code of ethics, a sense of responsibility and the evidence of a desire to serve the public will go far towards preserving the "freedom of the press."

NO PRESUMPTION OF GUILT HERE

No person who knows the record of Commander John D. Pennington in the United States Navy, or as a Prohibition Administrator for the Philadelphia and other districts or as a member of the Governor's cabinet or now as Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Industrial School is going to presume him guilty of having administered tear gas to a school inmate with fatal results, a crime with which Commander Pennington is charged.

In a public statement, Commander Pennington intimates his suspicions that there are politics back of it, one of his prosecutors being a brother of a Republican congressional candidate. There is a complete denial of the charge by Pennington who has been completely exonerated by the school trustees following a State Motor Police investigation.

The persons who know the Pennington record are quite content to allow the processes of the law to confirm their own belief that the superintendent's word in this as in all cases is something to be trusted.

DICTATOR SOCIETY EVENT

Last week Dictator Adolf Hitler paid a friendly visit to Dictator Benito Mussolini.

The Italian leader made strenuous efforts to surpass the welcome which Hitler gave him in Berlin last fall. It was undoubtedly a great show.

As a sidelight, police estimated that more than 6,000 persons were arrested in Rome as precautions to insure the safety of the German Fuehrer. Some were jailed and some were sent out of Rome. Automobiles were searched, police guards were doubled along the railways and shipments of small parcels halted completely while the German Chancellor was in Rome.

Altogether it was quite a demonstration of the loyalty and affection that the people feel for the dictators.

-: Requested Poems :-

Contributed by Readers

'Mother's Day' in Germany and Austria

A poem by Erich Weinart, translated into English by Walter Hart Blumenthal.
(Published by request)

They came on Friday; took him from her sight.
"Weep not." To clasp her hand he reached out hurriedly;
She shed no tears but stood there trembling white,
Pallid with fright. No other son had she.
Till midnight on the window-ledge she lay.
Then to the near Police she ran with her fear.
"At seven they came and hurried him away."
"Hans Fischer? Six Jakob Street? Not here."
Now to the head Police she wended on.
"Hans Fischer? No. None such has here been brought."
"Not here?" She stood there stricken, silent, wan,
Pallid with fear. "Please, where must he be sought?"
They only laughed. "Now isn't she a card?"
"Go try at Tempelhof, or where you will."
She hastened there, brought the sentry guard.
"Hans Fischer, str. Pruy, is he held here still?"
"How should I know? There are so many below."
She took her hand in hers. "He is my son."
"Then to police headquarters you must go."
Pallid she stood with fright. "There have I run."
"Move on, old lady, please," the sentry said.
Again the station-house her footsteps near.
Morning had come, the aching night had fled.
"Hans Fischer, Jakob Street? Oh, yes, he's here."
The tears ran down upon her aged cheeks;
"May I see him? Or will he soon be free?"
A man behind a table to her speaks:
"Sorry, he's dead. And not so nice to see."
Aghast she stood, no word to her was left.
Slowly they led her to the vacant street.
In chilly dawn she stood as one bereft,
Then sank, a crumpled wisp, at her own feet.
At countless thresholds countless mothers die . . .
Yet some day a stirring wind will blow
To fan the ashes of their grief awl,
And hush wan mother-cheeks when they defy—
When countless mothers take at last their stand,
Their dead sons' banners borne in each hand.



THE OFFICE CAT

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"

YE GODS, WHAT A GROUGH!

A lonely wife on her front door step
Saw her husband passing by;
She asked him if he'd soon be back
And this was his reply:
"When women stop talking
And babies stop crying,
When mules stop balking
And men stop lying,
When bees bake bread
And flies make honey,
When misers go broke
And hoboes save money,
When white is black
And winds are still,
Why, I'll come back—
Like fun I will!"

One Of Eve's Apples

Two Robbinsdale boys, on their way to church, stopped at an orchard and ate a large number of green apples. In the middle of the divine service, one of the lads felt an attack of illness coming on and remarked that he'd better stop outside.

"All right," agreed his friend, "Hurry back and I'll hold your seat for you."
In a few seconds the boy with the overload of green apples returned.

"Say, that was quick," said his companion. "I don't see how you had time to walk around the building."

"I didn't," explained the other. "I was going to, but I got out into the vestibule and found a box with a sign on it saying, 'FOR THE SICK.'"

Sandy Was Thrifty

A Scotchman sent his sweetheart a package of flower seeds with these directions: "Plant these now and you will have a nice bouquet for your birthday."

Needed Further Cleaning

A Negro Baptist was exhorting: "Now, breddern and sistern, come up to de altar and have yo' sins washed away."
All came up but one man.

"Why, Brudder Jones, don't yo' want yo' sins washed away," asked the pastor.
"I done had my sins washed away," was the reply.
"Yo' has yo' had yo' sins washed away?"
"Over at de church across de road."

"Ah, Brudder Jones, yo' ain't been washed; yo' jes' been dry cleaned."

Bosky Was Frisky

Farmer—"Bobby, what did the cow give today?"
Bobby—"Nine quarts and two kicks."

Bet They All Got In

"We once heard of a mother who enforced this rule: The last girl in at night gets breakfast in the morning."

A Rear View

Teacher—"Jimmy, give a sentence using the word deceit."
Jimmy—"I wear pants with patches on deceit."

Slips That Pass In The News

(From the Larding, Idaho, Gazette)
Dine and dance at the Chicken Inn, Broad & Trevor Street. No lover (cover) charge at any time.

(From the Earnan, Texas, Examiner)
Two practical nurses wanted at once—days and nighty. Call Mr. Oeter, E-0011.

(From the Datos, N. M., Times)
Madame Pilling's fidgets (midgits) occupied a feature spot on the bill and literally stopped the show.

(From the Chicago, Ill., Daily News)
Their nightly bedtime program was followed by thousands of children throughout the middle west.

(From the Ardale, Calif. News)
Jim Saltz, of the local American Legion Post, has gone to Hollywood for a week's visit with one of his former overseas biddys (buddies).

(From the Alma, N. Dak. Register)
Young widow wishes work for widower on farm. Works quickly, inside or out.

Half Way Ticket

A fellow sauntered into a railway station and plunked a \$20 bill down before the ticket agent.

"Gimme," he hiccupped, "a ticket to Walla Walla."
"Sorry," said the clerk, "but the fare to Walla Walla is \$40."
"Well, then," said the fellow who wanted to travel, "Gimme a ticket to Walla."

All Right To Liza

A highway patrolman had brought in a Negro woman somewhat the worse for wear, and the desk sergeant, with his very best scowl, roared:
"Liza, you've been brought in for intoxication!"
"Dat's fine!" beamed Liza. "Boy, you can start right now!"

Society News Item

Mr. and Mrs. Martini, of 10 S. E. Scyanore Street, have named their new baby "Cocktail," but friends who have held him say he's no dry Martini.

Barnyard Gossip

First Hen—"That big rooster has been making love to me."
Second Hen—"Did you give him any encouragement?"
First Hen—"Just egged him on a bit."

A SAD STORY

Absent minded was old Bill Dyer;
He poked the cat, and put out the fire.

Taking Him For a Ride

A certain minister who rides to the church in an automobile received an anonymous letter calling his attention to the fact that the Lord never rode to church in a car. The clergyman read it from the pulpit and added:

"If the writer of this letter will come next Sunday, properly saddled and bridled, I will be glad to follow the Lord's example and come to church as He entered Jerusalem."

Ain't Hit De Truff?

Rastus—"Dis here papah sez dat de nex' war day gwine to make ebery man fight. Well, heeah an' one man dat's not gwine to fight, Ah doan' feel lak doin' no fightin' nohow. Dey kin send me to war, but dey can't make me fight."
Amos—"No, dey can't make yo' all fight. But dey can take and put yo' whar de fightin' am, an' aftah dat you kin use yo' own judgment."

That's all, folks. Strange as it may seem, one sex runs after everything with pants, and the other sex runs after everything without.

—SCAT—

Planes Drop Supplies

An experiment in feeding an isolated cavalry platoon by means of airplanes was declared a success after recent tests by the War Department. More than 1,000 pounds of supplies for men and horses were dropped without damage.

Stone Nails Banned

Seven men were arrested for throwing rocks into the window of the villa of the German legation at Prague when they saw a swastika banner displayed inside the window. An apology was hastily extended the German officials after the incident.

2 COLLEGE BOYS TO PLAY IN ALL-STATE SCHOOL BAND

Eugene Lederer and Walter Parsons, State College High school students, will be among the 195 students from 105 secondary institutions who will comprise the all-state band which will play at the annual festival to be held at Jersey Shore May 12-14.
This annual fete, the culmination of the various district meets held throughout the state, is sponsored by the Pennsylvania School of Music Association.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—If a hog and a half brings 10c for each pound and a half what will three hogs bring for each pound? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

G. J.—Where and what are the West Indies Islands and the East India Islands?

Ans.—The West Indies are a group of islands south and southeast of Florida, now known as the Virgin Islands. The East India Islands are a group of islands southeast of the Malay Peninsula, the southern extremity of India. The largest islands of the group are Sumatra, Borneo and Java.

A. D.—What is the largest city in Canada, and what is its population?

Ans.—Montreal is the largest city in the Dominion of Canada. The population in 1930 was 618,506. However, Greater Montreal is now estimated approximately 1,900,000.

F. H.—I would like to know which is the largest stadium in the United States?

Ans.—Stanford Stadium is the largest in the United States. It has a seating capacity of 88,000.

J. E.—Can you answer who was the greatest American aviator in the World War?

Ans.—Eddie Rickenbacker, of Columbus, Ohio, enjoys this distinction. He had 26 victories in the air without a defeat.

J. L.—On what grounds are the largest number of divorces granted in the United States?

Ans.—Cruelty tops the list with approximately 55 per cent. "Desertion" is second, with about 33 per cent.

D. E.—Our history teacher said the Mayflower landed at Plymouth, Mass., on Sunday. But another teacher disputes it, and says it was on Monday. It is agreed to leave it to you as to which is right. Thank you.

Ans.—Monday is right. The fact that 1620 was a leap year, probably has confused your teacher. Therefore the Mayflower landed on this hemisphere on Monday, Dec. 21, 1620.

M. S.—How high does the pineapple tree grow? And are there any trees in this country?

Ans.—Pineapples do not grow on trees. The pineapple is the fruit of a tropical plant that consists of a central axis with a tuft of rigid leaves springing from the roots to the upper part and grows to a height of ten to twenty inches, and bearing a single fruit. It is cultivated in some Southern States, but grows wild in Brazil and other South American countries.

S. R.—What is Ping Pong?

Ans.—Ping Pong is a modified form of lawn tennis, but is adapted to be played indoors on a table about 4 x 8. The rules and play are quite similar to lawn tennis, but the ball is usually a light sphere of celluloid, and only a single service is permitted.

B. V.—Was Edgar Allen Poe an Englishman or an American poet?

Ans.—Edgar Allen Poe was an American poet, born in Boston, Mass., Sunday, February 19, 1809.

W. G.—What is the motto of the Socialist Party of the U. S. A.?

Ans.—It is, Workers of the World Unite!

W. M. G.—Is there any business firm where employees use roller skates to save time?

Ans.—There is none where this is generally done, but the Western Union office in New York City has girl route aids who wear roller skates in the message dispatch and delivery rooms.

F. M. G.—Where is the ranch that is bigger than the State of Rhode Island?

Ans.—The King Ranch in southern Texas consists of more than 1500 square miles, while the area of Rhode Island is 1248 square miles.

H. J. K.—Is there any book (not a treatise on temperance) that would help a person who drinks too much?

Ans.—A Man Against Himself, by Dr. Karl A. Menninger, the eminent psychiatrist, should be of interest in such a case.

W. H. J.—How many women are there in the various State legislative bodies?

Ans.—According to the Commentator, in 1937, 140 women served in thirty-five State legislatures.

J. L. M.—Who is the champion aviator of today?

Ans.—Dick (Henry T. Merrill) was selected as the World champion aviator of 1937 by the International League of Aviators.

K. M. F.—How much does it cost the Government to educate a boy at Annapolis?

Ans.—The cost, including overhead, is \$3458 a year for each midshipman.

C. H.—Do the Dunkards still prohibit telephones and radios?

Ans.—At a recent convention of the Old Order of Dunkards, a motion permitting telephones in members' homes was passed. Radios and musical instruments are still prohibited by the sect.

J. L.—What state has the largest number of automobiles per capita?

Ans.—Nevada and California lead in per capita automobile registrations with one car to every 2.6 inhabitants.

C. F.—How many Germans are there in Switzerland?

Ans.—There are approximately 150,000 German citizens in that country.

C. M.—Is there a word which describes the fear of making a mistake in pronunciation or stuttering?

Ans.—Lalophobia is a reluctance to speak because of fear of making mistakes in pronunciation or grammar, or of stuttering.

E. H. J.—How many cocoons does it take to make a pair of silk hosiery?

Ans.—To produce one pair of three thread hosiery, one hundred and thirty cocoons are required. The amount required for chiffon hose is somewhat less than for service weight.

R. T. M.—Where is the Will Rogers Memorial Stadium?

Ans.—It is just south of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and will be dedicated on August 19, 20 and 21 with the annual Will Rogers Memorial Rodeo. The stadium is being built by Spencer Penrose who gave the beautiful Rogers memorial called The Shrine of the Sun.

F. M. G.—What four-footed animal can not walk?

Ans.—The sloth, said to be the laziest animal in the world, hangs from the branches of trees, feeding on shoots, foliage and fruits. The animal's anatomy is such that it can only hang. It has no defense weapon, but is camouflaged by the coloration of the hair which is covered with a minute green algae.

R. M. Y.—Why is the owl associated with wisdom?

Ans.—In ancient times, the owl was the bird regarded as sacred to Athena, the goddess of wisdom.

C. L. G.—Where do the bristles used in brushes come from?

Ans.—The world relies almost entirely on China for its bristle supply. Every year a new crop of 22,000,000 hogs gives up its bristles to supply the industry.

W. S. G.—Are shoes made of kangaroo leather durable?

Ans.—Kangaroo leather is the strongest known for its weight and thickness. It is soft and fine grained and does not scuff easily.

W. J.—How do the photographers prevent a glare in the ice scenes in Sonja Henie's pictures?

Ans.—On the rink built for Miss Henie by Twentieth-Century Fox, milk was frozen into the ice so that it could be photographed without glare or highlights.

E. W.—How long would it take an airplane, flying at a speed of 170 miles per hour, to cover the distance between the lowest and the highest point in the United States?

Ans.—About thirty minutes, as Death Valley and Mt. Whitney, the lowest and highest points, are both in California and only about eighty-five miles apart.

S. E. G.—What is the standard width of a railroad track between the rails?

Ans.—Railroads of the United States, Canada and England recognize 4 feet, 8 1/2 inches as the standard width between rails.

F. H. C.—Please give some information about the 4 1/2-year-old prodigy who was interviewed on the radio.

Ans.—George Washington Lovett, who has a phenomenal memory, is the son of a Detroit musician. He can name all the Presidents of the United States, give the populations of all large cities, and is familiar with 3000 musical compositions. He taught himself to read and write and is proficient in using the typewriter. The child has some ability as a mind-reader and knows the French, German, Italian and Greek alphabets.

Answer to problem: The price will be 6 2-3 cents per pound, regardless of the number of hogs.

Murdered by a Swan

Discussing a little girl's strange death that reads like a chance-of-death story, a columnist describes in words and from Poe's mystery story "Murders in the Rue Morgue." One of many interesting stories in the May 15th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

Weird Creatures of the Sea

Distinguished naturalist and marine artist describes in words and color pictures beautiful and unusual creatures peculiar to the sea. One of many features in the May 15th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.