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NO WAR (OFFICIALLY) ANYWHERE!

Lovers of peace and those who dislike talk of war will take heart from the fact that there is no war in the world today.

These citizens recall that in 1928, the nations of the world signed an anti-war pact, under which they condemned recourse to war, renounced it as an instrument of national policy and agreed to settle all disputes or conflicts by pacific means.

It is encouraging in the midst of a cynical generation to report that the nations have abided by this treaty. Not one of them has declared war since that document was signed.

Of course, in 1931, Japan acquired Manchuria from China, but the Japanese did it without declaring war, even though there was some unpleasantness between the peoples. In 1935 Italy officially annexed Ethiopia, but the Italians did it without declaring war, although there was a "slight misunderstanding" between the Italians and the Ethiopians. Nor is there a war going on in China at this time. Neither Japan nor China has declared war on the other, despite the misunderstanding that has developed into an "incident" in the Far East.

Certainly, it should be encouraging to those who want peace at any price to reflect that since the Kellogg Anti-War Pact was signed the world has been officially at peace. Because of this official fact, there seems to be no reason for any nation to build warships or to prepare armies for warfare. To take action along these lines would threaten the official peace that now exists and might possibly lead to the resumption of old-style war.

G. O. P. "DISCOURAGED AND TIRED"

Pending a week-end series of conferences with Republican ladies resident in Newport, R. I., Chairman John D. M. Hamilton, of the Republican National Committee, appeared on the lawn of the statehouse at Augusta, Maine. Had his address been delivered on one of the lesser remote planets it would have received no more frugal mention in the great metropolitan dailies, which on happier occasions print his every word. At Augusta, according to the Republican Press-Herald of Portland, the chairman told his audience "I come back rather chastened and I hope with somewhat more political experience under my belt. Maine and Vermont are the only places where I may feel among Republicans from the grass roots up. There are only three other states having Republican governors.

"While the party is discouraged and somewhat tired," he admitted, "in all of the states" he had visited "with the exception of five or six below the Mason-Dixon line, it has not given up." The only cheering news he had to offer was that "the rank and file of the party" contributed "more than a million dollars to the party funds, the largest ever provided following a national election. "This," he explained, "made possible payments to many of the state committees.'...

SHALL THE "ELECT" GOVERN?

There are any number of American citizens who count themselves as important persons in their own communities who do not believe in permitting the people to have the right to vote. These members of a self-appointed class of 'elect" persons are convinced that the average man and woman has not the intelligence necessary to solve public problems.

Naturally, these individuals reflect their own interests. As a rule, they have considerable property and are more concerned over its retention than they are in the upbuilding and uplifting of the average inhabitant of the United States. For them, it is extremely foolish to inflict any burdens upon the property-owning class in the hope of developing a better type of citizenship in this country.

While the voice of the people is often far removed from our ideas as to the voice of God, there is little reason to suspect that the voice of any selected class, such as that composed of the property-owning individuals, would be anything nearer to perfection. In fact, the chances are that it would be the selfish voice of a small minority of individuals. It would only reflect the interests of a certain group and never would give just consideration to the demands of humanity itself.

PLAIN SPEAKING (From the Fort Collins (Colo.) Leader)

When William Allen White was elected president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors a few months ago by acclamation, he was eulogized as "beyond any question, the most influential man in his profession." None disputed it in the laudatory praise that appeared in all of the G. O. P. press, for the famed Sage of Emporia has devoted his life to unremitting toil for the welfare of the Republican Party.

An inkling as to the enormity of his task is disclosed in an ediorial in his Emporia Gazette wherein he discussed the enactment by the last session of "the strongly Democratic Congress" of a law which puts control of gas pipelines under the Federal Government. "Naturally," he says, 'open-minded citizens will be grateful to the Roosevelt Administration for this check on the rapacity of the gas monopolists," and then he indicts his own party with sizzling severity.

"Fifteen years ago, when natural gas began to assume considerable industrial importance," he ponts out, "the leaders of the Republican Party would not recognize the common sense of putting natural gas (an interstate commodity) under interstate control. They were practical, hard-headed business men. You couldn't tell them anything about how to run their business. So today, because of this Republican neglect; because, again for instance, of the neglect to control the stock exchange, also to control the sale of securities; incidentally the neglect to give labor laws which would protect its bargaining power, and finally the neglect of the American farmer—because of all of these sins of omission-the Republican Party, which represents today the Bourbons who learn nothing and forget nothing, have Franklin Roosevelt on their necks and, with him, a class-conscious proletariat!

"And it was so unnecessary! In these 15 years, inside the Republican Party an intelligent, militant liberal minority has been clamoring for all of these reforms which now are making Franklin Roosevelt solid.

"Of all the consummate jackasses who ever wielded the scepter of power in this country, commend us to the staunch, stalwart, unbending, regular, unswerving, pursebound and plumb locoed leaders of the G. O. P .- from Mc-Kinley's day down to the last tick of the tock.

Signed "William Allen White," whose assertion that there had been no change in the philosophy of the Old Guard leadership in 40 years renders difficult the task of Dr. Glenn Frank's interpretive committee.

PRISONERS MISTREATED

The death of four convicts in the Philadelphia County prison, where they were scalded to death by live steam turned into their cells during a hunger strike, is a tragedy that should serve as a warning to the people of the United

The punishment inflicted on these convicts, who were said: helpless to resist, was brought to light only because four of the convicts died. Nobody knows how many convicts in other prisons, have suffered severe punishment without the acts of the officials coming to the attention of the public.

The Centre Democrat does not believe that anything like a majority of the officials employed in our penal institutions are brutal. At the same time, startling disclosures which come to light occasionally, indicate that there are some very callous individuals in positions where they can wreak vengeance upon prisoners they dislike. Until a tragic affair turns the spotlight on a specific prison, no one has any idea what goes on.

We do not believe in "coddling" prisoners. Their punishment should not become a glorified vacation from the cares and responsibilities of the outside world. At the same time, those convicted of violating the laws of our Government and sentenced by society to terms of imprisonment, have the right to expect just, humane and reasonable treatment. That many of them fail to receive this kind of treatment is a sad commentary on our penal institutions.

DEPRESSIONS AND HARVESTS

In an effort to discover, if possible, something about the times when depressions begin, Sir William Beveridge, well known British economist, attempted to ascertain the times at which downward and upward movements take place. He reaches the conclusion that trade cycles are caused by man rather than by nature.

While his studies relate to British economic conditions, it is interesting to report that he finds that the last three depressions began in August. Before that, there were several that began in September. Never, so far as he has been able to discover, has a decisive turn for the worse

come between February and July. So what? The British economist cautiously puts forth the hypothesis that it may be possible to link the critical economic epochs with the harvests in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres and thus predict depressions.

We are not quite sure that we get the full drift of the British economist's argument, but it seems to recognize in a left-handed way the importance of agriculture in the affairs of the world. If, as he suspects, depressions are linked with the harvest season, the fact would not be surprising to anyone who remembers the old saying that "wealth comes from the soil."

READ THE BIBLE

Men and women who read the Bible differ in their interpretation of its message. Christian churches and their leaders often disagree as to the meaning of some difficult passage.

There is general agreement, nevertheless, that the Bible is a book of great power. Almost every individual who has exposed himself, or herself, to the influence of this book has found it a source of strength.

The Centre Democrat would not attempt to set itself up as an expert on biblical matters. At the same time, it has no hesitation in advising its readers to make themselves familiar with the messages of the Bible. In them, one will find wisdom, power and something that words cannot describe.

Louisa's Letter

My daughter is planning to be them all I had the feeling that we of infidelity?

parts. They joke about what they will do if they catch each other divorces?

MOTHER.—Penn.

husband being unfaithful to you never crossed your mind. What a biessing that was to you. Perhaps ual about things than we were at his mind and eye strayed now and their age but on the whole I think very familiar with the divorce laws. ANSWER

be a very desirable fellow.

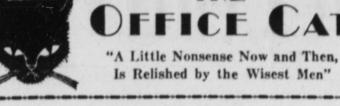
My daughter is evidently not starting off with this viewpoint. Don't a lack of seriousness on both of their parts. They joke about what they will do if they catch the about what they will do if they catch the about what they diverges?

I think as you do that we have much to be thankful for that marriage was considered so lasting in our day. You say that the idea of your plants to have the idea in full flower.

Now when I got married the idea of my husband ever being disloyal to me never crossed my mind. It was not a legal contract to me but a spiritual union to last forever. During all the years that have followed I was never disturbed by any idea of unfaithfulnes on his part. We have can they escape the thought of they have more common sense. They were blissfully happy. If you had been suspicious and watching out for something you might have made those molehills into mountains and, even had you come through all right, think of the worry and misery you would have gone through.

I read an article a few days ago in were blissfully happy. If you had been suspicious and watching out for something you might have married the only boy or git in the world—and they are probably just as anxious to make a success of their marriage as we were.

LOUISA.



VERSE AND WORSE

O. had I power to reach the cootie, That up and down my frame goes scootie So quick would I the rascal snatchie, Who bites me where I cannot scratchie

THE

Cruel, Cruel Shock

A girl of this day may not faint at hearing a naughty story, or at the sight of a mouse, but we reckon the sight of a sink full of dishes to be washed would make her keel over in the old fashioned way.

Playing Safe

Shortly after breakfast, Mandy came to her mistress with a worried ook on her face.

"Miz Smith," she said. "Ah wants to gib you mah money an' valtables to keep fo' me.' "Why, Mandy," exclaimed her mistress. "What on earth is the mat-

"Well, yo' see, it's this way," replied Mandy. "I'se gwine git married to Sam Parsons tonight and ah don't trus' dat niggah.

Wow! Right on the Chin

A burglar's wife was being cross-examined by the district attorney. 'Madam, you are the wife of this prisoner?" "Yes, sir, I am."

"You knew he was a burglar when you married him?" "Yes, I did."

"May I ask you how you came to marry such an individual?" "You may," snapped the witness. "You see, I was getting old and had choose between a burglar and a lawyer.

The Old Corduroys

There used to appear in the catalog of a mail order house a picture a pair of corduroy trousers. Year after year the picture appeared, together with the description the heart in the middle

of the pants-and the price, \$3. In the twenty-fifth year of the ad the company received this letter; "Dear Friend: The more I been seeing them corduroy breeches, the more I got to wantin' them. If you ain't sold them yet, let me know, and I will buy them. Yours truly, Si Higginbotham."

WHO DOES?

With a bottle or two of rare old wine, And a maiden with features and form divine, On a night just made for love and laughter, Say: who gives a heck for the morning after?

Pigs is Pigs, But Preachers

Two ministers were walking along a country road. One of them took a cigar out of his pocket, lit it and began to smoke. Whereupon the other town, Ohio,

Brother, I see you smoke. I am amazed at you. Do you know that t is a vial habit? Why, even a pig won't smoke." They walked on in silence for a few minutes, and then the other

"Brother, I've been thinking of what you said just now about a pig not smoking, and I infer that you mean to suggest some subtle resemblance between me and the pig. But, my dear brother, inasmuch as you Spanish and of the nobility, the names having been Goffre. His great-do not smoke, it appears to me that there is a greater resemblance be-grandfather fled from Spain for political reasons and went to France tween you and the pig than between me and the pig."

Why Not Try This?

A certain enterprising poultryman has crossed his hens with parrots to save time. He used to hunt around for the eggs, but now the hens walk up to him and say, "Hank, I just laid an egg. Go get it."

Perhaps You've Noticed It

The shortest perceptible unit of time is the difference between the kneeling three times, each act accompanied by touching the ground with moment the traffic light changes and the boob behind you honks for the forehead. you to go.

Extra Cautious

"Sandy McWadd is nearly dead for sleep." "What's the matter-insomnia?"

"No. The last time he went to sleep he woke up just as he was preparing to give give his money away. He's afraid he won't wake up in ime the next time."

To Keep the Bakers Busy

your daily bread instead of asking enough for a week?" Boy-"So we can get it fresh every day."

The Political Pot

Have you heard the latest political slogan: "He chews to run." Sug- States holds a government job? gested by McFeenamint.

For Fishermen Only

A friend sends us the following suggestion for fishermen who ernment, or by State or local governments. wants to catch the big ones:

"Get a can of peas and go out into the center of Spring Creek istration and what security is required? creek where there is a large rock. Put a pea on the rock and when a ig one comes up for a pea, hit it with a club." All right, brother, we'll try that some time when the fish warden down with the pip.

He Was All Wet

A little boy had been absent from school. The teacher sent him home for an excuse. He came running back with the following note: "Tommy was absent from school because he got wet in the A. M. and had to be dried in the P. M.

MOTHER GOOSE

A little baby duckling Was born with a frown, When he felt himself and found out His first pants were down.

Same In All Lines

"Yessuh," said Old Link, "business is very good. Done bought a pig for \$10, traded de pig for a wheelbarrow, barrow for a calf, calf for a bicycle, and sold de bicycle for \$10." "But you don' make nothin'. Link," said his wife.

"Sho' nough, but look at de business ah been doin'." If the fellow who has delirium tremens would go to bed as they did

the old days, our highways would be a lot safer.

Sin, Brother, Sin

The gospel meeting had reached a pitch of fervor when Rastus got up to give his testimony. "Brudders and Sisters," he began, "vile sinner dat ah am, ah ain't got no right to be here among you. Ah ought to be out in de utter dark-

"Brudders and Sisters," shouted Liza Johnson who arose as Brother Brown sat down, "Ah ain't got no right to be here nuther. Ah, too, ought to be out in de darkness wid Brudder. Brown.

The old-fashioned girl who used to go to a fortune teller to get her hand read now has a daughter who goes to a speak-easy to get her as a borough in 1806

That's all, folks. An island is a place where the bottom of the

ocean sticks up.

had our ups and downs but through with books, stories, movies, etc., full which the bride was advised how Brigham Young. married in a few weeks. She seems still possessed the big things that I think as you do that we have rule the writer said was never to

never to get a divorce. The first

blessing that was to you. Perhaps ual about things than we were at by an expedition of the Field Mu- home, Coudersport, as that of Truhis mind and eye strayed now and their age but on the whole I think then but you never knew it and you they have more common sense. They

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM-In a "hop, step and jump" contest, one contestant hopped 12 feet, the step 8 feet and the jump 16 feet, but he threw his feet just before landing and was penalized 3 1/2 feet. Now then, what was the distance he jumped? (Answer elsewhere in this column.)

D. N .- How far is New Zealand from Australia?

Ans.-New Zealand is exactly 1,000 miles southeast of Australia.

A. J.-Was there ever an Englishman elected as Pope of Rome? Ans.-Yes. Pope Adrian IV who was Nicolas Cardinal Breakspear, was elected Pope of Rome in A. D. 1154. E. F .- You have said that "journalism" is called the "Fourth Es-

tate." Now I wish to ask you what are the other three estates? Ans .- The other three estates are: The Lords, the clergy and the

P. T .- I have an Egyptian coin which has a "T" on it with a loop at the top. Will you answer what it means, if you know? Ans.-That "T," with a loop at the top is the Egyptian symbol of en-

during life.

W. V .- What does "e. g" stand for? Ans.-Those two letters are the abbreviations or initials for the Latin exempli gratia, which means in English "for example."

G. S.-Which side does the military experts think will win in the Japanese-Chinese war?

Ans .- Technically they think that neither side will win. The experts figure that China's overwhelming man-power cannot be subdued by the highly trained soldiers and the modern war equipment of the Japanese; that the Japanese will eventually abandon the war after both sides suffer tremendously from its effects unless the World Powers intervene beforehand.

V. G .- Why is sirloin steak sometimes called Porterhouse?

Ans.—This originated in London in olden times. A certain portion of the sirloin is the tenderest of all steaks and was always reserved for a famous hotel known as the Porter House. As a result, that tender portion of the sirloin became known as a Porterhouse M. W .- Can you tell me what a yak is?

Ans.-A yak is a beast of burden and related to the ox family.

V. B .- Do the lungs act as a pair on the righthand side of the body? Ans.-No. There are two lungs-one on each side of the body, with

H. M. G .- Is there a name for the pointer on a sundial? Ans.—The name is gnomon.

W. W. N .- How is the perpetual flame on the Gettysburg Monument kept burning? Ans,-The Eternal Light at Gettysburg is fed by natural gas piped

from Western Pennsylvania. R. R. W.-Were strawberries ever used as a dentrifice?

Ans.-A book of prescriptions published more than 100 years ago says: The common strawberry is a natural dentrifice and its juice without previous preparation whatever dissolves the tartareous encrustation on the teeth and makes the breath sweet and agreeable

H. S .- Is Bone-setter Reese, who teated so many ball players, living? Ans.-John D. (Bone-setter) Reese died November 30, 1931, in Youngs-

S. A .- I would like to ask you if a Passover cake, which is made by the Jewish people, has yeast in it? Ans.-No. A Passover cake is unleavened.

Ans.-According to a tradition in the family the stock was originally

where he gave his name the French spelling of Joffre, and became a

E. J. W .- What size collar is worn by the most men?

T. S. J .- Did General Joffre change his name?

Ans .- Fifteen is the most popular collar-size. Y. S. K.—What is the origin of the term kowtow? Ans.-It is derived from the Chinese ceremonial act of prostration as a sign of homage, submission or worship. The word is formed from ko, knock, and tou head. To the emperor the kowtow was performed by

T. W. S .- What is the specific gravity of the blood? Ans.—The specific gravity of blood depends upon the quantity of haemoglobin present. Normally it is between 1055 and 1060.

E. D .- What is the difference in cost between technicolor and ordinary motion picture film? Ans.—Technicolor negative costs seven and one-half cents a foot and three negatives are used, making a total of twenty-two and one-

half cents a foot. Black and white negative costs four cents a foot. Technicolor costs two cents a foot to develop, but three times as much film must be processed, making the cost six cents. Black and white negative Sunday School Teacher-"Why in your prayers do you only ask for developing is one and one-half cents a foot.

L. R. G .- How old is the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest in North Carolina?

Ans.-It was established in 1936 by the Secretary of Agriculture.

L. W. J .- Is it true that one in every twenty persons in the United Ans.-The National Industrial Conference Board says: Total government employment has risen steadily, until in June, 1938, approximately one person in every sixteen is regularly employed by the Federal Gov-

R. L. G .- What kind of loans are made by the Farm Security Admin-

Ans.-Rehabilitation loans are made to finance the purchase of necessary farm supplies, livestock, seed, fertilizer, feed, tools, household equipment and temporary food and clothing requirements. The borrower gives a note and mortgage on his personal property, on the goods he buys with the loan, and on his coming crop. A loan will not be made unless the borrower's farm plan shows that he can produce enough cash in-

come to pay off the debt T. L. M .- What is the average weekly movie attendance in the United

Ans.-In 1937 attendance at movies was approximately \$5,000,000 a week.

H. C.-What does it cost the government to educate a student at West Point? Ans .- The Adjutant General's Office says that the cost to the Pedi eral Government of sending a student through the entire course at the

United States Military Academy is \$9715.45.

C. J .- Are Eddie Duchin's hands insured? Ans.-The orchestra leader's hands are insured for \$100,000.

L. H. M .- Is Boake Carter the radio commentator's real name? Ans.-He was named Harold Thomas Henry Carter. The program director of WCAU in Philadelphia induced him to use the name Boake,

which is a surname in his mother's family.

T. L. G .- What is a horn dance? Ans.-It is a medieval dance, still celebrated during the September wakes at Abbots Bromley, a village on the border of Needwood Porest, Straffordshire. Men, wearing a deer's skull with antiers, dance through the streets, pursued by a comrade, who bestrides a mimic horse, and whip the dancers to keep them on the move.

K. L. H .- Where is the largest open-air theater in the world? Ans.-It is said to be the Roman theater at Vienne, France, Built some 2000 years ago, it was unknown to the present generation until a railroad wreck dislodged some earth and revealed the upper tier of seats. Archeologists excavated and the ancient theater was uncovered. It has

now been restored and has a seating capacity of 9000 spectators.

E. G. M .- When was Gettysburg founded? Ans.-Gettysburg, Pa., was settled about 1740, and was incorporated S. J. D .- How long has Heber J. Grant, President of the Mormon

Church, held that office? Ans.-On November 22, of this year, he will have been in office twenty years. He is the seventh man in line from Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the church, and has held office longer than any other president except

Answer to Problem: The contestant, as stated, jumped 16 feet.

Mind Old Temple The discovery of a great kiva, or

lived there 1,200 years ago.

German U-Boats Germany's post-war submarine fleet | walked away from the home. that is now stronger than the un-derwater craft of Great Britain

Identify Skelcton of Man. Tatters of clothing Friday served temple, on the south rim of Cahone to identify a skeleton found Thurs-Canyon, in southwestern Colorado, day near the Potter County poor seum is expected to give informa- man or Luman Spencer, who left the tion as to the lives and habits of home May 21, 1937, when annoyed by the Peublo Indians, who supposedly the playing of the radio at the home Children playing in the woods found the bones near the base of an uprooted tree. It is believed that the British officials are interested in man suffered a heart attack as he

-Read the Classified ada.