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EDITORIAL

TEMPORARY PEACE IN EUROPE

The leading statesmen of Europe got together last week in Munich and arranged the details of the transfer of the Sudetan area of Czechoslovakia to Germany, thus averting, for the present the threat of a great war.

The people of Czechoslovakia were called upon to make a great sacrifice for peace. Their attitude throughout the entire disturbing crisis was excellent and the behavior of government, soldiers and people aroused much admiration throughout the world.

Just how great was the accomplishment at Munich remains to be seen. If it leads to something like general appeasement it will rank as a momentous achievement, with credit going to Prime Minister Chamberlain, President Roosevelt and Italy's Benito Mussolini.

Herr Hitler has scored a victory for Germany by securing the Sudeten area but he has done Germany greater harm by definitely aligning Great Britain on the side of France and Russia in any future warfare over central Europe.

It is probably too much to expect that the agreement in Munich will be followed by an easing of the tension in Europe, with the nations reducing their preparations for war.

As it is, the world is the gainer if war is postponed. There is the chance that it may be averted altogether. If it comes later it is safe to assert that Great Britain, at least, will be better prepared than she is today.

NIGHT DRIVING DANGEROUS

Automobile travel at night is increasing very fast in the United States. It is estimated that about one-quarter of the total highway traffic takes place after dark.

Half of the personal injury accidents and more than half the deaths attributable to motor vehicles occur during hours of darkness. Traffic fatalities at night have increased about two and one-half times faster than during the day time.

With these facts in mind, highway engineers are giving increasing study to the problem of preventing highway accidents at night. The lighting of highways at a cost of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per mile, is being considered in some states.

One problem of night driving, is, of course, the glare from the approaching vehicles. Very often, it is almost impossible to see ahead when one meets an automobile with bright lights.

Night driving, even under the best of conditions, involves something along the line of blind-driving. Even with the best of lights, the autoist approaching a curve, whether vertical or horizontal is unable to see where his vehicle will be hurtling itself through space in a few seconds.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO PAY PENSIONS

The drive for old-age pensions is continuing in the United States. Despite the passage of the Social Security Act, which provides that the Federal Government will match the States' dollar-for-dollar, up to \$15 per month for every destitute old person in the land, various candidates, in a number of states, have advocated schemes to provide more money for the older people of the nation.

The original \$200 a month, advocated by Dr. Townsend for those over 60 years of age, is being freely altered. In some states the amount of money is reduced and in others, the age limit is lowered to include more voters.

Intelligent persons, in the age group which will receive the payments, occasionally raise the question as to where the funds are coming from. There is the 2-cent stamp a week idea, the two percent tax on gross incomes and various other schemes to get the cash.

Not only is there a widespread advocacy of pensions for those who are above 60 years of age, but plain indications, as well, that the veterans of the World War have a general pension in mind. This general pension should not be confused with the care which the nation owes to those who suffered injury during their military or naval service.

Much of the burden for these pension payments, both those to older persons and veterans, will be made by young men and women who have come of age after the Great War ended. Few citizens of this country under the age of forty years will share in the beneficence.

If everybody else in the country organized to promote their demands, it seems that the time has arrived for the organization of a group of voters to protect the people in this country who are under the age of the prospective beneficiaries.

BELITTLING PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS

The fact that this is a campaign year explains a lot of things. Perhaps that is why Republican publicists are striving to minimize if not belittle President Roosevelt's appeals to Europe to keep the peace.

The Philadelphia Inquirer thus says that "few persons would withhold from President Roosevelt the full need of credit to which he is entitled for his stirring appeals in behalf of world peace as it trembled on the brink of war."

Is the Republican hate of the President so virulent and the desire for victory so violent that even when the world is teetering over a volcano, praise of the President's magnificent and, widely accepted, influential plea to the belligerent nations must be limited to the specifications of a political campaign?

Time was in the United States when political differences ended at the seaboard. The moment a foreign question arose, the nation stood shoulder to shoulder behind its President. It is the hate of the President and the desperate effort to play politics at the point where even his efforts at world peace are belittled?

HOW CAN WE USE OUR GOLD?

The United States of America has more than half the gold supply of the world. Most of it is buried in the ground in a Kentucky vault, where the United States government guards it very carefully.

The huge gold supply is not needed by this country. It is considered something of a menace and, a year ago, incoming metal was "sterilized" by the government in order to prevent dislocation of our domestic economy.

Even now the people of the world are shipping gold into the United States at an unprecedented rate. During the war scare in Europe \$100,000,000 arrived every week. We had no need of it. The puzzle was what to do with it.

Today the banks of the United States are loaded with excess reserves and there is unlimited credit available for domestic needs. There are areas in the world, however, that have great need of capital which, through political unrest, is not available.

Unfortunately, such a development depends upon confidence of the lender in the borrower. It so happens that the nations that need capital worst are those that have about forfeited the confidence of the rest of the world. Hence, there is no disposition to help them.

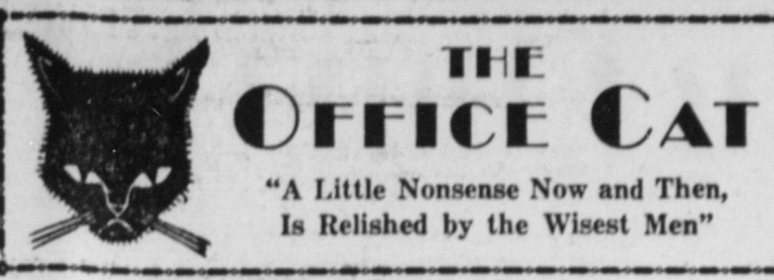
"POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION"

In demanding that "positive identification" be made of applicants for hunting licenses this year the state game commission is moving to remove an evil that not only has caused much annoyance but has, in a large measure, defeated the purposes of the license act and deprived the commission of many dollars.

There has been a lot of cheating by non-resident and even resident hunters, commission officers have found. Non-resident have come into the state to hunt and have obtained resident hunting licenses at \$2 when the average non-resident license costs \$15.00.

This was brought out forcibly during the past season when the commission sent out notices to the licensees of record who failed to send in their game kill report. Cards from the commission to these licensees were returned to the commission because they could not be delivered to the person and address originally listed on the license.

Commission officers will conduct an intensive checking campaign. It seems here is something in which every sportsman's organization could lend valuable assistance.



THE GREAT OPEN SPACES

Women are seeking the great open spaces. Blouses with eyelets and sheerest of laces, Stockings of mesh, a scandal that shows Through punctured partitions, sections of toes. It goes very hard on sensitive souls To see them attired in nothing but holes.

Editors Just Grew Out of Something

The Office Cat is temporarily resigning its editorial desk and battered typewriter in favor of the Kansas school boy who offers the following comment:

"Editors must be born: I don't know how newspapers and magazines got into the world, and I don't think God does, for He ain't got nothing to say about these in the Bible. I think the editor is the missing link we read of, and that he stayed in business until after the flood, came out and wrote things up, and has been busy ever since. If the editor makes a mistake, folks say he ought to be hung; but if the doctor makes a mistake, he burles it and people don't say nothing because they can't read Latin. When the editor makes a mistake, there is a big lawsuit and swearing, and a big fuss, but if the doctor makes one, there is a funeral with flowers and perfect silence. A doctor can use a word a yard long without him or anyone else knowing what it means; but if the editor uses one, he has to spell it. If the doctor goes to see another man's wife, he charges for the visit; but if the editor goes, he gets a charge of back-shot. Any college can make doctors to order, but editors have to be born."

Only When Necessary

Minister—"Do you say your prayers every night, little boy?" Jimmy—"Yes, sir." Minister—"And do you always say them in the morning, too?" Jimmy—"No, sir. I ain't scared in the morning."

Keeping Pace, Anyway

"And how is your church getting along?" asked the Methodist minister of an old friend in a small village. "Oh, not very well, Brother Smith, not very well. But thank God, the Presbyterians are not doing any better."

Statistics say that the census embraces 30,000,000 women. And how would you like to be the census, fellows?

PRETTY PUNK POEM

You sing a little song or two; And you have a little chat; You make a little candy fudge, And then you take your hat. You hold her hand and say goodnight; As sweetly as you can— Ain't that a hell of an evening For a great big healthy man?

The Dogs of War

Magician (giving a public entertainment of sawing a woman in half)—"Now, ladies and gentlemen, after the young lady is severed, her brains will be given to a medical college and the rest will be thrown to the dogs." Fourteen fellows in the audience could be heard barking like a dog.

A Just Complaint

(Telephone rings). "Hello. Is this the Smith apartment? Well, I'm the fellow living in the apartment below you. Listen! It's three in the morning now, and your party has kept me awake all night. What? Well, I don't mind the shrieking and pounding and music and stamping and singing and banging that's been going on over my head, but for gawd's sake put some sugar in that Tom Collins that's dripping through the ceiling."

Plenty of Evidence

He stood at the tavern bar, happy, not a care in the world—completely, totally (perhaps)—drunk on beer. Suddenly his expression changed from rapturous bliss to a worried look. Turning to a lady on his left he said: "Lady, did you spill some beer on my pants?" "No sir, I did not." He turned to his right, but no one was there. He mumbled to himself: "That's what I was afraid of—an inside job!"

Wrong Name

"Does this package belong to you? The name is obliterated." "No, that can't be mine. My name is O'Bryan."

Peculiar, Ain't They?

These insurance fellows are certainly queer ducks. First they come around and persuade you that you may die at any moment, to get you to apply for a policy, and then before they'll issue it, they take every precaution to make sure that you won't.

Coming Too Strong

A colored preacher was hearing confession. In the middle of it, he stopped the young sinner, saying, "Young man, you ain't confessin'—you's braggin'."

Smart Guy

The old chiseler limped painfully up to the bar and leaned against it in an attitude of dejection. "What's the matter?" asked a sympathetic friend. "Have an accident?" "No," replied the chiseler. "I've just had a touch of yours." The sympathetic guy scratched his head. "What's yours?" he asked. "I'll take straight whiskey, thanks."

Suspicious, Anyway

Consoled (to the police witness)—"But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the street, that does not prove he was drunk." Policeman—"No, it does not. But this one was trying to roll up the white line."

When money tries to talk these days, those who have it say, "Shhh! Don't you know the tax collector might hear you?"

Bright Boy

A third grade school boy was asked to write a sentence using the word "bewitches." This is what he produced: "Go ahead—I'll bewitches in a minute."

That's all, folks. Get out your cane, here comes the old age pension inspector. —"SCAT."

The Household Scrapbook

- Knobs on Lids: The next time a knob comes off the lid of a kettle or pan, slip a screw through the hole, with the head on the inside of the lid, then screw a cork on the protruding end. This knob will not become hot, and it can be renewed easily when it has become soiled.
- The Umbrella Stand: Place a large sponge at the bottom of the umbrella stand to absorb the water. If the stand is porcelain, it will also prevent breaking.
- Bruises: By covering a bruised skin with a thick paste of starch and water, the bruise can be prevented from turning black.
- Storing Patterns: When the dress is finished, tie the pattern with a piece of the material used for the garment. The pattern can readily be found and the piece of matching material is convenient if it is needed for patching.
- Window Shades: Window shades can be kept in a cleaner, better condition for a long time if they are taken from the brackets about a month, unrolled and wiped clean on both sides with a soft, dry cloth.
- Old Wall Paper: An excellent method for removing old wall paper is to put a cup of vinegar in a bucket of hot water and wet the walls thoroughly with this solution. The paper will readily peel off.
- The Trash Can: The trash can should be given a good disinfecting occasionally. Place the can out on the lawn and burn some papers in it. It will remove all odors from the can.
- Candies and Sauces: When making candies or sauces that are apt to boil over, rub the inside of the top of the kettle well with butter, down about an inch from the top. The contents will not pass this line.

Query and Answer Column

- A. D. L.—What is the area of Los Angeles? New York City? Ans.—Los Angeles has an area of 451 square miles and New York has an area of 309 square miles.
- D. G. C.—Can a man who wears glasses become an airplane pilot? Ans.—An applicant for a pilot's license must have visual acuity of 20.50 in each eye. If his vision is poorer than 20.50 and can be brought up to 20.30 with glasses, the applicant may be qualified for a license if he wears glasses while piloting a plane.
- E. H. R.—Who rang the Liberty Bell when the Declaration of Independence was signed? Ans.—Andrew McNair rang the Liberty Bell upon the occasion of the celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- T. P. E.—Please give the names of Shirley Temple's pictures. Ans.—The pictures in which Shirley Temple has appeared are as follows: Stand Up and Cheer, Baby Take a Bow, Bright Eyes, Now I'll Tell, Change of Heart, Little Miss Marker, Now and Forever, The Little Colonel, Our Little Girl, Curly Top, The Little Rebel, Captain January, Poor Little Rich Girl, Dimples, Stowaway, Wee Willie Winkle, Heidi, Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm, Little Miss Broadway, and Lucky Penny.
- J. L.—Why was Sir Thomas More executed? Ans.—Sir Thomas More was a Catholic and as such disapproved of the divorce obtained by Henry VIII from Catherine of Aragon. His affront rankled in the mind of Henry and was further inflamed by his refusal to attend the coronation of Anne Boleyn. In 1534 the king was declared supreme head of the church, but More steadfastly refused to recognize any other head than the Pope and he declined to take the oath of supremacy and was consequently committed to the Tower of London and indicted for treason. He was brought to trial after imprisonment of twelve months and despite his eloquent defense sentenced to be hanged and quartered. The king altered the sentence from hanging and quartering to beheading.
- E. W.—What was John Wesley's Rule of Life? Ans.—Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.
- H. M. G.—How large is the enormous shovel owned by the Northern Illinois Coal Corporation at Wilmington, Ill.? Ans.—The Marion electric shovel used by this company is equipped with a 36 cubic yard dipper. Some idea of its size may be gained from the facts that one dipper load would fill the average room, 9x12x9 feet; two dippers full will fill the standard railroad car. The interior of the dipper is larger than the average one-automobile garage, easily holding a large limousine.
- R. M.—Where is the word grandmother used in the Bible? Ans.—The word grandmother occurs in II Timothy 1:5: When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.
- H. K. F.—How many people have received old-age insurance from the Social Security Board? Ans.—In the first week of September, the Social Security Board had authorized more than 200,000 single cash payments to wage earners who have reached 65 and to the heirs or estates of those who have died.
- H. L. K.—How is sepia made? Ans.—Sepia is a dark brown pigment obtained from the ink-sacs of cuttlefish. These are removed and dried to prevent putrefaction, then digested with a dilute alkali, after which the solution is filtered and the color precipitated with dilute hydrochloric acid, washed, filtered and dried.
- G. L. K.—Who is the most famous American cartoonist of all time? Ans.—Thomas Nast is the dominant figure in the history of American caricature. His cartoon Peace, originally called Compromise with the South, first made his reputation. It appeared after the election of 1860 and was circulated by the million as a campaign document. He invented the donkey used as the symbol of the Democratic Party, the elephant of the Republican Party, the Tammany Tiger, the rag baby of inflation, and the cap and dinner pail emblematic of labor. More than any other man he was responsible for the overthrow of the notorious Tweed Ring. It was a Nast picture that finally led to the capture of the fugitive Tweed.
- W. S. E.—When was the order given to close all the banks in this country? Ans.—President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation on March 6, 1933, that all banking institutions and branches thereof located in the United States, including the territorial and insular possessions, maintain a bank holiday for a four-day period from March 6 to March 9 inclusive. On March 9, 1933, the day of the expiration of the temporary banking holiday, the President sent a message to Congress requesting immediate enactment of legislation giving the executive branch of the Government control over banks for the protection of depositors and for further authority necessary to the reorganization and re-opening of such banks.
- H. K. L.—How many children did John Brown, the abolitionist, have? Ans.—He was twice married and was the father of twenty children, eight of whom died in early childhood. His sons aided him in all of his undertakings, two of them being killed at Harper's Ferry.
- J. H. T.—What do cloves grow on? Ans.—The clove tree is an evergreen twenty to forty feet high, belonging to the myrtle family. It bears large oval leaves and clusters of crimson flowers. The unexpanded flower buds, when dried, form the cloves of commerce.
- J. F. H.—How large is the site of the 1939 New York World's Fair? Ans.—The site on Flushing Meadow Park, New York City, is three miles long and one and one-half miles wide or 1216 1/2 acres. There will be more than 200 buildings and facilities for 250,000 visitors.
- W. C. G.—How large were the ships in which Columbus sailed to America? Ans.—Of the ships in which Columbus discovered the Americas, the Santa Maria was the largest. The length on deck was 86 feet, 3 inches, the tonnage, 252; the Pinta had a length deck of 82 feet, 8 inches, tonnage, 161; while the Nina had a length deck of 79 feet and tonnage, 171. Tonnage figures are in terms of modern weight.
- J. S. R.—What is the most valuable tree in the world commercially? Ans.—It is the Douglas fir which for this reason is called the king tree.
- W. G. B.—Please give the circumstances of the attempt to assassinate President Theodore Roosevelt. Ans.—President Roosevelt was seriously wounded by John Schrank, a New York saloonkeeper, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Monday evening, October 14, 1912. The former President was in the midst of his campaign for a third term in the White House. He was about to leave the Gilpatrick Hotel to address a meeting in the auditorium. He was entering an automobile and was standing up when Schrank approached, drew a revolver and fired, striking Mr. Roosevelt in the right breast, and only failing to inflict a fatal wound by the deflection of the bullet caused by the eyeglass case and the manuscript of the speech prepared.
- S. F. B.—Do football coaches receive higher salaries than professors? Ans.—According to a recent survey among one hundred colleges, the average salary paid to a head football coach is \$6017 as compared with \$5158 for the highest paid professor.
- Reader—What does the red and white sign in front of a barber shop signify? Ans.—The red and white barber sign is a relic of olden days when barbers were called upon to perform bleeding. At that time blood letting was considered a remedy for many bodily ailments.
- BEZDEK WITHDRAWS AS COACH OF CLEVELAND RAMS Man, Sought For Year Found In Jail Hugo L. Bezdek, probably the only man to pilot both a major league baseball and football team, has been relieved of his job as head coach of the Cleveland Rams. The National Professional League grid club asked for and received the resignation of Bezdek, who managed the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National Baseball League from 1917 to 1919, and produced two Rose Bowl teams in a long coaching career at four major universities. Bezdek was formerly coach at Penn State. President Thomas Lipscomb of the Rams gave no reason for the action, but since the club lured Bezdek from retirement as a gentleman farmer at Doylestown, Pa., Cleveland has won but one league game. The victory was last year, and the Rams have dropped three straight this season. Art Lewis, assistant coach and tackle, was named temporarily to take Bezdek's post. Real estate auctioneers, who are not licensed as general real estate brokers or salesmen need not obtain a broker's or salesman's license, according to a formal opinion handed down Saturday by Attorney General Guy C. Bard. They are required to pay only an auctioneer's license tax.