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EDITORIAL

WILL THERE BE A BONFIRE?

Governor-elect James had already indicated that he had abandoned the idea of bonfire of the Democratic legislation and the lesser lights followed suit with an announcement that there wouldn't even be a ripper committee. There will be other committees, of course, which can handle repeal proposals, but it was decided that it wouldn't be good policy to set up a committee for that purpose alone.

More recently, the new Speaker of the House, Ellwood Turner, who has a way of making one think that his words spring from inexhaustible wells of unadulterated candor, came out with the first of what he said would be a series of statements telling the people what goes on at the Capitol when the Legislature is not actually grinding out laws.

Turner's statement, and the announcement that there will be more of them "from time to time" merely confirms a well grounded contention that the party now in control of the State Government is not without its internal worries these days.

Quite a number of the old guard are back in the saddle once more in both branches of the General Assembly. and the old guard hasn't changed much to the naked eye. They still represent the same interests and they still have the same ideas about various kinds of legislation that they had four years ago. Many of them are wondering, however, as the time for getting down to business approaches, just what effect the New Deal "virus" has had on the political views of the voting public.

AT HIS "SECOND HOME" (New York Times)

Mr. Roosevelt's "family" Thanksgiving at the Warm Springs Foundation must be the happiest function of his year. It commemorates not only his own gratitude for recovery from a crippling disease but his constant effort to help other sufferers and to stimulate research that will bare the secret of this mysterious malady. The Warm Springs Foundation has transformed a tumble-down resort into an amply equipped hydrotherapeutic center.

The anniversary of the President's birthday has been turned since 1934 from an occasion of conventional compliment to a day of national kindness, pity and charity. Through the previous year the dimes and dollars have been rolling in to carry on in various ways the fight against infantile paralysis. The campaign is continuous. The generous spirit spreads. Last January it was reported that 2,300 counties were taking part. Mr. Roosevelt hopes that by January 30, 1939, there will be permanent chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in all the 3,000 counties. As our grandfathers would have said. Mr. Roosevelt is "thankful for his mercies" but in the noble way of bestowing them upon others. From misfortune he has learned to succor the unfortunate. No other aspect of his multiform and complex personality is so engaging. The Roosevelt of Warm Springs, the Roosevelt of January 30, has no enemies, no opponents, no censurers. He carries the United States unanimously.

ARGUMENT FOR ARMAMENT

The argument for increased American armament rests upon the following grounds:

That there are powerful nations in the world today, devoid of all sense of decency in regards to their relations with other powers.

That regardless of the moral rights involved, these powers would ruthlessly take, by force of arms, that which belongs to other peoples.

That while these powers are not, perhaps, today ready to attack the United States, they are preparing for war upon such a scale that tomorrow they may be anxious to do so in the hope of greater spoils.

That no nation can wait upon the beginning of hostilities to begin to prepare for war. It requires years to secure the necessary material and equipment for modern armies and navies.

Facing an uncertain future, not knowing what group of powers will be dominant in the world a few years hence, the United States, to play safe, must be prepared to defend itself against a possible combination of ruthless and unprincipled aggressors.

PHILADELPHIA'S PLIGHT

For a good many years what Philadelphia did was not so important to other towns in the State as it is now. In those years the Quaker City despite its losses to corrupt politicians was still on its own. Now things are different and the big city is turning to Harrisburg to get more money for various purposes. It is obvious that if Philadelphia gets more out of Harrisburg there will be just that much less for other places in the sticks. The Record has been running a forum on the subject "If You Were Governor James, What Would You Do First?" Among the contributors was Mayor S. Davis Wilson. The first paragraph of Mayor Wilson's contribution was: "I would do my best to have the Legislature make such entirely proper and equitable enactments as would relieve the taxpayers of Philadelphia of the burden of taxation they are obliged to carry." And: "The financial burdens of Philadelphia could be taken from the backs of the taxpayers if the Governor and the Legislature would help.' It would seem to us that if the financial burdens are taken from the backs of Philadelphians they would have to be borne on the backs of the rest of us in the State.

A JAPANESE SOLDIER SPEAKS

We have no sympathy with the plans and purposes of the Japanese Empire, but we have abounding sympathy for the individuals who make up the Mikado's armies in China.

In condemning Japanese aggression in China, it is easy to accept the belief that the Japanese soldier is a brute, moved forward by a strange lust for blood. Waging a brutal war in a foreign land, they have been guilty of misconduct, but, let us admit, soldiers of other nations have done the same.

Neutral experts express the opinion that at least 500,000 Japanese troops have died, either in battle or of diseases, or have been put out of commission through being wounded, since the war began. This loss, enormous as it is, is much less than the human sacrifice of the Chinese, but it is far greater than that expected by the Japanese generals when they began their march through China.

The fighting in China is unusually vicious because neither the Japanese nor the Chinese take any prisoners. The Chinese, forced into guerilla warfare are unable to transport prisoners, and, in most fights, it is victory or death for the Japanese. The fighting, proclaimed as a parade in Tokyo, when the conflict began, is not exactly a picnic for the average Japanese soldier who has been taught from infancy that to die in battle is the greatest possible

A recent Associated Press dispatch from Tokyo tells of the popular surprise at a soldier's book describing his sensations while under artillery fire. The writer thought of himself as utterly brave and daring but found himself quaking inside. His confidence that the enemy's guns would not find him was completely shaken. Nevertheless his morale did not quake "in the supreme holy enterprise of mankind" although he was filled "with anger at the sight of life being destroyed so carelessly."

Significantly, the Japanese soldier observed that "so much noble effort goes into the development of a single human life-but one chance shell ends it all." He thought of his parents, of his wife and children and their prayers for his safety, but the thought came to him "that also around were men whose families prayed for their safety yet they were dying, one after another."

This is a picture of war as it actually is. On the battlefield there is little of the fervor and enthusiasm that accompanies the gay departure from home for the front. No bands play as the men grapple with each other in the struggle to avoid death. No wonder civilized individuals, in their sane moments, denounce war and responsible statesmen make every effort to avoid the ordeal of battle for their people.

POLITICAL JOBS FOR THE FAMILY

The much-discussed question of "women in employment" and its off-shoot, "husband and wife both in jobs" has reached the point where it has received the attention of a political party.

Among the resolutions recently adopted by the Republican committee of Allegheny county was one "declaring against the employment of both a husband and wife on any Federal, State, county or municipal job." Another reflecting something of the same spirit of making the jobs go around as far as possible declared "against any member of the Republican party holding two salaried public offices at the same time."

Back of such a resolution, of course, is the growing feeling that at a time when jobs are scarce, they should be distributed as widely as can be. Roger Babson, the economist, in his recent comment, said substantially the same thing. Mr. Babson made the point that there would by comparatively little unemployment today if no more women were in jobs proportionately than twenty years ago.

The solution of the problem, if it is a problem, is not so simple as some persons claim. It is tremendously complicated even where so-called "political jobs" are at stake. It will be interesting to see what will be the effect, if any, of the Allegheny County Republicans' resolution, even though it did strike at a practice which is not very popular anywhere.

BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON HIM (From Johnstown Democrat)

Democratic State Chairman Lawrence has been indicted. Guilty or innocent, it was certain he would be. Grand juries and politics are like that. Since it was always certain Mr. Lawrence would be indicted, it would have been better all around if the indictment had been returned during the time the election contest was being waged. The war Governor Earle waged against the Dauphin County grand jury and the courts was one of the factors which defeated the Democratic party-and, in the end, made the going tougher for Mr. Lawrence.

The Democratic state chairman is accused of having "blackmailed" \$5000 out of a man who had a state contract or wanted to get one. Knowing Mr. Lawrence rather well we can say frankly that we don't believe he did anything of the sort. Those who don't know Mr. Lawrence can afford to wait until they can take a look at the evi-

We have always maintained in these columns that they don't have anything on Dave Lawrence-and we still adhere to that view.

A LESSON FROM PHILADELPHIA

While Philadelphians were stirred to all kinds of fury over threatened tax increases those who fought the taxation did only half a job.

In all the hue and cry against wage and sales taxes there was but one voice heard-what council was not to do. Not once was a voice raised to tell council what to do to hurdle the \$25,000,000 deficit.

Philadelphia's citizens have shown a trait common everywhere. It is an easy matter to whip a shouting, protesting crowd into line to tell public servants what not to do. The what-to-do's generally are so far back in the crowd their voices never are heard.

Had Philadelphia had more of the what-to-do's it might not have been obliged to consider slapping a \$25,-000,000 mortgage on its gas works, deferring for the time being a genuine show-down in its financial crisis.

The same thought well might be tucked away to be dug out at some future time when we are belabored with municipal problems at home.

BLAIR JURIST DECLARES 'SUIT CLUBS' ILLEGAL

R. S. Miller, of Altoona, was tried and found guilty in the Blair county ourt last week of operating a "suit ning numbers.

In passing sentence, Judge Patterson said the suit club business must end, as such action is a violation of these clubs are flourishing in Altoons and that they are hurting the
business of legitimate merchants.

It's hard to tell which is worse,
which caused me to wonder and I
radio entertainment or radio adverbusiness of legitimate merchants. the law. It is said that hundreds of

To Build Model of Fort Two hundred timbers, first of 5,-000 needed for the replica of Fort Augusta, which will be built on the front lawn of the location of the fort, at Sunbury, were cut last week club," and west of options of the Isle of Que, by employes of I have been placed by the WPA. The replica, which will be to a man for about a year but respect to the WPA. The replica, which will be to a man for about a year but respect to the WPA. The replica, which will be to a man for about a year but respect to the was driving north in Cameron street, hold draw-square, one-sixth of the size of the represents things. ings, and award suits of clothing square, one-sixth of the size of the represents things. as prizes to those holding the wincolonial fort in Pennsylvania

hate to increase their church dues.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

VERSION OF A MODERN XMAS Contributed

(A little late, but a good chaser)

"Tis the night before Christmas And in most every flat, The old man is broke-What's strange about that?

The stockings are hung By the furnace with care, And Ma is a hopin' For a new Frigidaire.

Without any cares, A few more installments And the bed will be theirs.

The children are sleeping

Comes a terrible racket At the end of our ward, It's old Santa Claus In a Model-T Ford.

He can't get her stopped

But he knows what it takes-A '39 model With hydraulic brakes, Now Santa hops out

And spreads Xmas cheer, But his nose is quite red From drinking bad beer, The children are startled

And can't even chirp, But give up a secret When one has to burp. "Ho, ho," says old Santa,

You've been drinking again, Had I known of that, I Would have brought you some gin."

"Now, I have some dope That's supposed to be swell, I took a few shots. But don't feel so well.

"I feel kind of dopey But wait, I'll be back; I'll get me some seltzer

At the drug store, eh Mack?" So away went old Santa Right up through the stack, And believe it or not He hasn't come back.

He wrote me a letter To start the new year, And cautioned me, never Drink any cheap beer.

Free Exhibition

This story has to do with a small boy whose father conducted a printing office. One day the advance agent of a circus came along and ordered some posters printed on muslin. His order was filled, but for some reason the circus man neglected to call for them, and they were left on the printer's hands.

The printer's wife ran across the discarded posters one day, and as muslin was then high, she took the posters home and used some of them to line a pair of pants she was then making for her son aged Thebes, near Karnak. The place is famous for its ruins. about ten years.

As the months rolled by the pantaloons grew threadbare, and at chool one day he accidentally tore the seat out, leaving about one foot of lining exposed to view. Imagine the teacher's surprise when she was attracted by a continued chorus of laughter as she entered the yard to see standing out boldly upon the lining: "Doors open at 7:30. Performance begins at 8."

Mother's Paint

the paint off a toy. Nowadays they are liable to become ill from licking the paint off

Wise Guy Little Georgie had received a new drum for Christmas, and about week later when father came home from work one evening, mother sald: "I don't think that man upstairs likes to hear Georgie play his drum, but he's certainly crafty about showing his dislike."

"Why?" asked the father. "Well," replied the mother, "this afternoon he gave Georgie a knife and asked him if he knew what was inside the drum."

Dollar Bill's Prayer

"If I were a dollar bill I'd pray that my boss would take me to church some Sunday and leave me there on that little plate with the velvet cushion which the usher passes around-you know. I think I'd feel so kind of important and "sneoty" among the nickels and pennies and buttons and things. I've seen enough filling stations on Sunday to last me for a lifetime anyway. I'd like to look up at a preacher for

That's all, folks. We hear the Republican administration in Pennsylvania is to be a "Jim" dandy. "Arthur" anyone who disagrees?

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louisa:

recently married again, but he and not that I care whether he ever went wards each other.

Now my problem is this: I wish cause I feel that I cannot depend to have a party and as I like both on what he says. of them I have to invite one and both accept What would you advise me to do? Iowa.

WORRIED.

If possible, I should have two the opportunity to do so. small parties instead of one and ask However, if you are convinced that nem at different times.

If this is not practical and you have to invite all of your friends to one affair, the only course open to you is to let each of them know that the other one has been invited. No doubt they will both refuse, which will be better than to have both of them accept. Of course, in case one of them should refuse the nvitation because of a previous engagement, there will be no necessity to say anything about the other one being invited.

LOUISA.

Not long ago he told me that he slippery roads his ear skidded into was to be out of the city for the it. An auto following the Schott People talk about religion but they tioned seeing him at a movie during man, Carlisle, was also involved in sate to increase their church dues, the time he was supposed to be away, the accident when it collided with Several other things happened the rear of the Schott auto.

said they had no record of his at-I am a friend to both members tending the school at all.
of a divorced couple. The man has This is a terrible shock to mehis former wife are very bitter to- to college or not or whether he spent the weekend in town or out but be-

> Do not think I am doing the wise JANICE.

I should think that would take ome explaining but I would give him

he tells lies, you will be wise, I think, it to break your engagement. I can see

Trust is a necessary ingredient for booster a happy marriage.

LOUISA.

Penn State Professor in Crash Dr. Carl P. Schott, of State College, dean of the Pennsylvania State College School of Physical Education, escaped injury Sunday in an automobile accident at Harweekend, but a friend of mine men- machine, driven by John W. Her-

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM-How many different sounds can a cat make with its with or throat? Are you sure? (Answer elsewhere in this department.) W. N.-What is the legal weight of wheat in the State of New York?

Ans.—The legal weight of wheat is sixty pounds to the bushel in every State and Commonwealth in the Union

M. E.—What is the proper pronunciation of the word "Orion?"
Ans.—Orion is correctly pronounced "O-ri-on," with the "I" having the long sound, and with the accent on the same syllable.

R. T .- To settle an argument will you please answer who Darius Ans,-Darius Hystaspis, or Darius I, was Emperor of Persia from 521 B. C. to 485 B. C. He successfully finished the work which Cyrus

had begun, by setting in order the affairs of the vast empire F. R .- What is the name of the Greek god of war? Ans.-The name of the Greek god of war is "Ares."

D. M .- Is the "Rip Van Winkle" story based on a fact or is it pure fiction? What caused him to sleep twenty years?

Ans.—"Rip Van Winkle" is fiction. It is a tale by Washington Irving, and is based on an old German legend, "Peter Klaus," a boarherder, who drank a miraculous draught of wine in a dell of the Harz mountains, which brought on sleep from which he did not wake for twenty

W. R .- I hear a great deal about television, and I would like to ask you if it is only a theory or is it a fact? Ans,--Television is an absolute reality. The Radio Corporation of

America has already announced the installation of a receiver and transmitter on top of the Empire State Building in New York City. Supplementary to this television apparatus will be installed at the World's Fair in New York in 1939 (this year) which is expected to be the springboard for everyday service throughout the land where there are receiving sets. People in remote places will be able to see and hear the production of a stage show in New York or elsewhere if a receiving set is in operation.

B. A .- To settle a dispute will you kindly answer in your good paper what the middle name of James A. Garfield was? Ans,-"Abram," his father's first name

W. R. S.—How many horses are there in the United States?

Ans.—The Horse and Mule Association of America says that estimates by the United States Department of Agriculture for January 1, 1938, show the United States had then on farms 11,163,000 horses (of which 727,000 were colts foaled in 1937 and 684,000 colts foaled in 1936) and 4,477,000 mules (of which 105,000 were mule colts foaled in 1937 and 84,000 foaled in 1936.) In addition it is their estimate that there are about 400,000 more horses and mules engaged in non-agricultural service, not enumerated above. These are in towns and villages, mines and lumber camps, road construction crews, in riding academies, and elsewhere

J. J. L.-When was the Custer Massacre? Ans.-On June 25. 1876, Gen. George Armstrong Custer was overpowered by Sloux Indians, at the Little Big Horn and his entire com-

M. K. L.-Please give a biography of the English aviatrix who was lost at sea in 1928 or 1929. Ans.-Elsie Mackay, English aviatrix and actress, daughter of Lord Incheape, was born in 1894. She married Lieut. Dennis Wyndham in 1917, subsequently appearing on the stage as Poppy Wyndham. The marriage was annulled in 1921. As an aviatrix, she obtained the Royal Aero Club's certificate in 1922. On March 14, 1928, with Capt. Walter Hinchcliffe, she took off from Oranwell Airdrome, Lincolnshire, in an attempt to make a westward trans-Atlantic flight. It is presumed that both flyers were lost at sea. In July, 1928, her father gave \$2,500,000 to

the British nation in her memory. L. A. J.—What will remove iodine stains from a porcelain sink?

Ans.—The Bureau of Chemistry says that ammonia will remove an odine stain from a porcelain sink.

C. B. M.-How often is there a birth and a death?

Ans.-In the United States there is a birth every fourteen seconds and a death every twenty-two seconds. J. G.-Where is Luxor?

Ans.-It is a village in Upper Egypt on part of the site of ancient E. G. R.—Why can't a snake close its eyes?

Ans.—Snakes have no eyelids but only a tough transparent membrane to protect the eyeballs. This gives them their characteristic glassy T. S. C.-How long have grenades been used in warfare?

Ans .- Gunpowder-filled grenades of wood were invented in the sixteenth century and in the seventeenth century special bands of grenadters were formed for their use. Modern hand-grenades were successfully We used to occasionally read of bables being made sick by licking made from old tin cans, were introduced at the outbreak of the World used by the Japanese against Russia in 1904, and various forms, many

E. L. G.-What is the name of the organization that offers a prize Ans.-The American Humane Association at 135 Washington ave-

tue, Albany, N. Y., offers prizes for humane traps. J. T. F .- How many Negroes served in the World War? Ans.-Over 382,000 Negro soldiers participated in the World War

in the United States military forces. Nearly one-half of that number went overseas E. J. H.—Who was the outstanding college football player of 1838? Ans.-Davey O'Brien of Texas Christian University won the Heis-

man and Maxwell trophies as the outstanding player of the year. E. L. B .- How far above the ground should a thermometer be hung?

Ans,-It should be placed about 5 feet above the surface. J. G. F .- How long has the greyhound been known? Ans.-From ancient Egyptian monuments it is known to have exist. several thousand years before Christ.

J. D. H .-- What was the Garner case? Ans.-The Garner case in 1858 was one of the most tragic fugitive dave cases. Simon Garner, his wife, and his son Robert, slaves of John Marshall of Kentucky, and Robert's wife Margaret and their four children, slaves of A. R. Gaines, ran away, crossed the Ohlo on the ice, and took refuge with a Cincinnati colored man. Gaines tracked them, secured a warrant, and attacked the house. After a desperate fight the fugitives were overpowered. Margaret found time before her capture to murder one of the children, severely cut the throats of two others, and injured the baby, to keep them from returning to slavery

H. L. K.-Why do Arabs prefer white horses? Ans.-White horses can withstand heat better than any other. E. J. H .- What is coming around the mountain in the song of that

Ans.-The song. "Comin' Round the Mountain," is based on an oldtime Negro spiritual. The first reference evidently is to the chariot of the Lord. The song was popularized by work gangs in the Middle West employed on the railroads in the 1890's. This version refers to a train coming round the mountain. In a certain section of the Tennessee

mountains the song as sung referred to a little black bear. A. S .- How did Max Baer get his first training for the ring? Ans,-Max Baer was born at Omaha, Nebraska, and later his famnot the other and yet I think the cocasion will be a failure if they says he can explain everything.

This max Baer was born at Omaha, Nebraska, and later his family moved to Colorado and then to Livermore, California, Max worked for his father, who was a butcher, until his size and strength of the company of the control of the cont the attention of Horace Lorimer, an automobile sales representative who paid for his schooling to learn boxing under the direction of Bob Mc-Allister, an old-time middleweight fighter. He started his career in the

prize ring in 1929. E. S. J.-Where is the town named Hell?

Ans.-It is in Norway not far from Trondheim.

C. D .- What road has the largest locomotives? What size rails does

Ans.-The largest steam locomotives are the Yellowstone type of the no happiness in marriage with a Northern Pacific Railroad. The Northern Pacific main line is laid with man you cannot depend on. If he 100, 130, and 131 pound rails. The tender has twelve wheels. The wheel presents things so, he may be arrangement of the locomotive is 2-8-8-4 or twenty-two wheels, making out of work or have a wife and chil- a total of thirty-four wheels of the locomotive and tender. The length dren some where else at the present overall is 125 feet. The total weight of the locomotive and tender is 1,116,000 pounds. It has a tractive force of 153,400 pounds, including

> Answer to problem: A cat can make five different sounds with its mouth or threat-a meow, usually as a plea for food; a purr, the sign of contentment, a cry of pain as when its tail or other part of its body becomes impinged; a cry like a baby in a cat-and-cat light; a hissing sound when attacked by a dog.

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