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EDITORIAL

DICTATORS FACE ECONOMIC RUIN

The news from Europe, so far as we have been able to judge, indicates definitely that the standard of living of the peoples of Italy and Germany has been gradually lowered under the rule of the dictators, Mussolini and Hitler.

Recent dispatches emphasize the difficulties that these regimes encounter in their effort to live on their slender resources and there is basis for the suspicion that both nations are nearing the end of their economic resources.

While Hitler is far ahead of Mussolini in dedicating national activity to the purposes of war, both dictators have expended vital national resources to build up their fighting forces. This has been done at the expense of the standard of living of the Italian and German people.

Having subordinated every national activity to the perfection of a war machine and having secured the apparent endorsement of their peoples, the dictators face a serious problem. They are finding it difficult to maintain the pace they have set, and the power of their armaments is diminished by the strengthened armaments of other powers.

In this situation Hitler and Mussolini must decide whether to lower the standard of living of their peoples to a new low and continue their program of rearmament, in the hope of surpassing other nations and thereby acquiring world control.

So what? Well, this Hitler and Mussolini today are probably better prepared for war than they will be at any future date. They may create larger armies and construct larger navies but their adversaries are doing the same thing.

Consequently, we look for trouble in Europe. If no war develops before the fall of 1940, there will be a likely chance that war has been averted for a decade or more.

THE JUDGE BEFORE THE BAR
(Harrisburg Patriot)

Governor James is home from Chicago where he appeared before a committee of the American Bar Association. His appearance is said to have been purely voluntary and to answer to the formal charges that in retaining his seat on the Superior Court bench while a candidate for Governor last year, he was violating canons of the Association.

The whole proceeding seems superfluous, not because the Judge became the Governor, because that has nothing at all to do with the case. But there is no dispute of the facts. There is and never was any mystery as to Judge James' reason for not resigning.

In substance the canon which involved Judge James declares that it is not in the public interest for a judge to become a candidate for a non-judicial public office and retain his place on the bench.

That seems like good sense. The fact that in years past both Democratic and Republican judges have been guilty of such practices and that many persons failed to catch the improprieties in such procedure does not make it any less a vital matter now.

There were Republicans as well as Democrats who last fall regretted that Judge James did not resign, as did Democratic judges in New York when nominated for non-judicial offices. It would have been a great opportunity for Judge James to have set the precedent in Pennsylvania, even at the risk of being guilty, as he quoted, of "political treason."

So no matter what may be the Bar Association's verdict with respect to Pennsylvania's Governor, the principle remains unaltered. Either it is or it is not sound public policy to have a judge on the bench running as a non-judicial candidate for public office.

A CALL FOR FAIR PLAY

The following is a communication addressed to the editor of the Lewistown Sentinel and appearing in a recent issue of that newspaper:

Graft seems to be a favorite topic of the Republican party today. Apparently they don't believe the old proverb "People in glass houses." Are we Democrats supposed to be unusually dumb, old, or forgetful people?

Speaking of these above mentioned Senators did I hear some one say graft? Dishonesty? &c. Let us talk awhile about the Republican indictment of 1907. Have all Republicans forgotten this horrible mis-use of State funds. (Graft?) Have they forgotten the Teapot Dome scandal? Did you say graft, Mr. Wood? Just these few things to mention to you that although we have not forgotten them we were not un-American enough at least, to bring them out in every possible opportunity.

Now along comes our so-called "play-boy" Governor Earle. Building schools where in your own district Mr. Wood had your directors persistently refused to build a new high school which had been sorely needed for 15 years, the State in two years would have been forced to build you one at a much greater cost to your town.

Hospitals, as your own which would never be recognized with its new additions, by the old captain and whom I am sure would have felt would have cost too much. School teachers being paid regularly today is not a novelty any more. Jails filled with bugs and filth and in no way fit for human beings were weeded out by this "play-boy."

So he lost re-election. But he steered our ship through some mighty rough water without dumping any poor overboard. Came through in clear water with \$5,747,800.00 to spare. The "play-boy" having had only a two weeks payroll to begin his administration. But I am afraid he is not given credit enough. Governor Earle will go down in history as Pennsylvania's greatest Governor. He had the roughest sailing.

Surprisingly, too, the Democrats know that Clair Ross, our State Treasurer, report was never mentioned in The Inquirer. I wonder why only Governor James' false description of State funds was given? We also know that every time our State or Federal ship gets in rough weather Democrat captains are called upon. Just as soon as the ship is placed above sinking level Republican captains are ready to hijack it again.

We want every Republican to know that during Republican administration for 40 years we Democrats were not un-American enough to criticize but went helpfully along honoring our Republican Presidents and Governors on what little we had to honor some of them on, while today the Republican party leaders as a whole are doing more to undermine and destroy our government than any Nazi or Fascist in this country.

PEACE DEPENDS UPON:

Considering the amazing organization of Germany and Italy for war and the aggressive attitude of the dictators to other nations involved in the solution of what they consider vital national problems, it is apparent that peace in Europe depends upon:

(1) A continuance of the Chamberlain policy of appeasement, implemented by substantial concessions on the part of Great Britain and France; or,

(2) The rearmament program of the Democracies to create a relative parity of military strength so that the totalitarian powers will not venture to begin hostilities.

The United States can do nothing whatever in regards to the first condition, but in the sales of airplanes and munitions, it can do something definite to bring about the second situation. The recent purchase of airplanes in this country by Great Britain and France illustrates the method "short of war" by which this country can express its faith in democratic ideals and make effective its protest against the doctrine that might makes right.

American citizens should not befuddle themselves over a theoretical neutrality that, in effect, makes this country the ally of any nation possessing the most powerful military establishment. While the President, under our neutrality law, is required to embargo the sale of munitions to nations engaged in a war, there is no law prohibiting the sale of airplanes to nations not involved in a conflict.

DO YOU KNOW

- 1. What is the cost of a modern destroyer?
2. How many persons get hunting licenses in a year?
3. Do insects instinctively know when winter is over?
4. What percentage of the nation's railroad mileage is involved in reorganizations?
5. Have funds been voted to extend the activities of the Dies committee?
6. Is Germany in serious economic straits?
7. Is the ice receding in the polar regions?
8. How much scrap iron has Japan bought in this country?
9. Can a wife be compelled to testify against her husband?
10. What is the strength of the Spanish government army under Gen. Maaja?

The Answers

- 1. In the U. S. about \$5,500,000.
2. About 7,000,000.
3. No; often they hatch early and are destroyed.
4. About one-third.
5. Not yet.
6. Many observers think so.
7. Yes.
8. One estimate: 7,500,000 tons in 5 years.
9. As a general rule, no.
10. About 300,000.

Deer Impaled on Fence

When three deer, leaving snow-covered feeding grounds on the hills, visited Sayre in search of food, one of them became impaled on a picket fence which it attempted to jump.

THE OFFICE CAT
'A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men'

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

When Ma starts to call the kids, and we raise our sleepy lids,
Then the sexton calls the people all to church;
On this morning, now for years, Ma inspects the neck and ears,
While the Old Man snores so peacefully on his perch.

What A Ham I Am

I am a pig. I eat and make a hog of myself. Then you kill me and make me into bacon and sausage. Doesn't that take a lot of guts? You eat all of me you can, but that is not enough. You make what is left into a football and then kick hell out of me.

He Wanted To Know

A lady who had been married a number of times was on the witness stand and the lawyer asked her, "How many times have you been married?"

OUR GOOFY VERSE

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner,
Eating a pumpkin pie;
He put in his thumb
And pulled out—a sweet potato.

Don't Go Wrong

No, folks, satisfactory isn't a good factory where they make chair seats; and an egotist isn't a guy who tests eggs.

How Could She Help It?

The colored person was baptizing one of the female members of his flock, and each time he lifted her out of the water he would say, "Sister, do you believe?" The sister had her mouth, eyes and nose so full of water she could not speak, but finally she got her breath and yelled: "Yes, Ah believe. Ah believe dis yer darn fool is tryin' to drown me, dat's what Ah believe."

Hear About The Race?

Remington Rand, but Endicott Johnson.
Awful, Awful.
Glady's—"I can read minds."
Bill—"Read mine."
He was busy next day making alibis for his black eye.

That's His Headache

Surgeon—"Don't worry—you'll have a different woman when your wife gets back from the hospital."
Gayboy—"But how'll I keep her from finding out?"

She Could Stand It

Smith took his daughter to a burlesque, and as the show became a bit rough—
Smith—"I'm sorry I brought you—this isn't a show for a girl of your age."
Molly—"Have patience, dad—it will probably liven up after awhile."

Some Heavy Dates

A colored girl went to a colored lawyer's office and said to him: "Ah want to sue Rastus Brown for breach of promise. He promised to marry me and now he done went and married another girl."
Said the lawyer: "What evidence have you got that Rastus has been making love to you?"
"Evidence, Evidence!" was the reply, "I got three worn-out pillows, a broken down sofa and a lamp dat won't light."

POMONA GRANGE NEWS

General theme for our 1939 series of Neighbor Night meetings is: "Growth and Strength." Our slogan is: "Tuckabatchee." You remember, that means "add to and stick together," and that is the way we grow and become strong.

AUTHORITY ASKS BIDS ON STATE COLLEGE PROJECT

The General State Authority is advertising for bids on six groups of equipment for Pennsylvania State College estimated to cost nearly a half-million dollars.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—When you look into a mirror can you see yourself as others see you? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

G. J.—I am writing to ask if you can tell me what a Pectoral cross is? Thank you.

Ans.—A Pectoral cross is a golden cross worn on the breasts of bishops.

S. R.—Can you tell me what the heights and weight of the Waner brothers of the Pittsburgh Pirates? Also how they throw, and their batting averages?

Ans.—Paul Waner is 35 years old, height 5'8 1/2, weight 155 pounds, throws and bats left-handed, and batted 354 last year. Lloyd Waner is 32 years old, height 5'7, weight 149 pounds, throws right-handed and bats left. He batted 330 last year.

M. F.—Will you please answer how large or small is an atom?

Ans.—An atom is the smallest thing known to science. We hardly know what to compare an atom to that would give you an idea of its diminutive size. It is so small it cannot be seen with a microscope—so small that more than twenty trillions of them can rest together on the head of an ordinary pin head. If they passed a given point at the rate of 500 a second it would require two thousand years for all of them to pass.

B. L.—On what day of the week was George Washington born?

Ans.—George Washington, our first president, was born on Friday. A certain historian records that he was born on Saturday. The error occurs in the fact that 1732 was a leap year. Therefore Feb. 22, 1732, was on Friday.

P. W.—Can you answer why English policemen are called "peelers?"

Ans.—The modern police system of England was originated by Sir Robert Peel. Hence the policemen are known there as "Peelers."

D. M.—I would like to ask you the names of the three saints that were canonized on Easter Sunday by the Catholic church?

Ans.—The canonized saints on Easter Sunday, 1938, were: St. Andrew Bobola, St. Salvatore da Horfa, St. Giovanni Leonardi.

K. D.—Is it true that dreams can foretell the future?

Ans.—No. There is no evidence that they do. Sometimes they are indications of the past—the forgotten and unsuspected past—but not of the future.

L. H.—When did the Johnstown (Pa.) flood occur? And what caused it?

Ans.—The Johnstown flood occurred in 1889, and was caused by the collapse of their great storage dam.

T. E.—Was there ever a Catholic that occupied the White House at Washington, D. C.?

Ans.—There were none as President of the United States. However, the wife of James A. Garfield, who was elected in 1880, frequently attended Catholic services.

T. C.—How old is the Bryan Memorial Bible class in Miami, Fla.?

Ans.—It was founded in 1918 by William Jennings Bryan, on a strictly non-sectarian basis. Because of the ardor and eloquence of the "Great Commoner" in expounding the Scriptures, vast throngs attended his meetings. Since his death several famous men have continued the work. No collections are taken at these services because a group of Miami business concerns have underwritten the enterprise.

F. M. L.—Was Charlie Chaplin on the stage when he first came to the United States?

Ans.—He had been on the stage in London ever since childhood and came to the United States in 1910 as leading comedian in a production called "A Night in an English Music Hall."

E. H. J.—Is there an animal called a tapir?

Ans.—A tapir is a large thick-skinned mammal with the nose prolonged into a short trunk. Its appearance the animal somewhat resembles the pig and the elephant.

D. C.—What are the qualifications for a chaplain in the Navy?

Ans.—In order to become a chaplain in the United States Navy a man must hold an academic degree from an accredited college and must be a graduate of a recognized theological seminary. He must be an ordained clergyman, preferably with experience in parish work. Such an individual must be under thirty-four years of age, a citizen of the United States, and must pass a physical examination.

K. H. M.—Why is the word lucra used with reference to money?

Ans.—Lucra is from the Latin lucrum, meaning gain.

F. P.—Are any of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge's crocheted articles in the White House now?

Ans.—There is a crocheted bedspread made by Mrs. Coolidge in the White House.

C. J. D.—Does China have much coal?

Ans.—China is one of the foremost coal countries in the world with reserves estimated at 243,569,000,000 tons.

M. L. P.—What is the largest pension received by widows of Civil War veterans?

Ans.—Fifty dollars a month is the largest pension received by a widow of a Civil War veteran.

R. A. Y.—What is a proving box on a ship?

Ans.—A proving box is used in the ship's bakery. It looks something like a locker and contains a number of shelves to hold bun pans in raising dough. It is usually about 24 inches wide, 33 inches deep, and 60 inches high.

J. W. H.—Where is the church that is built out of a redwood tree?

Ans.—The First Baptist Church at Santa Rosa, Calif., was built of a sequoia that yielded 35,000 feet of lumber. The stump of the tree is a shrine where the congregation holds an annual memorial service.

W. S. C.—What famous man died by choking on a grape seed?

Ans.—According to Pliny, Anacreon, the lyric poet of Greece, met his death in this manner.

M. H. S.—What is the attitude of the Catholic Church with regard to Father Coughlin's radio speeches and other activities?

Ans.—Current History says: "In response to numerous requests for an announcement of the official position of the Catholic Church toward Father Coughlin and his various activities, Cardinal Mundelein, of Chicago, has authorized the following: 'As an American citizen, Father Coughlin has the right to express his personal views on current events, but he is not authorized to speak for the Catholic Church, nor does he represent the doctrines or sentiments of the Church.'"

J. S. G.—Why was Jonathan Edwards, the preacher of the "Great Awakening" of 1741, dismissed from his own pastorate at Northampton, Massachusetts?

Ans.—Edwards came into conflict with a system in many New England churches of permitting "as a means of grace" persons who did not profess conversion or regeneration, to partake of the Lord's Supper and enjoy other church privileges. This, Edwards, who was a strict Calvinist and appealed to the fear rather than the love of God, denounced as unscriptural. His greatest writings were done after this event and he was elected president of the college at Princeton, New Jersey, in 1757.

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