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EDITORIAL

HITLER SPEECH TYPICAL NAZI

(Harrisburg Patriot)

Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's plea for a promise to keep the peace is disappointing but not surprising. Once again it becomes necessary to judge Hitler not in the terms of a normal but of an abnormal person.

One section of his speech illustrates the point. He gives credit to Providence for showing him the way to power and at the same time keeps in concentration camps those who worship that same Providence rather than the heathen gods Nazism sets up.

There is nothing very comforting in the Hitler Reichstag address. If some of his speech smacked of bluff and bluster, that cannot be said of his renunciation of the naval treaty with England and the demands made upon Poland with a like renunciation of a treaty with that nation.

Naturally a man like Hitler would resort to satire in referring to an appeal like that made by President Roosevelt. That is typical of the Nazi mind. It is somewhat insolent for Hitler to charge Mr. Roosevelt with a breach of good manners after the international manners of the German Fuehrer in recent months.

But with all that Hitler says and does in reply, there is internal evidence in the speech that President Roosevelt's request for peace assurances from the German Chancellor has put that nation on the spot.

The President's request was a reasonable one. All it sought was some word from Hitler that he would not ravish other smaller nations as he ravished Czechoslovakia. Hitler has not given that word as a peace-loving dictator could do. In fact there are sections in the speech which suggest that in his insane ambition to rule the world, he would not hesitate to repeat the tactics he has been employing to terrorize smaller nations into bowing to his will.

However his doing so will not be quite so easy in view of the President's plea and the preparedness which the democratic and other nations of the world are making to check an insane program of world domination. The speech, while far from being pleasant reading, is at least a further self-revelation of the man who threatens the world. The more the world understands the menaces, the better able it will be to meet it.

WHY ONE BOY WANTED TO DIE

The other day the police of a western city saved a boy only thirteen years old, who had attempted to take his life by hanging.

Now, if adults are interested in the welfare of younger people, the question naturally arises, "What caused this youngster to prefer death to life?"

Well, the lad told the police, listing four reasons: (1) His father was serving a life term in prison; (2) his step-father was in jail for drunkenness; (3) he didn't know where his mother was; (4) he couldn't go to school because he was ashamed of his clothes and his mother wouldn't mend them.

We are not familiar with what might be called the "case-history" of this youngster. Neither are we cognizant of the efforts that may have been made by welfare workers and organizations to extend proper assistance. However, we venture the assertion that nearly every community has, in its midst, young boys and young girls who are facing desperate situations without much evidence that anybody else is interested in their plight.

We are quite frank to say that the answer to such conditions does not roll easily off the tip of the tongue. Few persons know enough to attempt to outline fully the causes of these problem cases, much less the proper solution for society.

It might not be a bad idea for all the adults of Bellefonte to keep an eye out for such cases. In our midst, not so much for the purpose of calling them to public attention as for the opportunity, in quiet and helpful ways, to make a contribution toward the improvement of another individual. It is a service that brings its own reward.

MAYBE AL KNOWS A MAN

The other day a newspaper reporter asked Former Governor Al Smith, of New York, what he thought of "those suggested" for the Republican nomination for the Presidency in 1940.

Mr. Smith found "nothing" about them "to get enthusiastic about." His remark, he said, applied to "all who have been mentioned" for the Republican nomination.

When asked about the Democratic aspirants, he stated, with equal emphasis, "the same applies to them."

Thereupon the one-time leader of the Democratic party, who supported Gov. Landon in 1936, said that the "kind of a President that is needed is a man who would go in, do the best he could and have no thought of his re-nomination or re-election."

Mr. Smith may be right about the kind of a President the nation needs. We wonder whether he could tell us where the nation can find such a man—as if we did not already know?

TRADE IS SWAPPING GOODS

The people of the United States are always interested to hear that the nation has what is known as "a favorable trade balance." They seem to think that there is great national virtue to be found in the fact that the United States sold other lands more than we bought from them.

There might have been a time when this was a sound and logical delight, but, just now, with most of the world's gold and our position as a creditor nation to consider, it doesn't make too much sense.

Let's take the case of Rumania, for example. We do not like to believe that this Balkan nation will ally herself with the totalitarian State and there are some people who dislike the recent commercial agreement between Germany and the Rumanians.

In the first two months of this year the Rumanian people purchased \$1,500,150 worth of American products. This, it is true, is a small business for a nation that thinks and spends in billions. Nevertheless, the point is clearer when we learn that, during the same two months, the United States spent \$345,000 for products that Rumania sells.

How long can this last? Well, the Rumanians have to pay for their purchases with gold, goods or services. They have little in the way of services and not too much gold. That leaves them one practical way to buy American products—that is through the selling of Rumanian products.

If we want to build up the international trade of the United States we must do business with customers able to pay for what they buy. So far as Rumania is concerned, this means that we, or somebody else, must buy what she has to sell, or, in plainer terms, the products that she has to barter in the world mart. Germany moves to swap goods with the Rumanians and it is easy to see that unless we are willing to meet that kind of competition we won't sell many American products in Rumania.

Of course, we can get along without the trade of Rumania. That would be easy, if that were all there is to the problem. Unfortunately, what applies to Rumanian trade is applicable to all nations. There must be reciprocity in commerce, which is, in its essentials, a swapping of goods for the mutual benefit of the traders. A nation, unwilling to swap, will, eventually, be unable to sell.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day will be observed by millions of Americans and it is right that some special notice should be taken of the day set aside to honor the Mothers of the nation.

It should be borne in mind, however, that the observance of a day, once a year, does not constitute the most appropriate or an exclusive method of honoring motherhood in general or mothers in particular.

There are men and women who naturally revere motherhood; they do not need a special day. They are worried, for example, by the sad plight of unfortunate mothers who suffer unnecessarily in connection with the birth and care of their children.

Certainly, we recommend the observance of Mother's Day but we also advise that support be given to agencies set up to assist mothers throughout the nation. It is all right to praise motherhood but the best way to show praise is to make it possible for all mothers to raise their children in a satisfactory manner.

FEELS BETTER NOW

Walter D. Fuller, president of the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia, was quite active most of last year delivering addresses and furnishing news stories to the effect that industry in Pennsylvania was leaving the state by droves because the onerous tax burden imposed upon it during the Earle regime had reduced profits to the vanishing point. At the annual stockholders' meeting of the company held recently, Mr. Fuller said: "I don't want to arouse stockholders' hopes too high, but business is coming along and, in my judgment, our net will exceed the first quarter of 1938 by more than 50 per cent."

Maybe it is the James tax program that is bringing the sunshine into Mr. Fuller's heart and profits back to his company.

Our Weekly English Lesson

Word, Often Misused

None can be treated as singular or plural, according to context. "Will you bring me the dictionary?" "There is none on your desk." "Will you bring me the oranges?" "There are none in the basket." Principal (by origin an adjective). "Here are the principal reasons." Principle (by origin a noun). "The principle of this machine is simple." When a number precedes, use dozen as plural form; otherwise say dozens. "Six dozen oranges were given to the dozens of children." "The sentence was enclosed in parentheses" is correct. Parentheses (plural) refers to two or more sets of brackets. Do not say, "I called Tuesday to see him." Say, "I called on Tuesday to see him."

Words Often Mispronounced

Rince. Pronounce rinz, not rinz nor rns. Hurray. Pronounce hoo-ry, oo as in book, a as in all, accent last syllable. Candelabrum. Pronounce kand-elabrum, e as in egg unstressed, second a as in ah, accent third syllable. Again. Pronounce a-gen, a as in ask unstressed, e as in men. Gladibus. Pronounce glad-i-o-lus, i as in it, accent third syllable. Series. Pronounce ser-eez, first e as in here, second e as in me.

Words Often Misspelled

Real (genuine); reel (a revolvable device). Bona fide; reel the four towels. Rehabilital, two l's. Carri-brette; obere the ou and the etc. Ennu; pronounced an-we, a as in ah. "Use a word three times and it is yours." Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Words for this lesson: INDISCREET, not possessing good judgment in conduct, and especially in speech. "An indiscreet man is more hurtful than an ill-natured one."-Addison. ADMONITION; gentle or friendly reproof; warning. "I promise you to be mindful of your admonitions."-Hammond. DESUETUDE; state of disuse.

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

OUR NURSERY RYMES Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard, At least the neighbors say. Old Mother Hubbard and dog both rubbered, But he got no bone that day.

If a body meets a body With a flask of rye, Should a body treat a body If a body's dry.

The Jap Boy Explains The Rules "At the rise of the hand of policeman, stop rapidly. Do not pass him or otherwise disrespect him."

Slips That Pass In The News (Salina, Kans., Union) "Fire destroyed another beautiful Salina home yesterday. It happened while the husband was away, caused by soot in the chimney. Why take the chance? Think of your wife and babies at home. Have them inspected, repaired and cleaned every three months."

(Burley, N. D., Record) "He was driving, it is claimed at a high rate of speed. As he approached the crossing he crashed into Miss Moulton's rear end, which was sticking out in the road about a foot. Luckily she escaped serious injury and the damages can be easily remedied with a new coat of paint."

(Ad in Portland Oregonian) "Wanted—Any kind of day work except washing reliable woman."

(Des Moines, Iowa, Register) "The bride was attired in navy blueorgette and hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses and baby."

It isn't very hard to design a girl's bathing suit. There's nothing much to it.

The hired girl may not know much about playing bridge, but she can raise the deuce by dropping a tray.

He Is Still There In answer to H. M.'s letter, we hasten to reply: "Yes, there is one editor in heaven, though how he got there the Lord only knows. It is presumed he rode in on the blind baggage or got a pass. When they found him they tried to turn him out but he refused to go. They hunted all over heaven for a lawyer to serve him with ejection papers, but they could not find one, so the editor held the fort and he is there to this day."

Oh, At Last Doctor—"You say that on an average you have been drinking six glasses of beer a day. Now I can allow you only half the number." Patient (after a pause)—"Doctor, I really believe I used to drink a couple more."

In a Moment of Heat Jones—"Do you ever agree with your wife?" Smith—"I did once, when our house was burning and we both tried to get out first at the door."

Some Work Ahead Spectator (on the circus grounds)—"What are you circus fellows looking so sad about?" Employee—"The elephant is dead." Spectator—"Oh? I didn't think you'd feel so badly about a dumb animal." Employee—"It ain't that. The boss says we fellows have to dig the hole to bury it in."

He who steals a woman's purse gets away with a lot of cigars, lip stick, face powder, etc.

A cow belonging to a farmer in the southern section of the county is reported to have got at a bin where apples were stored and ate three bushels of sweet ones. At the next churning the tub was discovered to be half full of apple butter.

Which District? It is related that one of the Archbishops of the Catholic church was about to board a train at a railway station when a young man accosted him, saying: "Your face is familiar, where in hell have I seen you?" "I really don't know," replied the Archbishop, blandly, "what part of hell do you come from?"

It Means A Lot Punctuation counts a whole lot. At a certain church entertainment a demure little old maid of very retiring disposition, was to sing a duet with the minister. When their part came, the minister announced: "Miss Surryville will now sing 'Put Me in My Little Bed' accompanied by the minister. No wonder everyone laughed and the little old maid fainted."

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Vegetable Response to Fertilizers—Although most vegetable crops respond to the use of fertilizer, other factors influence its effectiveness. claim extension specialists in vegetable gardening at the Pennsylvania State College. Tillage, amount of organic matter, moisture conditions and acidity of the soil all must be considered.

Good Brooding Quarters—Rearing chicks in comfortable quarters helps eliminate respiratory ailments, say extension poultrymen at the Pennsylvania State College.

Phosphorus Deficient Cattle—Few cattle in Pennsylvania suffer from phosphorus deficiency, a recent survey conducted by the Institute of Animal Nutrition at the Pennsylvania State College shows. It is probably never present when ordinary good feeding practices are followed.

Handle Wool Carefully—Proper care and handling of fleeces will mean many more dollars and cents in the pockets of farmers, assert Penn State livestock extension specialists. The condition in which wools are marketed determines their value.

Feeling Pulpy—Bark peels most easily from trees cut for pulpwood during periods of rapid growth, remind Penn State extension foresters. These occur intermittently beginning about the first week in May and continuing through the middle of July.

Whitewashing Farm Buildings—Few things improve the appearance of farm buildings more than an application of good whitewash, claim Penn State specialists.

Query and Answer Column

R. S. L.—Is the aurora borealis seen in the southern hemisphere? Ans.—Aurora borealis is the name given to the northern light. It is not visible in the southern hemisphere. The aurora australis or southern light is seen there. Aurora polaris is a name given to both.

T. E. O.—What was the cost of the Empire State Building and the ground on which it was built? Ans.—The ground on which the Empire State Building stands cost \$16,000,000. The cost of the building itself was \$55,000,000.

R. W. H.—Of what kind of metal is the Victoria Cross made? Ans.—The Victoria Cross is made of the metal from guns captured in the Crimean War.

E. E. L.—Did Henry Ford ever make a six-cylinder car? Ans.—A six-cylinder Ford was manufactured in 1906.

F. M. G.—Was Errol Flynn's father an actor? Ans.—Mr. Flynn's father was a well known professor of biology at Queen's University, Belfast, and at Cambridge University.

T. J. S.—How long after being bitten by a rabid dog, do signs of rabies appear? Ans.—The period of incubation for the rabies germ varies widely from three weeks to three months.

S. R. J.—Did Lincoln believe in woman suffrage? Ans.—In 1836, when he was a candidate for re-election to the Illinois House of Representatives, Lincoln made the following statement: "I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in sharing its burdens. Consequently, I go for admitting all whites to the right of suffrage who pay taxes or bear arms (by no means excluding females)."

F. L.—What is the salary of the High Commissioner of the Philippines? Ans.—The United States High Commissioner of the Philippine Islands receives \$18,000 a year.

F. C.—How many paper bills are made daily at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington? Ans.—The average number of bills engraved daily is 3,464,736.

M. G. R.—What was the first steam vessel used by the United States Navy? Ans.—Bennett's Steam Navy says that the Demologos, afterward called the Fulton, was the first steam vessel for war purposes in the United States Navy or in any navy. She was designed by Robert Fulton and built under his supervision in New York in 1814 while the war with Great Britain was going on.

B. S. J.—How many people ride on trains? Ans.—The total number of passengers carried on the railroads in the United States in 1938 was about 453,000,000.

C. A. Y.—Are the Marine Hospitals still maintained by payments from the sailors? Ans.—The Marine Hospitals of the United States Public Health Service are supported by appropriations made by Congress for the "pay of personnel and maintenance of hospitals of the United States." From 1798 until 1886 they were maintained by a tax of twenty cents per month which was collected by the Collector of Customs from each sailor on American Merchant Marine ships. From 1886 to 1906 a special tonnage tax provided their maintenance. Since 1906 the hospitals have been maintained by direct appropriations made by Congress.

B. M.—Who were the Orangemen? Ans.—A secret society, organized in the north of Ireland in 1795, the professed object of which was the defense of the reigning sovereign of Great Britain, the support of the Protestant religion, and the maintenance of the laws of the kingdom. It was named after William, Prince of Orange, who became William III of England.

C. K.—What is botulism? Ans.—An extremely serious type of food poisoning, caused by the formation of poison by a germ which grows in the absence of air in non-acid canned foods. Ten minutes of vigorous boiling and continuous stirring kills the germs.

L. R.—Who played the leading female role in "Pygmalion" when it was produced on the stage about 25 years ago? Ans.—Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

G. T.—What causes the yellow color of cream and the white color of milk? Ans.—The yellow is derived largely from two substances in the food of dairy cattle, namely, carotin and xanthophyll. The whitish color of milk serum is due to interference with the passage of light, caused by the casein in pseudo solution.

B. F.—Name the U. S. Presidents who had no children. Ans.—George Washington, James Madison, Andrew Jackson, James Knox, James Buchanan (unmarried), and Warren G. Harding.

R. K.—How long is a Greyhound bus operated before it is overhauled or replaced? Ans.—Greyhound buses are completely overhauled every 45,000 miles and the engines and bodies are often rebuilt. These buses are replaced every five years.

M. C.—Please give the exact time and place of President Harding's death. Ans.—President Harding died at 7:30 p. m., August 2, 1923, at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.

T. M. C.—Who invented silicon steel? Ans.—Silicon steel was invented by Sir Robert Hadfield in 1859.

D. L.—Is there a name for the inside of bread? Ans.—The inside of bread is called the crumb.

E. J. R.—Why do they say that a cat has nine lives? Ans.—The idea is traceable to the ancient superstition that evil spirits were able to assume the form of black animals, particularly black cats, and that a witch could take on the body of a cat nine times. Among the ancient Egyptians, the cat-headed goddess Pasht, the mother cat of the witches, was said to have nine lives.

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