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EDITORIAL

Cheer up. In a few weeks the world series will run war off the front page.

Well, for one, we will be glad to welcome cool weather—but we don't like it too cool.

There are plenty of fellows on the street corners of Bellefonte who can tell the French general staff how to win the war in three weeks.

Hitler has told five of Europe's little nations that he will respect their neutrality. That makes just five more countries that can start building air raid defenses.

We are told that within the confines of the United States are resources ample to supply gasoline to America for more than 2,000 years. Besides the billions of barrels of petroleum that now lie in the known reserves of the United States, a still larger supply is locked in shale reserves waiting to be developed.

President Roosevelt's decision to move Thanksgiving Day a week has met with the approval of the World Calendar Association, an international organization formed to improve and reform the calendar. However, they claim it should be celebrated on Monday instead of Thursday.

Recent news told of Polish troops retreating, unable to stem the German tide that moved into the soil of the republic. That the German attack has been overwhelming is not to be doubted.

There has been so much talk about the impossibility of any army breaking through the fortified lines that have been built between Germany and France that one wonders whether the French general staff is engaged in a hopeless and costly effort.

BUSINESS MEN AND SPENDING

If government spending is to be reduced to the request of business, then business men must do their share, they are told by Howard Conley, president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"Business men also should practice what they preach on the subject of government spending. Congress needs to be sustained in fact as well as in theory on this question of governmental extravagance."

This is counsel not only for business men but all persons. One may be sure that much as Congress is fond of spending other people's money, they never would have done as much of it had there not been pressure from home.

TRAGEDY TOO VAST TO UNDERSTAND

Words are inadequate to suggest the horrors of warfare or the suffering of human beings in the struggle. The human mind finds it difficult to realize that millions of men are involved in a death grapple, that the ingenuity of civilized peoples is now being used to promote slaughter and that wom-

en and children will inevitably bear a burden of pain that almost transcends belief. In the United States our people are intensely interested in the details of the battles, they want to know what has happened and they, almost invariably, express the hope that the Germans have been smitten.

Somehow, we seem not to comprehend that battles are fought by human beings, that victory means bloody corpses and blasted bodies of husbands, sons and sweethearts.

In the writer of human suffering what difference does it make if the individual is a misguided German youth, a veteran of France, or a defender of Polish soil? Mankind is once again at grips with death, loosening emotions, that blind the intellect and sear the soul.

There is nothing to be gained by name-calling, by emotional denunciation of others, by flag-waving and breast-beating. Soldiers across the waters are being killed; women and children are being blasted in their sleep; untold human beings are forestalling the misery of months to come.

Human intelligence has failed to control the emotions of men; human frailties have lured new victims to death and the earth and its people will suffer.

Men and women on both sides accept their fate bravely. They play their parts with some degree of nobility, with a prayer on their lips to the God they worship, and the conviction in their hearts that He is with them in a fight for honor, truth and justice!

The head of the German army ended his orders at the beginning of hostilities with these words: "Forward with God for Germany," repeating the phrase used by the Kaiser at the start of the World War.

The head of the Polish State, in a similar manifesto, urged his people to fight with assurance, thinking of the "rightness of the cause" and "confident in the justice of God."

The story is told of Abraham Lincoln that a friend once asked him: "Do you think God is on our side?" He replied, "I'm much more concerned to be on God's side."

Is there not here a key for every individual who today seeks a right course amid war's confusions? When God's support is claimed for conflicting human aims, a clear and certain sense of right will uphold him who seeks, not to enlist Delity, but first to know and do His will. His eternal purposes are not turned aside by mortal designs.

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Game For Anything First Gal—"What did Fred do in that kissing game when you refused to get up and let him kiss you?" Second Gal—"Why, he kissed me right where I sat, of course."

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Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Doctor Alex Cartel, of the Rockefeller Foundation, says that he has seen diseases that were incurable from a human standpoint cured in answer to prayer. He thinks that doctors have occupied themselves too much with the material side of life and too little with the spiritual.

You all remember brave Gertrude Ederle who swam the channel thirteen years ago. She was strong and well then. She knew that all the United States was rooting for her.

No War Threat The people of the United States naturally wonder what chance there may be that this country will become embroiled in the war now going on in Europe.

Our own opinion is that there is not much chance. Of course, if other nations come into the fighting the situation will be different. We do not believe the United States will get into any European war unless and until it appears certain that Great Britain and France will be defeated. This is not indicated in the struggle now going on with Germany.

It may be that German U-boats will create incidents that will involve the loss of American lives and American ships. It will be entirely a matter for the government here to decide whether these incidents justify the use of armed force by this country. If they do, there will be no necessity for the dispatch of any large army to Europe.

Frankly, the people of the United States might as well recognize the fact that Britain and France are our first line of defense. This does not mean that we must, under all circumstances, defend them. It is only when they are attacked by governments like that of Hitler-dominated Germany that our interests require that the two great democracies be unopposed.

In considering a future world policy for the United States we think it might be a good idea to construct a navy and prepare an army entirely adequate for whatever we adopt as a national policy.

THE OFFICE CAT Louisa's Letter

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

Slips That Pass in the News (From the Gardner, Wis. Reporter) "Served with a writ yesterday afternoon, Mrs. O. B. Niggens must produce children in court within twenty-four hours."

(From the Brooks, Va. Messenger) "Mr. Sanks told the manager of the hotel that he put his nurse under his pillow when he went to bed, and when he woke up it was gone."

(Headline in the Palomar, Ariz. Gazette) "Miss Hamper's Supporters Are Up In The Air."

(From the Martin, Iowa, Times) "Wanted—Housekeeper, white, experienced, fiddle-aged (middle-aged)."

From Bad to Worse Mandy uncorked the capsule of quinine and sifted the dose well into her mouth. Then she rushed as fast as her fat legs would carry her to the doctor.

Those Funny Kids A little Bellefonte girl after looking intently at a fat woman remarked: "Mummy, when I've grown long enough, shall I start and grow sideways, too?"

His Reason Speaking of signs, we remember once standing in front of a grocery store and noticing the sign, "A Swindler," on the window. Entering we asked the proprietor if it wouldn't look better if, instead of "A," he printed his full Christian name.

Step On 'Em She—"What's the matter with your feet?" He—"I've got corns." She—"Why don't you do something for them?" He—"Why should I? They've never done anything for me."

Embarrassing Moments It is related that while a couple of school marmas were traveling in Canada, they stopped at a hotel one evening and the fussy one of the pair left her room to locate the means of escape in case of fire during the night.

That's Tellin' 'Em, Lizzie (Ad in Upton, Texas, News) PERSONAL—If this comes to the attention of Tate Peak it is to inform him that he need not come back. I am now living with the hired hand and he is not missed except by the livestock. The horses ask, the cows ask and the pigs ask for him but that's all—Lizzie Peak.

Just Another Fallen Ark (From the West Manfield, Ark. Enterprise) Mrs. O. D. James fell and broke her hip (hip) Monday when she stumbled on the sidewalk while watching a parade.

Good Trick If He Can Do It (Ad in Trinidad, Ariz. Times) TAXIDERMIST—We mount anything, from a flea to an elephant—William Blecker.

This Week's Drawing Account The boss drew the cork, the stenographer drew the curtains and the office boy drew his own conclusions.

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Two girls from Alabama have written me letters. To "Lonesome Blue Eyes." I must say that I think you are rather young to be engaged and, particularly so, to a boy who cannot be depended upon. He doesn't want you to go with other boys, but he slips off and goes with other girls. Now even if you were old enough to be engaged, you would be taking a great chance by bestowing your love on a boy who is not only deceitful but selfish.

I have been married eight years and while my husband is good to me in a way, I am very worried and dissatisfied. We live with his parents and he seems to have no desire in the world for us to have anything of our own.

Every man and woman should have a home of their own, even if it consists of only two rooms. There is so much more happiness possible where there are no outsiders to be in on everything that happens between husbands and wives.

Secretary Wallace says that there is an abundance of all kinds of food in this country, and that his ever-normal granary program was insured, that this happy situation would continue.

The agriculture secretary discussed the food situation on the radio because, he said, some had been frightened by the events in Europe, and some housewives had been conducting "runs" on grocery stores.

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WPA WORKER TO DIE AT ROCKVIEW

(Continued from Page 1) Fisher, shot in the forehead, died instantly. Following the shooting, Schurtz ped out the revolver and fired voluntarily went to the Northumberland county jail and surrendered. He was reported to have admitted the crime and displayed no evidence of remorse.

Schurtz, is 40 years of age, and resided at Shamokin. Fisher lived at Sunbury and was aged 32 years. He was married and the father of four children. At the time of his death Fisher was a lieutenant in Troop E, 169rd Cavalry.



ANDREW SCHURTZ Sentenced to Electric Chair For the Slaying of Road Project Boss

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: How many sides has a perfectly square bottle? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

J. V.—Why is it that at times on the highway the pavement ahead looks wet and shiny like a lake, but on arriving at the spot, we find it perfectly dry?

Ans.—This is known as a mirage. On a very hot day the pavement may heat the air next to it just as the ground does in a desert where mirages are frequent. Sometimes this makes a tiny mirage and makes the pavement look as though it were wet and shiny.

G. C.—Why do the leaves of trees turn red and yellow in the autumn? Ans.—On the approach of winter the lowering temperature and the smaller amount of light stop the manufacture of sugar in the green leaves. When this happens, the chlorophyll in the leaves changes into several different colored compounds. The loss of the chlorophyll causes the leaves to turn.

L. G.—Why is it that when we receive a hurt which greatly excites we do not feel it or notice it until afterward? Ans.—This is a form of hypnosis, in which you yourself is both hypnotist and subject. Suppose you are climbing down a ladder out of a burning building. Your whole thought is in escape and what progress you are making. You have no brain power to notice anything else at the moment.

M. D.—Where has been the greatest and most successful World's Fair in the past? How does the St. Louis Fair rank? Ans.—The Chicago World's Fair in 1893 tops all the Fairs in attendance. The total admissions was 27,339,521 stands as a record attendance and took the Fair out of the "red." Paris was second, but was left in the "red." The St. Louis Fair was a dismal failure.

F. C.—Does anyone hold the world's record for strength in lifting with hands only? Ans.—Yes, Charles G. Jefferson, without the use of harness, lifted 1574 pounds dead weight on Dec. 10, 1890, at Clinton, Mass. No record of this performance has ever been equaled.

T. S.—To settle an argument will you please say whether or not Great Britain once owned the Hawaiian Islands? Ans.—Strictly speaking, they did not. However, during President Pierce's administration Hawaii was a kingdom, with Britain holding a protectorate. Later they took possession of Honolulu and claimed the Islands. On a vigorous protest by the United States the British withdrew their forces and claims. This was the stepping-stone that eventually led to annexation of Hawaii to the United States.

A. T.—How can I remove tar from an automobile body? Ans.—Rub the spots with soft grease and allow it to stand until the grease penetrates the tar. Then remove the tar and grease with gasoline, or by washing with hot suds.

H. C.—What is the color of a Palomino horse? Ans.—The Palomino is of a cream or golden color with mane and tail of white or ivory.

F. B.—Has the United States recognized Spain since Franco's victory? Ans.—The present Spanish government was recognized by the United States on April 1, 1939.

F. C. M.—How many tourists visit Atlantic City, N. J. in 1938, there were 16,000,000 persons who visited the resort.

W. J. B.—How is the meat of rattlesnake used as food? Ans.—It is sometimes fried and in some localities the canned meat is served as an hors d'oeuvre with cocktails.

E. L. J.—In which National Park is the large tree through which there is a tunnel? Ans.—The most famous is the Wawona Tree in the Mariposa Grove, Yosemite National Park. This tree is 231 feet tall and has a maximum diameter of twenty-seven and one-half feet. The tunnel through it is eight feet wide and twenty-six feet long. Another Big Tree in the same grove is the California Tree, which also has a tunnel.

P. J. H.—Please give the names of the flowers for each birth month. Ans.—January, carnation; February, primrose; March, violet; April, daisy; May, lily of the valley; June, rose; July, sweet pea; August, gladiolus; September, aster; October, dahlia; November, chrysanthemum; December, poinsettia or holly.

J. C. H.—How does the Bible define pure religion? Ans.—According to James 1:27: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unpolluted from the world."

C. J. D.—What is a Bohemian ruby? Ans.—This is a jeweler's name for rose quartz cut as a gem.

K. G. H.—Is home work regulated by the Fair Labor Standards Act? Ans.—The Administrator has issued a statement pointing out that the act makes no mention of home work and does not prohibit it. Consequently, provisions of the act apply to home workers if the employer is engaged in interstate commerce or the production of goods for interstate commerce.

K. T.—What can be done to keep bees from stinging grapes? Ans.—In spite of apparent evidence to the contrary, bees are positively not able to pierce the skins of grapes. It must be borne in mind that the part of a bee's body which inflicts its sting has nothing to do with the mouth parts, which are totally unadapted for biting purposes. The real culprits in grape destruction are birds which inflict the original wounds and the bees then flock to the scene in order to take advantage of the juice which is then available. Because of this the Bureau of Plant Industry suggests sucking grapes to preserve them on the vines.

G. E. M.—How many dogs are there in the United States? Ans.—An unofficial census shows that there are about 15,000,000.

S. C.—Are snakes stone deaf and totally blind? Ans.—They are neither stone deaf nor totally blind. Although they have no external ears, snakes receive sound impressions by means of their tongues. When a snake vibrates its tongue it is "listening." Snakes have very good eyesight normally, but when they are casting their skins a film forms over the eyes and makes their eyesight poor temporarily.

Answer to problem: Eight—four outside and four inside.