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EDITORIAL

Life for a neutral in Europe is just one fear after

You can say one thing for Russia, when the Bear started walking through the Baltic he covered ground fast

Another thing about the United States-you can go to any church you select, or you can stay away from them all.

Schools may come and schools may go but education will move on forever. That goes for Bellefonte's apparent muddle, and the more forcibly we realize it the better.

If the arms embargo is lifted by Congress, officials expect protests from the German government, the argument being made that it is unneutral in that the change occurred after the outbreak of war. In 1915, however, during the World War, Germany complained of the supplies being sold to Great Britain and France, and asked that an embargo be placed on such exports. Thus, in the former war, the suggestion from Germany that the change in our neutral position came eight months after war begun.

From the time of its creation our country has been a land of freedom; a haven for the oppressed; a big brother to mankind in distress. Witness this: There came into Columbia county court last week three men of foreign birth. They pleaded no defense in mining coal on land which they admitted did not belong to them. One even had a steam shovel on the job. Two of these men have been in America for twenty years; the third has been here since 1913. Not one is an American citizen. One has his second papers; another has, as he put it, "just a number" and not his first papers, and the third has not even applied for naturalization.

Just for what it might be worth, and to curry a little favor among our women readers, we quote a prominent New York photographer that men are much vainer than women when they are being photographed. "People say women are vain," says our authority, "but don't you believe it. I never saw anything as vain as a man in a studio." Naturally there will be many men in Bellefonte to intimate that the worthy artist is talking through his hat, or some other article of wearing apparel. We are not inclined to argue very strongly in favor of the conclusion he announces but, just the same, we have seen men who gave both eyes to their personal appearance, as if they had something there.

Republican State Chairman Torrence suddenly has become vocal, in a series of political addresses in the western part of the State, and is taking credit for the James administration having put the State in that position. As we recall it, the Pinchot administration left the State with a large debt and finances in a terrible shape. The Earle administration took hold under this great financial handicap, and by the enactment of revenue legislation pulled the State out of the hole and left it without any debt, although probably not without any commitments. The references to a "debt of \$50,000,000" left by the Earle administration are altogether fantastic. Chairman Torrence is entitled to claim credit for anything the James administration has been able to save for the taxpayers, and we hope he will have grounds for claiming much along the line. At the same time he should not try to blame the Earle administration for its financial record, for it is one of the outstanding accomplishments of the administration that it put the State on its feet financially and left it in good shape, after having received it in poor shape.

Columbus Day came and went last Thursday and one hardly knew that it was a holiday except for the closing of the banks. A conspicuous absence of flags on display showed with what indifference an important day in American history is viewed. Columbus Day deserves a more appropriate observance than this.

Young girls or old whose weakness is to beg or accept rides from strange motorists, especially at night, are courting danger, and have only themselves to blame if they encounter improper conduct from the men in the car. Though it is difficult, one is bound to be sympathetic with the victims of such foolishness. While there are many decent men driving automobiles at night, young girls cannot afford if they value their safety, to take chances. Very often the girls are forced to choose between death and dishonor.

With the immense apple crop thrown on the market this year, and the many apples left in the orchards to go to waste, one wonders why more activity is not shown by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation in buying up a large portion of it for distribution to needy families. In some counties this worthy project is being successfully carried out, but Centre county seems to have been overlooked.

Quoting from a news story in another newspaper: "Death highway-rendered impotent by forvertising copy received after Tuesday morning must mer Governor Earle's drive to make the State's highway safe-is staging a comeback: a comeback that resulted in two deaths and injury to seven others in the past two days." We think the writer has something there. "Rendered impotent" because the former State administration wrote into the books a 50-mile speed law and enforced it. "Staging a comeback" because a new State administration has let down the bars. The 50-mile limit either should be enforced or Harrisburg should have the courage to take it off the books.

> "Republican leaders," says News Week, "aware that their party is split on foreign policy, have been counseling members in Washington to stand back and await developments. Thus House Republican Leader Martin has advised Republicans to say as little as possible and not commit themselves on the neutrality issue till after the Senate acts. The same sort of pressure was put on Alf Landon. He came to F. D. R.'s conference with a prepared statement endorsing embargo repeal and supporting the cishand-carry idea. Then Martin and Vandenberg cornered him, said he could not lay them down like that, and urged him to hedge. The result was his extremely guarded and non-committal 'statement'."

According to news releases, orders for a general State housecleaning have gone out from the top-Governor James. Whatever follows it is certain that anyone who held a State job during the Earle administration-whether Democrat or Republican-will feel the axe of a patronage "purge soon. The Governor obtained from his cabinet a list of all employes who served during the Earle regime, commonly known as "holdovers." All are to go. The holdover list also includes Republicans who kept their jobs when the Democrats held sway. These Republicans had been reasonably sure they would be retained when their party took control last January. Their necks also are due for the political axe, for in the words of one State official, "the Republican who acted like a Democrat to keep his job" will go just as quickly as the "Democrat who was loyal to his own party."

State Highway Secretary Hughes declares his intention of having white instead of yellow lines painted on the highways to guide motorists in a fog. That is not only a safety measure but a comforting sight to a driver whose helplessness in a mist is second only to that in a skid. There are few driving experiences more exhausting than to fiddle one's way in a fog. The risks are scarcely worse than the mental despair in trying to keep on the road and the sense of insecurity which always comes with a loss of direction. Apparently there are but two ways to baffle the fog. One is strong illumination which someday will sparkle over main highways from end to end. The other is the white or yellow line dividing traffic lanes, broken lines on the straightaways, solid ines on hills and curves or near intersections. Such lines will be tremendously helpful. Actually they are ribbons of color, but to the fog-distracted motorist they will be as sturdily helpful as steel cable.

The people of the United States, as we have said before, are record-conscious. No matter what it may be, if an individual can set a record, he is sure to receive acclaim. This being true, we might as well take some notice of the fact that Miss Jennie C. Powers, of Germantown, has attended church services at the Westside Presbyterian church every Sunday morning for the past sixty-four years and four months. The lady began her attendance when year old and when the church closed during he influenza epidemic of 1918 she went there every Sunday morning and worshipped alone. We doubt if anybody in Centre county can equal the record set by this lady but we wonder who can come the nearest to it. The editor will be glad to receive information about individuals in this county who have gone to church every Sunday for as much as ten years. Maybe we will discover the churchgoing champion of the county.

CAR SHORTAGE FOLLOWS

In the present railroad situation of increased freight business and shortage of cars the Philadelphia Record calls attention to how right President Roosevelt was when in his lending-spending program proposed last summer he called for \$500,000,000 of government credit for new railroad equipment. This proposal, the Record says, "was indignantly hurled into the Congressional waste basket by a bi-partisan coalition determined to end "Rooseveltian 'experimentation' and 'extravagance.'

"Now it is October and the railroads are hastily calling conferences to discuss ways and means of securing enough freight cars to carry on their business . . . The President did not ask for new railway equipment on the basis of a dream or a divination. He knew there was a shortage. So did the industry, which had reported last December that it needed above \$900,000,000 of new equipment. In railway circles the shortage of freight cars was put at 200,000 at the very moment that the President's plan was being discarded. But only 45,000 new cars are being provided this year."

"The bi-partisan coalition is welcome to whatever comfort it can draw from the picture," concludes the Record.

FORCE ALONE INSURES PEACE

More than a hundred "leading historians, economists, politicians and sociologists" of the nation, queried by a committee of psychologists, agree that the best factors for keeping this country at peace included international education, freedom from economic nationalism and the "breakdown of childish patriotism.

We take leave to doubt the conclusion of the eminent gentlemen. The factor that will keep this nation at peace is outside the United States. It is the belief on the part of possible aggressors that it will not pay them to attack the United States.

The guarantee of peace today is force and nothing else. It is a sad commentary on civilization that every nation has to rely upon its own strength but the Chinese, the Ethiopians, the Czechs and Poles know it. They learned the lesson the hard way. If we don't care for the same lesson, we will see to it that we are strong enough to give two

blows for every one directed at us. Frankly, we think the world would be much better if the nations of the world which stand for the orderly processes of civilization could get together and preserve the peace of the world. Unfortunately, every one of them is anxious to avoid all risks and to dodge all responsibility for law and order in a world that is lawless and threatened by international criminals.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

Here's a Tummy Tale

A fellow who became "off in the head," firmly believed that all his trouble was due to a cat in his tummy. The feline, he told doctors, scampered around inside and caused no end of agony and discomfort. Came the day when he really became ill, a bad appendix. While operating, the surgeon had a brilliant idea. Now was the time to end this business for once and all.

He sent out for a black tom cat and when the patient struggled out of the ether, the surgeon proudly held up the wide-eyed tom and said, Your troubles are all over now Look what we took out of you.

The nut hugged his tummy and moaned, "Idiots, you got the wrong cat. The one that's been bothering me is a white one."

The End

Youth (at stage door)-"Is the Hula dancer in her dressing room?" Watchman-"Son, she's 'round at the rear. Youth-"I know that, but answer my question."

Our Idea, Anyway A reader wants to know why a girl raises one foot when she's kissed. and may make unkind gossip We always thought it was for the purpose of kicking the guy if he

backed out. In This Year of Our Lord

All the European nations are working for peace. Great guns. Hard on the Mouse

Jack-"That fan dancer was undressing in her room last night two of you traveling on the train when a mouse ran across the floor.' Joe-"Did she faint?"

Jack-"No, but the mouse did."

that much money?"

Believe It or Not

Chronic Complainer-"Honestly, doc, I haven't been able to eat in weeks and I haven't been able to sleep a wink in months. What would Irritated Physician-"I'd advise you to call Ripley and get some

Pop's Okay

Willie-"I got a dollar awhile ago, I caught the maid petting in the arrangement. It means that the Johnnie-"Gosh, could the guy she was petting afford to give you

Willie-"Sure, my old man makes lots of money?"

No Wonder It Gets Strong Any of you folks know why butter runs when it gets hot? Because it's yellow

A gentleman is a fellow who won't strike a woman with his hat on.

How About Technicolor?

Nurse (into phone)-"Yes, this is Doctor Newmap's Plastic Surgery Caller-"I understand my wife is going to be given a new nose to-

Nurse-"That's right. What do you want to know about it?" Caller-"I want to know what time the feature goes on."

Short Short-Stories

A fool afloat, rocked the bost-wooden coat. Gas ain't right, lit a light-good night. Stepped on gas, tried to pass-requiem mass. Thin ice, scorned advice—then paradise Tried with main to beat a train-he felt no pain.

Marked Down For Cash

Father-"What. You're going to marry that insignificant little Jack Richman. Why, you used to say you'd never marry a man less than six Daughter-"Oh, I know, dad. But A decided to take 20 per cent off for building for use as the Laura V Stuart Memorial Home for Aged

We just heard of a Scotchman who bought an Airedale for a pet because he thought it lived on air.

Lots of 'Em, Lady

Girl-"Officer, stop that man. He tried to kiss me." Cop-"That's all right, Miss. There'll be another one along in a

Caught With the Goods

It was during Prohibition. The railroad station was packed with said he fell asleep while driving. | against the sun. a gay going-away throng. Over a tone side of the waiting room, stood a quiet little man, fidgeting about and attempting to hide himself from

A federal agent noticed that the stranger had something in his coat pocket from which drops were failing in slow trickies. The agent, with gleam in his eye, collared the gent, put a finger out under the drops, caught one and tasted it. Then he spoke to the man. "Scotch?"

"Nope," replied the stranger, "Airedale pup."

Cute Kid, Eh?

A certain North Ward society matron arrived home late one night and discovered that her little son had been very naughty. "I'm sorry, darling," she said to him, "but you have been a bad boy and mother must punish you. Go out in the yard and find me a switch. The kid disappeared and returned later begrimed and weary. Handing his mother a large object, he said, "Mom, I couldn't find that switch, but here's a brick you can throw at me.'

That's all, folks. Nowadays the good girl gets the raspberries the bad girl gets the dates.

WOODWARD

The chicken supper held by the Evangelical Ladies in the P. O. S. of A, banquet hall on Saturday evening was well attended and everybody had a good time.

and handy residence.

dropped to a new level this fall other's fellowship. It registered twenty-six above zero. Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Musser and We were glad to see James (Jim) family of Mifflinburg, were guests Wert of Aaronsburg, in town last with the Ladies' Aid and relished Thursday. While here he visited their chicken supper. They also at the home of Mrs. Annie Kessler, spent a little while with Mr. Muswith whom he had been making his ser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. ne up till he took sick. He is Musser, before returning home. able to get around fairly well again Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ketner acfor a man of eighty-five.

Rally Day services held in the Pottsville, were Sunday guests at Evangelical church on Sunday were the Carrie Fultz home. They were A. Houseal delivered a very inspir- for a two week's visit with her ing message after the study of the brother, Robert.

Sunday School lesson. Ray Orndorf and son Paul, of Philadelphia, were weekend visitors Mr. and Mrs. William Tarbel and

son of Jeanette, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Musser on Sat-On last Wednesday evening Mr. urday evening. While there they and Mrs. Harold Ard turned on the enjoyed the Ladies' Aid chicken electric current in their new bunga- supper before returning to State They certainly have a nifty College for the night. They had not seen each other for over 35 On Sunday morning the mercury years and certainly enjoyed each

companied by Mrs. well attended. The pastor, Rev. H. accompanied home by Mrs. Pultz

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Temple Court

Louisa's Letter

Dear Louise: I am a girl who has been making a living for a number of years. In other words, I am not young but neither am I old. I have a very good friend, a man about my own age, and we enjoy going places to-gether but we are not in love. As a matter of fact I make as much money as he does, and when we go to expensive hotels to dine and dance or buy expensive theatre pens? tickets, I usually go fifty-fifty on

Now this is what I am writing to you about. A couple we both know. who live in a city about one hundred miles from here, has asked us to them for a weekend. My mother thinks I should not go, as no one but the boy and I are invited. She says that people will see us getting on the train together about us. Neither does she approve out together.

What do you think about these two problems?

EDITH F .- Md.

ANSWER I certainly see no harm in the cury) has expanded. together for a hundred miles to visit a perfectly respectable married couple. Why should people talk any more about that than they would if you should take a hundred flies? mile ride in an automobile? Of course, it would be improper for you to take a private compartment, but as long as you both are in the car with other people you are certainly well chaperoned.

As for this fifty-fifty business, in your case it seems to be a very nice two of you can go to twice as many places as you could if one were footing the entire bill. And you both have an agreeable companion

to enjoy the occasion with. This plan usually works out better if two people are not in love, because there is something about a man in love which makes him resent the idea of his lady love paying for anything out of her own money. While he may protest that he doesn't mind, it gives him a sense of inferiority and he usually drifts off to some sweet clinging young thing who will let him pay

But as you say, you are not in love, so make the most of your pleasant times until some dependent young thing attaches herself to his pocketbook. Sincerely,

LOUISA.

Williamsport Hotel Closes

ially closed its doors and discontinued business on Sunday. Alterations now are underway to remodel the Persons.

Coal Truck Leaves Road John B. Coulten, of Coolspring, Jefferson county, suffered a scratch on the leg Friday morning when his loaded coal truck went down over an embankment and upset at the John McCoy property, between

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM-A plane leaves Los Angeles, Calif., at noon, traveling 300 miles per hour over a charted course, with New York City its destination; another plane leaves New York City for Los Angeles, Qalif., at the same time, traveling over the same course at the same rate of speed. The difference in time is three hours between the two cities. Assuming the distance is 3,000 miles. Now, then, will both planes arrive at the same time? If not, which will arrive first? Why? (Answer elsewhere in

J. L.-Can you answer me in your valuable paper just what coal is? Ans,-Coal is an impure form of the chemical element Carbon. When it burns, the carbon combines with the oxygen of the air. The impurities are left behind as the ash.

O. G .- What rare metal is used on the tips of high-priced fountain

Ans.-The rare metal is called iridium, a metal which is somewhat like platinum, but much harder. This is why it is used for pen tips. It wears away much less rapidly than gold or platinum, and is equally resistant to corrosion. If you have a high-priced pen, look at the under side of the pen point and you will see a little whitish speck; that is the iridium. Of course, the cheaper pens do not have the iridium.

E. D.—Can you answer what was the first metal to be used by man? Ans.-The first metal to be used by man, so far as is known was gold, as it was found in metallic form in the beds of streams more than six thousand years ago. It did not have to be extracted from ores, and was used as ornaments before any other metal was discovered. The first metal put to practical use was copper, which began to be used for of me paying my share when we go knives and other implements about five thousand years ago.

P. R.-How does a thermometer work?

Ans.-When things get hot 'they swell and expand a little. The quicksilver in the thermometer does this, and the glass tube and scale are merely devices which show us just how much the quicksilver (mer-

J. E .- I would like to know the date and day of the week on which the Battle of Santiago was fought in the Spanish-American war? Ans.-The Battle of Santiago was fought on Sunday, July 3, 1898. C. T.—Is it true or false that there is a plant that actually eits

Ans,-It is true. There are several kinds of plants that do this. One of the best known is called the Venus Fly Trap. The leaves of this plant are double-like an open book, and on the inside of each leaf are three small hairs. If a fly touches one of these hairs the two haives of the leaf snap together and the fly is caught. The plant then digests the fly

and absorbs the nutriment. T. P. G .- How many kinds of spiders are there?

Ans.-There are more than 10,000 known species of spiders, some 1300 of which are found in the United States.

L. R. G.-What is the temperature in Carlsbad Caverns in New Ans.—The temperature in the caverns remain stationary at 56 de-

grees F. summer and winter. K. H. W .- Was Col. Henry Watterson ever in Congress?

Ans.-Colonel Witterson was a Democratic Representative from Kentucky and served from August 12, 1876, to March 3, 1877. He declined to be a candidate for renomination in 1876

sary to invent one? Ans.-Voltaire said; "If God did not exist, it would be necessary to

M. B. M.-Who said that if there were no God, it would be neces-

G. R. P.-What was the first literary manuscript which was type-Ans.-The first typewritten mansucript was of "Tom Sawyer," by

Mark Twain in 1875. C. J. H .- What famous minister in the South was a reformed drunk-

Ans.-Samuel Porter Jones, familiarly known as Sam Jones, wrecked his legal career in Georgia through drunkenness, but was converted in 1872 and entered the ministry. Itinerant preaching made him famous The Park Hotel, operated in Wil- and he was called to various parts of the country to conduct evangeliamsport continuously since it was listic meetings. As a revivalist, his extraordinary success was due to built in 1864 by Peter Herdic, offic- swaying audiences by his direct, homely speech and unconventional ways.

P. H.-How many stars are visible to the naked eye? Ans.—The number of stars in the whole celestial sphere bright enough to be seen by the average eye on a clear, moonless night has been estimated to be between six and seven thousand. As one-half of this number lies below the horizon, and haze near the horizon hides many more, the total number visible at any one place cannot greatly exceed 2500. The blended light of many million stars in the Milky Way may be seen but not the individual points of light.

T. J. D. -Is there an animal called the camelopard? Ans.-The giraffe was formerly so called because of its camel-like

habits and its leopardlike skin. Answer to problem: The plane bound for Los Angeles, Calif., will ar-Bellefonte and Milesburg. Damage rive at its destination first by six hours; it will gain three hours in travto the truck was about \$50. Coulten eling west, while the other plane will lose three hours in traveling east

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