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EDITORIAL

You can't make the British sailors believe that this is a fake war.

This little Finland ought to be ashamed of fighting the Russians.

Now that Centre county has observed two Thanksgivings, we presume that everybody has expressed thanks.

Of course with the football season at an end, everybody will get steamed up over Christmas, with the idea of getting down to hard work about the first of the year.

Renewed activity on the part of the various Democratic presidential candidates for 1940 is expected in the near future. Friends of Vice President Garner, Secretary of State Hull, Postmaster General Farley, and Social Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt are expected to be heard from.

The birthdays of Alexander Hamilton, January 11th, and Benjamin Franklin, January 17th, may be celebrated by the Republican party in much the same way that the Democrats pay tribute to Jefferson and Jackson, if the suggestion advanced by William Guggenheim, retired industrialist, is adopted by the party.

When the war began in Europe there were Americans who believed that it presented a wonderful opportunity to the United States to obtain the trade of South America. Germany's commerce, wiped out by the blockade, was appropriated without verbal qualifications and the demands of the war, it was assumed would prevent Great Britain and France from doing business as usual.

Some of us get the wrong slant on the responsibilities of our national government. The government of the United States justifies its existence only when it protects the general welfare of the people of the United States. It should have the power necessary to regulate any business in the United States that is able to escape the regulatory laws of the several States.

There are many folks who believe that the unemployment problem will be solved if the nation manages to recover from the depression. This view, is not held, however, by A. F. Hinrichs, chief economist of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, who says that the United States will continue to "count its unemployed in terms of millions" regardless of national recovery.

Two novel means employed by ministers to add interest to religious services have come to our attention recently. In Harrisburg a pastor is preaching a series of evening "Fire-side Sermons." For purposes of the sermons a living room scene is arranged on the pulpit platform to help provide a home atmosphere for the messages.

A multitude of fellow citizens will agree with John W. Kephart, chief justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, when he says that we should recall our ambassador from Russia and hand "the blood-stained ambassador of Russia his passport," because of the wanton attack on little Finland and the inexcusable killing of women and children in bombing raids.

With snow and ice season here, every motorist should be doubly alert to avoid accidents. First of the winter safety rules is to remember constantly that no matter how good your brakes are, you can't stop as quickly on ice or snow as you could on dry paving. That means, to have your car under control at all times, slower, more cautious driving.

NOT SUCH A BAD IDEA (From Phila. Ledger) The idea of Congress to furlough for thirty days all who had been on WPA rolls for eighteen months was not such a bad one, after all. And there are probably 23,000 men and women in Pennsylvania who were terribly downcast when they were separated from their relief jobs who now realize that it was a blessing.

Since the order became effective last July, 63,449 workers have been dismissed. And of these, 23,000 were able to get out and get regular jobs for themselves at regular wages in private employment. In addition to the furloughed employes, 38,000 others have found civilian jobs in the last four months.

"POINTLESS" (From Altoona Tribune) Never have we taken the state that maintenance of diplomatic relations with another country was not worth the effort and money spent to keep an ambassador there.

In the normal course of events, it is considered an envoy in a foreign land serves for better understanding between the two nations, promotes goodwill and mutual commerce.

Red Russia and its minions in the United States constantly insult our intelligence with their ridiculous propaganda. Like nothing to them. The Russian foreign minister replies rudely to President Roosevelt's appeal to refrain from bombing civilian centers of population.

NO "LAND OF OPPORTUNITY" Many of the adults living in Centre county today recall their early understanding of the United States as a land of opportunity, where men and women of ability could achieve success commensurate with their talents.

In other words, many a young man has found that ability pitted against inherited wealth and social position, avails him little. While there is no rank of nobility to be transferred through inheritance, it is a fact that economic opportunity is often a present from one's forefathers.

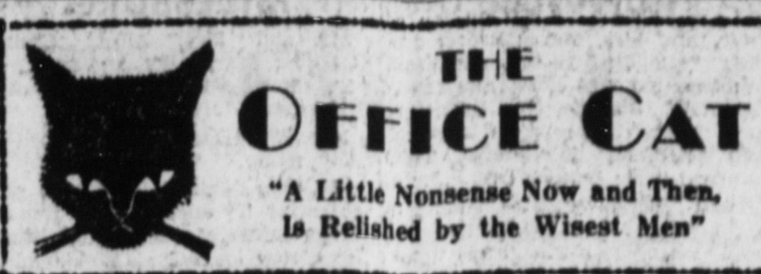
CLASH WITH JAPAN INEVITABLE The discussion now being carried on by Ambassador Joseph Grew and Japanese officials in Tokyo reminds the people of this country that there are differences between the two governments and some may wonder about the background behind the negotiations.

Japanese designs upon Chinese territory have been known for many years. Repeated efforts have been made by the Japanese to obtain an exclusive foothold in China. The invasion of Manchukuo occurred in 1931 when the Japanese saw that they could take advantage of world conditions and secure their objective.

At that time, Secretary of State Stimson set forth the position of this country, saying that the United States would not recognize territorial gains through the use of force. Subsequently, the United States has insisted that treaty rights can be modified only by agreement between the parties affected.

More recently, the United States has given Japan notice of an intention to abrogate the existing commercial treaty which was signed in 1911. This is in accordance with the pact, which provides that six months' notice must be given before either country can abrogate the undertaking.

At least two boys have learned that money's power to absorb a business doesn't always provide brains to run it.



WHAT EVERY MARRIED MAN KNOWS (By the Smokehouse Poet) When the world was created, God gave man his choice of TWO ways of seeking his pleasure and joys; A right and a wrong way of doing each thing.

Hunting High and Low Joe Patnode, an old French Canadian, owned a dog named Carlo. When the dog disappeared one day Joe went around town asking: "Say, you see my dog Carlo?"

Slips That Pass in the News (From the Dunkirk, La. Times) 'Few families listed as worthy of community support have less than 100 cans of fruit and vegetables stored in their pantries.'

DIPPY POME Bill took Betty for an auto ride. She wore her Sunday hat. She didn't know where he was driving to, but she knew what he was driving at.

Caught Short A certain bachelor who lives by himself in a quiet section keeps fit by donning his running shorts in the evening, and going for an hour's trot around several quiet streets.

An Eye to Business First Girl—"Gosh, my old maid aunt sure wants a lot for Christmas." Second Girl—"How do you mean?"

Parlor Pick-up The deacon's wife was paying a long-deferred visit to a member of the Ladies' Aid. The two were chatting as women will over their tea when a tiny tot came in, holding a doll tightly in her arms.

Underworld on Top The influence of Gangster films has shown its effect, not only on youngsters, but adults as well. Take the case of the teacher in a country school nearby Bellefonte who absent-mindedly barked: "Stick 'em up" when she wanted those members of the class who knew the answer to signify in the usual way.

Light Breaking Through "Have you noticed any signs of better business," asked one storekeeper of another. "Yes," replied the other, "the people who couldn't pay their bills are beginning to promise."

And Drive Out The tourist rushed into the village shop. "I want a quart of oil, some gasoline, a couple of spark plugs, a five-gallon can, and four pie tins." "All right," replied the enterprising clerk, "and you can assemble her in the back of the room if you want to."

On His Sneez St. Peter—"How did you get up here?" Latest Arrival—"Flu." Short Parlor Drama "Don't forget I'm a lady." "Don't." "Forget I'm a lady."

Tinkle, Tinkle, Tinkle Have you heard about the absent-minded Amish farmer who tied a bell on his daughter's neck so she wouldn't go astray? Send Us a Quart (Ad in Canton, N. H. Press)

That's all, folks. Hear the new proposal song? "The Old Winning Spiel in the Parlor."

DO YOU KNOW

- 1. How many Americans are anglers? 2. Who is M-day? 3. Who is King of the Belgians? 4. When did Hitler participate in the unsuccessful Munich "beer hall" putsch? 5. Can an American ship, after shifting its registry to a foreign country, carry cargoes to belligerent ports? 6. Are the relief expenditures for this year larger than defense expenditures? 7. What is the world's population? 8. Were Holland and Belgium ever one country? 9. Were there any unemployed in 1929? 10. How many agencies of foreign governments have registered under the Act passed in 1938?

The Answers

- 1. Estimate by U. S. Bureau of Fisheries: 12,000,000. 2. The day of mobilization for war. 3. Leopold III, son of King Albert. 4. In 1923. 5. Yes, but not with an American crew. 6. Yes; defense \$1,783,187,847; relief \$1,785,960,000. 7. Yes, from 1815 to 1830 when Belgium revolted and set up its own government. 8. About 2,700,000. 9. 371.

Louisa's Letter Dear Louisa: What would you do if you were married to a man who thought your mission in life was to give up all your plans or desires if they interfered with what he wanted to do? Who not only put friends, acquaintances and family before you but expects you to act enchanted over playing second fiddle? Who, when you suggest that he spend half of his evenings home in the bosom of his family rather than on a restaurant or at a lodge meeting, reads you a lecture on lack of understanding, selfishness and a nasty disposition?

As the boys and girls in my community say, "You have me there." Your husband is evidently one of those men who is going to do as he pleases and have his own way, but even that is not enough for him. He also wants to feel virtuous about it. Consequently when you fail to get him on the back and tell him how much you love to be offered up as a sacrifice to save him slight discomfort or how you just adore being a doormat for him to walk on, he feels that he must not only convince you but must convince himself that he is doing the "right thing." In other words, old conscience tries to get in a little work but doesn't take this type of male going to silence conscience.

Architect students at the Pennsylvania State College won all four medals in the recent Emerson Prize competition of the Beaux Arts Institute of Design, although competing in a field of 147 entries from 20 or more schools of architecture. Frank M. Eby, a Penn State senior, of 40 Cottage avenue, Lancaster, was awarded first prize. The problem was the design of a "news port" for a metropolitan newspaper building.

An autopsy performed on Wash V. Cerinco, 58, of Hawk Run, at the Fiegel funeral parlor in Morrisdale by Dr. E. E. Richard, Clearfield county coroner, disclosed that the man's death occurred from a heart attack. The autopsy was performed because of the suddenness of the Morrisdale resident's death. The deceased suffered a severe pain while working in the Morrisdale Coal Co. mine. He died in an ambulance on his way to the hospital.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: A man fell from a 20-story building to the pavement below and did not get hurt. How come? (Answer elsewhere in this department.) G. W.—How do the peoples of the world compare in illiteracy? How much difference in percentage? Ans.—Germany leads the world with the least number of illiterates, with a percentage of illiteracy of about one-fifth of one percent. The United States is a close second with about one-third of one percent. England third with one-half of one percent. Italy, one percent, France, four percent, Russia, 5 percent. We have no statistics on Japan. B. R.—Were there ever any presidents of the United States who could not make long speeches or addresses offhand? Ans.—Yes, President Coolidge always read his speeches and addresses from manuscript. C. O. B.—What country in the world raises the most wheat? And what country raises the most corn? Ans.—The United States leads all other countries in the production of corn, with an average yield of three billion bushels. Russia leads in wheat with an average of four billion bushels.

T. R.—Was there any signers of the Declaration of Independence a Catholic? Ans.—Yes, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Md. L. S. C.—Please give the teeth-building diet developed by Doctor Drain and Doctor Boyd. Ans.—For young children the essentials of the Boyd-Drain diet are: One quart of milk, one egg, one teaspoonful of codliver oil, one ounce of butter, one orange, one or more servings of vegetables or fruits, candy after meals but at no other time. For older children meat is added. The adult daily diet is: One quart of milk, one or two eggs, one serving of meat, fish, chicken, or liver, two vegetables, fruit, one teaspoon codliver oil, and six teaspoonfuls butter. H. F. K.—Who has the power to change the number of judges in the United States Supreme Court? Ans.—The number is fixed by Congress and this number can be changed simply by an act of Congress. T. B. S.—Where is Will Rogers Park? Ans.—It is at Oklahoma City, Okla. F. S. L.—How much money in war debts does Europe still owe the United States? Ans.—According to the latest computation by the Treasury Department, European nations still owe this country \$14,497,161,340.22. C. H. B.—What states have the largest Finnish population? Ans.—Michigan leads with 25,321, Minnesota ranks next with 22,876, and New York third with 14,892. T. P. H.—How long has John L. Sullivan been dead? Ans.—The famous pugilist died on February 2, 1918, at Abington, Mass. J. C. H.—Why are rats so often used for medical experiments? Ans.—Rats most nearly approximate the human race in their eating habits and their ability to live in all climates. S. G. H.—Was William Randolph Hearst ever in Congress? Ans.—He was a member of Congress from New York in the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth Congresses, from 1903 to 1907. M. B. C.—Who described the Virgin Islands as an effective poorhouse? Ans.—President Hoover in 1931 characterized them as such. E. J. W.—In what Presidential campaign was the slogan "Down With the Yankees" used? Ans.—One of the posters used in the Presidential campaign of 1928 bore the words "Huzzah for General Jackson! Down With the Yankees!" Y. A. D.—What newspaper has the largest circulation in the world? Ans.—The News of the World published in London has a circulation of 3,750,000 copies per issue. G. S. H.—What is the most western point of the United States? Ans.—The most western point is Cape Alva in Washington. A. D. R.—Please give some information about the soldier for whom the Sam Browne belt is named. Ans.—The belt is named after its originator, Gen. Sir Samuel Joseph Browne, a most gallant English officer prominent in the early Indian campaign and the Indian mutiny. General Browne served in India throughout the great Indian mutiny and Sepoy War and lost an arm at the Battle of Seepoora, which really cost him his life. It was the loss of the arm which caused him to devise a new sort of sash belt which was later generally adopted by the British Army and also by other military forces.

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