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EDITORIAL

THE 1940 OUTLOOK

It is encouraging to understand that business leaders expect 1940 to be a good year. While apprehensive over the effects of the war in Europe, most business leaders think that 1940 will continue to develop favorably, subject to a temporary check if inventories pile up as manufacturing outruns consumption.

Just what 1940 holds in prospect for the laborer and the farmer is uncertain. If labor can heal the breach within its own ranks, the power of organization will help the working men to get fair share of any prosperity that develops.

Millions of farmers, scattered over vast areas and badly disorganized, are beginning to learn something about the benefits or organization. If they work together in 1940, they may be able to hold the gain thus far accomplished and, perhaps, make a further advance in improving the economic condition of agriculture.

The capitalists of the nation, who depend upon interest for their income, can hardly expect increased incomes because there is no indication that interest rates will increase.

Cheer up, folks, it's a long time before next Christmas. Here's to your 1940 resolutions. Have they been buried already?

If President Roosevelt fails to run for another term he will disappoint a lot of people who have been sure that he would run.

Santa Claus may have ended his work on the night of December 24th but from what we have seen old Dan Cupid has remained on the job.

Denmark, we understand, has agreed not to attack Germany. It is now up to Shirley Temple not to make a brutal assault upon Joe Louis.

The relief situation in Ohio, which has been the subject of a controversy between Governor Bricker, of that state, and Col. Harrington, WPA Administrator, is improving. Taking cognizance of the situation, however, President Roosevelt has declared that he will send Army soup kitchens into the region if necessary to prevent starvation.

President Roosevelt has approved a program for Federal construction of hospitals and medical centers in communities of poor states which now lack them. He thinks that bills requiring states to match Federal grants might make it impossible for some communities to receive hospital facilities and suggests that fifty hospitals be constructed by the Government and turned over to local groups for operation. The Government would retain title to the hospitals.

The appointment of Myron C. Taylor, former Quaker but now an Episcopalian, to be the personal representative of the President to Pope Pius XII, with the rank of Ambassador, is an effort to secure co-operation in the endeavor to establish an enduring peace at the proper time. Mr. Taylor's appointment does not constitute a resumption of diplomatic relations with the Vatican, which were terminated by Congress in 1867, but it enables him to keep in contact with peace moves which may emanate from the Vatican.

- DO YOU KNOW
1. How many ships were sunk by submarines during the World War?
2. When did Japan invade Manchuria?
3. Is Oscar Straus, Viennese composer, a descendant of Johann Strauss?
4. When does the Federal Government begin its next fiscal year?
5. Is Fritz Kuhn, Fuehrer of the German-American Bund, a native of Germany?
6. What is the age of Vice-President Garner?
7. How much money is raised through the sale of Christmas Seals?
8. What is a navicert?
9. What U. S. official recently warned labor unions that they are subject to anti-trust laws?
10. Where is the capital of Poland?

The Answers

- 1. 5,408.
2. 1931-32.
3. There is no relation.

American aircraft industries have received contracts for four thousand or more airplanes in the last eighteen months and the expectation is that the British and French will double their order. Apparently, the Allies expect considerable action in the air.

Senator George N. Norris, of Nebraska, says he will retire from public office when his present term expires in 1943. The veteran legislator, listed as an "Independent Republican," has been in Congress for nearly thirty-eight years. His career has been marked by an independence, rare in political life.

Millions of elderly wage-earners, in every economic strata from ditch-digger to corporation executive, covered by the Social Security Act, will be eligible for monthly payments this year if 65 or over and retired. The Social Security Board has more than \$47,500,000 old-age insurance accounts. During 1939, about 4,500,000 unemployed workers received unemployment benefits amounting to over \$425,000,000. In addition, more than 2,500,000 men, women and children received benefits under the provisions of the Act to assist needy old people, needy blind and dependent children.

The death of Capt. Hans Langsdorff, by his own hand, after he scuttled the Admiral Graf Spee, has led many people to believe that he died in accord with a naval tradition that the captain of a vessel shares the fate of his ship. There is no such tradition. It arises from a confusion in the public mind with the well-honored tradition of the sea that the commanding officer of a ship is the last person to leave it in event of disaster.

Just when the national conventions of the two great political parties will be held is not known at this time, but meetings of the national committees early this year will decide where and when they will take place. In spite of President Roosevelt's silence concerning a third term, the belief persists that the international situation and a popular demand at home may persuade the President to accept a re-nomination. Should the President decline, however, Secretary of State Cordell Hull is certain to be a strong candidate, with Vice-President Garner and Postmaster-General Farley also active. The scramble which will develop in the Democratic convention, in the event that Mr. Roosevelt removes himself from the scene, will be matched by a similar scramble in the Republican convention. Just now, District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, are the leading candidates, but the general expectation is that the first ballot will show a number of candidates receiving the votes. Former President Hoover, it is expected, will receive some support, and a number of favorite sons will be presented to the convention.

TROUBLE IN THE SAFETY ZONE

The recent naval combat off Punta del Este has been the subject of considerable consultation between the twenty-one American nations that proclaimed the wide neutral zone around North and South America shortly after the war in Europe began. The so-called safety belt, as we understand it, includes about five million square miles of ocean. In this area, the American nations request the belligerents to refrain from waging war. The zone was not recognized by any of the belligerent powers and the battle off South America, fought close to shore at times, presented the American nations with a problem. Whether to protest the battle in general terms or take steps to compel European belligerents to respect the neutrality of the American republics is the issue at hand.

Argentina proposed that the American republics advise the nations that any warships that arrived in American ports after any belligerent activity inside the safety belt would be interned. Uruguay agreed with the idea of sanctions between belligerent vessels acting as commerce raiders and those protecting international commerce against such raiding. Bolivia, without seaports, opposed the whole scheme.

It should be apparent to those who consider the establishment of a neutral belt essential to the peace of the Americas that if a belligerent is to respect the zone, it will be necessary for the twenty-one American nations to patrol it and enforce recognition by taking appropriate action in the event of violation. Translated, this means that if Great Britain and France accept the neutral zone idea, they will expect the United States and the twenty cooperating American nations to guarantee the safety of their ships in the zone. This would require American warships to protect Allied shipping in the safety belt from the depredations of commerce raiders and submarines.

If the safety belt idea is accepted by belligerents, many warships of Great Britain and France will be released for other patrol duties. Commercial ships from North and South America, steaming within the zone, would not be subject to attack and consequently need not be protected. They could be assembled in the zone, at the point nearest Liverpool, and then escorted to Great Britain and France or any other country which patrolled the ocean in another way, and a disadvantage to any belligerent whose ships have been driven from the seas and whose warfare must include commerce raiding.

Eventually, the nations of the world may accept the safety zone idea but for the present, at least, it has only the standing that is given to it by the naval force employed in its defense. In international law, the ocean is a highway, open to the ships of all nations, for the purposes of warfare as well as the commerce of peace. There is nothing in international law, or any understanding, that gives to the American nations the right to prescribe a tremendous area of the oceans as a special preserve. Consequently, we must wait for other nations to accept the zone or we must be prepared to fight for its establishment.

CENTER USES 43 MILES OF TELEPHONE CABLES
More than 21,000 telephones are in use at Rockefeller Center in New York, or nearly as many as in the entire city of Kansas City, Kansas, Yonkers, New York, or Manila, capital of the Philippines, which have populations exceeding 100,000. About forty-three miles of telephone cables weighing 108 tons are also used in the Development. This includes all the telephone cables which enter the Center's various buildings from the streets and extend up through the central cores of the structures to serve the different floors. HEATING AND COOLING PRODUCED BY SAME STEAM
Paradoxical as it seems, steam that now warms the air inside buildings of Rockefeller Center is used to cool the air in summer. The steam, sounding off at 350 degrees Fahrenheit, cools water by creating a high vacuum, thus causing evaporation which lowers its temperature. The water is used to cool the air in summer. Steam used in cooling air is also used in ordinary radiators for winter temperatures.

THE OFFICE CAT
A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men
Illustration of a cat's face.

Just a Foot Note
A talkative sailor from Pratt, Sat down by a nurse's chat; He woke up in bed A day later and said: "I sure got a kick outa that."

A One-Seater
Passenger (to lady in bus sitting on his hat): "Excuse me, miss, do you know what you are sitting on?" Lady—"I ought to. I've been sitting on it for 42 years."

The Drummer's Blessing
A traveler for a well known hardware firm who stopped over night with a friend was asked to say the blessing at supper. The request rattled him, and he responded as follows: "We acknowledge the receipt of your favor of this date. Allow us to express our gratitude for this expression of good will. Trusting that our house may merit your confidence, and that we shall continue to receive many good orders from you this winter, we are yours. Amen."

Better Than a Tan
Of all the backs I've ever seen, I most prefer The one that's green.

Boot Black a Highbrow
A reader has spotted this sign in a shoe shining parlor: "Pedal habiliments artistically lubricated and illuminated with ambidextrous facility for the infinitesimal remuneration of 5 cents per operator."

Well, I'll Be Golf Darn
A villain with a HOOK nose and CLUB feet is after a GREEN girl. He invites her to a COOP of TEE. "There's a HOLE IN ONE of your stockings," he observes. "Don't LIE to me," she retorts. "And I'll tell PAR if you get ROUGH." He APPROACHES. "This is not a FAIRWAY to treat me," she sobs. The hero DRIVES up in his CADDY-lac, PUTT, PUTT, PUTT. "STYMIE came," thinks the girl. The hero SWINGS at the villain and TOPS him with an IRON. "See the BIRDIE," gasps the villain. "Quite a MATCH," says the girl. "He might be FOURSOME, but not for me," replied the hero and offers her a diamond ring. "DIVOT here," she cries.

Definition of Love
Well, dear reader, love is a funny thing. First you slip a ring around her finger and then you slip the parson five bucks. Then you slip out some night for a game of penny ante with the boys. You slip home about four o'clock in the a.m. and find she's gone. And then you slip alone.

One on Grandma
This particular grandmother who is bearing her 78th year, had been a diabetic patient for a long time. Although on a strict diet, she sometimes does not obey her doctor's advice. After numerous violations, she was sent to the hospital where she couldn't "cheat" on her meals. Owing to the crowded condition of the hospital, the last time she went there the only available room was in the Maternity Ward. After she had been there a few days, her little granddaughter paid her a visit and was standing in front of the door of her grandmother's room when some visitors walked past. "What are you doing here, little girl?" one of the visitors asked. "I'm visiting my grandmother," was the reply. "Grandmother?" said one of the visitors in astonishment. "What is she doing here?" "Oh," said the youngster, "she's been cheating again."

A Winter Fish Story
This is a tale of two well-oiled bar flies who struck up an acquaintance, one of whom addressed the other as "Doc," although medicine was not one of his virtues. Finally one of the pair arose and said, "Well, Doc, I must be going. I've got a sick gold fish at home." "My, mf., quoth Doc, "A sick gold fish? Well, maybe I could help you. I'll go home with you and look the poor thing over." "No need," said inebriate No. 2. "I have it here." And, whipping out a pocket handkerchief, he deposited what was left of a gold fish on Doc's lap. "Not much we can do here," said Doc. "You had better let me take it home and give it a thorough examination." He took the fish in his handkerchief, and bidding a tearful good-bye to his bar-acquaintance, started home. Somewhere along the road, he felt a searse coming on and reached for his handkerchief. The goldfish, of course, fell to the ground. Doc began a search. It was dark, but he was dutiful. And, about three minutes after he had started looking for the fish, a cop wandered up. "What are you doing here on your hands and knees?" the cop asked. "I'm looking for a sick goldfish," said Doc with honesty and conviction. "Come on," growled the cop. "Get up and go home. I know you're scused but I'll overlook it if you go now. Otherwise I'll run you in." "Do what you will," said Doc, "but I'm gonna find goldie." And the cop turned and started for a telephone. Suddenly, he felt something under his feet. He threw his light-beam on the ground and there was the goldfish. He picked it up. He tossed it down again. And then he returned to the searching Doc. "Say," he whispered, "YOU run me in."

Just a Plain Kick
Petunia Jones rushed into a doctor's office last week with a broken nose. When asked how the accident happened the colored girl was very vague about it. "Was it a large object?" queried the doctor. "Oh, to'able large," admitted Petunia. "Was it traveling fast?" "Yes, sah, to'ably fast." "Was...?" continued the doctor. "Well, if you all must be so inquisitive," declared Petunia, her patience at last giving out, "Ah was jes' natchly kicked in de face by mah gen'man friend."

Safety Matches, Too
In case you didn't know, there are two kinds of wood used in making matches—he would and she would.

Slips That Pass in the News
(Iltman, Neb. Times)
"I am only here for a little while. I can only say a brief word. I am very pleased to have a chance to say hell (hello), goodbye and good luck." (Barley, N. D. Record)
"Brookens, it is claimed, was driving at a high rate of speed. As he approached the crossing he crashed into Miss Fallon'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." (Prada, Kansas News)
FOR SALE—If you're looking for a real nappy goal, see me. Minnie B. Mounts, Morrison.

MANY FARMERS RECEIVE PENN STATE BULLETINS
Pennsylvania farmers during the past year received approximately 275,000 bulletins, circulars and leaflets published by the Pennsylvania State College, according to E. H. Rohrbach, agricultural editor at the College. Many of the publications were mailed on direct request. Others were distributed through the offices of the agricultural extension association in the various counties. Of the publications, about 225,000 were printed by the agricultural extension service, while the remaining 50,000 dealt with research activities of the agricultural experiment station.

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Louisa's Letter
Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: What's wrong with this statement: "Two football teams played a game to a 1 to 1 tie." (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

R. J.—Which side is going to win in the present European War? Ans.—This is a matter of personal opinion. However, many commentators assert that the Nazis will make some headway in the first few months, but that the Allies will finish the job in the last few months of the war.

F. L.—Who are the two tallest baseball players in the two major leagues? Ans.—Aside from some pitchers, the tallest player in either league is Frank McCormick of the Cincinnati Reds; he is 6'04. Hank Greenberg of the Detroit American League team is 6'03". Both men are first basemen.

G. J.—Why do potatoes turn green in a cellar sometimes? Ans.—This is caused by undue exposure to light. Potatoes keep best in the dark, and when kept as cool as possible without freezing.

M. D.—Will you please tell me what President of the United States wore the largest hat size? Ans.—Ex-President Taft wore the largest-sized hat of any of the Presidents. It was size 7 5/8.

R. A.—To settle a dispute will you please answer on what day of the week was John Winthrop born? He was the governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in the sixteenth century.

V. C.—Is the Ukraine an independent country by itself or is it a part of Russia? Ans.—Ukraine is technically an independent soviet republic, but it works in harmony with soviet Russia, and is largely influenced by the policies of that country.

L. J.—I would like to know the name of the United States national flower? Ans.—The United States has no national flower. The violet, the goldenrod and the daisy have been suggested as a national flower, but Congress has never taken any action in the matter.

T. S.—If a person were to start at New York and follow the border all the way around how far would he travel when he gets back to the starting point—New York? Ans.—On such a trip he will have traveled 13,156 miles. The border lines are as follows: Canada, 3,898 miles; the Pacific line, 1,740; the Mexican border, 1,744; the Gulf-coast line, 2,422; the Atlantic coast line, 3,152. The United States territories are not included in these measurements.

P. D.—What is the shortest poem in the English language? Ans.—The shortest poem in the English language, so far as we know, is entitled "The Origin of Microbes." It reads "Adam had 'em."

D. E. B.—What is the meaning of the word Rubaiyat? Ans.—It means quatrain or a stanza of four lines. Omar Khayyam wrote in this form, his reflections upon life.

D. C. C.—I have heard that one portrait of George Washington shows the smallpox scars which he actually had. Please give the name of the painter and the present location of the picture.

Ans.—Undoubtedly, the portrait referred to is the painting by William Williams, for which Washington sat, and which is in the Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Va.

D. J.—What is the oldest capital city in the United States? Ans.—Santa Fe, New Mexico, founded about 1610, is the Nation's oldest capital.

R. B. H.—What percentage of the average income is spent for medical care? Ans.—The average American pays about 5 per cent of his income each year for medical services.

T. K.—What was the price of oil at the time Edward L. Drake drilled the well at Titusville, Pa.? Ans.—Oil was selling at \$18 a barrel at the time.

A. S. F.—Is there a simple way to remedy slight scratches on mahogany and walnut furniture? Ans.—Scratches can be made almost invisible by the application of tincture of iodine. Wrap a small piece of absorbent cotton on the end of a toothpick or small stick, dip in the iodine and apply. When dry, polish with regular furniture polish.

N. B. G.—What was Benjamin Franklin's salary as the first Postmaster General? Ans.—One thousand dollars a year.

N. J.—What is a good top dressing for lawns to be used in winter? Ans.—A compost mixture of three parts of good garden loam, one part of sand, and one part of well-rotted manure should be applied before heavy frosts begin.

H. T.—How many people are receiving aid from the WPA? Ans.—The total number on relief administered by the WPA as of November 15, 1939, was 1,962,030.

D. T. M.—For whom is the guillotine named? Ans.—It is named for Joseph Ignace Guillotin, a French physician, who proposed its adoption to prevent unnecessary pain.

C. H.—Is any breed of dog born without a tail? Ans.—Many of the Old English Sheep dogs are born tailless or with bob tails. The Rottweiler has a stump tail and the Belgian Schipperke usually has no tail.

S. M.—Is more than one football used in a game? Ans.—Ordinarily only one ball is used in a football game, but the crowd was so large at a recent game at Washington between the Washington Redskins and the Detroit Lions that four balls went into the crowd and could not be recovered.

P. H. F.—Please give the birth date of the Dionne quintuplets. Ans.—The children were born on May 28, 1934.

M. T. O.—I have heard that somewhere in England there is a round church. Can you tell me where it is? Ans.—The most famous of the round churches remaining in England is the Temple church in London, on the south side of Fleet street. The other four are at Cambridge, Northampton, Little Maplestead (Essex), and Ludlow.

L. J. H.—Under what authority are so many European refugees granted admission to the United States? Ans.—Refugees are admitted to this country either as members of the regular quota from their native land, or as visitors who must leave at the expiration of their time limit.

M. B. D.—Is it correct to wear patent leather shoes when mourning? Ans.—Patent leather is not used during that period. Dull leather is appropriate.

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