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Any small nation, desiring protection, please apply to Hitler.

The war news almost pushed the third term issue to the inside pages.

Mussolini probably understands that it is easier to get into a war than to get out of one.

Our personal sense of neutrality is just the same now as it was in September; we don't care who beats Germany.

Alf Landon tells Kansas Republicans that the party should eject the money-changers from the temple and revamp itself along New Deal lines.

A new motor fuel, possessing twice the combustible power of gasoline, has been developed. This makes possible the reduction of automobile engines to half their present size, but the change won't occur in the near future because the new fuel has a laboratory cost of \$50 a gallon.

It seems to be fairly well established that the German invasion of Norway was the result of treachery on the part of Norwegians in key positions at certain vital points.

Germany's surprise seizure of Denmark and treacherous attack upon Norway emphasize again the striking power of the German war machine and proclaim once more the ruthless barbarity of the Hitler regime.

These psychiatrists are hard-headed, stubborn boys. They will tackle any problem and give you the answer without quibbling. Now, what do you think is the greatest source of family trouble? This is a question that has wrecked romance, blasted family life and disintegrated the home.

The trial of eleven defendants of the International Fur Workers' Union in New York has been concluded with verdicts of guilty. The men were charged with employing terrorism to control the labor force of the fur industry.

There is no denying that woman is more efficient than man. She can talk for forty minutes without a pitcher of water on a stand nearby.

Japan, it seems, has been secretly building huge dreadnaughts while the people of the United States interested themselves in saving money by not constructing a navy.

Up to this time the spring season has been very backward, with farm work being retarded because of unseasonable conditions.

The American Red Cross reports that British authorities have agreed to permit the passage of \$50,000 in medical and relief supplies for Poland.

Chairman Martin Dies, who has achieved considerable notoriety as well as success in investigating un-American activities, wants the State Department to interrogate the Mexican government regarding Nazi and Communist activities in the country.

How well German parachute troops are equipped is told in a news dispatch following the capture of a detachment in central Norway.

PROHIBITING THE UNFIT MARRIAGE
Within a month or so, marriage licenses will not be issued to couples either of whom has a transmissible venereal disease.

It is the confident hope of Dr. Edgar S. Everhart in charge of the law's administration for the State Health Department, that the new legislation will have widespread salutary effect.

Even in a land like this where personal liberty is highly esteemed and jealously guarded, public opinion has not hesitated to place restrictions on the marriage contract.

If the consequences of marriage could be completely isolated and self-dependent, the general public might be less concerned, but where the taxpayer in scores of ways is called upon to suffer the consequences and pay the damage of marriages which should never have occurred.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE N. L. R. A.
The Supreme Court has decided to review a decision of a Circuit Court of Appeals directing the Republic Steel Corporation to reinstate 5,000 workers and reimburse them with \$5,000,000 back pay.

On the same day the Remington-Brand, Inc., a \$50,000,000 corporation, settled a four-year-old controversy with a group of American Federation of Labor unionists by agreeing to disestablish nine associations characterized as company unions.

We do not suggest that industry is not entitled to reasonable consideration in its relations with labor unions. This would be absurd. However, the NLR was not intended as a complete code for the regulation of relations between employers and employees.

MORE DEEDS—LESS BULL
(From Pittsburgh Press)
We recall no administration which has ever made so many ridiculous and unfounded claims as have emanated from Harrisburg since Arthur James became governor.

As a matter of fact, he has quibbled and procrastinated and hampered flood control, to the extent that Pittsburgh this spring was twice menaced by what might have been serious floods which could have been prevented had the Governor wholeheartedly joined with the Federal government in pushing the program of impounding dams to completion.

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

Merrily We Rode Along
Ruth rode in my cycle car.
In a seat in back of me.
I took a bump at fifty.
And rode on ruthlessly.

Have You Noticed It?
So far as we are concerned the only reason we can assign for some Bellefonte girls beginning to look old is because of their school girl complexions having graduated.

That Drunk Again
"Are you positive that the fellow was drunk?" asked Chief Dukeman.
"No doubt of it," growled Officer Johnson.

Married Life
His wife, determined to cure him of his evil ways, with the aid of a sheet and an electric torch transformed herself into a fair resemblance of a ghost.

Many Returns of the Day
The minister arose to address his congregation. "There is a certain man among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

Terrible! Terrible!
First Neighbor—"My wife had a frightful experience in that plastic surgeon's office."
Second Neighbor—"My, my, what happened?"

And a Couple of Corns
And then it is reported that as one big toe flashed past the other one, it said:
"Don't look now, but I think two heels are following us."

Hard on Pop
Two young rascals were returning home from Sunday school a few days before Christmas.
"Do you believe all that stuff the teacher said about the devil?" one asked.

He'll Wake Up Later
Father (at 1 a. m.)—"Is that young man asleep, Marie?"
Daughter—"Hush, father. He has just asked me to marry him and make him the happiest man in the world."

Not Worth It
Aunt—"No man would catch me running along the streets in the short dresses you are wearing."
Niece—"I don't think he would try, Auntie."

Don't Ask Us Why
Money does not always bring happiness. A man with \$10,000,000 is no happier than a man with \$9,999,999.

A Peep Outta Him
Wife—"I wonder what's come over Henry this morning. I never saw him so happy before in my life." He was walking downstairs like a bird.
Cook—"It's my fault, ma'am. I cooked him the birdseed instead of oatmeal for breakfast."

Not Very Heavy, at That
Lots of girls have more on their cheeks than on their minds.
Name, Please
Lady (to new chauffeur)—"Clarence."
Chauffeur—"Yes, madam."

Beware of the Dog
Just because a dog approaches you with wagging tail, don't jump to the conclusion that he is an optimist—most of them are pessimists.

If It Isn't Run Down
A reader wants to know if a man smashed a clock would be convicted of killing time?
Not if the clock struck first.

Let's All Sing
The roadside peddler's ballad: "Love Will Find a Highway."

Slips of the Press
(Placer, Mont. News)
Miss Ella ----- has been employed as a teacher of stenography and shorthand by the high school board. She is an exponent of the cough (touch) system.

Miss ----- is easily the most accomplished actress the Little Theatre Players have had in several seasons. When she steps onto the stage it is easy to see that she has her heart and soul in her pants (dance).

That's all, folks. A peacock is a beautiful bird—but it takes a stork to deliver the goods. —SCAT.

PENN STATE DEVELOPS PHEASANT CHICK FEED
Growers of Ring-necked pheasants for stocking hunting areas will have an easier time this year, thanks to Winthrop C. Skoglund, graduate assistant in poultry husbandry at the Pennsylvania State College.

LOUISA'S LETTER
Dear Louisa:
My little boy is not the least bit interested in his school work, but his mind seems to be filled up with heroes of the movies.

ANSWER
It very possibly is affecting his work. Why not try a once-a-week schedule with him until his work improves and you might reward him, if he makes good, headway, with an occasional extra movie.

Dear Louisa:
My high school daughter goes with one boy all of the time. He has no other dates, neither has she. In fact, they act like an engaged couple who expect to be married soon.

ANSWER:
Your problem, "Worried," is that of many other parents of today. The girls and boys of the present day seem to have a mania for steady. Very often, however, the steady of this year is someone else's steady next year, but in other cases the results are different.

Occasionally the girl and boy will come through a long engagement all right and end up with a happy marriage, but on the whole I think such engagements are unwise.

It is all right to like one girl or boy better than the others in the crowd, but it doesn't pay to pair off, absolutely. It is better for the whole crowd to play together.

WHO KNOWS?
1. Has MacKenzie King, Canadian Prime minister, ever lived in the U. S.?
2. When will the Philippines become free under existing laws?

3. Does the Constitution require that a President be any certain age?
4. When were spots first observed on the sun?
5. How much of China is under the domination of the Japanese-inspired Wang regime?

The Answers
1. Yes; he studied at Chicago and received a degree from Harvard.
2. In 1946.
3. Yes; Presidents must be at least 35 years of age.

PENNSYLVANIA COWS ARE NOT MINERAL DEFICIENT
Cows that gnaw dry bones, old boards, or rubbish are not trying to regain a lost cud or suffering from some mysterious ailment. They are simply not getting enough mineral, especially phosphorus.

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—What wars are usually fought without firearms, swords or other weapons, and yet nobody is ever killed or wounded? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

T. E. M.—How much money is spent by the Government in combating insect pests?
Ans.—Tabulation over a ten-year period of funds expended for insect control in the United States shows an average annual expenditure of \$142,927,000.

F. M. H.—Where is General Custer's grave?
Ans.—General Custer is buried in the Post Cemetery at West Point, N. Y.

A. K.—Is it scientifically possible to predict earthquakes?
Ans.—The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey says that there is no present evidence of the possibility of earthquake prediction. It is hoped that at some future date, at least partial prediction will be possible, but this stage is now far from being reached.

H. T. F.—What is a Novachord?
Ans.—It is an electrical musical instrument invented by Laurens Hammond. In form it resembles an old-fashioned spinet, having a single manual keyboard of seventy-two notes which are played as a piano. Its tones, however, are produced entirely electrically by means of circuits of 163 ordinary vacuum tubes.

N. S. H.—Who was the first soldier to be interred in Arlington National Cemetery?
Ans.—On May 13, 1864, William Christian, a Union soldier from Pennsylvania was buried in this cemetery.

E. M. D.—Please give some facts about the San Francisco earthquake.
Ans.—The San Francisco earthquake occurred on April 18, 1906, the main shock being felt at about 5:13 in the morning. Fire broke out almost immediately. The water service was impaired and for three days the fire raged in the heart of the business section.

B. F. N.—Who were the Seven Sleepers?
Ans.—The Seven Sleepers were seven noble youths of Ephesus, according to legend who fled in the Decian persecution in A. D. 250 to a cave at Mt. Celion. After 250, or in some versions 309 years, they awoke, but soon died and their bodies were taken to Marcellus, France, in a large stone coffin which is still shown in Victor's Church.

S. A.—When did Coxe's army enter Washington, D. C.?
Ans.—On April 29, 1864, Jacob S. Coxe led 20,000 unemployed men into the capital city.

C. H. R.—What was the record of the man who walked from Pittsburgh to the New York World's Fair?
Ans.—A. F. Bergman, of Leetsville, Pa., walked from Pittsburgh to New York City in six days, five hours (July 19-July 25, 1939), checking in at the World's Fair at the end of the 400-mile trip.

D. M.—Please give some information about Lum and Abner.
Ans.—Chester Lauck (Lum) was born on February 9, 1902, in Alton, Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas for three years, and was local manager of an automobile finance company in Mena, Arkansas, when, in 1931, he teamed with Norris Goff in the first "Lum and Abner" act. Norris Goff (Abner) was born on May 30, 1906, in Cove, Arkansas.

K. W. A.—What kind of a ship was the Bounty?
Ans.—The Bounty was a ship-rigged vessel of 215 tons. It was built as the trader Bethia by Duncan Campbell. She was re-named the Bounty when purchased by the British navy for the Bligh expedition. In the official records she is described as an armed transport.

R. S.—Is it true that rain falls inside the dirigible hangar in Akron?
Ans.—Although the dock is covered with a water-tight roof and all doors and windows are closed, the Goodyear Zeppelin dock at Akron, Ohio, is so large (4,000,000 cubic ft.) that sudden changes of temperature cause clouds to form inside the hangar and rain falls.

G. A.—If a man is married in the State of South Carolina, can he ever get a divorce in that State?
Ans.—No divorces are granted in South Carolina. However, the State is compelled by the United States Constitution to recognize legal divorces that have been granted in other States or Commonwealths.

C. Y.—Will you kindly tell me whether or not the Vice President of the United States attends the Cabinet meetings with the President?
Ans.—No; the Vice President does not attend Cabinet meetings.

B. M.—What causes some people to be left-handed?
Ans.—This is a mooted question with a wide difference of opinion on the subject. Most available evidence seems to confirm the view that left-handedness is a hereditary characteristic. The infant of two or three months shows no preference in the use of its hands. But when four or five months of age the normal child begins to show a preference for the right hand—the hereditary theory of right-handedness. This is called the "primitive warfare theory." It was in the left hand that the primitive warrior held his shield to protect his heart—the right hand being free to handle the spear or other weapon.

F. W.—What kind of a dog is meant when it is spoken of as a "felst"?
Ans.—This word is only a colloquialism. It means any small dog of no particular breed, especially of the terrier type.

S. O.—Why does the United States navy use the word "dungarees" for the word "overalls"?
Ans.—This word was borrowed by our sailors from the British sailors, who in turn borrowed it from the natives of the East Indies. The native word is "dungri" and is applied to a coarse kind of cotton material which is used for tents and sails as well as clothing for the poor classes.

R. D.—I would like to know what is the meaning of "dall creann"?
Ans.—In the Irish language "dall creann" is the name of the lower house of the legislature of the Irish Free State.

W. L.—What is the difference between fundamentalist and a modernist, with reference to the Bible?
Ans.—With reference to the Bible a fundamentalist is one who interprets every part of the Bible literally; on the other hand the modernist attempts to reconcile science and the Bible by a liberal interpretation of the latter. For instance, the fundamentalist believes the story of Jonah and the whale is literally true; the modernist believes it is a story told to teach a lesson.

G. G.—Please give a list of important people of illegitimate birth.
Ans.—A partial list is as follows: William the Conqueror, King of England; Alexander the Great; Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the U. S. Treasury; Erasmus, philosopher, scholar and thinker; Leonardo da Vinci, famous Italian painter; Borodin, musical composer; Alexandre Dumas, son—both famous novelists; Benjamin Franklin; Cosima Wagner, wife of the German composer; James Smithson, donor and founder of the Smithsonian Institution; Booker T. Washington, famous Negro educator; and Frederic Douglas, Negro statesman and diplomat.

RHEUMATICS TAKE HOPE!
According to Mr. Jesse Ott, R. R. 5, Bellevue, Ohio, his distressing Rheumatic Pains have been relieved by the use of RUX Compound. He says: "The pains were so intense I could not bear to raise my arm or put my coat on. After taking RUX the pains have been greatly relieved so I have nearly regained the use of my arm."