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EDITORIAL

Here's to Centre county farmers. May they have a successful crop year and get good prices.

Berlin announces that bables' diapers are now being rationed. The Nazis, it would seem, are cutting three corners to achieve war-time economy.

Pity the poor Britisher who comes home from the office and doesn't know whether there was an air raid or if the wife is just starting the spring CALLED AND A SECOND OF

News from Tientsin, blockaded by Japanese solmust align; from their cars and bow to Japanese scritries who starch their vehicles and baggage. It begins to appear that the only rights that the people of this country have, in regards to the Far East, is to sell Japan the scrap metal and oil that she must have in order to keep her war going in China, where she mistreats Americans and other

The Lancaster New Era suggests that while the legislature is in an amending mood it might amend the law which gives each of its members \$500 for attending a special session, whether the session lasts one week or three weeks. Law-makers are undoubtedly as patriotic as any other group of citizens, and surely should not object to serving for less when an emergency threatens the State government. But watch them do it.

A faint idea of what future war will be like is seen from the recent article by Henri de Kerillis, an aviator in the World War, and French editor. Instead of an army of masses, he says, there will be an army of machines. Three-quarters of the mobilized soldiers would be put to work in fields and factories, under military discipline, to increase the economic staying power of the nation. The front would be taken care of by small forces of highlyarmed specialists, maneuvering machines, tanks and airplanes of fantastic quality and power,

We can't believe that there are any incompetent teachers employed in the public schools of Centre county, but if any school board has reason to think such a condition exists, they have the right to fire such person, in spite of the teachers' tenure law. This statement is made after reading the decision of President Judge William Keller of the State Superior Court, who declared recently from the bench that the Pennsylvania teachers' tenure low was not intended to "hamstring" school boards and that "if a teacher is incompetent, he ought to be discharged."

Some of our farmer friends may get a laugh out of this from the Washington Merry-Go-Round: Midwestern senators are telling about an incident which occurred after Dewey spoke in Minneapolis on his Western tour. Shortly thereafter, Vandenberg spoke in twin-city St. Paul, and was visited by a group of farm leaders, who asked various questions. One was, "What do you think of the problem of the flax surplus?" Vandenberg replied, 'Flax surplus? What do you mean? We produce less than half of our requirement in flax, so how can there be a surplus problem?" "You're right, Senator," the farmers answered. "We just wanted to see how much you knew about it. When Dewey was here, we asked him the same question, and he said, 'I regard the flax surplus a very serious problem, and some-thing should be done about it'."

With no attempt to encourage nefarious schemes of acquiring "easy money," we can't refrain from referring to this one successfully pulled off in Philadelphia recently: A man walked to the teller's window in a large bank. He deposited \$500 to open an account. He chatted pleasantly for awhile with the teller, and walked away with his new pass book and checkbook. Next to this teller's window was one of the huge marble pillars so often seen in banking estitutions. On the other side of it was another teller's window. He walked to that window and presented a check for \$400 to be cashed. The teller called the bookkeeping department, was advised that the check was covered, and made payment, The new depositor then walked around the column sgain, back to the first window where he had made his deposit, "Back again?" asked the teller, "Yes, I forgot that I wanted to take along some cash, I may need a couple hundred dollars this afternoon. So cash me a check for three hundred, will you?" This teller, of course, did not check the bookkeeper, as he knew that a five hundred dollar deposit had

just been made to open the account. The depositor walked out with his \$700, and has not been seen around the bank since. Pretty high pay for a half hour's work, eh what?

It is worth pointing out, especially to those who think that the British navy is incompetent, that in carrying out recent operations around Norway, the British used only a small part of their fleet. Much of British naval strength is concentrated for the purpose of preventing a German invasion of the Netherlands, where bases for submarines and airplanes would constitute a real threat to the British Isles. Another part of the British fleet is active in the Mediterranean where its presence is discouraging Mussolini's eagerness for war. Still other units of the fleet are combing the oceans to pick up stray German merchant ships whenever they attempt to reach home ports.

UNFAIR AND DANGEROUS (From Pittsburgh Press)

Governor James, who fancies himself a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, ourneyed to Indianapolis over the weekend to make speech in which, among other things, he said;

"After seven years of meddling, of chasing rainbows, of rabbit-in-the-hat administration, the New Deal is coming face to face with the fact that the only solution it can think of for the twin problems of idle men and idle money is war . . . Internationally, we are meddling and muddling. We are playing that same international game which in 1917, under a Democratic President who had been elected on a platform of peace, brought us into the first World War . . . Once again we are burning our fingers at the fires of Europe . . . The Republican party is the last safeguard between the men and women of America and European chaos."

This, in our opinion, is unfair and dangerous stuff.

If there were evidence that President Roosevelt is taking America to war, through "meddling or muddling" or with deliberate intent because he can think of no other "solution" for domestic problems, we should condemn his course in stronger, plainer words than Governor James has used. But ve know of no such evidence.

There is much evidence which seems to us to show that the President's conduct of foreign affairs has been marked by a high degree of suavity, sanity and intelligence.

The Republican party can find legitimate issues, plenty of them, on which to attack the New Deal. Neither Governor James nor any other Republican should seek to make campaign material out of generalized charges, unsupported by specific proof, that the President's leadership is betraying his country into the horrors of war, "No politician," as Postmaster General Farley said the other day "should attempt to gain the favor of the electorate by making believe that one man can keep out of war better than the other fellow." And no party should make foreign affairs a domestic political issue by claiming to be the only peace party.

U. S. ATTITUDE TOWARD WAR

The wave of apprehension that was almost visible in this country when the news from Norway indicated that German forces were making rapid progress last week reminds us of the strong sentiment against Hitler and his regime.
While the people of the United States retain

their ardent hope to escape participation into the struggle now going on in Europe, this hope will fade Great Britain and France appear to be doomed to defeat without our assistance.

It is difficult to imagine how normal world relations can be renewed in a world dominated by Nazi ideals, as professed not only in Germany, but in Italy and Japan, as well. The liberty of the individual would go into an eclipse everywhere and there would be an immediate end to anything like

an unfettered economy. We heartily subscribe to the opinion that the present war belongs to Great Britain and France primarily, even though we admit that they are fighting the battle of civilization. Europe is their business, very largely, and if we leave them to face the martial music we must be

pipe the strain of peace. Should the worse come to the worse and the people of the United States decide to give assistance to the Allied cause, in order to avert their defeat, the aid that flows across the ocean need not include the young men of this country. There will be the need for vast supplies, in arms, ammunition. ecuipment, food and other products, which the United States could furnish without necessarily becoming embrolled in the military campaigns in

The ruthless attacks upon little, peaceful nations ought to be enough to convince Americans that their hemisphere would be invaded if no restraining power stands between us and a triumphant combination of aggressive belligerents. Germany, Italy and Japan, regardless of formal al-liances are linked in a plunderbund, ready to attack anywhere that spoils are to be had.

RELIEF FINANCING (From Philadelphia Bulletin)

At a relief conference at which Pennsylvania, New York and five New England States were represented there was unanimous agreement that relief ought to be financed on a pay-as-you-go basis, since it was fundamentally unsound to borrow for such a continuing obligation.

This is a sound view, Provision for relief came on the States at first as a sudden demand, unprecedented in its magnitude, to meet an emergency situation. There was justification at the start for borrowing, but its use is indefensible as a means of meeting an annually recurring obligation.

There may be more challenge to another recommendation in which a majority of the conferees concurred, that Federally-financed work relief should be administered by the States. The system would parallel administration of the old age pen-

It is contended that this system would save money and keep the service closer to the persons served. Such change, it has been argued, would get State and local politics mixed up with relief. The counter charge is that, in the past at least, Federal

politics has entered into relief. The Government relies on its power to grant or withhold funds to prevent political abuse in the States of the old age pension system. The suggestion of the conference deserves to be weighed in disinterested fashion, final decision to be made according to the best judgment obtainable as to the effect of the change on the cost and efficient, nonpolitical service.

PENNSYLVANIA AT FAIR

(From Scranton Times) It is gratifying to know that the Pennsylvania state building at the New York World's Fair will reopen this year. Private donations from big industrialists and others who pledged \$75,000 make this possible. It is explained that the original appropriation made by the state is nearly exhausted. Faced with disinclination by Governor James to recommend an additional appropriation the commission in charge of the exhibit solicited funds. Some 400 con-

cerns made contributions ranging from \$50 up. That a state with the resources of Pennsylvania should be required to go to the people for such a comparatively small sum to continue the exhibit, of course, is far from creditable. It would even be more humiliating, however, if the doors of the state building, re replica of Independence Hall,

were closed during the 1940 fair season Pennsylvania's exhibit at the fair compared favorably with those of other states. The building itself was an attraction, providing many visitors an opportunity to study the architectural design of the famous Independence Hall. One of the features of the building is a solid wall of anthracite. It is announced that the hard coal exhibit will be enlarged and the state commission is hopeful that the ing and exhibits generally will be more attractive and the building itself continue to serve as a center for Pennsylvanians who visit the fair

THE OFFICE

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

THE U.S. FOR US

Said Dan McCann to a foreign man, Who sat with him on a bench; "Let me tell you this," and for emphasis,

He flourished a Stillson wrench. Don't talk to me of the Nazi-ist, Don't open your lips to speak

Of the Socialist or the Anarchist Don't mention the Bolshevik.

"I've heard enuff of your foreign stuff, I'm sick as a man can be

Of the speech of hate, and I'm tellin' you straight That this is the land for me

If you want to brag, take a look at our flag, And boast of its field of blue,

Boast of the dead whose blood was shed For the peace of the likes of you.

"I'll have no more," and he waved once more His wrench, in a forceful way, "Of the cunning creed of the Russian breed,

But I stand for the U.S. A. I'm sick of your fads and your wild-eyed lads,

Don't flourish your flag so red, While I can see-or at least there'll be Tall candles around your head.

"So tip your hat to a flag like that Thank God for its stripes and stars, Thank God you are here, where the roads are clear, Away from the kings and czars. And don't you speak of the Bolshevik,

I'm sick of that stuff, I am-One God, one flag, that's the creed I brag, I'm boosting for Uncle Sam."

IF EVERY ONE

If every one who drives a car could lie a month in bed, With broken bones and stitched-up wounds, or fractures of the head, And there endure the agonies that many people do. They'd never need preach safety any more to me or you.

If every one could stand beside the bed of some close friend, And hear the doctor say "no hope" before that fatal end, And see him there unconscious, never knowing what took place, The laws and rules of traffic I'm sure we'd soon embrace.

If every one could meet the wife and children left behind And step into the darkened home where once the sunlight shined, And look upon "The Vacant Chair" where Daddy used to sit, I'm sure each reckless driver would be forced to think a bit. If every one who takes the wheel would say a little prayer,

And keep in mind those in the car depending on his care, And make a vow and pledge himself to never take a chance, The great crusade for safety then vould suddenly advance.

-Underwriters Review

The polar bear slept in his little bearskin And dreamed of adventures bold I slept in my little bare skin And caught a heluva cold.

To the Polar Anglers

What's Gnu Today?

The superintendent of a zoo rang up the editor of a local paper. "We have some news about the gnus," he said.

"Do you mean it's new news?" the editor asked.

"Yes. New news about the new gnus." "But," protested the editor, slightly dazed, "all news is new." "Oh, we have some old gnus here," came the answer. "But I want to give you some new gnu news about the new gnus that the old gnus

"Will you please write it?" suggested the puzzled editor, "and send it

The superintendent complied, and this is what he submitted: "I was out the United States. Camping trying to give you some gru news about old old grus that have given means vigorous living. birth to new gnus. Both the old gnus and the new gnus are doing very

Tried It on His Sister

Little Winfield had been absent from Sunday school and the teacher called to inquire why

"The reason," said the boy's mother, "is because I am afraid he is learning things that only tend to make him mischievous." "Mischievous!" exclaimed the astonished teacher. "Really, I don't

inderstand how Sunday school could have that effect on him." "You see," explained the parent, "it's like this. The last time Winfield went to Sunday school he came home convinced that people are made of dust, and I found him trying to draw his little sister into the vacuum cleaner.

Aches and Panes

One of our well known dentists was busily at work in his office the other day when one of those chattering women came in and started asking a lot of questions.

"By the way," she finally asked the bored dentist, "Have you been a dentist very long?" The doc favored her with a glance.

hears a noise, in case it's burglars."

"No, Madam," he said icily, "I was a riveter until I got too nervous to work up high."

Double Trouble

A certain acquaintance had been getting around late in the morning, wearing a decided tired look. Finally the boss decided to say somethingthing, and asked the cause for his wearied appearance. "I can't sleep," said the fellow. "My wife wakes me up every time she

"But," protested Powell, "burglars don't make noise." "I told her that," the guy groaned. "And now she wakes me up every time she doesn't hear a noise."

Aunty's All Right

Little Girl-"I want some flesh-reducing medicine." Druggist-"Anti-fat?" Little Girl-"Naw, it's for my uncle."

Tale of Old Erin

As the wake was dispersing, Pat touched the dead man's forehead to say goodbye. "Why, be th' holy saints," whispered Pat, "he feels warm."

"Hot or cold," said the widow who had overheard the remark, "he leaves in th' marnin"."

Reward of Merit

express the best reason for being a Republican.

One said he was a Republican because their party freed the slaves. The second said he was a Republican because of the tariff policy, but the turkey went to the third applicant who said: "Tse a Republican 'cause I wants dat turkey."

Giddyap, Napoleon

Farmer's Daughter-"How'd it happen that you got home so late Hired Girl-"Oh, it was that new horse of Bill's-it kept stopping the dumb thing didn't know the difference between 'Oh' and 'whoa'."

The Modern Daughter

Father—(at 12:30 p. m.)—"You were a long time saying good night that boy friend of yours. I hope you didn't let him kiss you." Daughter-"Let him. I had to help him."

As Summer Draws On, Remember If thee leteth the bee be, the bee will let thee be.

That's all, folks. It's all right to sow a crop of wild oats, as long

LOUISA'S LETTER

WIFE WANTS HUSBAND TO GO ON BUDGET.

I was formerly a business woman. I was considered efficient in my work and I also managed my own financial affairs well. I used the budget system, knew exactly how much I could spend and what 1 had saved.

Everything is different now. My husband holds the purse strings and I never know whether I will get one dollar or twenty or when I will get it. Consequently, I am unable to plan or to use any kind of a budget.

My husband turns a deaf ear to my plea for a more sensible spending basis. We have nothing saved, spend loads of money on non-essentials and altogether live like a pair of idio,s. But what can I do? PRACTICAL WIFE.

ANSWER

I don't know. If you could persuade him to turn over, his monthly income to you with the exception of his own spending money, you might be able to work your way out

I know one man, who was always behind with his bills, who decided on such a course, and he told me several months ago that it was the best step he ever took. His wife is now responsible for the bills and consequently spends no more than she can afford and is perfectly happy to do without things that she sees are extravagant. They have a nice nest egg in the bank and live on a higher scale than ever before.

But his case is unusual. It is a rare thing to find a man who will admit that his wife can manage better than he, although he be the most impractical person in the world and his wife the very opposite. Some men crave the authority that money gives. They wish to feel free to spend on books or liquor they cannot afford, while the grocery bills run on. They wish to feel free to buy sweetmeats and expensive toys, while the mother has to eternally darn and patch for in public.

There are men, of course, who are extravagant impractical wives committed the crimes. These men would naturally be crazy to turn over their money to such women, But every one possesses some good qualities their wives or husbands are without and vice-versa. So it would be a very good idea if they could get together and decide which one was the more capable of running the business of spending and saving the family in- 2. Body left out in the open, in 2. Body left out in the open in

Yours,

An army of 2,000,000 boys and ing. girls will move into summer camps this year. There are between 5,000 6 Murder weapon not found. and 6,000 summer camps through

YOUR HEALTH

The normal child thrives and improves on it. There are other children, however, who should not be sent to camp without the approval of the family physician. A child ished, with a serious physical defect may not respond to camp life. A child who is recuperating from a serious illness may find the camp life too

strenuous. Aside from its physical advantages, the summer camp should also s.imulate the growth processes of the child mentally, socially and emotionally.

The child must be keen to go to ents or friends who may poorly conceal desire to rid themselves of responsibility for the child during the summer

The "problem" child at most camps is one who has not come of his own desire, but because his per-

ents insisted. There are camps for all classes and conditions of children. A camp should be selected which fits in with the financial, as well as social. position of the family. In addition to all of the other advantages to be found at a summer camp, there are wholesome moral and spiritual values to be considered. The moral development of the child is assured in practically every camp in the United States.

"Hey, Skinny, going to camp this

"You bet !"

DO YOU KNOW It is going to be a more comfortable summer for many cattle if their owners erect brush-off fly traps suggested by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. The fly traps which any farmhand can make, are 7 feet wide, 6 feet high, and 10 feet long, and the animals walk through, leaving behind the pesky horn flies.

Don't Miss This New Serial Story. "The Golden Stranger," gripping A Chicago politician decided to give a turkey to the negro who could story of love hidden treasurs, begins on May 12th in The American Weekly the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore American. On sale at all Newsstands,

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OPINION DIVIDED ON WHETHER SAME PERSON SLEW BOTH GIRLS



RACHAEL TAYLOR

State Police Commissioner Col. Lvnn G. Adams, Sunday night told them to make a decent appearance newspapermen that the Taylor and Gates murders are definitely the work of the same person

Perhaps the police belief has changed by this time. At any rate efficiency wizards, and who have many curb-stone sleuths are of the opinion that two different persons

To get the record straight, and without attempting to support or oppose either school of thought, we list known points of similarity and dissimilarity between the two slayings.

TAYLOR SLAYING Points of Similarity

1. Victim slain by blows of blunt 1. Victim slain by blows of blunt instrument on head. instrument on head.

place where discovery would be al- place where discovery would be al-3. Murder took place between 3. Murder took place between 12:30

hours of 1:30 and 5 a. m. 4. Girl might have been ravished. 4. Girl definitely was ravished. 5. Car figured prominently in slay- 5. Car figured prominently in slay-

7. Slayer apparently knew girl.

8. Clothing torn and disarranged. Points of Dissimilarity

1. Victim's body mutilated. 1. Victim's body not mutilated. 2. Girl might not have been rav- 2. Girl was ravished.

3. Victim picked-up on street of town. 4. Victim not gagged.

used by slayer.

4. Victim gagged apparently to prevent screams. 5. Green car reported to have been 5. Tan car reported to have been used by slayer.

6. Murder weapon not found.

7. Slayer apparently knew girl.

8. Clothing torn and disarranged

Points of Dissimilarity

3. Victim's car stopped along lone-

GATES MURDER

Points of Similarity

most immediate.

and 2:30 a. m.

In weighing the two sets of facts above it must be remembered that although the slayer in both cases apparently knew his victims quite well. it is highly improbable that a man who would be well acquainted with camp-not overly persuaded by par- Rachel Taylor, would be similarly known to Fay Gates. The two girls traveled in entirely different spheres. This factor might be considered as an additional point of dissimilarity.

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