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EDITORIAL

HELL'S FURY UNLEASHED

As this editorial is being written almost the entire area of Europe is seething in what will probably be the most stupendous and terrifying war in the world's history.

For months and years the world has known that a madman was running berserk in Europe. The unholy and inhuman crimes which Hitler and his Nazis perpetrated on his own countrymen were notice of his infamous designs.

Hitler's military designs are perfectly plain. He wants to crush England which he accuses as standing in his path toward domination of the large part of the world he covets.

It is obvious that the world waited too long to take this man's monstrous ambitions as seriously as they are deserved. Normal human beings might be excused for some of this indifference.

But henceforth there will be no excuse for brave and intelligent peoples to deal with the Hitler program as resembling anything human. It is far from that. It is a menace to everything held dear not only by the free peoples of Europe but free peoples everywhere.

A man who doesn't like war, according to Hitler's viewpoint, is only half a man. Too frequently, so is the man who comes back from one.

With forty newspaper correspondents in France "in search of the war" the British Director of Public Relations has his hands full. Major Gen. John Hay Bethel, who holds this post in Great Britain, insists that the employers of some correspondents seem to think "the war was arranged entirely for the American press and the newsreels."

A horse doctor who inspected an ailing critter, and announced that something ought to be done and then packed his valise and went home without doing anything would violate the ethics of his profession.

A woman was awarded first prize of \$25 in a Home Idea contest. Her idea was separate medicine cabinets for husband and wife. Many ruffled dispositions, not to say steps toward divorce, could be avoided if hubby could have in peace without anything inside the cabinet, and opening the door in his face," she said.

The 1940 political campaign, at this time, so far as the Democrats are concerned, is all Roosevelt. The President, it is generally admitted will be nominated for a third term unless, prior to the convention, he removes himself from consideration.

the convention with a greater number of delegates than any other candidate. Apparently the Ohio Senator has the edge in regard to Southern delegates.

Because the National Guard constitutes eighty per cent of our initial protective force, the War Department plans to increase the training of the guardsmen this year from two to three weeks.

Sunday, May 19th, has been designated, "I Am An American Day," by President Roosevelt, who urges the public to observe it in recognition of citizens who have attained their majority or have become naturalized within the past year.

Last week President Roosevelt gave his endorsement to legislation extending the Hatch Act's restrictions on political activities to State employees paid wholly or in part from Federal funds.

There may be no connection whatever, but observers noted last week that the United States battleship will continue to remain at its base in Hawaii and that the announcement coincided with increased tension in Europe, where extension of the conflict seemed inevitable.

Adolf Hitler, as supreme commander of the armed forces of the Reich, directs the destinies of some 9,000,000 German soldiers. In the World War his highest rank was corporal in command of a squad of eight men.

Not often in court proceedings does a case come to light in which a father of two youthful defendants urges the judge to "give my boys such a sentence that will teach them that crime does not pay."

Just about ten years ago the Naval Limitation conference was concluded in London, with the United States, Great Britain and Japan reaching an agreement in regard to cruisers, destroyers and submarines. The three nations had earlier agreed, in Washington, upon a battleship ratio, the famous 5-5-3, but only after Japan had demanded and secured agreement from the United States not to fortify certain areas in the Pacific.

The reward of \$1,000,000, offered for the delivery of Adolf Hitler to the custody of the League of Nations, reflects little intelligence and less judgment upon the men responsible for the foolish and absurd offer. Frankly, we are immensely surprised that a man as prominent as Samuel Harden Church, president of the Carnegie Institute, should lend himself to such a farcical stunt.

LET'S BE SPECIFIC

Most of the articulate aspirants for the Presidency are stressing their high resolve that this country shall be kept out of war.

These glib and sweeping declarations against going to war are of no great value. To be convincing, the candidates should get down to the specifications. They should tell us their reactions to such questions as these:

Do they support the cash-and-carry policy of the existing Neutrality Act, under which we have temporarily waived our right to the freedom of the seas, and under which our merchant marine has escaped without a sinking?

Do they approve the release of advanced types of our war planes for sale to the Allies?

Would they favor the release to the Allies of such military secrets as the American bomb? Would they favor the American occupation of Greenland in the event of a threat of Nazi seizure? Or after a Nazi seizure?

If the Netherlands are overrun by Germany, would they advocate American occupation of Dutch property in the Caribbean—Dutch Guiana and Curacao, particularly?

If the Allies run out of money, say two years hence, would the candidates forbid further shipment of planes and other supplies to them—even though it was apparent that such action would guarantee a German victory?

Or would they recommend repeal of the Johnson Act and modification of the Neutrality Act in order to let the Allies float loans in this country?

If Japan moves in on the Dutch East Indies, thus blanketing the Philippines, would they remain passive? Have they plans for assuring our continued access to the rubber, tin, quinine, etc., for which we currently depend on the East Indies?

Have they worked out a program for the defense—militarily, politically and economically—of this country in the event of the defeat and subjugation of England and France and the capture of their navies?

These are hard questions, and we don't pretend to know the best answers for all of them.

But it seems to us that these uncommittal promises to "keep us out of war" will be more impressive if backed up with specific replies to some of the above.

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

Gone But Not Forgotten
I bought my girl some garters
At Turner's five and ten;
She gave them to her mother,
That's the last I'll see of them.

From the Wastebasket
A few wxxks ago I usxd onx of your typxwrtxrs. At frst I was vxry pxxasxd, but not for long. You sxx, thx troublx is thix: Xvxy tixm I want an x I gxt an x. Now thix is gxtting mx mad. Bxxcaxx whxn I want an x I want an x, not an x. This is nough to makx anyonx mad. How would you likx to gxt an x vxxy tixm you wantx an x. An x is an x, not x. Do you sxx whx I mxnx?

What I would likx to know is, if you will givx mx a typxwrtxrx that doxs not makx an x whxn I want an x. Bxxcaxx if you givx mx anothx typxwrtxrx that makx an x whxn I want an x, you can havx thix damn thixg back with all it's x's. An x is all right as an x, but an x is—oh, hxl. Sincxxly yours, An out-of-town Nxxws Rpxrtxrx.

He Might Have a Cold
She oculosates with open eyes
Does pretty Flora flip.
This her reply when queried why:
"I look before I lip."

Pennsylvania Dear
A girl from out of town decided to make the most of her last evening in State College. Along about the seventh or eighth fraternity house, she saw, above the fireplace, an elf's head to which designing brothers had added eyes that worked like traffic lights, neon anglers, a van-dyke-beribboned beard, teeth, and a sneer.

Our girl was equal to the occasion, no one having put anything over on her that evening. She quietly examined the trophy from all corners and angles of the room, finally asked to be introduced to the hero who had bagged it.

He was, she was told, the handsome, girl-surrounded fellow over there. Boring her way to the center of the circle, she threw back her head, looked up with a clear eye and a disarming smile, and said:

"Thy, howdja get thutflithly thouted to thee thuch a thixg and thitll thitay thober enough to thoot it?"

Unrepentant
Jean had been naughty and had been sent upstairs "to think things over." After a while she came down all smiles and said, "I thought and I prayed."

"Fine," said her mother. "That will help you to be good."

"Oh, I didn't ask God to help me to be good," said the child. "I just told him to help you put up with me."

All But the Weather
Hotel Maid (to new arrival)—The proprietor says, madam, that he will move your dressing table, alter the position of your bed, let you have another blanket, and provide some wedges for your windows, stop the clock striking, and give you a separate table at the window—but he says you'll have to take the weather as you find it.

We Never Stare
A rude and vulgar man in one who stares at a girl's figure when she's doing her best to display it.

Get This, Fellows
"Aisle—altar—hymn." That, someone has said, is what the bride thinks when the organ plays the wedding march.

Retaining the Address
A woman dropped in last week to tell us that her husband had given up golf. All but the words, she added.

One Way
If you want to know how kids will turn out, observe when they turn in.

Forethought, We'd Say
A Scotchman sent his sweetheart a package of flower seeds with these directions: "Plant these now and you will have a nice bouquet for your birthday."

Not So Good
Joe—"What are my chances with you?"
Josie—"Two to one. You and me against my conscience."

Her Strong Point
Dolly—"I don't see why all the boys are crazy to date Dot."
Dick—"True, but she sure can intermission."

Try the Business Office
Cutie (in department store)—"Do you have notions on this floor?"
Floorwalker (appraisingly)—"Frequently—but we can't give way to them during business hours."

That's all, folks. Definition of a million dollars—an old man's sex appeal. —"SCAT."

Health and Beauty
THE COMPLEXION
External vigilance is the price of prolonged youth and health that must go with it. Your body and your skin will respond to proper care, but on the other hand it quickly shows neglect or abuse.

LOUISA'S LETTER
Dear Louisa:
There is a man who has been going with me for about five years. He takes me every where and spends money on me. He has given me a ring but he never talks about getting married.

ANSWER:
It will lead to your becoming an old maid if you don't do something to remedy the situation.

DO YOU KNOW?
1. What percentage of farms have electric power available?

ANSWERS
1. About one-fourth.
2. 15,000,000.

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Query and Answer Column
PROBLEM: In a horse race with a field of twelve horses, one of them (a favorite) crossed the finish line several lengths ahead of the field, but did not win the race. Why? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

W. H.—How did it originate when it is said a person "throws his hat into the ring" with reference to political candidates?

Y. T.—Where do sea-shells come from which are found on the beach? Ans.—They are made by the animals like oysters, water snails, and thousands of other kind which live in the sea. When one of these dies, its shell is washed ashore by the waves. That is how they get on the beach.

N. F.—What is the origin of the odd expression "as easy as pie?" Ans.—This expression is supposed to be elliptical, the complete expression being "as easy as eating pie." It probably refers to the fact that most of us, especially in our younger days, find little trouble in eating pies made by mother.

J. S.—What is the difference between a groundhog and a woodchuck? Ans.—None. These are merely different names for the same animal.

M. R.—Is Greenland in the Western Hemisphere? What country owns it? Ans.—Yes, Greenland, as well as part of Iceland, is in the Western Hemisphere. This largest island in the world is owned by Denmark.

C. H.—When the government buys gold from a foreign country, does it pay \$35 per ounce in United States currency? Ans.—The regular practice of the Treasury Department in buying gold, whether of domestic production or imported, is to make payment at \$35 per fine ounce, less 1/2 of 1 per cent. handling charges, and less the small charges for working the metal. Payment is ordinarily made by check, but at the request of the vendor, payment will be made in current paper currency or coin.

M. H.—Does a member of the British House of Commons who is also a Cabinet Member receive both salaries? Ans.—The British Library of Information says that a member of both bodies receives only the salary of a Cabinet officer.

C. J.—Please give the origin of the name America? Ans.—The word is derived from the name of the Italian explorer Amerigo Vesputti. It was first proposed by Waldseemüller, a teacher of geography in the College of St. Die, in the treatise called Cosmographie, published in 1507.

W. R.—Please give the particulars of the railroad accident in Ash-tahula, Ohio, in the 1870's? Ans.—The railroad disaster at Ash-tahula, Ohio, occurred on the 29th of December, 1876, when the bridge over the river collapsed and the train fell a distance of seventy-five feet. As the coaches were of wood and were heated by wood stoves, many of the cars were burned. More than a hundred lives were lost. The findings of the committee to investigate the disaster stated that the accident was due to the fact that the bridge was not constructed in accordance with certain well established engineering principles. The accident occurred on the Lake Shore Railroad Line.

R. B.—Was Hetty Greene frugal in her diet? Ans.—On the day before her seventy-eighth birthday, Hetty Greene told a reporter "I had a big tenderloin steak for breakfast with fried potatoes, a pot of tea and the top of a bottle of milk. I don't buy cream because it is 12 hours older than the milk. I always chew a baked onion after breakfast."

R. D.—What is the German revision of the Apostles' Creed? Ans.—One version is as follows: "I believe in Germany, God's other beloved son, God of himself conceived beneath the Nordic heavens; born between the Alps and the sea, suffered under popes and worshippers of Mammon, libelled, mis-handled and impoverished, tortured by devils of all varieties to the gates of hell, after decades of poverty and misery it has arisen again from political and national death, ascended into the spiritual and intellectual community of Eckhardt, Bach and Goethe, and sitteth between the great Brother of Nazareth to the right hand of God the Father Almighty. Thence it shall come in its sacred charactery to judge those alive and dead."

S. M.—What is the "Curse of Cromwell"? Ans.—The "Curse of Cromwell" refers to Cromwell's campaign in Ireland which was noted for its bloodshed and cruelty, including, as it did, the massacres of Drogheda and Clonmel. Howitt in his "History of England" says: "This bloody campaign has always been remembered as the Curse of Cromwell."

E. L. C.—Is Charlie McCarthy insured? Ans.—Edgar Bergen's famous dummy is insured for \$10,000 against kidnaping, loss, or demolition.

G. A.—Where is William Jennings Bryan buried? Ans.—He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

O. S. M.—Who was the first aerial photographer? Ans.—On October 4, 1863, Nadar, a photographer of Paris, flew over the city on a large balloon and photographed it from the air. He predicted at that time that a day would come when every house in Paris would quarter its dark room and crany camera faces.

C. F.—Are both odd and even numbers used in designing United States highways? Ans.—The highways running from east to west are identified by even numbers and those from north to south are identified by odd numbers.

J. T.—How was Samuel Insull, the utilities magnate, finally apprehended? Ans.—To avoid extradition, Insull fled from Paris to Athens, Greece. Twice the Greek courts denied the United States' demands for his extradition, but later, twice ordered him to leave the country. On March 10, 1934, five days before the final date of expulsion he fled secretly in a Greek steamer he had chartered, intending to seek a haven at Abyssinia. The ship finally cast anchor at Istanbul, where the Turk's government seized Insull and surrendered him to the United States. He was tried three times at Chicago on charges of fraud and embezzlement and acquitted each time.

C. E. R.—How much was paid for Washington's desk which he bequeathed to his family physician and which, in 1904, was returned to Mt. Vernon? Ans.—The desk was in Kentucky when it was found by the vice-regent for that state. Sixteen hundred dollars was the price asked by the owners, and paid from money loaned from the Endowment Fund of the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association.

H. P. K.—Is the dodo a real or mythological bird? Ans.—The dodo was a clumsy, defenseless bird, about the size of a swan, found living on Mauritius when the island was discovered in the 17th century.

Answer to problem: The horse in question led the field, but into the stretch he stumbled and threw his rider. He galloped on and was first to cross the finish line. However, he was disqualified because he carried no rider.

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