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EDITORIAL

When Ford begins to make 1,000 planes a day the age of the air will have arrived.

Despite all that has happened, the French army maintains its reputation as a fighting machine.

What has become of the Congressmen who were against defense programs several years ago?

The Japanese are behaving fairly well in the Far East, which makes us a little suspicious of the Japanese.

Mussolini wants the Mediterranean to be an Italian lake and Hitler wants the world to be a German apple.

Most of the people of the United States would prefer to send supplies to Europe now than to rush troops abroad later.

Meanwhile, don't forget that a hundred Americans are being killed every day on our highways and that no man can serve his country by getting hurt in an automobile collision.

The attitude of the churches of the United States toward the present world situation is remarkable for understanding the grave implications involved. The peace-at-any-price pacifist gets little hearing today. The too-holy-to-fight brother is out of date.

Moses L. Achenberg, wealthy Philadelphia publisher, who recently pleaded guilty to charges of evading income taxes over a seven-year period, has agreed to pay the United States \$8,000,000. It is surprising that many Americans, particularly those who have some wealth, seem to view with unconcern the efforts of individuals and corporations to violate the income tax law.

Japan continues to receive hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil from the United States, in addition to vast supplies of steel, copper, scrap iron and other war materials. Many of us have wondered why this traffic has not been halted.

A few years ago, the cry was loud in the land that the public utilities were being "cut to pieces" by the policies of the Roosevelt administration. It may be interesting to point out that G. W. Kellogg, president of the Edison Electric Institute, says that in the twelve months just ended, generation and sales of electricity and operating revenues attained all-time high records, with output exceeding the previous high of last year by twelve per cent, and operating revenue exceeding last year's high by seven and one-half per cent.

The Republican National Convention meets in Philadelphia next week to face one of the most difficult tasks which has confronted a political party in many years. Without knowing whether the President will run for a third term and beset with the difficulty of framing suitable planks on foreign affairs, the Republicans will have unusual problems to solve.

while Governor Landon has taken himself out of the running, there is no way to keep the delegates from thinking about his availability.

A good deal of the criticism that is now being directed against the President because of the nation's present state of unpreparedness, comes from men, including some prominent Republicans, who would have been the first to assail him if he had launched his preparedness program two years, a year, or even six months ago.

The only kind of business which need fear the Democratic party and Democratic policies is crooked business. Big or little. Under our present credit system, fair and reasonable profit is not only desirable, but is a necessity.

Says the magazine of Wall Street: "The amazingly fast German thrust in western Europe has put the Republican party on the spot. Despite wide differences of attitude among Republican Presidential candidates as to our foreign policy—with Willkie's stand as far from Dewey's as Roosevelt's is from isolationist Vandenberg's—the G. O. P. has managed to get itself tagged as the party which failed to foresee that German aggression involved a real threat to our national security, while Roosevelt said it clearly and insistently warned the country about it."

A California man has started an I'm Not Mad at Anybody movement by means of which, he says, wars can be avoided and even halted. He suggests that each citizen pauses every hour and, turning to his nearest neighbor, repeat the words loudly and distinctly, "I'm not mad at anybody, are you?"

THE G. O. P. BATTLE FRONT

As this letter is written, the Republicans are gathering for their National Convention. Naturally, having no inside information, we will not attempt to forecast what the outcome at Philadelphia is going to be, but are inclined to accept the New York Times survey, conducted by that veteran political observer, James Haggerty, who is generally more nearly right in his estimates than any of our contemporaries.

He thinks that District Attorney Dewey's nomination for the Presidency is unlikely on the first ballot, and appears to reason that Senator Taft will come near to matching Dewey's initial strength. Going on from that situation, he visualizes a possible deadlock, from which may issue a dark horse. This means that every candidate from the favorites down to the lesser-known also-rans will get a shot at the prize.

This seems to be an outsider, far from the battlefield, like good politics, for a number of reasons. In the first place, it reduces the residue of prospective soreness and so tends to hold the party together—for subsequent campaigns. It is doubtful to put it mildly—if any considerable number of the delegates at Philadelphia think there is much hope for the G. O. P. this year.

The Old Guard Slant

If this diagnosis is correct, a first ballot nomination could mean one of two things: either that the convention was eager to get through with a hopeless preliminary as soon as possible, or that it would be deemed a useful thing by the party backers to eliminate an unwelcome candidate who had amassed too many delegates to make slapping him down advisable. In other words, if Mr. Dewey were given the prize, neither he nor his supporters would have any title to be ugly, or resentful toward the real powers in the minority party, hereafter.

Candidates come and go, but the solidarity of the Wetters, Peas, and others of the Liberty League stripe, remains unchanged. It might seem like the end of the world to Mr. Dewey, for example, but to these in the background it is only one skirmish in their war to regain control of the government.

It is easy to talk about the adjournment of politics in a national emergency, but it hasn't happened in this country since the birth of political parties. That may not be as dangerous as it sounds. The minority in Congress goes along with the President when it comes to appropriate huge sums for national defense. They recognize that this is something on which the whole safety of the country depends.

Probably the circumstance that the people are united in their demand that we make ready for whatever the future has in store has something to do with it, but the higher purpose is the prevailing incentive. Politics is not adjourned, but patriotism comes first. There may not be agreement all the time as to when party activity impinges on patriotism—but that is another story.

Unity For Defense

So while the anti-administration folks go along on the preparedness program in general, they balk on details. They fuss with the President as to where Civil Aeronautics should be on the governmental map and demur at giving him authority to call out the National Guard when and if he thinks it necessary to set that first element of our military reserves to active duty. It is hard for a politician to go the whole route for somebody he has consistently assailed and opposed. Of course, they do not admit that their holding back is political, or that anything but a jealous guarding of American liberties is behind their nagging and grudging, but that does not make their course less of a national danger.

It is conceded that, only by showing that this country is impregnable, ready to meet any aggression, have we a chance of avoiding the actuality of having to fight in the unpredictable, but imminent, future for the preservation of these same liberties. Things move swiftly these days. The Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces might not have time to await the outcome of a Congressional debate before taking a defensive step to meet an assault as unheralded as the invasion of Holland and Belgium.

Those who are combating the details of the administration's defense program affect to fear a dictatorship. Really, every President of the United States is a dictator in war time. Lincoln was in the war between the States. Wilson was in the first World War. When the emergency is past, the dictatorship vanishes automatically. Wilson's supreme power disappeared so rapidly that Congress rejected the terms of the treaty he wanted to sign immediately after the war and dictated its own treaty terms.

Peace in November

These things will be in the people's minds while the Republicans put on their show in Philadelphia. Doubtless, we will hear impassioned speeches and read a platform that will picture our peace-loving President as a sinister figure. That is part of routine politics, thoroughly understood through long experience by the nation.

After November, the Democratic President—whatever he may be—will have a less-warm time getting the country in shape to take care of whatever may befall.

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

IF
(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)
If you can keep your pep when men about you
Are getting glands from monkeys every day...

Half and Half
A guy dropped into one of the drug stores last week to buy a package of 10c cigarettes.

Slowing Him Up
Shortly after Amos married Magnolia he was laid off the WPA job. Hardly a week after the ceremony poor Amos was flat broke.

Poor Pussy
A silly old maid from Nantucket,
Tried drowning a cat in a bucket.

Eye For An Eyeful
It was at a Georgia church meeting, and one of the ebony sisters demonstrated her religious fervor by sitting astride a chandelier suspended from the ceiling.

Slips That Pass in the News
(Bradshaw, N. Y. Eagle)
"Having a flask handy, young McRay said he forced a little brandy between the girl's lips and then began fanning (fanning) her. She revived shortly."

Just Misplaced Comma
A woman whose husband had joined the Navy, gave a note to the minister the following Sunday. The note said, "Mr. Tom Smith, having gone to sea, his wife requests that the congregation pray for his safety."

Foreign Relations
The wife was always antagonized by her husband going out at night. His departing words, which especially angered her, were always: "Good night, mother of three."

Wear-Ever Pastry
A certain small restaurant was kept by a man who prided himself on his cooking. He was amazed to hear a young salesman criticize a pie one day.

Tit For Tat
A farmer's wife usually sold butter to the village grocer, ready wrapped in pound packets.

When They Grow Up
Kind Man—"Young man, don't you know what becomes of boys who use such bad language when they play marbles?"

Extra-Legal
Judge—"Couldn't you have settled this case out of court?"
Defendant—"That's what we were trying to do, your honor, when the policeman interfered."

Today's Irish Joke
'Tis a hard world, said Timothy, as he quit his task for the day.
'It is that,' said Michael, 'and I think so the more every time I put me pick into it.'

Have You?
Have you heard about the guy who was so dumb that one day he was walking in a field and stumbled over a pile of milk bottles and ran home and told the farmer he had found a cow's nest?

No Sense to It
Mo—"I say, why don't you get a larger paint brush? You could do twice as much work."
Lasses—"Caus, Ah ain't got twice as much work to do, das why."

Nice Lad, This
A lady was entertaining the small son of her married friend.
'Are you quite sure you can cut your meat, Billie?' she asked, after watching him for a moment.

Or an Undertaker
'Love is a disease,' declares a scientist.
Yes, certainly it is. But don't call a doctor—call a preacher.

Maybe
Perhaps if we wait long enough farm fields will settle itself by turning all our farms into parking places, spring fields and golf courses.

That's all, folks. A friend of ours calls his new dog Burglar, because they're always putting him on the spot for house breaking.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
I am a girl and have a great desire for learning. I have planned to finish school and enter the field of music.

About a year ago I fell in love with a boy that my father and mother disliked. It was not for any fault of his that they disliked him, but because they did not like his people.

Mother and father let this boy come to see me for about 5 months and then stopped him from seeing me at all. Then I started slipping around, going with him whenever I could get away from home.

What is your advice?
R. M. C.

Answer:
Don't ruin your life by running away and getting married before you finish your education.

Tangled, from Illinois, wants to know how to have dates with boys she likes and not with those she doesn't care for.

Well, if I were you, "Tangled," and there was nothing objectionable to the boys but my personal reaction, I would give them a date but I would also be so uninteresting that they wouldn't want another one soon.

About the boy you think you are in love with, there is nothing that you can do but to keep on being as pleasant and nice as possible.

Good luck.
LOUISA

A letter from a girl in Martinsville, Va., is concerned with whether she should marry a boy who breaks dates with her now and I say "By all means, no." If he is so careless now, what will he do after you are married? More over, you are 100 years old.

Everybody falls in love when they are in their teens and some folks fall in love dozens of times, so don't marry the first man who asks you. Wait until you are older and can decide whether it is the real thing or not.

In the meantime, finish your high school course, and you will at least be prepared to go in training or take a business course, or hold down some kind of job.

A postal card from two girls in Iowa asks why I haven't answered their letter. I am so sorry, but no such letter is in my files.

Byes Guernsey Bull
The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Petersburg, N. H. reports the sale of a registered Guernsey bull by Shook Bros. to M. F. Homan of State College, Pa.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: What play in baseball is perfectly legitimate, but is a criminal offense when driving an automobile? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

R. S.—Did Hitler and Chamberlain ever espouse mutual peace? If so, when?
Ans.—Yes. In the meeting of Hitler and Chamberlain at Munich on September 30, 1938, both men pledged themselves that their two peoples would not go to war against one another again.

T. B.—How will the United States get enough pilots for the huge fleet of war planes asked for by President Roosevelt for national defense?
Ans.—At Randolph Field and Kelly Field, near San Antonio, Texas, which is known as the West Point of the air, more than one thousand cadets are now taking their training to graduate six months later. As fast as they graduate, new recruits will begin.

N. T.—What is the difference between Holland and The Netherlands? What form of government do they have?
Ans.—Holland and The Netherlands are the same. Formerly it was known only as Holland. The form of government is (or was before the Hitler coup) a constitutional monarchy, with Queen Wilhelmina the reigning monarch.

C. H.—Who was it that deliberately shot a man to death and was afterward elected to the Presidency of the United States?
Ans.—That was Andrew Jackson who killed Charles Dickinson in a duel near Nashville, Tenn. Dickinson, a crack shot, was first to fire. The bullet pierced Jackson's body, but missed his heart. Ignoring his wound, Jackson took deliberate aim which proved fatal to Dickinson. Jackson's wound troubled him the rest of his life.

M. W.—In the great sea battle of Jutland did the Germans win? Or were the British victorious?
Ans.—This is a matter of some doubt among historians. This battle was fought May 31 and June 1 in the North Sea where the British had established a blockade against Germany. In the two-day battle the Germans sunk more ships and lost fewer men. The Germans seem to have had the edge in the fighting, but since they withdrew from the combat, leaving British master of the situation, and leaving a technical victory to the British blockaders.

A. K.—Is it known what was the age of Jesus Christ at the time of his crucifixion?
Ans.—Not for sure. It is generally believed by theologians and Bible students that he was 33 years old. In Luke 3:23 it says: "And Jesus himself began to be about 30 years of age." Of course, this was when he began his ministry, after he had been baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist. But the duration of the ministry is not specifically stated in the scriptures.

F. P.—What is the meaning of "keuple" as applied to dolls?
Ans.—"Keuple," as applied to dolls, is a trade name only.

L. A.—What is the greatest speed at which a baseball has been thrown?
Ans.—In 1935 Alvin Donald of the New York Yankees threw a baseball in the Cleveland Stadium at the rate of 129 feet a second, or 94.7 miles an hour. Donald's throw was the fastest ever recorded on the speed meter owned by the Cleveland Indians. The previous record of 136 feet a second was held by Dee Miles of the Philadelphia Athletics. Christy Mathewson was clocked at 134 feet a second.

A. I.—Is it true that more muscles are used in frowning than in smiling?
Ans.—It is estimated that fifty muscles are employed in frowning and only thirteen in smiling.

J. L. G.—On what date did President Woodrow Wilson promise to keep us out of war if he were re-elected?
Ans.—At Milwaukee on January 31, 1916, Wilson said: "I pledge you my word that, God helping me, I will keep this nation out of war if it is possible." On January 29, 1916, at Cleveland, he said: "You may count upon my heart and resolution to keep you out of war."

T. E.—What are some of the highest salaries paid to cartoonists?
Ans.—According to the latest available income tax figures (1938), Robert L. Ripley's salary was \$145,048 and that of George McManus was \$58,800. The late E. C. Segar in that year made \$77,178.

K. C. M.—What is the origin of the expression hue and cry?
Ans.—This was a phrase used in English law to signify the old common law practice of pursuing a criminal with horn and voice. It was the duty of any person aggrieved, or discovering a felony, to raise the hue and cry, and his neighbors were bound to turn out with him and assist in the discovery of the offender.

M. K.—How many colors can be detected by the Spectroscope?
Ans.—The spectroscope can be used to distinguish more than a million hues of color.

A. G.—What was Tunney's last fight?
Ans.—The last fight in which Gene Tunney participated was the one in which he met Tom Heeny on July 21, 1928, in New York. The fight was won by Tunney in the eleventh round on a technical knockout. The champion retired in August, 1928.

C. B.—Where was the donkey domesticated?
Ans.—The donkey was probably first domesticated in the Valley of the Nile where it was known and used for centuries in advance of the horse. It found its way into Ancient Greece through Asia Minor, but is mentioned much less frequently than the mule by Homer and other early writers.

W. J.—How many hot dogs were eaten at the New York World's Fair last year?
Ans.—Visitors to the Fair consumed 15,800,000 hot dogs.

D. D.—Who were the White Caps?
Ans.—The White Caps were lawless bands in Southern Indiana, who, about 1880, undertook to regulate the manner and morals of the section. They wore white paper foolscaps with paper masks and coats of coffee sackings.

O. C. R.—How many calories of food are needed by a desk worker and by a person at physical labor?
Ans.—A person with a sedentary occupation requires about 2500 calories a day; a farmer about 3500 calories, and a lumberman or wood chopper about 7000 calories.

W. W. C.—How much did the World War cost the entire world?
Ans.—The direct cost has been estimated at four hundred billion dollars.

B. S.—How long does it take the instructors in the Civilian Conservation Corps Camps to teach an illiterate to read and write?
Ans.—The average enrollee who is illiterate can read a newspaper and write a letter in three months.

W. T.—Why is it colder in a valley than on a hill?
Ans.—The temperature of the air in valleys at night sometimes decreases below that at high levels, due to the existence of conditions which favor the cooling of the air at the higher levels. The air so cooled has a greater density than the surrounding air, and so flows downhill toward the valley. If the cooling is sufficient at the high levels and if the cooling process continues during the descent the air will reach the floor of the valley. The factors entering into the conditions favoring cooling at the high levels are many, but two principal ones are calm weather and clear skies.

Answer to Problem: The hit-and-run play.

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