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EDITORIAL

Japan is about to extend the peace of the Pacific by gobbling the Dutch East Indies.

Will this country ever get into war if should not depend upon the French policy of defense.

We cannot recall where compulsory military service, during the World War, caused the death of American liberties.

We have little doubt but that Hitler would appreciate it very much if the people of the United States would undertake to feed all the people of the territory that he has seized.

With the approach of another campaign the voters should be reminded that the most prominent politicians are not always the most promising ones. Keep in mind the last gubernatorial campaign in Pennsylvania and you'll know just what we mean.

Only one of Pennsylvania's congressmen voted against the bill authorizing President Roosevelt to call out the National Guard and Reserve army units for a year of active service. The lone objector among the State's legislators was Rep. Robert F. Rich, Republican, of Lycoming county.

Japan has now discovered that the Rotary clubs are "hotbeds of espionage" and consequently the Japanese clubs, yielding to pressure, are changing their relations with the international organization. Incidentally, it is to be remembered that Germany and Italy have already discovered that Rotary clubs are dangerous.

The stage is about set in Mexico for trouble as a result of the recent election to select a successor to President Lazaro Cardenas. Adherents of General Juan Andreu Almazan express the hope that the President will declare the election of July 7th null and void on the ground that it was vitiated by irregularities.

Health and Beauty

MEDICINE IN ANCIENT TIMES

We have records of physicians in Egypt as far back as 4000 B. C. At this early period the healers were priests and priestesses who mixed superstitions and a belief in magic with their art.

3,400 B. C. Besides prescriptions there are incantations to be repeated by the sick man while taking his prescriptions. The following is an excerpt: "Whom God loves He quickens; I am one whom God loves, therefore, he quickens me."

The recent arrest in a nearby county of a man charged with defrauding property owners through collecting in advance for repair work, with a vague hint that the government would finance the cost, calls attention to the need for caution in dealing with any strangers who claim to represent the government in such matters and especially those who want advance payment for work.

SENATE FIDDLES WHILE THE WORLD BURNS

The people of this country are becoming justifiably disgusted with the dilly-dallying action of Congress in arriving at a program of national defense. With Nazi bombs raining death and destruction on London and other parts of England, the United States Senate continues to wrangle and debate as though the war will remain across the ocean, even though all England was slaughtered.

Such delay in preparing this nation for whatever may lie ahead belongs in that group of mysteries which includes the reluctance of Congress to give or sell to England such of this nation's warships as can be spared. How Congressmen can remain deaf to the piteous pleas for help or dumb to the greater security for this nation if the war can be kept overseas are questions beginning to irritate thoughtful American people.

From high places and low, all over the country go appeals to Congress to wake up and speed appropriate action to defend this nation. Reasonable debate over the question of selective military service is correct, but there are time limits beyond which it is perilous to go.

Senators opposing conscription must realize that the plan of voluntary enlistments never has been effective, is not now and never will be where the nation needs them in a hurry. But even with experience to guide them, it is regarded as Senators huddle around the dangerous idea of postponing action for months.

There is a suspicion that members of Congress want to escape the consequences of their votes in the November election. If that could be proved, it is a safe wager that in many congressional districts, the people would meet the issue by defeating Senators and Congressmen who subordinated the welfare of the people to the political welfare of themselves.

There are strong arguments in behalf of universal conscription for military training. One of the soundest is offered by Federal Judge William Clark, himself a war veteran, and keen enough to see that if the worst comes to the worst, the young men of the United States will be schooled in the art of self-protection and self-care.

By dallying over the preparedness measure which public sentiment approves the Senate is giving more comfort to totalitarian powers than may be realized and no comfort at all to their fellow-citizens who want to omit no measure that will protect this country from its enemies.

ABOUT FEEDING EUROPEAN PEOPLE

The plea that is being made for the civilian populations of Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium and Poland, in the belief that millions may face "wholesale starvation, death and disease" naturally moves every American.

Former President Herbert Hoover considers it possible that France will also contain suffering individuals. He thinks someone must intervene "if these peoples are to be saved." Mr. Hoover would secure agreements from Great Britain and Germany to permit an organization to feed these helpless men, women and children.

The former President would require guarantees from Germany to take none of the domestic produce of these peoples, to replace food already taken, to permit shipments of food from Russia and the Balkans, to allow free passage of ships carrying food and to permit the distribution of supplies by an organization under guarantees that the Reich will not profit by the relief work.

The British would be asked to permit the passage of ships carrying cargoes for these people so long as the guarantees are carried out. The attitude of the British government is that, as matters stand now, the German government, in control of the areas, has the obligation of providing for the population and that to permit neutrals to feed them would assist German war efforts against England by relieving her of the task of feeding the 18,000,000 people.

Nazi quarters, London says, have repeatedly stated that German food reserves are ample for all needs but British officials point out that distribution of food by rail and canal will prevent exclusive use of transportation facilities for war purposes.

Along this line, Prof. Arthur Lehman Goodhart, of Oxford, England, says that Hitler needs food material, especially fats, for the manufacture of explosives and that his choice between "guns and butter is literally true." He argues that every pound of food which enters territory controlled by Germany will be used directly or indirectly in making "bombs with which to attack England." It will be used directly if the foods are seized by Germany and indirectly if the food relieves Germany of the necessity of sharing existing supplies with the people she dominates.

It seems to us that Hitler is attempting to enslave the people of conquered territories, requiring them to supply the labor to produce the munitions and supplies that the German army will require. Certainly, it would be a favor to him if neutral nations take up the business of feeding the workmen that he will use in the plants that produce his war necessities.

If Hitler takes the resources of the conquered territories for German use, and there is no reason to doubt his taking them, he should not be relieved of the obligation of feeding the people he controls.

So far as we are concerned, we regret very much that, because of the war, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Poland are cut off from the imports that they require to feed their people. However, before Hitler invaded their soil, the British blockade did not operate to prevent reasonable imports of food for their people. Since Hitler attacked and occupied them the British have been forced to consider them enemy territory and enforce the blockade against them.

things, from demoniacal and deadly diseases, and pollutions of every sort which rush in upon me."

Many of the doses contained in the Papyrus were nauseous and disagreeable. Doubtless the efficacy was supposed to be proportionate to its offensiveness. While medicine became separated from magic centuries before Christ, yet it was bound up with religion.

Many of the mummies show where broken bones were very skillfully set and other surgical operations had been performed. We have no record of dissections among the Egyptians though they were very careful to preserve the bodies of the dead. The art of embalming as practiced by the Egyptians has been lost. The writer saw the mummy of a tall, handsome Egyptian that was at least 3,000 years old. The skin was soft and pliable. The (Continued on page six)



THE OFFICE CAT

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

Not Worth Mentioning

"Did you ever meet with an accident?" inquired the insurance agent of the farm applicant.

"No," replied the farmer. Then, as an after-thought added; "A mule kicked in two of my ribs once, and a rattlesnake bit me on the leg a couple of years ago."

"Great Scott," gasped the agent, "don't you consider those accidents?" "Naw," said the farmer, "they done it a-purpose."

Right in Style

The wife of a Bellefonte man came home breathlessly after a day of shopping.

"Look, dear," she told her husband happily. "I've got one of those new hats without a crown, and a dress without a back; and shoes without toes."

"You think that's something," grunted her husband. "Look at this suit of mine; it has pockets without money."

Dry Country

The mayor of a tough border town was about to engage a preacher for the new church.

"Parson, you aren't by any chance a Baptist, are you?" "No. Why?" asked the applicant.

"Well, I was going to say that we have to haul our water twelve miles."

Just Two Kinds

Some girls go places and do things; others just go places.

You Know What We Mean

When two girls kiss each other it's like a couple of prize fighters shaking hands.

News of the Stock Market

Skirts high and consistently sold short. Razor transactions sharp during the past week. Scotch strong. Automobiles prominent on the curb. Airplanes coming down consistently in foreign markets. Elevators fluctuating, with sudden ups and downs. Safes and grand pianos are heavy. Red flannel underwear off. Patent cigarette lighters uncertain. Many runs in silk stockings lately. Suspender buttons weak.

Free Information

An ash tray is something to put cigarette butts in when the room hasn't a floor.

Just So

Old Lady—"Are you a little boy or a little girl?" Child—"What the heck else would I be?"

Average

Teacher—"Take one out of ten and what do you have, Tommy?" Tommy—"Pink toothbrush."

Pardon Me

Dentist—"Stop waving your arms and making faces, sir? Why, I haven't even touched your tooth."

Patient—"I know you haven't, but you're standing on my corn."

Ever Notice It?

Sometimes the reason marriage doesn't work is because the wife has to.

She Couldn't Tell

We once heard of a vice versa girl. She drank too much and necked too much, but she couldn't figure out which vice was versa.

Slips That Pass in the News

Mr. and Mrs. John S.----- are rejoicing over an eight-pound daughter, their sixth child since last Saturday.

(Ottawa, Ohio, Gazette)

Miss Hazel H.----'s gladioli garden has been attracting considerable attention of late. She spends many hours each day in the garden among her large collection of beautiful plants (plants).

(Arizona News)

It is proposed to use this donation to purchase new benches (benches) for our park as the present ones are in a very dilapidated state.

Our Classified Department

FOR SALE—Porcupine, tame, eats anything, very fond of children.

Shades of Chick Sales

The Outrageous Outhouse Poet of the Lock Haven Express sideswipes us last week by crediting The Centre Democrat with publication of the following reference to the Firemen's Convention in that city:

"Lock Haven, making ready for the Central Pennsylvania District Firemen's Association convention next week, is remedying a deficiency of public toilet facilities. On vacant lots throughout the city, small tents are being erected. The facilities in the tents are being connected with the city sewer system."

The idea is an excellent one—but it wasn't ours—otherwise we might have suggested connection with the brewery. Nevertheless, the incident "moved" our side-swiping friend of the Express to get off the following effusion to be known as a poem:

When Y'Gotta Go, Y'Gotta Go

The firemen are an inventive crew
When they have to go to the toilet.
They don't care; any kind will do,
If it squeaks, they'll oil it.
Now, I've seen privies, straight and bent,
But this is a new invention.
The darn thing's nuthin' more'n a tent
But then this is the firemen's convention.
Style's all right in Paris or Hollywood
But here y'gotta be practical.
A tented privy's just as good
But y'gotta be more tactical.
When you're sittin', pleasure-bent—
Just sittin' there tryin' and tryin'—
Y'hafta remember it's just a tent.
Watch the wind! Keep the flaps from flyin'!
The seats may be a little rough,
But when you're at a convention,
Y'gotta be a little mite tough.
Sorta keep yourself in suspension.
This is modern in many respects
But no surprise to make your heart throb.
You'll find you'll suffer no ill effects
From such a thing as a scratchy cob.
In the cobwebby corner there's no cob bucket.
After all comfort is an issue.
There's a roll on the wall where they stuck it,
Provided no one soles the tissue.
What a popular place it seems to be!
Look at the crowd, it's immense!
Rushin', rushin' there to be (Correct as is)
In the hinkus, like the heat, in tents.
Although it's a mighty popular joint,
I've seen better in camps.
But it's much better—that's the point—
Than tentin' on the ground with the cramps.
If you want to see such an outhouse,
Even if you don't want to be,
Just call on this poetic louse
And you can go see with me—

That's all, folks. The first essential of a love nest is a good egg. —SCAT.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
We have been married about ten years and our great sorrow is that we have no children. Both of us are very fond of children, so you can see how grieved we are over this matter.

We are considering adopting a child but so many people discourage us. What do you think about it? ANNABELLE—Neb.

ANSWER:
I am sure that it would be the wise thing for you to do. But I would go through the regular channels in doing so to be sure that the child you get is well, physically and mentally. All responsible agencies have histories of the parents, etc. which they show you before you adopt a child. It is sometimes a good idea to take a child into your home a while before you legally adopt him. In this way you can observe any objectionable qualities before you definitely decide.

But by adopting one or two children your life will be much fuller and more interesting than if you live it without having young people around you. They will cause you worry and trouble but the satisfaction and joy you receive from their presence will far outweigh the disadvantages. So take my advice and adopt a pair of youngsters. LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:
I live in one side of a duplex apartment house. Each apartment has a small yard. We bought a set of chairs for our portion of lawn but the neighbors haven't any. As a result, almost every summer evening when I come into the yard I find all of the chairs occupied by my neighbors. They usually ask if I want a chair, but ask it without making a move. I haven't the nerve to say that I do wish to sit in my chair and would also like the privacy of my yard. Consequently I usually end up by sitting on a cold stone step.

What would you do if you lived in the same house with such people? B. L.—Va.

ANSWER:
I can see, of course, how you hate to be rude to people who are in your own garden, but after all, you didn't ask these people to your home and if they are as rude and inconsiderate as your letter makes them seem, I shouldn't worry too much about their feelings. The next time they ask you if you want a chair, thank them and take it. You might also tell them where you got yours and suggest that they buy some so that everyone can be comfortable. LOUISA.

KNOWLEDGE

German carp have to be classed as edible fish, because under certain conditions they can be eaten. Biologically, they are a great success. They multiply rapidly, they eliminate all competition, and they make themselves undesirable to their potential enemies. If fishermen would consider the carp as hunters consider the woodchuck—just good sporting material—and would study their ways in order to catch them. In a few years carp might be as scarce as bass now are, and our streams might again assume some of their piscatorial plentifulness.

DO YOU KNOW

That Australia is nearly as large as the United States?
That there are no Polar Bears at the North Pole, and no Penguins at the South Pole?
That the sun is losing 4,000,000 tons of matter every day through radiation?
That the first attempt to build the Suez Canal was in the Seventh Century, B. C.?

That a single postage stamp was sold recently for \$40,000?

WE BELIEVE

In encouraging hitch hikers. Lou Elkins started out the other day to hike to Montpellier, twenty miles to the North. He caught a ride up Mile Hill, which was just enough encouragement to cause him to walk on, expecting another ride. He pulled into Montpellier along the edge of the evening, having walked nineteen of the twenty miles. He got a time table from the depot the next day.

End of "Black Emperor's Dream of African Throne"

Remarkable story telling of spectacular rise and fall of "The Great Liberator" who collected millions, made Earls and Dukes of his contributors and complained that Mussolini and Hitler had stolen his ideas. One of many features in the September 1st issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

The faults of young people are largely attributable to the faults of old people.

A woman is busy when she hasn't time to attend a party, or a bridge game.

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: What is it that has legs, cannot run, but can jump as high as any building in the world? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

R. K.—Is it true that mosquitoes live only two or three days and are always followed by a new crop?

Ans.—No. There are several hundred known species of mosquitoes and the duration of life varies in different species. The old belief that the natural life of a mosquito is only two or three days old is without foundation. In no species of mosquito do the young pass from the larva and pupa stages in less than 10 days. Adult mosquitoes live for several months, and in some species many of the females hibernate during the winter to furnish eggs for the next season.

A. W.—How many fingers are used in operating a typewriter?

Ans.—The amateur typist usually uses from two to four fingers and a thumb. The professional typist uses eight fingers—a certain group of keys for each finger—and the left-hand thumb for the space bar.

B. D.—What is the difference between the Mormon church and the Latter-Day Saints church?

Ans.—None at all. Mormon is simply a popular name for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

J. J.—How should a person go about it to get an appointment to the West Point Military Academy?

Ans.—Most of the appointments to West Point are made by the President of the United States on recommendation by Senators and Representatives from the various States. Two is the quota from each Congressional District. In addition to territories and U. S. possessions, the President may appoint a limited number of enlisted men from the regular army and the National Guard. For further particulars write to "The Adjutant-General, War Department, Washington, D. C." Information will be free.

N. F.—What is the correct pronunciation for the word "motorcycle"?

Ans.—All leading dictionaries say that it should be pronounced "motor-cy-kle" and not "motor-sic-kle." However, the latter pronunciation is not entirely taboo, as many educated people prefer that pronunciation.

S. G.—What should I do to get a short story considered by publishers? Must the story be typed?

Ans.—The average writer, especially the beginner, merely sends his or her composition to a publisher without previous communication, including postage for its return in case it is not acceptable. It should be typewritten, if possible, but not absolutely necessary. Otherwise it should be extremely easy to read. Editors and publishers don't usually have much time to decipher poorly written matter.

E. N.—When worn-out money is redeemed by the Government, does it lose anything in replacing the old bills?

Ans.—Yes. The Government is out the cost of material and labor required in making the new bills.

A. C.—Who pays the expenses of the delegates to the Republican and Democratic Conventions?

Ans.—Delegates to the National Conventions pay their own expenses.

N. C. O.—What point of land in the United States is nearest England?

Ans.—The nearest point of the United States to England is West Quoddy Head, Maine. The distance from this place to Lands End, England, is 2434 nautical miles.

S. T.—Was there a vice president of the United States named Jeremiah Jones Colbraith?

Ans.—Henry Wilson, vice president from 1873 to 1875, was originally named Colbraith. At the age of 21 he had his name changed by legislative action.

M. S.—Please give the weight of the three British vessels which took part in battle with the Graf Spee.

Ans.—The displacement tonnage of the battleships is as follows: Achilles, 7030 tons; Ajax, 6965 tons, and Exeter, 8390 tons.

W. A. B.—Is it permissible for the wife of a veteran to sign his pension check?

Ans.—The Veterans Administration says that no one except the veteran himself has the right to sign his pension check. If the veteran has a guardian, the check is made out to the veteran in the guardian's name.

A. B.—How many gallons of gasoline are used annually in automobiles? Daily?

Ans.—The total amount of gasoline used by motor vehicles in the United States in 1939 was 30,787,696,000 gallons. In a twenty-four hour period approximately 36,900,000 gallons are used for motor vehicles.

R. T.—What year did William Jennings Bryan first run for the Presidency?

Ans.—William Jennings Bryan ran for the Presidency first in 1896 when he was defeated by McKinley.

M. D.—When was President Roosevelt given control of the money left by his father?

Ans.—President Roosevelt's father died when his son was 18 years of age. Franklin was left an inheritance of \$100,000, which was kept in trust until he reached the age of 21.

W. T.—Why is the word axis used in reference to Germany and those powers allied with her?

Ans.—The term axis used in a political sense means an agreement among or between nations around which, as around an axis, their activities are co-ordinated, hence, the Rome-Berlin axis.

A. D.—What is the substance called of which roosters' spurs and cows' horns are made?

Ans.—The spurs of a rooster and the horns of a cow are made of keratin, a nitrogenous compound containing sulfur. Claws, beaks, nails, hair, and wool also contain keratin.

R. W. D.—Who said "One With God is always a majority"?

Ans.—The expression is credited to Speaker Thomas B. Reed in the biography by W. A. Robinson.

O. S. D.—Where is Henry Ford's rubber plantation?

Ans.—Henry Ford's rubber plantation, Fordlandia, is in the State of Para in northern Brazil, on the Tapajoz River. It comprises 3,471,000 acres, and has seventy-five miles of water front along the river. The land is virgin jungle with the exception of 9630 acres now under cultivation.

K. M.—What is the safest passenger vessel afloat?

Ans.—The new liner America is said to be the safest vessel afloat. More than 90 per cent of the ship is constructed of non-inflammable material and she is the first designed with magnetically controlled fire doors that, operated from the bridge, can shut off any portion of the boat in an instant. All partitions and wall coverings are made fireproof by the use of marinite, a new sheathing.

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