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EDITORIAL

With all the criticism of public officials most of them are doing a pretty good job for scant compensation.

There are many people who find it hard to understand that Hitler and Stalin have the same purpose in mind. They are working different sides of the street.

When you hear Candidate Wilkie raving about his convictions, try to vision a surgeon's kit filled with instruments made for cutting pie, and you won't miss it far.

When the selective service act goes into effect and it comes to the time to determine priorities in the draft, War Department officials will use the same old-fashioned goldfish bowl that was used by Secretary Baker in 1917 for the same purpose.

Some talk is heard of a shame to permit officers of the United States to volunteer for service with the Royal Air Force of Great Britain in much the same manner the German and Italian airmen aided General Franco during the Spanish Civil War.

King Carol has abdicated. After putting up a wonderful exhibition of tight-rope walking in the four-ring circus that is performing in the Balkans, the King stumbled and fell to the ground.

The recent crash of a commercial plane in Virginia which resulted in the sudden death of twenty-five persons, was the first fatal passenger plane accident since March, 1939.

In the early twenties the United States and Great Britain gave the world an example of disarmament by agreement. Navies were reduced and construction restricted.

Today, the world faces terror in Europe and in the Far East, where unnecessary wars rage. In the future, some concerted power of democratic peoples must be available to restrain the aggressor and to resist the lawless hand.

The news from London is not pleasant to the mind or the imagination. The rain of heavy bombs upon populous districts, with the great loss of life that the inhabitants of the British capital undergo, is abhorrent to most Americans.

A full generation has grown to manhood in Centre county without the exquisite pleasure of gathering chestnuts on a frosty morning beneath a spreading chestnut tree.

JAPS ARE A BIT WORRIED

No nation in the world is more interested in the startling acquisition of a string of strong bases in the Atlantic Ocean by the United States than the empire of Japan.

Naturally, the Japanese are not pleased with any development which increases the likelihood that the American fleet will be able to remain in the Pacific Ocean. With adequate bases off-shore, now happily acquired from the British, the Atlantic coast of the United States is to become reasonably safe from sudden assault, regardless of what enemy threatens us.

There is something else that worries the Japs. They are afraid that the agreement made public in Washington and London does not represent everything that has been arranged.

It may have been a coincidence but almost immediately upon the news that this country and Great Britain had concluded their mutually profitable trade, the tension in Indo-China was lessened.

To those who believe that the position of the Heavenly Bodies rule the destinies of men and nations, the following comment by a well known columnist may prove interesting.

BERLIN EXPLAINS AN ATTACK

As the month of August came to an end, British fliers conducted a prolonged raid upon Berlin, giving to the residents of the German capital some comprehension of what modern warfare means.

The quotation is taken from a wireless news dispatch by C. Brooks Peters, to the New York Times, who says that the British airmen "have shattered the myths circulated in all strata of the population here since the beginning of the war that Berlin was so well protected by anti-aircraft batteries that it would not be possible for an enemy raider to get within bomb-dropping distance of the city."

The statements made are interesting in view of the news dispatch which was sent from Berlin almost immediately, claiming that the British bombing planes were painted with "a secret type of varnish" that makes them "invisible under the glare of searchlights" and that this made it impossible for anti-aircraft gunners to turn their fire upon the enemy raiders.

The raiders, it is related, were "completely invisible" when the full glare of searchlights was turned upon them and, as a result, the anti-aircraft gunners were able to shoot only at the shadows that the raiders threw against the clouds.

Of course, no one believes the German story that the British planes were "invisible." This is merely Germany's method of explaining the attack to the people of Berlin, who had been led to believe that no such attack was possible.

Naturally, the German Government either had to admit that the defense of its capital was vulnerable to air attacks or to find some plausible explanation for the fact that British planes dropped bombs upon the German capital.

Like other so-called "secret weapons" there is little or nothing to the "secret varnish." It is surprising, however, that the German officials who have loudly proclaimed their possession of a secret weapon that will end the war, have attributed to their enemies the possession of a secret which makes defense against air attacks almost impossible.

WHAT CAN WE DO IN AMERICA?

A New York manufacturer, Sidney Hollander, thinks so much of the superior advantages of residing in the United States that at his own expense, he has printed 10,000,000 labels for free distribution to spread the message of Americanism.

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These are thoughts common to many Americans, but not always fully realized or appreciated. This list of blessings ought to be a complete answer to the advocates of those various "isms" which seek to displace the American method for something alien or untrue.

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

THE WAR BIRD. Bennie Rosen, a Jew, and a Dominic hen which layed soft-shelled eggs now and then; The hen doctor said, Your hen will be dead; "Powdered charcoal you must feed her, Ben."

Too, Too High. Rastus had been going around for some time with a "high yaller" gal. Taking her home one night, he asked her for a kiss.

Star-Spangled Banners. A painter who lived in Great Britain, interrupted two girls while their knitting.

LETTER TO YE EDITOR. Sometime ago I read an article in your paper in which a reader was lamenting the fact that he could not live on less than \$25 per week.

SKUNK HOLLOW NEWS. The ladies of Skunk Hollow church will serve a turkey dinner this evening. The turkey has been fattened on caterpillars and fishing worms.

Overwhelming Evidence. A man was charged with shooting a number of pigeons, the property of a farmer. Counsel for the defense tried to frighten the farmer.

Wrap Up a Dozen. Car Salesman—"Cur cars no good? Why, we're selling them by the dozen."

Dippy Pome. Hannibal crossed the Alps, Webster crossed his T's, Washington crossed the Delaware And flappers cross their knees.

And Soda Bicarb. Rastus—"Ef yo' says anything ter me Ah'll make yo' eat yo' words, man."

Start Paving. "Hey," cried Satan to the new arrival, "you act as if you owned this dump."

This Censorship. Mother—"What did your father say when he saw his broken pipe?" Innocent—"Shall I leave out the swear words, mother?"

Numb or Dumb? "At last," groaned the elderly diner, "total paralysis of the left leg. If it will relieve your mind any," whispered the young thing at his left, "through an error you've been patting my leg."

Try Ginnerell. Judge—"What? Here again, eh? Don't you realize when you've reached your capacity? After you've had so much whiskey you should order some soft drink, like sarsaparilla."

Down and Out. Indignant Farmer—"Say, look here, yer ain't getting as much milk from them cows as ye user."

Daffy Definition. A skeleton is a man with his inside out and his outside off.

LOUISA'S LETTER. Dear Louisa: I am engaged to a boy who is ten years younger than I am. He has been anxious to marry me for the past two years but I am undecided because of the difference in our ages.

Answer: Well, suppose we list the advantages and disadvantages of such a marriage—disadvantages first: 1. A woman usually looks older for her age after forty than a man does.

Dear Louisa: The woman next door comes over to my house every morning and settles down for hours. As I do all my work, this is very annoying.

Answer: Your neighbor must be either a moron or a very inconsiderate person to come visiting so early and often.

WHO KNOWS? 1. How does the population of Germany before Hitler, compare with acquisitions since 1933? 2. What is the area of London?

The Answers. 1. 67,000,000 in 1933; acquisitions, including occupied France, 93,000,000. 2. About 693 square miles.

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Query and Answer Column. PROBLEM: There is one word in all dictionaries which is spelled incorrectly, and may be found between "H" and "L" inclusive. What is that word? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

L. F.—What is the population of Java and its size in area? What country owns the island? Ans.—The population of Java is 36,000,000. Its area is 48,503 square miles.

B. J.—What is the difference between the words "Jew," "Hebrew" and "Israelite"? Or is there any difference? Ans.—There is not much difference; the three names are used interchangeably.

R. C.—If a person on a railroad train that is traveling at the rate of 70 miles an hour jumps straight up and comes straight down will he land in the same spot from which he jumped? Ans.—That depends upon whether he is standing in the open or inside of a car when he makes the jump.

S. T.—What was the Know-Nothing party in the United States? Ans.—When the old Whig party broke up, a secret oath-bound organization was formed. The name "Know-Nothing" was applied to them because when questioned on their principles by outsiders they would invariably reply "I don't know."

O. H.—When lightning strikes a tree does the current go up or down the tree? Ans.—A flash of lightning is merely a large electric spark—a vast multitude of electrons changing position at the same time.

T. J.—Can you tell me how much the Liberty Bell weighs? Ans.—The Liberty Bell, which is still preserved at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, weighs 2,330 pounds.

D. B.—Is there any living creature that can grow new legs if the old ones are lost or cut off? Ans.—Yes; the lobsters, crawfish and starfish.

G. E.—What is the widest and narrowest part of the English Channel? Ans.—The English Channel at its narrowest point, the Straits of Dover, is twenty miles wide. The widest point, between Sidmouth and Saint-Malo, is 140 miles.

J. T.—Why is a signature sometimes called a John Hancock? Ans.—There, I guess King George will be able to read that" was the remark of John Hancock on signing the Declaration of Independence.

L. G.—Is there a word which describes a person whose chief interest is in the past? Ans.—A preterist is one whose main interest or pleasure is in the past; a person opposed to change.

C. M.—What were the campaign expenditures for President in 1937? Ans.—They were as follows: Roosevelt, \$2,757,236.38; Landon, \$4,969,129.16.

E. H.—What is Hitler's birth date? Ans.—Adolf Hitler was born on April 20, 1889.

J. B.—Why is the word punch applied to a beverage? Ans.—Punch is derived from the Persian word, pūn, meaning five. The drink was originally made with five ingredients, arrack, lime juice, sugar, spice, and rose water.

B. D.—When were iron rails first used by railroads in this country? Ans.—The first solid iron rails were imported from England in 1831 and were eighteen feet long.

C. G.—Please name the disciples from left to right in Da Vinci's Last Supper. Ans.—In Da Vinci's painting, The Last Supper, the disciples are seated from left to right as follows: Bartholomew, James the Less, Andrew, Judas, Peter, John, The Christ, Thomas, James the Greater, Philip, Matthew, Thaddeus and Simon.

F. G.—How fast can an oil well be drilled? Ans.—Oil wells 6000 feet deep now are being sunk in twelve days, or at the rate of 500 feet a day. Only ten years ago the average 3000-foot well required thirty days to drill.

R. D.—Who was the Grape Juice Secretary? Ans.—The term Grape Juice Secretary was applied to William Jennings Bryan who was Secretary of State. He refused to serve or partake of any intoxicants even at official banquets, substituting grape juice.

L. H.—Please describe the nest of a whippoorwill? Ans.—The bird builds no nest but lays its flecked eggs on the ground among dried leaves. The newly hatched chick is almost exactly the color of the dead leaves and nests are rarely found except by accident.

J. W.—What was the total weight of the Dionne quintuplets at birth? Ans.—The aggregate weight of the babies was thirteen pounds and six ounces.

R. S.—How many women are enrolled as fliers in England? Ans.—The British Women's Auxiliary Air Force is estimated to have a membership of 11,000, one thousand of whom are actively engaged in flying.

M. S.—On how many islands is New York City built? Ans.—It is built on three islands, Manhattan, Staten, and Long Island, with a portion on the adjacent mainland, the Bronx.

G. A.—Is Mayor LaGuardia a Protestant or Catholic? Ans.—Mayor LaGuardia is a member of the Episcopal church.

M. C.—Why does the expression, to bell the cat, mean to undertake a dangerous mission? Ans.—It is an allusion to La Fontaine's fable of an old mouse who proposed that a bell should be hung on the cat's neck, to warn of its coming. A young mouse inquired, "Who will bell the cat?"