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EDITORIAL

The invasion of Great Britain, it seems, has been postponed indefinitely.

Democracy, according to the totalitarian boys, is on its last legs. Wanna bet?

The war is apt to develop into a contest to determine who can take the most without squealing.

When criminals, either men gether it is high time for honest folks to band to-

gether.

The Nazi scheme is to use military force to take what others have in order that Nazis may have

There is increasing evidence from abroad, notably the guarded reactions in Japan, Germany and Italy that the significance of conscription of the United States is well understood. Plainly, the message carried across the oceans to other lands, declares that this country, despite its love of peace, understands the nature of the challenge that is being made to democratic institutions and is preparing itself, if necessary, to assert and maintain its way of life by force of arms. In its rearming, the United States gives plain notice to totalitarian nations that it will not buy peace "at any price" and that the question of peace or war, in the future, depends largely upon their attitude to the rights, interests and liberties of our people.

Of all the foolish statements attributed to foreign statesmen since the war in Europe began, the highest award, so far as we are concerned, goes to Foreign Minister Paul Baudouin, of France, Undoubtedly incensed because British warships, led by General de Gaulle, shelled the West African port of Dakar preparatory to landing troops, the French foreign minister asserted, "Wounded as she may be, France still is capable of defending herself and, replying blow for blow." If this statement is correct, the French should begin defending themselves against German aggression and practicing the "blow for blow" technique against the soldiers of Adolf Hitler who have overthrown the French government and are the masters of France.

Some editors and writers take their views very seriously, which, after all, is their privilege, even though they are only fooling themselves. Every once in a while we are highly amused by the absurd seriousness of a few of the editors and columnists. To read them, you would think, if you did not know better that the entire world awaited anxiously for their daily, or weekly, slurs upon their superiors. We hope there are readers who like the stuff that we put in our columns but if there is anybody losing sleep over our deductions and elucidations, we feel sorry for them. Moreover, if we ever get the notion that it is our business to pass judgment eternal upon the President of the United States, we hope somebody will begin to laugh loud enough for us to hear them.

Recently complaint was said to have been voiced by Germany that the British aviators were dropping Colorado beetles on the German farms in a nefarious effort to destroy the necessary German potato crop. It is very unlikely that any official made such a complaint or that Germany regards the present depredations of the bug as the results of British acts. Immediately after the complaint was voiced a famous scientist revealed that the Colorado beetle or potato bug has been a pest in Germany for many years. Accordingly, it is very unlikely that British aviators would bother to introduce a few more. The likelihood is that the war has so engrossed Germany that attention to insect pests has been neglected. Then someone suggested a popular explanation. A scapegoat was found in the British aviators. A lot of ridiculous stories like these must be expected to emenate from every war.

EVERY AMERICAN CAN BE LOYAL

There is little occasion for American citizens to lose their tempers over the presidential contest In a democracy it is natural for men and women to differ in their political views but if democracy is to succeed we must learn to temper our emotions in spite of divergent views.

There is need, in this country, for a union of purpose, such as has rarely existed. The nation undoubtedly faces external perils that invite the services of every American in behalf of his, or her, country.

The great service that you, as a citizen, can render your country, between now and election day, is to resolve that regardless of the outcome of the election, the man selected by the majority of the people Will be your President, regardless of how you

may cast your ballot.

After all, the majority of the people have a right to name the Chief Executive of a democratic state. A minority has no right to sulk, or to deny the will of the people.

We have our choice, in the present election, but as a loyal citizen of a great democracy wel pledge, here and now, our full cooperation to the victor in November. He will have a difficult task in guiding the destiny of this republic and we will give no aid or comfort to the enemies of democracy by hampering him in his work.

AN HISTORIC EVENT

No American should overlook the significance of Wednesday, October 16, when 16,500,000 men, between 21 and 35, register for a possible year's military training in 6,500 districts throughout the Unit-

For the first time while at peace, the United States adopted conscription as a means of securing an adequate army. Thus the heavy hand of war is laid upon the young men of this country. At least, 5,000,000 men of the first registration are expected to be available for service and 900,000 will be inducted into service during the next twelve months.

Local officials will register the men, classify them as immediately available or subject to deferment because of dependents or the essential nature of their jobs. The registration eards, shuffled and numbered haphazardly by the local draft boards, will go to Washington where they will be reshuffled and drawn by lot. The order in which card numbers are drawn will determine the order in which the men registered in each local board area are subject to examination for training.

When a registrant's number is in line for immediate service, a questionnaire will be filled out to provide basis for classification and if the registrant s called for examination, the initial physical examination will be given by a local medical examiner. Thus, to prominent citizens in each local area will fall much responsibility. They must determine the status of registrants, define "essential" jobs and, at this time, they are urged to be liberal in their definitions. If a registrant is not satisfied with his status, as determined by the local board, an appeal may be carried to the President.

American citizens beyond the age limit of the Selective Service Act should not under-estimate the sacrifice that will be made by thousands of the men called into training. These young citizens will often be required to give up their place in the economic life of their communities and to accept less pay from the Government they serve. Of course, the reverse is true and some of the trainces will improve their financial situation by the operation of the draft,

Every employer should attempt to protect the employee who sacrifices income for patriotic service and, if possible, re-employ the trainee at the conclusion of his year's service. This may involve some difficulties but the inconvenience is not to be compared with the complications that disturbs the eventenored existence of the man who is jerked out of civil life into military training.

The adoption of compulsory military training by the United States, while at peace, indicates a profound understanding on the part of the people of this country of the world situation. Despite our past antipathy to draft laws, because of the danger that militaristic sentiment may develop, there is widespread approval of the Selective Service Act, even among the young men who will be called into service. They seem to realize that the existence and liberty of this country may depend upon immediate preparations for national defense.

NEUTRALITY IS OUT OF DATE

The idea that the United States should worry about observing "its own neutrality" is absurd in the light of the fact that there is no such thing as utrality in the world today

In former years, when two or more nations went to war, other nations proclaimed their neutrality, signifying an intention to treat both sides alike and putting belligerents upon notice to observe the rights of the neutral nations. The sole advantage of a policy of neutrality is to be found, if at all, in the obervance of the complete rights of the neutral na-

tions by the belligerent nations. In the present condition of world affairs, the totalitarian powers, including Germany, Italy and Japan, have long since presented conclusive proof that the rights of neutrals have no standing with them unless backed by sufficient military strength to make it unwise for the totalitarian nations to in-

fringe on their rights. There is not the slightest reason in the world to suspect that either Germany, Italy or Japan would respect any single right of the United States, in return for a policy of neutrality on the part of this country. The history of the past decade demonstrates conclusively that these nations will violate the rights of any country with impunity and that they have no respect for any power in the world except that which is upheld by ample military, naval and aerial strength

In the present struggle between Germany and Great Britain, there is no use whatever in pretending that the United States, as a people or as a government, is neutral. In fact, our national policy toward the struggle now going on is indicated by the interests of the United States, which require, in our own self-protection, that we extend every possible assistance to Great Britain. This course is justified, not by resort to outmoded conventions of neutrality, but by common sense realization that Great Britain is our first line of defense.

Naturally, it is not to be expected that Herr Hitler and Nazi Germany will approve of the course taken by this country. If the time ever comes when Hitler believes that Germany is strong enough to take the measure of the United States, the people of

this country will have to fight for their lives. No observation of neutrality today would save this country from a German attack if Germany conquers Great Britain. The best insurance that we can have against becoming involved in a major war is a British victory and, as a nation, we will be extremely foolish to leave undone anything that we can do to bring about this result.

CHILDREN DO NOT DIE IN VAIN

Although more than three thousand childrefugees had been evacuated from Great Britain to escape the murderous rain of bombs, death overtook 83 children this month, when the ship on which they were traveling, was torpedoed and sunk six hundred

miles west of England. Nearly three hundred persons, including the children, went to their death when a torpedo exploded without warning and the ship sank in

twenty minutes. We will not attempt to describe the tragic circumstances, to recount the tales of heroism or praise the bravery exhibited in the face of sudden death. Rather, let us call your attention to the inhuman warfare that violates all rules of humanity and strikes blindly, without regard to victims.

Reaction to the sinking of the British refugee ship in Berlin, reported by the Associated Press from official circles, is that the story of the disaster is a "tear jerker" designed to get the United States into war on the side of Great Britain, While denying that any passenger vessel had been torpedoed the Germans point out that if such a ship has been sunk "due notice has been given to all nations of a

total blockade around Britain." Such formal explanations from Berlin to justify this attack will not influence many Americans. Public opinion in this country will be affected and if German torpedoes make many successful attacks, involving the death of little children, the demand for help "short of war" will become a demand for action regardless of consequences to avenge brutality and uphold human rights.

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

Looney Lyrics

The saddest words Of tongue or pen-'We just sold Junior's Buggy-when."

I thought her end was in sight, That cute little girl, Bess Lape; When a car hit her crossing the road-I saw her lucky escape.

No Time For Foolin'

A certain noted temperance worker was strolling through one of Washington's parks and noted a man stretched out on the grass, his hair tousled and face flushed. Concluding that the man was under the influence of liquor, he paused to chide him gently:

"My friend, did you ever stop to think that if the price of a drink of liquor had been put out at compound interest at the time of the Queen all in the way of making a living of Sheba's visit to Solomon it would now amount to \$7,921,763.11?"

"No," answered the man on the grass, "but I'm somewhat of a statis- aration from the children. And yet Greenland has 46,749 square miles. tician myself and I'm telling you that if you aren't 121 feet from here in my whole being revolts at the idea 9 seconds, I'm going to hit you 23 times on the nose and cause you to see 13,791 stars. I have just had 5 teeth pulled at \$1.75 a pull and I'm The girls, of course, know nothing in no humor for figuring.

Mother Goose

A little baby duckling Was born with a frown. When he felt himself and found out His first pants were down.

Page the Smith Brothers

"For Lord's sake give me something to stop me from coughing; I've just about shaken myself to pieces the last two days," wailed a haggard looking individual as he rushed into the corner drug store.

quick service, the new clerk grabbed hold of a bottle like one he had seen ready, before much time has elapsthe boss use earlier in the day. "Here," he said, "take two glasses of this; it'll stop your cough in no time."

Just as the relieved customer walked out the boss came in and want- Some get into more serious ened to know what the man had wanted. The clerk told him and showed tanglements which results in disashim the bottle he had given the remedy from.

"Good gosh, man!" he roared. "That's not cough medicine, that's "Well sir," said the clerk, "he just asked for something to stop his cough. See him out there by the telephone pole?—he don't dare to cough."

Tommyrot!

A little boy had been absent from school. The teacher sent him home for an excuse. He came running back with the following note: "Tommy was absent from school because he got wet in the A. M. and had to be

Game For Anything, Eh Wot?

At a social function one evening it was decided to hold a Scavanger hunt. Many and sundry articles of clothing belonging to various persons lost her love and respect, but she were put on the list, as well as other articles difficult to obtain. It was will be doing a wise thing for her well after midnight when all the participants straggled in, and all had children and herself by keeping the forgotten or missed something-all but one. He had to get a blonde to appear at the party nearly nude, and, sure enough, he showed up with her.

"How did you manage to get her?" they asked. "Married her," was the answer.

Political Note

about arrived at the conclusion that some of the politicians are like er all day, if she is fortunate enough is no time now to change administrations lest the dictators of Europe knotholes-you can't tell which side of the fence they're on.

And That Was That

It was three o'clock in the morning. The car stopped in front of the made to suffer for his misdemean- if he can qualify otherwise. apartment house and out stumbled two lads, both beautifully boiled. Be- ors, it would be a different proptween them they held a young lady who was also well boiled.

Up to the door staggered the three. One of the boys began pounding loudly on the door. A frowsy-haired dame stuck her head out of the who are within the range of its depondent of the boys began pounding to dynamite to find out all those borax in water. About two pounds of borax in three gallons of water is a good proportion. The shavings can be either dipped or sprayed, and Up to the door staggered the three. One of the boys began pounding

"What's the idea of all this noise at this unearthly hour?" she demanded angrily One of the lads gazed upwards.

"Lady," he hiccoughed, "you better come down and get your daughter. She's sick.' The woman grew highly indignant.

"Til have you understand, young man," she snapped haughtily, "that isn't my daughter. I carried my daughter up half an hour ago."

Slips That Pass in the News

(McNary, Maine, Tribune) "Mrs. Janice Fiorian suffered a painful injury Saturday when she of America? tripped over a rug while moving the furniture and fell fracturing her kneecap and demolishing her whatnot."

(Calvert, Ill., Record) the top price for eight hugs (hogs) averaging 227 pounds each."

(Weston, Texas, News) "The pastor's wife attended the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Bible Class Tuesday evening, and in the absence of Rev. Dorg ex-

tended her shanks (thanks) for the good-will offering." Return Ticket The train was just pulling out of the Bellefonte station when a

breathless lad dashed to the ticket window. "Hurry up," gasped the boy. "A round trip ticket."

Where to?" asked the agent. "Why, back here. Where do you think?" was the reply. Think Hard

What was the nationality of the man who entered Murphy's 5c & 10c

store the other day and asked for the furniture department? Not Far Wrong

A Bellefonte mother sent her little boy after some extract of beef

the other day and he came back with a bottle of milk.

The Way We Heered It As we've often heard it said, it's much better to have a big bad wolf for Washington, in front of the house than a little bitsy bear behind.

Kind of Careless Suspicious Husband-"Who called this afternoon?"

His Better Half-"Only Aunt Sophie." Suspicious Husband-"Well, she left her pipe."

Well Defined

Teacher-"Oive a sentence containing defense, defeat, and detail." Bright Boy-"When a dog goes over de fense, de feet goes over before

If You Really Want To Son-"Mummy, is it correct to call a man born in Poland a Pole?"

Son-"Then I suppose a man born in Holland is a Hole?" Start Over Again Laborer-"Hey, chief, there's a big leak in No. 16 levee." Boss-"Well, dam it. Don't bother me about it."

Laborer-"Aw, this is no time for cussin', chief; what shall I do?" 60 Years After

If you refuse me," he swore, "I shall die." She refused him. Sixty years later he died.

Mother-"Of course, my dear."

Positively Right

Little Pokey Hauntus declares that a girl's father who comes into the parlor at night and sandwiches himself in between his daughter and her boy friend is a ham.

That's all, folks. No accident insurance in the world will protect or "SCAT." A. G. Luebert, P.D., Contesville, Pa. a girl's interests if she pursues the wrong policy.

LOUISA'S LETTER

LOUISA'S LETTER From a middle-aged woman comes this distressing letter:

"I have just discovered that my husband is untrue to me. What shall I do?

"My pride urges me to get divorce at once, as I have sufficient evidence, but herein lies my trouble. We have two daughters who are nicely and give both girls a good education. My husband is very libage the financial affairs of the

"On the other hand, if I get a divorce he will scatter his money to the winds and I dare say, I would have a job to collect any alimony whatever. I have no training at what is the area? and I should never agree to a sep- tinent, the largest island is Cuba, with an area of 44,164 square miles. of tolerating such a state of affairs. of their father's philandering. They think him everything that a father and husband should be. MRS. X. Y. Z.

Unfortunately, some men who have been model husbands and fathers kick over the traces as they approach middle age in a seeming effort to sow one more patch of wild oats. With most of them, this Indian Summer specie of romance is short-lived and if the wife cares enough about him to shut her eyes ed, to return to the home hearth and rest contentedly from then on

ter to everyone concerning. In Mrs. X. Y. Z.'s case, I should have a plain, unemotional talk with my husband. I should leave all mention of his love for me out of the conversation and stress his duty to his daughters and his reputation. If his better self could not be appealed to. I think it would be wise, in view of her inabality to and live in his house, managing things as she always did.

Of course, she can never feel the same towards him and he will have world in ignorance of the family skeleton in her closet.

The woman who has never tackled the world, has no conception of what it means to give up a nice to get such a pob.

faults and if he alone could be pulsory educational requirements and may get an employment certificate osition.

as insulation?

in three months.

Temple Court

But it is well before we set fire struction. LOUISA

WHO KNOWS?

1. How many men will register under the selective service act? 2. How many planes are produc-

ed monthly in the U.S.? 3. Who is the national singles tennis champion?

4. Who founded the Volunteers by the testator, in the presence of witnesses, and a new will drawn up-

5. Where is Podicherry?

6. What is buna and butyl? What is the size of this year's

"Mrs. Lottie Aisman of west town received \$9.20 per hundred weight. American cotton crop? 8. Is Gen. Maurice Gustave

Gamelin alive? 9. What is the present strength of our air forces? 10. What former baseball star is running for Congress in Mary-

The Answers

About 16,500,000.

2. Estimate: 1,000. 3. Donald McNeil, 22, of Okla-

4. Mr. and Mrs. Ballington Booth in 1896.

5. It is the chief French colony in India. 6. Synthetic varieties of rubber

Estimate: 12.772.000 bales. Yes, in prison facing trial.

Army 3,200 planes; Navy 1,897. 10. Walter Johnson, who pitched

NEW FOODS SPECIALIST

Lois I. Frank, Hibbing, Minn., recently has been appointed nutrition extension specialist at the Pennsylvania State College to replace Jean Flood, nutritionist at the College for five and a half years, announces Margaret Brown, in charge of home

economics extension. Before coming to Pennsylvania, Miss Ffank worked three and a half years as assistant nutrition consultant and supervisor with the Community Health Service, a private

nursing agency in Minneapolis. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin, she took her nutrition interneship at the University of Minnesota hospital. She comes to the college well-trained and experienced to carry on the foods and nutrition extension program in the

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: When a grocer told a customer that the price of his eggs was 25 cents a dozen the customer said "give me a half dozen." The grocer complied. How much did the customer pay for the half dozen eggs? (Answer elsewhere in this column.)

J. O .- Sometimes we read of fish or bones of animals being found imbedded in rock in mountain tops. How did they get there?

Ans .- The form of the earth is ever-changing, which is not discernable to man; where once was an ocean is now dry land-some level and rolling, and some mountainous. Billions of years ago the living creatures just ready to enter college. With of the sea died or were killed in combat with other creatures, and the my careful management, my hus-band's salary will take care of us petrified. With the upheaval and ever-changing form of the earth made mountains out of seas, and vice versa. Hence when fish or bones are found imbedded in rocks of the mountains it is because that portion of eral and always allows me to man- the earth was a deep sea more than a billion years ago.

B. W .- What is the highest temperature of the weather ever recorded in the United States? And where was it?

Ans,-The highest weather temperature recording (although not official) was 122 degrees above zero in Death Valley, California. S. D .- Which is the largest island of the Western Hemisphere? And

Ans,-Aside from Greenland, which is generally regarded as a con-

A. L .- How do bananas grow on the plants?

Ans.-The bunches hang downward, similar to grapes on the vine, but the bananas on the bunch grow upward.

W. D .- Are the Birds of Paradise native to Palestine, or how did they get that name? Ans.—The Birds of Prradise are native to New Guinea and Australia. They have the most beautiful plumage of any birds in the world.

While they are classed as song birds, their song is not pleasing, because it has a very loud, shrill note. P. K .-- How did the famous British fort "Gibraltar" get its name?

Ans.-When the fast-conquering Saracens (Mohammedans)) had subdued Cyrene, Tripoli and Carthage in A. D. 710 they crossed the Straits and landed on the huge rock which they named "Gibraltar" (mountain of Tarik) in honor of their leader Jebel Tarik, and held it to the close of the Middle Ages. In the 11th century it went into the hands of the Not wanting to show his ignorance of the stock, and also to give to his philandering, he is usually Moorish empire in Spain and finally falling to the British Empire which holds the fort to this day. The name was never changed from "Gibraltar." T. Y .- What kind of people are the Rumanians? Are they Gypsies and

> Ans .- Most of the Rumanians are supposed to be descendants of the inhabitants of Dacia. Their language is derived mostly from the Latin. A very large number of Jews and Gypsies live among the Rumanians, Almost the entire population belongs to the Greek Catholic church.

> READER-Will you please print in your Query and Answer column, the marriage laws of Maryland. Age, length of time you must have license, also if physical examination is necessary. Thanking you very much, Ans.-In Maryland no marriages are legal for any female under 12

> years of age, or male under 14 years of age; men under 21 must have

parental or guadian consent; women under 16 must have parental or

guardian consent; no physical examination is necessary, but must make make her own living, and the chil- affidavit that no venereal diseases exist; three days must elapse between dren's welfare, to pocket her pride marriage and the issuance of license. TAX PAYER-To settle an argument will you please answer the folwing questions in your question and answer column: (1) Did Wendell Willkie ever hold a government job, either Senator or Congressman or Governor of any state in the United States? (2) Is it true his parents came from Germany, and was he born in America? (3) Can a man become President of the United States if he never held any of these of-

fices? (4) How would he know anything about our country at this criti-

cal time? (5) Can a boy past sixteen and passed out of the eighth grade, and does not want to go to high school get an employment certificate to work in the woods if the parents are satisfied; or is it unlawful? Ans.-(1) He has not. (2) He and his parents were born in the United home and her place in the commu- States. (3) Yes, he may; the fact that he never held any public office unty for a hall bedroom and the does not necessarily disqualify him. (4) This is controversial; however, it is According to an old rheumatic friend of the Office Cat, he has privilege of working behind a count- our personal opinion that you have answered your own question here; this will seize the opportunity to propagandize the world that the United I certainly am not urging Mrs. States, the greatest democracy of all, is beginning to crumble. (5) Yes, he X Y. Z. to condone her husband's may do so. A boy 16 years of age or over is out of the category of com-

> "饱味、老鹰 G. B .- Can wood shavings be made fireproof so that they may be used

> should then be thoroughly dried before used as insulation. L. G .- Was London completely destroyed in the Great Fire?

Ans.-Only one-fifth of the city remained standing after the Great

Fire of 1666. It broke out on Sunday, September 2 and raged for four

J. M .- When a will has been made and duly witnessed, may it be changed? Ans.—It is possible to change a will. This may be done by a codicil added to the original will, drawn up with the same care, signed and witnessed in exactly the same manner, or the original will may be destroyed

E. S .- What kind of a berry is the youngberry? Ans.—The youngberry is a vigorous, half-hardy, thorny vine bearing dark purple berries of the blackberry type that turn black when thoroughly ripe. The plant originated in Louisiana as a cross between the Phenomenal berry and the Mayes-Austin dewberry.

A. A .- Please compare the salary of a professional baseball player with that of a professional football player. Ans .- A professional baseball player's salary may range from a few thousand dollars to \$80,000 a year. A professional football player's salary

may range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. A. B .- I wish to know how many Christian denominations there are

in the United States. Ans.—There are more than two hundred Christian denominations in this country at the present time.

O. G .- Which bird makes the longest flight? Ans.-The Arctic tern is the world's greatest traveler. It breeds in Arctic Canada and Greenland, and winters in the Antarctic, so that its winter and summer homes are 11,000 miles apart at the extremes. Furthermore, it flies circuitously, by way of western Europe and Africa, or eastern South America, and covers at least 25,000 miles each year. For an individual bird, the longest flight known was accomplished by a tern which flew from the coast of Labrador to the coast of southeastern Africa

J. H .- Please give the origin of sausage. Ans.-Sausage is one of the oldest forms of processed food. It was popular with the ancient Chinese and with the Greeks, being mentioned in Book 20 of Homer's Odyssey. The word salami was probably derived from Salamis, a Greek city destroyed about 449 B. C.

J. H .- Please give me the dimensions of the standard high school basketball backbcard. Ans.-The backboard for a basketball court should be six feet wide and four feet high. The basket should be ten feet from the floor and one ASSUMES DUTIES IN STATE foot from the bottom of the backboard.

D. R .- What is the proper time to present a wedding gift? Ans.—A wedding gift should be sent immediately upon receipt of a wedding invitation. If there is some delay, it is permissible to send the gift after the wedding

Answer to Problem: He paid nothing; the grocer "gave" him the eggs,

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