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EDITORIAL

Japan joined the Axis powers because it is rob-bent and so are they.

The people of the United States, in our opinion, are well able to settle all public questions and we will abide their judgment.

Valiant Frenchmen, asserting their readiness to defend their country, might start working upon the German army that is bestirred their land.

Powerful dive-bombers, said to be superior in performance to those being used in Europe, are being delivered in quantity to the Navy by the Douglas Aircraft Company of California. Sounds encouraging.

The suggestion has been made that the United transport all first class mail by air. It comes from Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, World War ace, who is president of a large air line. He thinks the adoption of such a policy would build up a large air force of trained pilots for use in a national emergency.

Adjournment of Congress is not expected by veteran political leaders but it is probable that a recess of three or four weeks will be taken sometime this month. Many members are anxious to get home for some political activity before election day and while the recess will be received with fervor, there is very little sentiment in favor of outright adjournment.

The treaty signed by Germany, Italy and Japan in Berlin is recognized in official circles as a thinly-veiled threat to the United States. Obviously, these nations served notice that if the country becomes involved in hostilities with either, the others will automatically be involved. Certainly, the signing of the treaty makes official what many Americans were sure of before. The actual facts of the world situation remain essentially unchanged.

Well folks, it looks like an early winter is about to descend upon us. An old-timer, who uses the air-mass system of forecasting, says that many of our old weather proverbs are reliable. He points out that wild ducks and geese are riding the tail winds south and that there is a heavy growth of fur on rabbits. The dove from Nature appears to coincide with his air-mass information. Our own system records that the past summer has been cooler than usual, and, consequently, we suspect that the mercury will get down faster than usual this fall. If any of our readers have a better system, we would like to hear about it.

The James Administration apparently never makes the same mistake twice—but three times! For the third time, the Commonwealth advertised Saturday (at public expense) that four Constitutional amendments will be voted on at the November 5 election. And for the third time, State officials admitted the amendments can't go to the voters until 1941, because they can come up only every two years. It's all a mistake—three times. The advertisements were published August 5, September 10 and Saturday. Two of the amendments would increase Philadelphia's borrowing capacity, a third would restore the tax-paying qualifications for voters, and the fourth would authorize the State to enact graded income taxes. Some lawyers believe the erroneous ads might invalidate any vote on the measure for two more years—and possibly lead to prosecution of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

It is apparent that the coming twelve months will be the danger period for the United States. Until our defense program is well underway, the safety of this country depends, to a considerable degree, upon the continued resistance of Great Britain and, to a lesser degree, of China. Consequently, it is inevitable that the United States will do everything possible to insure continued resistance to German and Japanese aggression. If the British fleet meets with disaster before we have time to arm for defense, the nation will be in dire peril, confronted by the three powers which have signed the new treaty. Germany, Italy and Japan, if freed from their present wars, would be able to punish this country severely, and, according to some experts, would have a good chance of winning a war against us. Facing the possibility of hostilities on such a broad scale, the nation moves feverishly to prepare defenses ade-

quate to insure the safety of the United States, regardless of how other wars turn out. Nevertheless, it is essential that we have time and to gain this time it is imperative that we extend large-scale assistance to Great Britain and China.

A worker in the Netherlands is reported to have expressed preference for the word of German Wilhelm against that of a former German paper-hanger. He was tried in a German court, now sitting in the Netherlands, and sentenced to a year and a half in prison. He had insulted Hitler and the whole German people. If anybody in the United States has an idea that the world can retain liberty under the regime of Hitler, the incident in the Netherlands ought to give them another idea.

As we understand the situation, France must pay the costs of maintaining 2,000,000 German soldiers in "occupied France," also the upkeep of 2,000,000 French prisoners taken by the Germans and now being transferred, in part, to Germany for work and, according to some newspaper correspondents, sent into France. This ought to give the world in general a good idea of what Hitler and his regime considers a just peace. The cost thus placed upon the prostrate treasury of the defeated nation is not the only tribute that it is paying to its conquerors. It covers only the "official costs." It has been reported that German soldiers, in occupied France, are being paid in special marks that the Bank of France is required to honor, although the German government has put up nothing to make them good. The invaders buy what they want, paying Frenchmen in the artificial money. The French lose the goods, which are valuable, and get in return worthless paper money.

ECONOMIC BLOCKADE POWERFUL WEAPON

With Japan smarting under the United States embargo on scrap, upon which that nation depended so much for her ammunition to hurl at China, it must be apparent to everybody that "economic sanctions" pack a mighty punch.

The economic blockade, as provided in Article 16 of the Covenant, was the effective weapon upon which the League of Nations relied to bring war-like nations to their senses. Could the United States have been a member of the League and the League's program put into operation, it would never have been necessary for nations to go beyond "economic sanctions" to prevent war.

In the present instance the United States alone is demonstrating what a powerful formula the economic blockade is. This nation, first by an embargo on oil and now on scrap, is crippling the Japanese war machine far more than the Japanese would care to admit. Should this country go a step further and refuse to buy Japan's silk, a form of deadly paralysis would afflict that country to the point of relative helplessness.

If "economic sanctions" in the hands of one nation can accomplish such a purpose, who can doubt the tremendous effect on a single nation if a concert of nations should impose similar control.

It is a melancholy, but not purposeless, thought of what might have happened had the League through the essential membership of the United States started its life as its framers hoped, ready at the first sign of national belligerence, to clamp the economic blockade on a nation bent on war. Under such circumstances there could be no war and the world would have been spared the agony of all that has happened in the years since.

The economic sanction is so effective that its value must not be ignored as a future guarantee of peace. Even this war must come to an end. When it does there will be greater need than ever for measures which will make difficult and impossible another conflict. Peace idealists and practical persons as well must not accept the inevitability of war. To end all war for all time is a sane and intelligent objective in the pursuit of it, men of good will and sound thinking will not overlook the usefulness of the economic sanctions, the effectiveness of which is now being demonstrated in the case of Japan.

WILLKIE'S 'NEW WORLD'

The disgruntled Democrat who is running for the presidency under the Republican banner has hit upon a new idea in his wild scramble to do something that will sway the electorate.

He has decided that he would like to build some kind of a strange "new world." He has suddenly veered from his determination to save "our way of life."

Just as he has done in presenting any of his many propositions, this time he leaves off the plans and specifications.

Returning to the effete east from his better-sketcher campaign through the west and northwest, during which he jumped from one life-saving, but hazy proposal to another glittering bananza he stumbles a great audience by the enthusiastic exclamation:

"I pledge a new world!" His explanation of the panacea that will cure the ills of a democracy rapidly succumbing to the stealthy inroads of a germ known as New Dealism is just as plain and lucid as mud:

"Ours is a dynamic society in which one must become two, and two must become four, and four must become 16."

That sounds something like the Hoover plan of two cars in every garage, two chickens in every pot, etc.

Continuing with his big "new world" surprise, Mr. Willkie told his New York audience:

"We must keep in our minds the image of that effective democracy—the image of that new world, more fruitful than the one we have, more regarding, more thoughtful of human life, more cultured, a world which will be better to live in than any world anyone has ever imagined so far."

That's outdoing Hitler in a big way! Just like he promised in his never-to-be-forgotten speech accepting the Republican nomination!

Maybe after the campaign comes to an end next November 5, Mr. Willkie will retire to his Indiana farm and write a "Mein Kampf." "Heil" Vendel Willkie.

ABOUT FEEDING OUR ENEMIES

"If the enemy hunger," said the Apostle Paul, "feed him."

With this thought in mind, there are individuals in the United States and Great Britain who insist that steps should be taken to feed and clothe the destitute in European lands, occupied by German armies. There are some who insist that, if necessary, food should be sent to the population of Germany to prevent suffering and starvation.

We are not inclined to split hairs with those who would uphold a liberal observance of the instructions of the Apostle Paul, but just the same, it seems to us that it would be the height of folly to send supplies to augment the strength of those who are bent upon destroying the civilization of free peoples.

So far as we have been able to observe from what has happened in Europe already, the success of Hitler would mean the end of freedom for peoples everywhere. The German Fuehrer seems to be definitely against the interests of religion, even when we accord a broad definition to the word. Certainly, he is an enemy of the liberties that encourage the spiritual growth of individuals and his triumph would mean the end of opportunity for free-minded souls.

In view of these facts, we are utterly opposed to sending food or clothing to any people under the domination of Hitler, or his allies. To do so would relieve Germany of much responsibility and insure the Nazis against the discontent of conquered people.

There is no reason for us to become alarmed about the possibilities of starvation as long as Germany leads the power to prevent it by giving up their nefarious schemes to dominate the world. Moreover, so long as German bombs rain upon the inhabitants of great cities, indiscriminately killing men, women and children, one cannot blame those fighting Hitler for the use of any weapon that will strike a blow in their defense.

THE OFFICE CAT

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

Sing, Sister, Sing
Here are the summer and winter versions of an old favorite:
My bonnie looked into the gas tank
The height of its contents to see,
She lit a small match to assist her—
Oh, bring back my bonnie to me.

Snappy Comeback
"How old are you, sonny?" asked the inquisitive old man of the little boy on the beach.
"Six," came the reply.
"Six," echoed the old man, and you are not as tall as my umbrella.
"How old is your umbrella?" asked the boy.

A Sad Case
Man (to small son of one of his workmen who has met with an accident)—"When will your dad be fit for work again?"
Boy—"Can't say for certain, but it will be a long time."
Man—"What makes you think that?"
Boy—"Cause compensation's set in."

Quick Service
Excited Tourist (after smashup)—"Run, sonny, run. Run like everything and bring the nearest doctor."
Farmer Boy—"That's him there—under the car."

Try For a Parole
An uplift worker, visiting the penitentiary recently, was much impressed by the melancholy attitude of one of the men she found.
" My poor man," she sympathized, "what is the length of your term?"
" Depends on politics, lady," replied the melancholy one, "I'm a guard."

Too Much For the Rooter
(Contributed by a friend)
Ah, How well do I remember—
'Twas in a cold and bleak November,
I was walking down the street all filled with pride.
When my heart went all a flutter
And I fell into the gutter,
And a pig came up and lay 'down by my side.

Easy Money
Mike—"This is a great country, Pat."
Pat—"And how's that?"
Mike—"Sure, the paper sez yez can buy a foive-dollar money order for three cents."

The Vicious Circle
Father (calling on family doctor)—"Doctor, my son has halitosis, and the worst part of it is that he admits he got it from kissing the housemaid."
Doctor (soothingly)—"Oh, well, young people will do thoughtless things."

Verse and Prose
Oh, had I the power to reach the cootie
That up and down my frame goes sootie,
So quick would I the rascal snatchie,
Who bites me where I cannot scratchie.

Just Egging Him On
Hard-Boiled Diner (in a restaurant)—"What's wrong with these eggs, sister?"
Waitress—"Don't ask me; I only laid the table."

Let's Have a Free Press
"May I print a kiss on your lips?" I asked.
She nodded her sweet permission.
So we went to press, and I rather guess,
We printed a large edition.
"One edition is hardly enough,"
Said she with a charming pout,
So again on the press the form was laid,
And we got some extras out.

Has the Choice of the Lot
The doctor of a country village had two children who were acknowledged as being the prettiest little girls in the district.
While the two children were out walking one day, they happened to pass two small boys; one lived in the village and the other was a visitor.

Ain't She the Lucky Girl
A pious old maid who had petitioned Providence to send her a man arose to her feet to find a regiment of soldiers camped in front of her house.
" Oh, Lord," she said, "it is true I prayed for a man; now give me strength, I beseech thee."

See If You Can Figure It Out
A barber with a one-ring circus that once toured this section, used to describe various wild animals somewhat as follows:
"Here, ladies and gentlemen, we have the laughing hyena, most jovial of all animals. The laughing hyena eats only once a month. He moves in his cage only once in six months and licks the chops of his cranky mate only once a year. Think of it, only once every twelve months does he exchange slobbers. They call him the laughing hyena. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have a little proposition to offer you. There is a reserved seat in there for any man or woman who can tell me what the hell he has to laugh about."

Nursery Rime
Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse found a flask in a clock.
Two drinks of the stuff
Made the mouse feel so tough,
That he chased all the cats in the block.

FORESTERS TO MEET IN PENN STATE EVENT
A housewarming is planned as a part of the Alumni Homecoming festivities at the Pennsylvania State College, Saturday, October 12. The forestry department has recently occupied its new building, and has invited all its alumni and former students and those of the Pennsylvania Forest School to attend the housewarming.

As an outing and program will be held Friday afternoon, October 11, at Stone Valley, the new research forest. Principal guest at an alumni dinner that evening will be Henry Graves, former Chief United States Forester, now dean emeritus of the Yale School of Forestry. On Saturday morning, a meeting will be held at the recently formed foresters' alumni association.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

My little girl is so afraid of her teacher that I have difficulty in making her go to school. The teacher has perfect tantrums in school and has half the children so nervous that they are unable to recite what they know. Several of the mothers have complained to the principal about her but he thinks we are just hysterical mothers. Two people have taken their children out of school in preference to having them nervous wrecks at the end of the term.

What can we do about this—the principal just ignores our complaints?
MOTHER—N. Carolina.

ANSWER:
If you have proof that the teacher has tantrums in school and does not control herself, I would get together a group of mothers and ask to be heard at the next board meeting of the school trustees.

No matter how smart a teacher may be or how many degrees she may hold, if she is emotionally unstable, she has no business trying to teach children, a person can be excused for occasionally losing their temper but a woman who habitually uses such a system to teach a class should be thrown out as quickly as possible before she can do any more harm. She has probably done lasting injury to some of the children who have been her pupils already and the quicker the school gets rid of her the better school it will be.
LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:
My husband has the chance of a better job in a nearby town, but this is my problem.
Living expenses are cheaper where we are at present, and all of my people live here, which makes it very pleasant. If we stay where we are, my husband can come home every weekend. However, he doesn't seem very enthusiastic over such a plan. Don't you think it would be more sensible for us to stay where we are and cut expenses?
D. L. B.—Delaware.

ANSWER:
Your place is with your husband. To begin with, I doubt if you save any money if you run a house in one place and your husband has to board some where else.

And what do you think your husband is going to be doing those five days to amuse himself, knowing that you are staying away from him from choice and because you find it more pleasant to be near your family? A man feels differently if he is separated from his family by necessity—if he knows that his wife is not with him because it is not possible to be, but when there is no earthly reason for the uncertainty saving a few dollars, he naturally feels resentful and hurt if his wife refuses to come with him so that he can enjoy his home and family.

Better pack up or some other woman will be planning his meals before long.
LOUISA.

WHO KNOWS?

- 1. Who fought the battle at Adowa?
2. Out of 16,500,000 men to register, how many will be available for immediate service?
3. What Polish pianist wants to spend his eightieth birthday in the U. S.?
4. What is a sapper?
5. What does "Mahatma" mean?
6. How many locks operate the Suez Canal?
7. When was the Munich agreement signed?
8. What is the war costing Great Britain?
9. When cotton growers vote on crop control quotas in December how many must approve the quotas before they are effective?
10. How many American planes will go to Great Britain this month?

The Answers

- 1. Italians and Ethiopians in 1896.
2. Estimate: 5,000,000.
3. Ignace Paderewski; birthday Nov. 4th.
4. British military engineer.
5. In Sanskrit, "great-souled."
6. The canal is a long ditch, without locks.
7. September, 1938.
8. \$33,000,000 a day; \$14,000,000,000 for the first year.
9. Two-thirds of those voting.
10. Between 250 and 300.

361 SCOUTS ENJOY WEEKEND AT CAMP

Three hundred and sixty-one Scouts and Scouters of the Juniata Valley Boy Scout Council, representing 26 troops, enjoyed a pleasant weekend at the annual Walk-Ga-Zu held on October 4 and 5. Four hundred had originally registered, but transportation facilities evidently were not sufficient to take care of some troops, for two troops failed to arrive.

The weather was ideal for overnight camping, which was fortunate for there were twice as many Scouts in camp as could possibly have been taken care of during bad weather. Every cabin was packed to capacity and every tent was in use. Even the mess hall porch and underneath the porch were used into service.

The Scouting Field Day on Saturday was something worth seeing. With 26 Troops entering teams in relay races and other activities, there was bound to be a certain amount of confusion. The judges were able to get the group organized and ran off 8 of the 10 scheduled events in the 2-hour period allotted for activities. Troop 44 of McAlery's Fort made the highest score in the Field Day with a total of 15 1/2 points. Troop 1 of Kistler

Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM: What numeral figures, when added, will be greater than the same numeral figures when multiplied? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

G. D.—I understand that Egyptian soap does not contain any animal fat. Is that true? If so, why?
Ans.—It is true. All Egyptian soap is made of cottonseed oil and caustic soda. They do not use animal fats because they regard it as unsanitary.

E. J.—When was the first telephone conversation held across the Atlantic ocean?
Ans.—The first telephone conversation across the Atlantic was made on January 7, 1927, between New York and London.

L. B.—Is there a Hawaiian University? Are the courses in the native tongue, or are they in English?
Ans.—Yes. The University of Hawaii is located in Honolulu. It is the only institution of higher learning in the Hawaiian Islands. English is spoken exclusively except for classes in native or other foreign languages.

O. S.—How was the unknown soldier at Arlington cemetery selected? Was he a native-born American?
Ans.—Nothing whatever is known about the unknown soldier who is buried in Arlington cemetery. He was selected by Sergt. Edward Younger from a large number of bodies removed from France. Younger indicated the casket by placing a rose on it at random. Neither he nor any other person knows the identity of the unknown soldier.

S. C.—What sort of people and government exist in the Fiji Islands?
Ans.—The Fiji Islands, which number 250, have only 80 that are inhabited. These are of the Malayan race and have no government and are not civilized.

H. T.—Do the Mormons still teach the doctrine of polygamy?
Ans.—No. On October 6, 1890, the Mormon Church (Latter-Day Saints) abolished plural marriages.

J. A.—How old is Gen. John J. Pershing?
Ans.—Gen. John J. Pershing was born on September 13, 1859, and is now 80 years old.

R. Y.—Can you tell me what is the plural of "larynx"?
Ans.—The plural form of the word is correctly written "larynges," and is pronounced "lar-in-geez," with accent on the second syllable.

D. E.—Has Abraham Lincoln any grandchildren?
Ans.—There are two grandchildren of Abraham Lincoln living. Both are the daughters of Robert Todd Lincoln who lives in Washington. Both of these daughters of Robert Todd Lincoln have been married and have children. These children, the great-grandchildren of Abraham Lincoln, are all girls.

W. G.—What is meant by the term "kelepik" in reference to kelepik dolls?
Ans.—It has no significance. It is a trade name only.

A. G.—Did Shakespeare invent Romeo and Juliet, or was theirs a true story?
Ans.—The story of Romeo and Juliet was originated by Shakespeare. The story was very popular in Italy before Shakespeare wrote his famous tragedy. It is possible that the original plot was taken from life.

K. J.—Who established the Eternal Light for Peace in Gettysburg?
Ans.—The Eternal Light for Peace in Gettysburg was established by the Pennsylvania State Commission for the Observance of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, which was appointed by the Governor of the State.

M. C.—Why are some cigars called stogies?
Ans.—The story runs that the drivers of the Conestoga wagons which crossed the country, were addicted to the smoking of stogie cigars. Often they rolled tobacco leaves into crude cigars. These became known as Conestoga cigars and finally the name, stogie, was evolved.

S. F.—What was done with the dirt taken out when the Panama Canal was dug?
Ans.—It was used to fill in swamps and for the Gatun Dam, also for building a causeway at the Pacific end. The dirt was carried to the places desired by 300 dump trains.

S. P.—Where should a thermometer be hung to record the most accurate outdoor temperature?
Ans.—It should be hung on the north side of the house, in a sheltered place, such as a porch. The hook should be long enough to keep the thermometer an inch or two from the wall.

S. H.—How did the Hessian fly get its name?
Ans.—Native to Europe, it is said to have been introduced to the country in the straw bedding used by the Hessians who were brought over during the Revolutionary War.

S. N.—I should like some information about military decoration. When should they be worn?
Ans.—No medals are worn on service uniforms. An officer, wear medals only on his full dress uniform.

I. H.—Who is the author of the proverb, "Bread is the staff of Life"?
Ans.—The quotation "Bread is the staff of life" is based on the 140th Psalm. The actual phrase originated in Matthew Henry's commentary on that Psalm. His precise quotation is: "Here is bread which strength each man's heart and therefore is called the staff of life." Matthew Henry lived from 1662-1714.

J. M.—How many of the past 1939 years have been warless?
Ans.—Probably a war has been going on somewhere in the world in every year during the last 1939 years. According to a survey of the wars of Europe by Keyes Porter, there have been 451 major and minor European wars and armed conflicts in Europe since 1492 A. D.

M. B.—Is a bodyguard provided for the protection of Wendell Willkie?
Ans.—New York City detectives have been assigned as bodyguards for Mr. Willkie.

V. D.—Does lightning that strikes something make any more thunder than when it doesn't?
Ans.—The Weather Bureau says that a lightning flash which strikes an object on the surface of the earth, does not produce any louder thunder than it otherwise would have; but, of course, if a flash is seen to strike, it means that the observer is very close by and hence to him the sound is much greater than that which he hears from most flashes which are much more distant.

W. F.—Will you please tell me the chief value of first-line battleships?
Ans.—Battleships are the backbone of the fleet. They have great offensive and defensive strength and mount guns as large as sixteen inches. The battleship is designed to deliver and withstand harder blows than any other type of ship. It is a powerful means of defense against blockade and aerial invasions from overseas.

F. P.—Has the President the right to declare war by himself?
Ans.—According to the Constitution, Congress alone has the power to declare war. The resolution declaring war must pass the Senate and the House, and be sent to the President for his signature. He does not have the power to declare war himself.

B. R.—Which President was popularly referred to as the People's President?
Ans.—Andrew Jackson. People flocked to his inauguration and hickory adornments were the order of the day. Twenty thousand people passed through the White House, their muddy boots ruining some of the furniture.

H. S.—What is the smallest mammal that is found in the United States?
Ans.—The pigmy shrew. Shrews are great fighters and voracious eaters. They will starve to death in a few hours if sufficient food is not available. This is because shrews are very nervous and active and digestion is so rapid that they need a great deal of food to keep them alive.

Answer to Problem: Any numeral or numerals multiplied by 1 will be less, obviously, than if the figures were simply added.

ed more than four years of their sentences, imposed in Tennessee after they stopped a motorist while hitch-hiking, forced him to drive them for some distance, then stole his car. During the drive they went over the Kentucky state line, making the act a federal offense.

Dynamite Explodes
Blasting tree stumps off his farm in Plank Road hollow, near Emporium, almost proved fatal to John Bauer, 74, who bent over a stump just as a charge of dynamite went off. As he neared the stump, he did not hear the shouts of his son, Bernard, who had lit the fuse. He was showered with mud and stones which stunned him and caused several cuts and bruises on his face and hands.

Health is something that is appreciated by those who need it most.