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EDITORIAL

The British are fighting our battle—they need all the planes they can get.

As a nation, we can be thankful that Presidential elections only occur once every four years.

Forward-looking merchants are now planning their sales campaign for the Christmas season.

What has happened in Japan? We haven't heard a threatening squeak from the Orient in a couple of weeks.

Hitler's time-table has been upset by those perfidious Englishmen who do not mind disturbing the peace of the world.

Now that the election is over, let's get together and do our part toward making the United States the best country in the world and the safest.

Flat feet, weak eyes, color blindness, hay fever, or even a missing finger or toe does not necessarily disqualify a trainee from military service, according to the war department.

The first deliveries of the new "flying fortresses" are being made to the Army. The ship is said to have greater range, speed and carrying power than its predecessors.

Let's give a hand to the Greek government and the brave people of the small Balkan state. In the face of an Italian ultimatum the ancient inhabitants of the cultured land made their choice and decided to fight for their liberty.

We see by the newspapers that a man in Louisiana has been sentenced to three years in prison for refusing to register under the Selective Service Act. The man says that the preamble to the Constitution does not give the government the right to deprive him of his "right of free liberty."

It might be well, now that the election is over, to assert without fear of being regarded as political argument, that the defense program of the nation is making good progress and that there is no reason to suspect that the United States will not have the time necessary for rearmament before facing a major challenge.

Regardless of the war, it looks like the toy manufacturers of the United States will be ready to lend Santa Claus a helping hand this Christmas. The toy manufacturers announce that they have \$240,000,000 worth of toys ready for the holiday season.

Japan has been relatively quiet for several weeks, but there is no mistaking the impression that exists among the Japanese ruling class that a clash with the United States is almost inevitable.

THE WAR IN EUROPE

The Italian invasion of Greece may not explode the "powder keg" of the Balkans but before the campaign proceeds very far, it will give a definite indication of the line-up in the Near East.

Like the heroic Finns, the soldiers of Greece face a ruthless and overwhelming enemy. Without assistance, the fight, in the long run, is hopeless.

Despite the rugged terrain of Greece and the willingness of the Greeks to defend their country, there is little prospect that the drive of the Axis powers can be successfully withstood.

For some weeks British warships have operated openly throughout the Mediterranean, without successfully enticing the Italian fleet into battle.

Something of a key to the situation will be found in the Turkish attitude toward the southern advance of the Italian Army. If Turkey remains uncommitted, in the face of an Axis advance toward the Aegean Sea, one may reasonably conclude that Russian influence is being exerted to prevent Turkish participation at this time.

The situation in Yugoslavia, Rumania and Bulgaria does not encourage the belief that these nations will do anything to assist the Greeks. In fact, Bulgaria, with German assistance, is quite likely to join the attack at the psychological moment.

The attack upon Greece probably represents the initial phase of the newly-planned Axis campaign in the Mediterranean. With the Italian Army stalled in Egypt, the campaign against the Suez Canal, so-called lifeline of the British Empire, does not promise quick results.

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While no one can forecast the Soviet attitude, it is our guess that Stalin will continue his policy of aloofness from involvement in the war but that he will be ready to seize any opportunity to acquire territory as a result of the fighting.

Eventually, a clash between the two countries is inevitable. Stalin, however, evidently believes that it is to Russia's interest to permit other nations to fight the present war, thus weakening each other, while he conserves the strength of the Soviet for the showdown which will eventually determine the disposition of all questions.

It is a little more difficult to risk a prophecy as to Turkey, but, for the present, this writer does not expect any active Turkish participation in the fighting in Greece.

The reader is warned against drawing far-reaching conclusions from any developments in the Balkan area. The battle between Great Britain and Germany will not be decided by the occupation of Balkan states. In essence, the outcome depends upon the continuance of the British blockade.

JAPAN, RUSSIA AND THE U. S.

The enmity between Soviet Russia and Japan in the Far East is long standing, but the Japanese, it appears, are trying to seek an arrangement with Russia whereby both nations will get enough to satisfy them and avoid hostilities.

Before the war in Europe broke out, the Japanese did not attempt to conceal the conviction that war between Japan and Soviet Russia was inevitable.

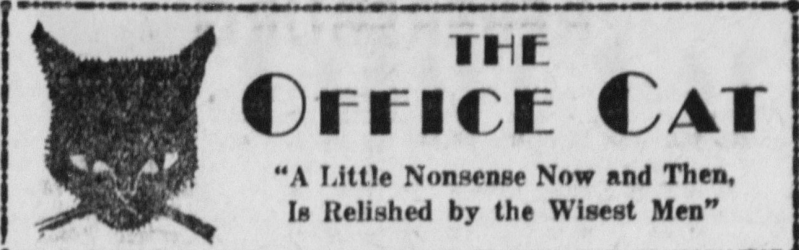
Now that the situation in Europe seems to offer Japan an opportunity to make her expansion in the Southern Pacific, the Tokyo Government is ready to make substantial offers to Russia in return for an agreement which will remove the fear of Russian pressure when Japan becomes involved somewhere else.

Newspaper writers in Tokyo report to American and British newspapers that Japanese opinion has made a complete about-face since the German Italian-Japanese pact was signed.

Japanese military experts, writing in Tokyo newspapers, are frank to declare that only a major turn in policy toward Russia can save Japan in the eventual struggle with the United States.

Along much the same line, Rear Admiral Seking stresses the advantages to Russia in a pact with Japan, permitting the Soviet to expand southward.

It is something of a side issue, but we wonder what nation is expected to have the other part of South America.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

Help

"Mother, dear mother, come home with me now. As a nursemaid poor dad is a rummy; Just as the clock in the steeple struck four, He pinned the kid's pants to his tummy."

Wanted To Be Satisfied

The butcher was surprised when a slim young woman asked for 25 pounds of beef. All the same he cut off the joint and put it on the scales.

"Will you take it with you or shall I send it to your home?" he asked. "Oh," she murmured, blushing prettily, "I don't want to buy it. You see, the doctor said I had lost 25 pounds, and I wanted to see what it looked like in a lump."

What Do You Think?

A certain fellow who visited Porger, Texas, this summer, found the only hotel filled to the roof. "No, sir," said the clerk, "I can't give you a room. The best that I can do for you is to give you half of a private storage room. There's a screen across it and a lady has the other half, but I reckon she won't bother you."

The guest agreed that the accommodations would do in a pinch and retired to his apartment. Thirty minutes later he ran into the lobby, wild-eyed and pale. "Hey," he yelled to the clerk, "that woman is dead." "I know it," said the clerk, "but how did you find it out?"

The Right Crowd

Professor—"I am going to speak on liars today. How many of you have read the twenty-fifth chapter of the text?" Nearly every student raised his hand. Professor—"Good. You are the group to whom I wish to speak. There is no twenty-fifth chapter."

Not a Doubt Left

"I can't marry you," said the justice of the peace to the obviously nervous bridegroom. "If this girl is only seventeen, you will have to get her father's consent." "Consent," yelled the groom-to-be. "Say, who do you think this old guy with the rifle is, Daniel Boone?"

Sorry He Spoke

"Fine piece of land out here," said the dusty, shrewd-looking man as he descended from his wagon outside the farmer's house. "You're right," replied the farmer eagerly. "It's the best to be found in the county." "Bit too high a figure for a poor man, I reckon?" asked the stranger. "It's worth every penny of \$300 an acre," answered the farmer with an eye to business. "Were you thinking of buying and settling in these parts?" "Hardly," said the stranger, making some notes in a book. "I'm the new tax assessor."

She Was Well Fertilized

A girl in one of the government offices in Washington arrived at her desk one A. M. with a head that felt like a concrete mixer. She dashed up to the nurse's office for relief but finding the place deserted, snatched up a bottle off the desk and poured three or four of what looked to be aspirins into her hand, downed them and returned to her typewriter to await relief. A couple of hours passed without any results, and the girl suddenly remembered, with horror, that she hadn't looked at the label to make sure that the things were aspirin. She immediately thought of poison and ran frantically back to the nurse's hideout. The place was still empty and with a cry of anguish the steno caught up the bottle and turned it to read the label. They were not aspirins, but the gal gave a sigh of relief when she saw the mild words, "Plant Food."

We've Heard of Him

(Overheard in an air-line ticket office): Passenger—"But this ticket says Pittsburgh and I want to go to New Jersey." Agent—"You'll get to New Jersey all right. Pay no attention to what the ticket says. We mark them that way when our Mr. Corrigan flies trip No. 7."

It Makes a Difference

A devotee of this column writes in and wants to know if it is really unlucky to have a black cat follow you. We would say that it all depends on whether you are a man or a mouse.

Customer Always Right

Store Clerk—"No, madam, we haven't had any for a long time." Manager-(overhearing)—"Oh, yes, we have it madam. I will send out to the warehouse and have some brought in for you." (Aside to assistant)—"Never refuse anything; send out for it." As the lady went out, the manager asked angrily: "Just what was it she asked for?" Clerk—"She said that we haven't had any rain lately."

Brevity Supreme

An English cub reporter, frequently reprimanded for spreading out too much on his new stories, and warned to be brief, turned in the following: "A shocking affair occurred last night. Sir Edward Hopeless, a guest at Lady Panmore's ball, complained of feeling ill, took his hat, his coat, his department, no notice of friends, a taxi, a pistol from his pocket, and finally his life. Nice chap. Regrets and all that."

Switched the Menu

The family was seated at the table with a guest who was a business acquaintance of Dad's, all ready to enjoy the meal, when the young son blurted out, "Why, mother, this is roast beef." "Yes," answered the mother, "what of it?" "Well, daddy said this morning that he was going to bring home a big fish for dinner tonight."

Look-But Don't Listen

Junior—"Mama, look at that funny man across the street." Mother—"What is he doing?" Junior—"Sitting on the sidewalk, talking to a banana peel."

Sweet Conversation

Telephone Operator—"Hello, Hello. Do you wish to call a number? Colored Man's Voice—"No, sah, miss, Ah don't want no numbah." Operator—"Then don't play with the telephone." Voice—"Ah ain't playin' wid no phone, Miss. De receivah fell in de sugah bowl an' I've been lickin' off de sugah."

A Good Division

She (after a fight)—"Well, the only thing left to do is to divide this house in two. You can have one side and I'll have the other." He—"That suits me. What side shall I have?" She—"You can have the outside. I'll take the inside."

Pretty Bad Shape

Friend (visiting hospital patient)—"Do you know, old man, that's a swell-looking nurse you've got." Patient—"I hadn't noticed." Friend—"Good lord, I had no idea you were that sick."

Overheard in a Taproom

"Hey, waiter, about half an hour ago I ordered a drink. Now did you bring it, did I drink it, or didn't I order it?"

Cause For Suspicion

He—"I don't like your hitting that fellow to dinner. He used to kiss you before we were married." She—"Well, so did you." He—"Yes, but I've got over it, and maybe he hasn't."

That's all, folks. Remember what the landlady says. It may cost money to have knives sharpened, but it's cheaper than buying tender meat. —"CAT."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:—

You say in your letters not to neglect your children but the next time I read that a wife must be a companion to her husband and when he wants to go, she should grab her hat and go with him. Now it seems to me that a wife will have to travel two roads, going in different directions, at the same time if she takes your advice. Please explain exactly what you mean. MOTHER—Ala.

ANSWER

There are three kinds of wives who really try to be good wives. One of these is the one who puts her duty to her children before everything else. She carries her idea to an extreme by not sacrificing herself but everybody else for what she thinks is good for children. Her whole life is devoted to them and she is scarcely aware that she has a husband until the first of the month rolls around.

The second wife is all wife and a very poor mother. She adores her husband, caters to his every wish, goes with him everywhere and neglects her children scandalously. The children are left with incompetents or so fend for themselves, if she and her husband want to go on a party and no good nurse is available. She is so taken up with being an attractive wife that she neglects her children's physical as well as spiritual welfare. Her alibi for this kind of behavior is that she is not going to stay home while her husband runs around alone and gets roped in by some other woman.

The perfect wife, to my way of thinking is the one who can strike a happy medium between these two extremes. It is unfair to a man to absolutely push him aside when Junior comes along. Of course if he is a sensible man he will understand that your whole routine of living will have to change and he will be glad to make his contribution by unselfishly giving up some of the privileges he has been accustomed to. After all, Junior is as much his as he is yours, and there is no reason for him to feel free to flirt around while you sit at home in the evening and nurse. The thing to do is to compromise. Have definite evenings to go out with your husband but be sure that your children are left in safe hands. A bad nurse or older child can teach little children habits that will be difficult to break. They can undo your work of years in a few weeks of association. So be careful. Try not to get in a menial rut and have something else to talk about at night besides colic and diets. In this way, if your husband is a sensible man, he will realize that you still love him and consider him while, at the same time, you are trying to rear your children to be a satisfaction to both of you. If he is a silly selfish man, who wants to be the entire center of attraction all the time, he will probably turn into a philanderer in the course of time no matter what you do. So do the best you can and let your conscience be your guide. LOUISA.

WHO KNOWS?

- 1. How many "flying fortresses" has the U. S.?
2. When did the British acquire Gibraltar?
3. When was the Munich Conference held?
4. How many British children have been sent to this country to escape air raids?
5. Is Dr. Albert Einstein an American citizen?
6. How many U. S. Senators will be elected this year?
7. What is the difference between the adjournment of Congress and a recess?
8. What is known as the Johnson act?
9. Does a candidate have to have a majority of the popular vote to be elected president?
10. When did Italy attack Ethiopia?

The Answers

- 1. 52; 80 additional to be delivered by the end of the year.
2. 1713.
3. September, 1938.
4. Between 11,000 and 15,000.
5. Yes.
6. 32.
7. Adjournment terminates a session but a recess acts a date for reconvening.
8. A law, passed by Congress, closing public and private credit in this country to war debt defaulters.
9. No. The President is elected by State votes in the Electoral College.
10. 1935.
College students will begin their studies when the football season ends.

Now that the presidential campaign is over may we hope that the people of the country will decide questions without regard to political effect

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Query and Answer Column

PROBLEM—What well-known body of water in the world symbolizes something weird or ghostly? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

C. K. W.—If I receive an invitation to a wedding am I obliged to send a present to the bride?
Ans.—No. Your sending a gift is a matter of your own desire and ability to gratify it.

E. R.—Is there any way to get rid of the odor of food while cooking?
Ans.—When cooking anything which has a strong odor put a small pan of vinegar in the stove or on the stove and there will be no scent of cooking in the air.

E. S.—How fast do wild geese fly in migration?
Ans.—Wild geese average about forty miles per hour on migratory flights during a sustained flight of perhaps ten or twelve hours.

S. H.—Is there any noise preceding an earthquake?
Ans.—The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey says that it is quite a common occurrence to hear noises of subterranean origin shortly before, or during, an earthquake.

S. E.—How old is Joe Louis?
Ans.—Joe Louis was born May 13, 1914 in Lexington, Ala., and is therefore 26 years old.

A. B.—How many miles of coast line must the United States be prepared to defend? And is the Atlantic coast greater than the Pacific?
Ans.—The United States and its possessions has 28,963 miles of coast line to defend against aggression. The mileage of the Atlantic coast proper is 292 miles greater than that of the Pacific.

V. S.—Is Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt a member of the Girl Scouts organization, and are the headquarters in Washington?
Ans.—Yes. She is honorary president. The headquarters are at 670 Lexington Ave., New York City.

E. Y.—Does Michigan lead the nation in motor car production and motor car registration?
Ans.—Michigan leads in motor car production, but it is sixth in motor car registration in the United States. New York is first in registration with California and Pennsylvania and Ohio and Illinois following in the order named.

A. M.—In what year did Babe Ruth establish his record of 60 home runs in one season?
Ans.—Ruth's record of 60 home runs in one season was made in 1927. This record still stands, never having been equaled.

S. T.—What was the Volstead act in the United States Congress?
Ans.—The Volstead act was a bill in Congress to enforce the national prohibition amendment. Congress passed the measure which was sent to the White House for President Wilson's signature. Wilson vetoed the bill, but Congress made it a law by passing it over his head.

R. E.—Was Nero assassinated, or did he die a natural death?
Ans.—Nero, at the age of 31, committed suicide by stabbing himself to escape arrest after the Roman senate had proclaimed him an enemy to his country, after he had reigned fourteen years as the emperor of Rome.

L. F.—Is German the official language of the Netherlands?
Ans.—No. The official language of the Netherlands is called Dutch by the outside world. The people themselves call it Nederduitsch. This was to distinguish it from the language of Germany.

R. H.—Are peacocks ever eaten? Where did they come from?
Ans.—Originally peacocks were eaten in Asia to which continent they are native. Because of their beautiful plumage they are now kept for ornament in house yards and barnyards.

N. O.—When was the Bank of England founded, and by whom?
Ans.—The Bank of England was founded in 1694 by William Patterson, who died Jan. 22, 1707, broken in health and fortune.

E. S.—How long does a copyright last?
Ans.—The copyright term is for twenty-eight years, and can be renewed for twenty-eight more.

T. G.—What is the smallest plant seed known?
Ans.—The orchid seed is the smallest in the world. It has been estimated that the seed capsule of an Acropora orchid has about 74 million seeds.

R. C. Y.—Can you please tell me if Germany can buy war materials from the United States?
Ans.—Germany can purchase war materials from the United States, but to do so it would be necessary for her to pay cash and to furnish the ships to carry the goods to Germany.

N. L.—How many persons are on the WPA rolls?
Ans.—The total number on the rolls on September 25, 1940, was 1,703,000.

F. T.—How far does a farmer have to walk in plowing an acre of ground?
Ans.—A farmer plowing with a two-horse walking plow has to walk about seven and a half miles to plow an acre.

P. F.—How many skins are needed to make a mink coat?
Ans.—An average mink coat may contain from sixty to eighty skins.

F. A.—Is it a fact that under the Flag Code the President is not required to salute the Flag?
Ans.—There is nothing in the Flag Code exempting the President of the United States from saluting the Flag. Every citizen is expected to do so.

R. W.—Can you tell me how to prepare balsam needles for pillows?
Ans.—The needles are picked green and stripped. They may be dried a little before placing in the inner lining of cotton, or they may be put in before drying. In stripping the needles only the short tips are reserved for the pillow.

L. F.—Has anyone ever figured out how many people have lived in the world since its beginning?
Ans.—No accurate figure can, of course, be given. However, the number of persons born into the world since its beginning has been placed at about ninety billion.

S. C.—Has Canada declared war on Germany?
Ans.—Canada declared war on Germany September 10, 1939.

E. F.—What is the seating capacity of Madison Square Garden?
Ans.—The capacity of Madison Square Garden varies from sixteen to eighteen thousand depending on the type of attraction offered.

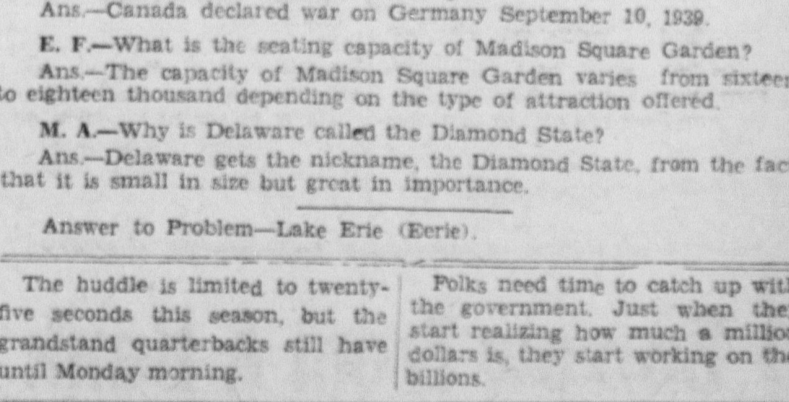
M. A.—Why is Delaware called the Diamond State?
Ans.—Delaware gets the nickname, the Diamond State, from the fact that it is small in size but great in importance.

Answer to Problem—Lake Erie (Eerie).

The huddle is limited to twenty-five seconds this season, but the grandstand quarterbacks still have until Monday morning.

Folks need time to catch up with the government. Just when they start realizing how much a million dollars is, they start working on the billions.

Do Cars Need to Get Old?



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5140 DAMAGE IN CRASH WEST OF STATE COLLEGE

Two cars were damaged but no one was injured in a side swiping accident a mile and a half west of State College on Route 322 at 6:10 P. m. Friday. A sedan Operated by Marie Rose Lynch, Pittsburgh, was damaged to the extent of \$80, while one driven by Walter C. Johnson of Punxsutawney received damage estimated at \$50. The cars, traveling in opposite directions, were forced off the road. The accident was investigated by members of the Pleasant Gap detail of the state motor police.

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