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EDITORIAL

Hitler continues his work of peace in the Balkans

Airplane production in the United States passed the thousand mark this month. It will soon pass the 2.000-mark

It might be a good idea for somebody to explain to the Japanese that all U.S. warships are not like the Panay

Hitler's blitzkrieg conquered four countries in less time than it took Congress to pass a military training law.

If the United States wants to lose its "place in the sun." all that it has to do is to be afraid of its responsibility in the modern world.

Business in Centre county is improving, according to reports that we hear. Everybody should share in the increased turnover of money.

In Calcutta a merchant offers "fabulous riches" to anyone who can put him to sleep. Is there a darkcomplexioned gentleman named Joe Louis in the house?

You have to get out of Germany to hear anybody criticize Herr Hitler, but you don't have to leave the national capital to hear plenty of people

form of ignorance that is perilous to human progress As we comprehend in full the value of the gifts of our ancestors we are apt to safeguard them. We would not willingly destroy in a day, or a few years, the fruit of humanity's struggle through many centuries. Naturally we benefit by what men have wrought before us and the honorable course in life is to preserve these gifts for ages yet unborn.

Parents and relatives of Pennsylvania's 12,000 soldiers coming to the state's military reservation at Indiantown Gap for a year's training will be welcomed any time, Major General Edward Martin announced. "A contented soldier is the best soldier," the 28th division commander said. "We feel that visits from home and furloughs so the men can go home whenever possible are the ways to keep the men contented." Camp facilities will include places where mothers and wives can stay overnight.

SAYS U. S. IS BUYING TIME

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, in his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Commitemphasizes that the United States is "Laying" tee. not "selling" under the Lend-Lease bill. He insists that this country is "buying time to prepare" complete national defense

The Secretary realizes that the problem of national defense for the United States has been tremendously complicated by the fall of France and the alliance signed by Germany, Italy and Japan, directed against this country.

No individual is wise enough to read the future and, consequently, no man can say positively that Germany, Italy and Japan will combine in an attack upon this country. Nevertheless, in view of what has happened abroad, it would be extremely foolish for any man to assert that these three countries will never attack the United States.

In view of the uncertainty as to the possibility of attack, it becomes the business of the Government of the United States to be prepared for any eventuality. This means a national defense program designed to enable the United States to stand against any combination of foes. Such a program will require time for its completion and this country must do whatever is necessary to assure sufficient time to become adequately prepared.

Here again we run into a problem. No one knows whether Great Britain will successfully repel a German invasion or how long the British nation, under some circumstances, can continue to fight against Germany, If we were certain that Great Britain would win the present war, we would know that this ccuntry has plenty of time for the perfection of national defense plans. Not knowing, it behooves responsible officials to take every possible precaution to guarantee sufficient time for adequate national defense

This means, under present circumstances, aid to Great Britain in order that the totalitarian powers will not become supreme and free to attempt a combined offensive against the Western Hemisphere until the United States is strong enough to defend itself, unaided, against all enemies.

CIRCUMSTANCES: GUAM AND SAMOA

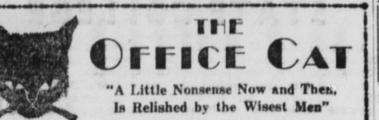
The House Naval Committee has unanimously approved plans for the development of Guam and Samoa as naval aviation "lookout" stations.

This is interesting because the naval chieftians have been after such a development for several years. The proposal was rejected by Congress, when recommended, because of the effect it might have upon Japan.

Certainly, nothing has happened in the past two years to lead anyone to believe that Japanese sensibilities have been altered. So we conclude that the House Naval Committee is now ready to do what it would not do before, and somebody may wonder why the committee has reversed the Congressional committee.

The explanation lies in the fact that members of Congress have grown-up, so to speak, in regards international affairs. A year or so ago it was the

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At Our House (Contributed)

Twas a cold night in winter when all through the house Not a cootie was stirring, not even a louse. Our hair hanging down our backs with care In hopes that stray cooties wouldn't find them there. Turning our heads, not making a sound, When up our backs the cooties came with a bound. They were dressed all in white, their legs drawn up tight, For they knew if they tickled we'd kill them outright They sneaked up and chewed at the backs of our heads When we reached up and found our hands were all red. The darn things had chewed right into the bone In hopes that they'd found themselves a new home. We combed and we scratched, but our heads itched all night, Till we sent for the U.S. Army to help in our fight.

Now if you are wise our lesson you'll heed, Don't try combing with O. P. O.'s, or try mixing the breed.

. . . .

He Knew the Kind

Teacher (lecturing on perseverance) --- "He drove straight to his goal. He hooked neither to the right nor to the left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him, nor turn him from his course. All who crossed his path did so at their own peril. What would you call such a man?"

Small Pupil (quickly)-"A truck driver."

. . . .

Trading a Belt For a Sock

Tailor-"And how would you like a belt in the back, mit a cuff in the

pants?' Irritated Customer-"How would you like a sock in the nose?"

It Made a Difference

The fellow was sitting along a favorite fishing hole on Spring Creek ing and then you can judge for when a heard footsteps behind him, "Cathin' any?" the bystander asked yourself. the fisherman.

"Caught five trout outa here yesterday."

"Say, do you know who I am?"

"Well, I'm the fish warden."

The fisherman thought a moment, then added, "Say, do you know who I am?"

"No," said the officer.

"Well, I'm the biggest liar in Centre county."

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Making It Safe

Visitor-"Bo you say that the water you get here is unsafe?" Native-"Yeah." Visitor-"Well, tell me, what precautions do you take against it?" Native-"First, we filter it." Visitor-"Yes." Native-"Then we add chemicals to it." Visitor-"Yes." Native-"And then we drink beer." He Was Only Worried

"Your Honor, I was not intoxicated," declared the defendant. "But this officer says you were trying to climb a lamp post."

"I was, your honor," came the reply. "A couple of crocodiles had been following me around, and I don't mind telling you they were getting on my nerves.

. . . . Out of Sight

Paw-"I sure miss the old cuspidor."

I love Toots

Maw-"You missed it before, that's why it's gone."

Dippy Pome

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I am a girl of 16 years and a senior in high school. Do you think that a girl of my age should be allowed to go with other young people if there are more than one along? My parents never stop to think you. back to when they were young.

They think it is a disgrace for a girl sixteen years old to go out with young people. They won't even let me go to parties when my older

them about it in every way, but it doesn't seem to do any good.

Will you please give me some good advice about what to do? WORRIED-Kentucky,

ANSWER:

I get so many letters from girls like you, "Worried," who have parents who are trying to do what they think is best for them. But instead of teaching you to depend on yourself and your own judgment, they are trying to think for you. I wish they could be made to underpolicy is. I wish they could realize that it is the normal way of life for major leagues? 'teen age girls to enjoy the compan-

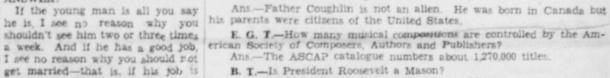
allowed to associate with young to 5.

folks of her own age. But if nothing can make them change their minds, I guess you will just have to put up with it until you are out making your own liv-

LOUISA

Dear Louisa:

I am 19 years old and have finished high school. I have the chance and land. to go out two or three times every week with the same person, but my parents refuse to let me go out once a week. They don't even like it if he comes three time a month. I am in love with this boy and don't care to go with anyone else emy at West Point? that 1 know. He is a nice boy, 25 years old, and has a good job, but the Army in 1800 as a cadet and received his diploma only a few months my parents think that I should go after the Military Academy opened in 1802. with someone else. He has asked me to marry him, but I refused because I think I am too young. My parents have never told me not to marry him, but they hint around and make remarks. After all, do you think my parents should pick out the one I should marry. I will of the British who were then at the city's gates. have to live with him, they won't. Would you advise me to slip away and marry. Give me some advice. "DISGUSTED."-Kentucky 27. King Leopold announced that the Belgian Army had surrendered. ANSWER:



Query & Answer Column

February 27, 1941.

PROBLEM—Four men, each of them with an airplane took off from the North Pole. One of them took off for the United States; one for Africa; one for Russia, and the other for Sweden. All started in the same direction. How come? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

G. F .-- Will you kindly tell me in your good paper what is the meaning of "OPM" I see currently mentioned in the daily newspapers? Thank

Ans .-... "OPM" are the initials for "Ordnance Production Management," a recently created board by the United States government to supervise the manufacture of ships, planes, tanks, and all other implements used in modern warfare.

R. J .- What does it cost to send a parcel from the United States to brother is along. I have talked to China if it doesn't weigh over five pounds?

Ans .-- The parcel post rate for five pounds from the United States to China is 60 cents.

W. M .- To settle an argument will you please answer who was Secretary of War in President Wilson's cabinet?

Ans .-- Newton D. Baker.

V. H .-- Has there ever been any fatalities in the prizefight ring?

Ans .- Yes. On May 24, 1913, Arthur Pelkey, a heavyweight, knocked Luther McCarty, another heavyweight, in the first round. He died in the ring from dislocation of the neck caused by the blow that sent him down

H. C .- What was the total cost of the last World War on both sides? Ans .-- Not counting damage to property or other losses on land or sea

the combined cost of the war of 1914-17 was 104 billion dollars-64 billion stand how short-sighted such a for the Allies and 40 billion for Germany and her Allies

C. T .- What was the longest baseball game in the history of the two

Ans .- In the American League the longest game was played on Sept. ionship of boys, and that girls will 1, 1906, between Philadelphia and Boston, in which the Athletics won 4 usually be better prepared to judge to 1 in 26 innings. In the National League the longest game was 22 innings a life partner for herself if she 15 on Aug. 22, 1917, in which Brooklyn defeated Pittsburgh by a score of 6

> L. P .- Is it true that the Battle of Bunker Hill was fought before the war had been declared by the Colonies?

Ans .-- Yes. The Battle of Bunker Hill was fought on June 17, 1775-just a little over a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed

F. O .- Which was the first State in the Union to grant women the right to vote for President of the United States?

Ans .- Wyoming, by act of their legislature on June 10, 1869.

L. D. K .- Why is graham flour so called?

J. J .-- What are the most famous waltzes?

Flat," by Brahms; and "E Minor Waltz" by Chopin.

W. T. S .- Is Father Coughlin an alien?

more healthful

H. S .- How much did Madison Square Garden in New York City cost? Ans .- The Garden cost approximately \$5,500,000, including building

Ans -- Graham flour is named for Sylvester Graham (1794-1851), an

A. C .- Who was the first graduate of the United States Military Acad-

Ans .- Joseph G. Swift was West Point's first graduate. Swift entered

Ans .-. "There are probably none that excel "The Blue Danube," by

Ans .- In 1777, when the American forces were about to leave Phila-

Ans .-- Belgium was invaded by Germany on May 10, 1940. On May

Johann Strauss; "Invitation to the Dance," by Von Weber; "Waltz in A

delphia, it was taken to Allentown to prevent its falling into the hands

D. E .- When was the Liberty Bell taken to Allentown, Pa.?

L. C .- When was Belgium invaded by the Germans?

American reformer and advocate of vegetarianism who believed that flour

should include the outer hull, or bran, because bread made from it was

criticizing the President.

In line with the policy of creating Negro units in every branch of the service, the War Department announces that an all-Negro pursuit squadron, consisting of 33 pilots and a ground crew of 400 men, all colored, will be trained at Tuskegee, Ala.

The British, it is announced, will soon call to the colors the youth of 19 years and older men between the ages of 37 and 40. With 4,000,000 soldiers under arms the English prepare to defend their farflung empire from the most dangerous assault it has ever faced. One has to admire a people who are willing to face their foes without surrender regardless of the apparent odds against them.

The national debt of the United States will be limited to \$65,000.000,000, according to new legislation, and this ceiling will be sufficient, according to Administration spokesmen until June 30th, 1942, at least. The main purpose of present legislation is to provide for such increases as the national defense program and the Lend-Lease bill will require. No one knows how much the total amount will be.

Four-motored, long-range bombers are now being delivered to the British by a California aircraft plant which is beginning delivery three months behind schedule. The bombers are said to be able to carry four tons of explosives from England to almost any sector of belligerent Europe and return, nonstop. The planes will be flown from California to the East Coast, where they will refuel for the hop across the Atlantic to Great Britain.

The Army is about 133,000 men short of its exected goal at this time, although 867,000 soldiers are under training. By next June, the Army expects to have 1,418,000, according to the present schedule Preliminary expansion plans involves the present study of sites for additional camps and cantonments if it becomes advisable to increase the strength of the Army. In this connection, it is noted that arms production facilities, including powder, ammunition, aircraft, chemical and other supplies, were designed to meet the requirements of the force contemplated up to 2,000,000 men.

Bundles for Britain, the organization that collects clothing for British war sufferers, has 700-odd branches in the United States. Its 650,000 workers are nearly all volunteers, with only nine of its thirty-four executive heads receiving pay. A recent report indicates that the workers collected \$1.645,086 in cash, clothing and supplies last year. The organization has sent 900,000 knitted garments, 300,000 pieces of new and used clothing and 350,000 articles of surgical apparatus to the British. Just about a year old, Bundles for Britain is operated in every State except Arkansas. With its emphasis upon volunteer work, the organization exemplifies the best type of relief activity. It deserves the confidence of the people of the United States and we hope that its work will be appreciated and supported by the people of Centre county.

With France prostrate and Great Britain involved in a serious war in Europe, the United States alone is in a position to exercise a restraining influence upon Tokyo. Whether this will be sufficient or not, is a question at this time and it is not premature for the people of the United States to consider the possibility of actual hostilities with Japan in the near future. The United States faces a great decision. It must decide what it will do in the event that Japan attacks Singapore or the Dutch East Indies. We must acquiesce in Japanese expansion. involving loss of commercial rights in the entire Far East. When the decision is definite, we should lose ne opportunity of advising Tokyo how long we will stand aside and when we will actively intervene. There is reason to believe that the United States. through its government has decided that if Japanese aggression goes beyond a certain point it will be necessary to take decisive action at the risk of war. We have no idea where that "point" has been located but news from the Far East indicates that the Japanese have advanced to it.

popular idea that the United States could not postibly be concerned with thoughts of danger, that the mighty republic would promptly slap down any challenger and that, compared with our strength, Gibraltar was a mud-mountain.

Nowadays, since the nation faced the possibility of British defeat, Americans are not quite so voluble in proclaiming their willingness to "lick the world." The sobering conclusion that we might have to assume the task is responsible for the eradication of much foolishness in connection with national defense.

COUNT US OUT

Such news as we get from the occupied lands of Europe informs us that the Nazis make a practice of taking what they find in conquered territory, paying for the spoils in marks which are of doubtful value

In fact, Hitler is utilizing the full resources of conquered areas to wage war. The industry of France, Czechoslovakia, and other nations, is producing for Germany. The stocks of the conquered peoples have been transported to Germany and even foodstuffs have been dangerously depleted.

Some reports say that railway transportation facilities have been taken into Germany, that livestock has been seized and removed and that private property has been ruthlessly appropriated to German use

The conquered people have no civil rights and many of them are required to labor for their enemy. The German surge for peace is dependent, apparently, upon the sacrifice of individual liberties everywhere and the stealing of valuable properties.

There may be people in the United States who think that we should not take cognizance of this organized free-booting, that the pirates would not dare attempt to use force against us and that if we will bury our heads in the sand the storm will blow over. We are not among them.

NICARAGUA WOULD COOPERATE

President Anastasio Somoza, of Nicaragua, establishes a new high in cooperation with the United States by inviting this country to establish air and naval bases on both coasts of Nicaragua, "as will best protect the interests of the two countries and the Panama Canal."

On his forty-fourth birthday, the President of this Central American Republic declared that "the keynote of Nicaragua's foreign policy is all-out cooperation with the United States . . . Nicaraguans are firmly convinced that their interests are parallel with those of the United States, while I, personally. look upon the United States as my second country.

This is an interesting statement in view of the fact that in 1912, the United States sent Marines into Nicaragua, following a revolt and only withdrew the legation guard in 1925. Almost immediately, Nicaragua was plunged again into civil warfare but this was ended when the United States sent Marines to the country again and supervised the 1928 election.

It is worth noting that the United States, after landing armed forces in Nicaragua, upon two occasions, withdrew the Marines, without seizing territory or attempting to make Nicaragua a colonial possession of this country.

GIFTS FROM THE PAST

Human beings, alive today, should appreciate the inheritance that has come to them from the men and women who lived in the years that are gone

This may seem commonplace but the essence of education involves an understanding acceptance of the institutions that have been bequeathed to

Those living today arrived in a world that had been developed by others. They enjoy modern family life, churches, schools, governments, and, be it added, an economic setup that makes for comfortable liv-

These things were not always in the world. They have been slowly developed, often by the blood, as well as the sweat, of humanity. In casually accepting them and in carelessly misusing them we exhibit a

Because she has naughty eyes, Pretty clothes, lovely form, Well-filled hose.

Toots loves me

Because I tell her she has naughty eyes, Pretty clothes, lovely form, Well-filled hose.

. . . .

We Can Do Better Methuselah, they tell us, lived for over 800 years and then died. We can do it in much less time.

. . . .

Include Him Out

Twenty or more bar flies were gathered in a little beer joint when an ugly-looking hombre came strolling in, a pistol in each hand, and said to the boys, "Everyone of you dirty skunks get out of here."

When the dust, resulting from the mad scramble to the door, settled, everybody had fled but a meek little guy who stood in the middle of the

floor. The bad man turned to him and yelled, "Well." "There sure were a lot of 'em," answered the meek little guy.

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Too Bad, Isn't It?

An asylum inmate, who was recently declared sane and released, took a profet in the know but I kin still the next boat to Germany.

The authorities have now realized their mistake.

Let's Have Something New

With all the Ask-It, Battle of the Sexes and what have you quiz programs now heard on the radio, why hasn't some sponsor put on a debate between two deaf and dumb societies?

. . . . Lesser of Two Evils

During the recent flood in the Kentucky lowlands, one family sent its little boy to stay with an uncle in another part of the State, accompanied by a letter explaining the reason for the nephew's sudden and unexpected visit.

Two days later the parents received this telegram: "Am returning your boy. Send the flood."

. . . . **One That He Missed**

"Has your husband any hobbles?" asked the neighbor.

"No," said Mrs. Tuggle, "he has rheumatiz a good deal, an' hives now and then, but he ain't never had no hobbies."

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They Tell 'Em

American Sailor-"Battleships? Why the flagship of our navy is so big that the captain goes around the deck in his car."

British Sallor-"You ought to see our flagship. Have a look at the kitchen. It's so large the cook has to go through the Irish stew in a submarine to see if the potatoes are cooked."

. . . . **Theory Tested**

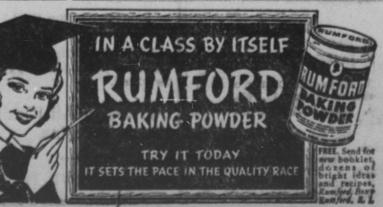
Conservative-"So you believe in dividing everything up, do you?" Socialist-"Yes."

Conservative-"Would you be willing to give me half your cows?" Socialist-"Yes, most certainly."

Conservative--- "Would you give me half your chickens?" Socialist—"No, that's different." Conservative—"What's the difference?"

Socialist-"Why, I have chickens, but I ain't got no cows."

* * * * That's all, folks. Never kick a man when he's down. He may get ----- SCAT.



permanent and you are both in good health. Perhaps there is a reason your parents object to this boy.

which you failed to mention. But take my advice and do not slip off and get married. If he is your choice and things are as you say, simply go to the parents and

tell them so and tell them that you want them to be with you when you do get married. If they see that you are serious and he is really a worthwhile fellow, I am sure they will consent.

LOUISA

AS I SEE IT By HORACE SENTZ

As I told you folks some time ago, I aint no expert wise. Nor I aint surmise. I made some guesses back a spell, what hit the bull's eye nifty, but when I guessed I knowed darn well, that the chance was fifty-fifty. So now I'm gonna guess again n' while this aint no tip, I'll bet a rusty safety pin, that's dynamite in that Wilkie trip. Wendell didn't take that jaunt, to look the scenery over, er vacation at the water front, along the Straits of Dover. He went across to git some dops, he thinks he'll need fer future use, as the 1944 ace hope, to raise politikal deuce. Nope, he aint outa politicks. He's got a axe to grind. He's startin now his fence to fix, that there politickal kind. Now the old guard in that G. O. P. dont like him very much, but jist between you folks n' me, that old guard's slippin at the clutch. The New Deal's kinda slippin too, jist like Will Rogers said the Demokrats was bound to do, if the party got swelled head. While all this slippins takin place, Wendell's gettin right inside, to set a brannd new party pace, that'll give em both a ride. Them big shots in both party camps, has gotto do more'n jist snort, there'll be embarassin revamps, if they sell cagey Wendy short.

You can spot a big man by his high-class assistants. People who expect flowers in the Spring must get busy now.

Let others argue about the relative value of sea-power and air forces but, as for the United States, give us both.

Most any business man can handle a big deal; the successful executive knows how to dispose of little deals.

BLOOD RED RICH GOOD HEALTH RICH BLOOD

ASTOUNDING VITALITY

Ton can have all these-IF-when you feel below par, you will take-LUEBERT'S IRON TONIO TABLETS. Composed of the chemical foods which your body needs to build new vim and vigor. If you are weak and run down-TRY THEM, Easy to take, me nausesting fluyids. Price for and \$1.00 per hor at druggists as by mail.

G. Luebert, P.D., Coatesville, Pa

Ans .-- President Roosevelt is a 32nd degree Mason

A. M .- When were the first automobile license plates issued?

Ans .-- The American Automobile Association says that the first registration of automobiles was required by the State of New York in 1900. No license plates were issued. Automobile owners were assigned numbers and required to make their own plates. The first license plates issued by any unit of Government appeared in Denver, Colorado, in 1906. The plates were made of leather.

J. J .- Who are the members of the National Defense Council?

Ans .- The Commissioners of the National Defense Council are: William S. Knudsen, industrial production; Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., industrial materials; Sidney Hillman, employment; Chester C. Davis, farm products; Ralph Budd, transportation; Leon Henderson, price stabilization; and Harriet Elhott, consumer protection.

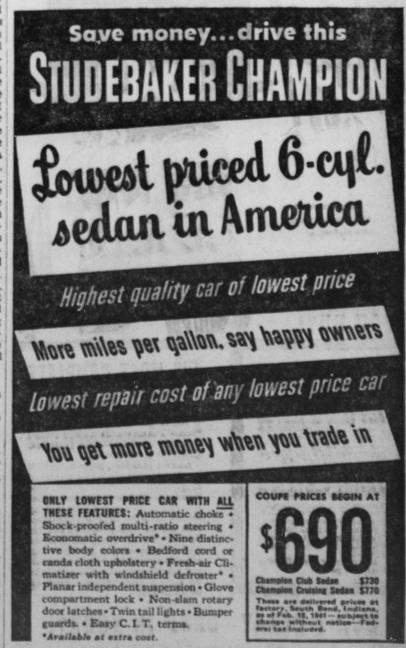
H. T .-- What kind of liquid will boil quicker than water?

Ans .- The National Bureau of Standards says that only volatile liquid, such as alcohol, will boil more quickly than water.

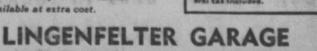
J. C .-- How much runway is required for a passenger airplane to take off?

Ans .- Depending upon the load in the aircraft and velocity and direction of the wind, the average take-off is completed in from 800-1000 feet of runway from the time the throttles are advanced to a take-off position

Answer to Problem-Because there is only one direction from the North Pole, and that is South.



NORTH WATER STREET



BELLEFONTE, PA.