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EDITORIAL

Herr Hitler sticks to his story; the English will be conquered this year. Well, we'll see.

Income taxes may be unpleasant, but we know of fewer taxes that we hope to pay in large amounts.

Many income taxpayers have given voluntarily to the defense fund. That is number one patriotism.

Business is improving all over the United States and will be better when the billions for defense are in circulation.

The churches of Centre county may not be the biggest in the world but they can give us more religion than we can assimilate.

Nation-wide activity in the steel industry is reported to be the greatest ever. When the steel business booms, the nation prospers.

From our observations many of the isolationist speakers who make addresses over the radio should be taken off the ether and put under it.

Marian Anderson, singer, has received the Bok Award, a high honor. If we remember rightly, the D. A. R. once refused Miss Anderson an audience because of her color.

Texas, ranking sixth in population, provided more enlisted soldiers for the Army in the past six months than any other State. Of 196,560 men who enlisted in the Regular Army for three years, 18,752 were Texans.

The American Institute of Public Opinion reports that a recent survey showed that the President has the support of seventy-two per cent of the voting public, the highest figures ever recorded.

It would be a sorry appreciation of our school bands if the legislature passed the bill to restrict their appearances solely to school functions. The bill is an awkward attempt to help professional musicians by compelling anyone who wants a band to employ it instead of using the school bands.

What degree of satisfaction Rep. Robert F. Rich of Lyeing county gets from being the only member of the State's delegation in the House of Representatives who voted against the \$7,000,000,000 British Aid bill, is hard to understand.

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War correspondents have testified to the effect of Mr. Churchill's brave words, when heard by British soldiers and sailors at grips with their empire's foe. Despite difficulties and disasters the British fighting men feel that they have a leader, at last, worthy of the great predecessors who created and enlarged their commonwealth of nations.

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Until the time arrives that the German people are satisfied that their effort to loot the world is vain, efforts to secure any settlement are futile. Just now, the latest word from Germany is that the people there are conscious of the hate that the rest of the world has for Nazis, that they fear the results of losing the war and being penalized and that, as a result, they are practically united behind the war effort.

This unity will continue to prevail as long as the Nazis can make the people of Germany believe that victory is "just around the corner" and that there are spoils galore for the Germans if victory is attained.

The time to talk a negotiated peace will arrive when Hitler's army has been severely defeated and the Nazi pretense of superiority has been shattered upon the battlefield. It is a bloody requirement but it is a requirement.

At the psychological moment the British may be able to weaken the German morale by disclosing their intention to be generous in making peace but that time has not yet arrived.

The RFC, through a subsidiary, will take over around \$350,000,000 of British investments in defense plants in this country, but the British will go on paying for defense orders as long as they have dollars or gold with which to pay.

When President Roosevelt welcomed the new British Ambassador out at sea the American public was told that this was very unusual, and that a precedent had been smashed. The writer of this item expressed approval of the incident.

BATTLE CRUISERS ON THE WAY

For the construction time in its history, the United States is building battle cruisers. The Navy recently revealed that six of these immensely powerful and efficient warships are now being constructed.

In 1916 when President Wilson projected an immense American Navy, in view of the world situation at that time, the program included battle-cruisers. Eventually, six were in process of construction during the World War days, but four were scrapped under the Naval Disarmament Treaty.

The difference between a battleship and a battle-cruiser is chiefly in armament and speed. Whereas the battleship, costing close to seventy million dollars, is heavily armored to withstand the fire of the largest guns, the battle-cruisers, costing about half as much, carries less protective armor in order to specialize in faster speeds.

While the battle-cruiser cannot stand the punishment that the battleship can endure, it is a swifter and well adapted for the job of patrolling an ocean, being able to destroy ordinary cruisers which are unable to stand its powerful broadsides.

While the Navy announcement is interesting, we should not lose sight of the fact that these battle-cruisers are merely begun and that several years will elapse before they will be available for service.

This does not mean that the United States should not complete its projected battle fleet. There is no way to know what may be the world situation in 1943 and 1944. It is just possible that this country will need all the battleships it can assemble in order to protect the nation.

WHAT COULD HITLER DO?

Adolf Hitler will be plenty angry at the United States congress for authorizing the President to supply war equipment with great freedom to the democratic countries.

This action seems within the rights of the United States as a neutral nation, to do business with a fighting power. But it so clearly favors Hitler's foes that he will regard it as an unneutral act.

Hitler considers fighting a luxury unless he is going to win the fight. He rightly fears the vast potential power of the United States.

What could he do to the United States if his anger finally becomes uncontainable? He has no warships that could get through the American Atlantic fleet. His bombing planes could not cross the ocean with any menacing load.

Hitler's weakness as respects the United States is that if he does take any warlike action against our country, he loses advantage he now has.

If directly attacked, the United States could seize many ships of conquered countries now in United States harbors, it could open our shipyards to repair British ships, it could convey ships carrying food and munitions to Britain.

There may be those who fall for the "superman" stuff about Hitler and his side-kick, Mussolini, but the dictators have met more than their matches in democracy's present leaders, Churchill and Roosevelt.

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

It Happened One Night. Embarrassing was the position of the young lady who while getting on the bus along the Williamsport route dropped her handkerchief on the lap of a sleeping man.

Homey Specimen. Auntie—"Precious, what did you do in school today?" Precious—"We had a nature study. Each pupil had to bring a specimen from home."

He Just Remembered. The colored preacher had announced as his text: "Adultery." Expanding on the subject he vehemently arraigned those brethren who made it a practice to secretly call on the wives of their friends and neighbors.

Extremely Light Conduct. It's being whispered about that a certain Bellefonte woman who had an affair with a man twenty years ago is now mixed up with the same man's son.

An Eye for a Bargain. Uncle Si (in from Podunk)—"And you say everything in the store is just five and ten cents?" Clerk—"Yes, everything."

Particular Pullets. Mrs. Fluffy—"Are you sure these are strictly fresh eggs?" Grocer—"Certainly, madam. The farmer who brings them to me wouldn't keep chickens which lay any other kind."

It's the Scotchman Again. Did you hear about the Scotchman who took his wife, about to present him with an heir, to the country because he heard that they had Free Rural Delivery?

It's the Foreign in Them. The baroness lay in the agony of death. Having called her husband to her side she said: "Armand, what I am about to say will surprise you, but I cannot die without this confession. I have deceived you with the butler."

Pretty Rank Stuff. We know a certain fellow whose wife is a good sport but a notoriously careful woman. A few weeks ago he decided on buying a cheaper brand of liquor than he had been accustomed to getting, and took home a quart of bargain "oh-be-joyful."

Mandy Was Wise. Her mistress gave Miranda a whole day off in which to do her shopping before getting married. "I can imagine what a proud woman you will be," she teased, "when you show your fiancé your trousseau this evening."

Yes, Yes, a Thousand Times Yes. Asked to state the difference between a misfortune and a calamity, a good friend of this column said: "If Hitler fell into the English Channel it would be a misfortune. But if someone dragged him out it would be a calamity."

Took Precautions. A long-suffering husband was burying his wife. It chanced that in passing through the gate the coffin had been thrust hard against one of the posts. Almost immediately, to the amazement of the mourners, a muffled scream was heard. The lid was hastily unscrewed, and, lo, the woman was not dead at all.

Saving Time. There was once a Scotchman, married to a school teacher who talked in her sleep. The Scotchman received a night school education.

Ba-a-h! Ba-a-h! News that Italy has devised a process of making wool out of milk must make the cows feel rather sheepish.

Before and After. Turkish girls who are insisting upon seeing their husbands before marriage take a sympathetic note in the hearts of a lot of Bellefonte wives, who want to see more of their husbands after marriage.

Please Don't. Now that the government has decided to name one of the battleships under construction "Ohio," we hope they won't build it round on the ends and high in the middle.

Knocking 'Em Off! Pat watched the professor, staring up at the sky through the long black telescope. Presently a star fell. "Shure an dthe man's a good shot," said Pat.

That's all, folks. Columnist Walter Winchell missed out on this item: "Mr. and Mrs. Beans have phhttttt." —SCAT.

PENN STATE TO GET DRAFTIES READY FOR ARMY. A new special defense course in physical fitness has been announced by the School of Physical Education and Athletics at the Pennsylvania State College to prepare prospective student and faculty draftees for the early rigors of Army training.

APPROVE WPA PROJECT FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES. A WPA project for controlling black stem rust for crop conservation purposes by eradicating barberry bushes, and other methods in 22 counties, including Centre County, was approved on Tuesday, according to an announcement from Washington.

IS OUT OF LUCK. Winfield Jenkins, of Blossburg, has lost two automobiles within three weeks. Wednesday morning the Blossburg Fire Department was called to the Jenkins garage, and upon its arrival found the inside of a new car destroyed by flames.

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Query & Answer Column
PROBLEM—Two brothers were walking along together on a street and talking confidentially. One of them stopped in front of a house rather suddenly and said to the other: "Wait here a moment, please; I want to go in here and see a charming young lady who is my niece, but she is not your niece. How come? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)"

J. K.—Do all female honey bees lay eggs, and do all the bees help make honey? Ans.—No. The queen bee of the hive is the only one that lays eggs. She is the sovereign, and the thousands of other bees—the workers—unmistakably obey her.

W. B.—Do the people of Bulgaria belong to the white race? Ans.—The people of Bulgaria sprang from the Mongolian (yellow) race during the second century, but linguistically they have adopted a Slavic speech of the Slavic population. They lost not only their ancient language, but also their physical type, and have become Europeanized in character.

I. B.—If I hung out a lot of spaghetti on the antenna of my radio, do you think I could get Italy? Ans.—We dunno. However, we hung out a wee frying pan and got grease all right.

R. S.—What was the middle name of William M. Thackeray, the novelist and humorist? Was he a German? Ans.—William Makepeace Thackeray was the full name of the famous novelist and humorist. He was an Englishman by blood, but was born in India July 18, 1811. He studied at the University of Weimar in Germany, where he became associated with Goethe. It was because of this association that many thought Thackeray was a German. He died Dec. 24, 1863, and was entombed in Westminster Abbey in London.

C. W.—Is United States Senator Taft any relation to the deceased William Howard Taft, a former President? Ans.—Yes. The Senator from Ohio is the son of the former President of the United States.

A. W.—What is a tapir? Ans.—The tapir belongs to a class of hoofed quadrupeds, which have a bulky body and moderately long legs, and native to South America.

E. M. S.—When was the first christening held in the United States? Ans.—Virginia Dare (1587?) was the first white child born on the American continent. She was the daughter of Ananias and Eleanor White Dare, members of a band of colonists sent to Virginia by Sir Walter Raleigh, in 1587, and was born on August 18. Two days later the infant was christened Virginia, the first known celebration of this Christian sacrament in America.

H. P.—Was Colonel Lindbergh's father a Representative or a Senator in Congress? Ans.—Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Sr., was a Representative from Minnesota. He was elected as a Republican to the 56th and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1907-March 3, 1917). He did not seek renomination in 1916, having become a candidate for Senator. He was an unsuccessful candidate for election to the United States Senate on the non-Partisan League ticket in 1916.

J. C.—How many people wear glasses? Ans.—About 90 million people in the United States have defective eyes and 34 million wear glasses.

J. H. H.—Who were the tallest, heaviest, and smallest Presidents? Ans.—President Lincoln was the tallest President—6 feet 4 inches. President Taft who weighed 280 pounds, was the largest. President Madison weighed less than 100 pounds and was the shortest. President, being less than 5 feet 4 inches tall.

C. D. S.—What is the oldest Christian church in existence? Ans.—The Church of the Nativity in Jerusalem is reputed to be the oldest.

L. L.—How long did the King and Queen of England visit the United States? Ans.—King George and Queen Elizabeth were in the United States from June 7 to June 11, 1939.

M. H.—Who said "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes"? Ans.—This was the command of Col. William Prescott at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

E. K. R.—What are the principal breeds of dairy cows in the United States? Ans.—They are as follows: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.

G. L.—Did President Roosevelt use the same Bible on which he took the oath in January at his previous inaugurations? Ans.—The same family Bible was used not only in his two previous inaugurations as President, but in both of his inaugurations as Governor of New York.

C. J.—Where is the largest drydock in the United States? Ans.—According to Lloyd's Register, the largest dock in the United States is the graving dock located in South Boston, Mass., and known as the Commonwealth Drydock. It has a length of 1200 feet at top and 1171 feet at bottom.

G. W.—When red, white and blue bunting is used for decorating which color should be on top? Ans.—The bunting should be arranged with the blue above, white in middle, and the red below.

P. E. C.—Are our standards of length derived from the yard or meter? Ans.—They are derived from the international meter, which equals 39.37 inches. The meter is the fundamental standard of length in the United States and in most all civilized countries outside of the British Empire.

M. D.—Who said "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt"? Ans.—The quotation is attributed to Abraham Lincoln.

F. B. H.—Where did peacock eye glassware originate? Ans.—The peacock eye was considered one of the most beautiful of the lace glass patterns produced in the early days of the Sandwich factory. It was at first called the "comet," named in honor of Halley's comet which appeared in 1835.

P. S. T.—What is Belleek? Ans.—Belleek is thin, light-weight porcelain, having a beautiful iridescent or pearly glaze. It takes its name from a town in Ireland where it has been made for many years.

W. D.—Did Abraham Lincoln propose remunerating the South for the freedom of the slaves? Ans.—As early as March 6, 1862, President Lincoln had argued Congress to cooperate with the States for the gradual emancipation of its slaves with compensation from the Government. He figured out that the cost of the war for eighty-seven days would purchase all of the slaves in the border States at the rate of \$400 apiece. A resolution of this kind passed the House of Representatives on March 11, 1862 but no State accepted the terms offered.

B. G.—What makes chinchilla fur so soft? Ans.—It is because of its extreme fineness. The animal has a multiple hair follicle and there are as many as eighty hair growing from a single follicle.

Answer to Problem: The niece of the speaker was his brother's daughter.

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