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Hess leaves Germany and the Nazis say he is crazy. This is not what the rest of the world says.

Russia and Japan, as we see it, are ready to use the bayonet whenever the loot seems easy to grab.

When dictators unite to plunder free peoples, it is time for free peoples, everywhere, to make common cause in their own interests and safety.

Details are not public, but the Army Air Corps is known to be testing a powerful pursuit plane which will be heavily armored and carry large and small caliber guns.

A barrage balloon training center at Camp Davis, North Carolina, is specializing in studying this form of defense against aircraft, according to the War Department.

The American Government has reached an agreement with the Government of Haiti for the joint development of experimental stations and breeding gardens for rubber plants and the extensive planting of rubber trees.

The Government of Eire is seeking food and arms from the United States but Washington authorities insist on satisfactory guarantees.

Lord Halifax, British ambassador to this country, calls attention to the changed structure of war and emphasizes the part played by designers, draftsmen and skilled workers.

The use of American warships to protect shipping in the Atlantic involves the risk of war.

Unusual interest is being taken in the "fireside chat" which the President will make in the nation next Tuesday evening.

In the verbal extremities of his denunciation of the war purposes of the Washington administration, Senator Wheeler has apparently now come to the conclusion that among other things against which he would have the country steel itself is a possible conscription of American girls to provide dancing partners for American soldiers in training camps.

Under present law, a married man with no dependents, having an income of \$2500, pay a Federal income tax of \$11.

ENEMIES FROM WITHIN The foreign policy of the United States, as approved by Congress in the passage of the Lend-Lease Act in March, involves all-out assistance to Great Britain and China and any other nation that may resist aggression.

The President having proposed, and Congress having approved, the foreign policy which promises all possible assistance to the fighting democracies, there is no excuse for the tactics of certain Americans who continue futile verbal assaults upon the details of the national policy.

Once the policy has been approved, the factual details should be left to the discretion of responsible executive leadership, acting with due deference to the advice of our military and naval experts.

The Japan Times-Advertiser, recognized as an organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, gloats over every evidence of division in this country and asserts that "American disunity undermines democracies and strengthens the Axis cause."

Other newspapers in Axis countries emphasize every criticism of the American Government in its efforts to implement our foreign policy, and some go so far as to say that opponents have "put up a good fight, but they could not create a wave of public opinion capable of making a veritable revolution against the minority that is precipitating the American people into war."

The above quotation comes from an Italian newspaper which is under the impression that a minority is precipitating this nation along its foreign policy. Naturally every American knows that the Government of the United States, in its reaction to the European war, and especially in its pledge of unlimited assistance to Great Britain, has the backing and approval of the vast majority of Americans.

Our people understand, of course, that there is risk of war, but they know that it does not exist because any minority, or majority, of the people of this country want war.

The fact that freedom still exists in the United States and that citizens are permitted to criticize the foreign policy of their government creates an erroneous impression in the Axis countries where governments do not tolerate such comments.

Consequently, the advocates of appeasement and ultimate surrender by this country encourage the Axis powers to continue their aggression when they persuade the Axis group that the United States has been weakened by internal strife and division.

The Lindberghs, Wheelers, Nyes and other bitter-end isolationists, have no idea that they can prevent the successive acts which will become necessary to carry out our national policy.

A recent news dispatch from Tokyo reports that Japanese newspapers play up "evidences of disunity and interior strife" in the United States, together with news of labor difficulties, saying that they "go far to reinforce those states that are consolidating behind their governments and where open criticism or interference with state policy would never be tolerated."

WE MUST AVOID INFLATION The people of the United States are beginning to wonder whether expenditures necessary by the defense program will result in inflationary prices and thus carry us to another pinnacle from which we will inevitably descend into another depression.

It may be said at the beginning that the first requisite for another depression is a period of inflation. Consequently, responsible economic experts, in and out of the Government, are agreed that steps should be taken to prevent advancing prices which will culminate in a wild orgy of buying.

With the increased tempo of defense spending, the people of the United States will have more money to spend. It is also certain that as industrial plants are turned from normal production into the production of defense materials, the shortage of goods may become pronounced.

Given more money and fewer goods, it is certain that prices will go up as prospective buyers bid against each other for decreasing supplies. This would be the case in any free economy. Consequently, the Government is almost compelled to take steps to limit the buying power of the public.

As we understand it, and we admit that we do not know too much about it, this can be done in several ways. One is to set a price upon goods and commodities. Another way is to provide heavy taxation in order to drain off excess purchasing power.

This end is also accomplished by persuading people to invest in Government bonds for defense financing.

The British Government recently attempted to inaugurate a new system of control. It provided heavy income taxes, which included a plan for compulsory saving. Thus, a man who paid \$188 a year in taxes was given a credit of \$48, which sum would become available to him at the end of the war.

This plan has several advantages, including the absorption of excess purchasing power during the emergency and an automatic provision for a savings account to cushion post-war decreases in the income of individuals. It may be copied in this country.

We hope the people of the United States will be smart enough to encourage the Government to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent a repetition of the inflation orgy which developed in the United States during the last war.

The remedy may seem to be harsh now but it will be easy if it enables the nation to avoid disastrous depression after the defense effort is unnecessary.

FIGHTING NIGHT BOMBERS The British seem to be having greater success in shooting down German aircraft at night and from figures given out by the Air Ministry in London, the RAF seems to be making progress in its effort to overcome night-bombing.

On the night of May 7, according to an Air Ministry communique, a record was set when twenty-four enemy aircraft were destroyed, twenty by fighter planes, three by anti-aircraft gunfire and one by balloon barrage. This record has already been surpassed by subsequent successes.

Weather conditions, according to the British, were very favorable for fighter operations but the Air Ministry says that the main reason for satisfaction lies in the gradual and consistent increase in casualties inflicted on the enemy since the early part of the year.

Everybody remembers the effort of German aircraft to establish mastery over the British Isles in the early fall of 1940. We were thrilled beyond measure when the Royal Air Force broke up the German attacks, shooting down almost 200 German planes in one day.

Figures released by the Air Ministry show that there has been an increasing number of German planes destroyed at night. In January, it was fifteen. In February fifteen, in March forty-seven, in April ninety, and in the first week of May, seventy-four.

The highest figure for any one night in January was five on January 19, three in February on the 18th, thirteen in March on the 13th, thirteen in April on the 9th, and the encouraging twenty-four on May 7th.

Since the establishment of the Rural Electrification Administration in May, 1935, more than 500,000 farms have received electricity and, in addition, private utilities have connected up about as many additional farms.

The time has come for the United States to accept its responsibility in the world as the largest and richest nation on the globe, even if Herr Hitler does not like it.

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

What is a Man? Well, being one, we really don't know, but one of our ever-admiring readers sends this in:

Men are what women marry. They have two feet, two hands, and sometimes two wives, but they never have more than one dollar and one idea at a time.

Like Turkish cigarettes, men are all made of the same material, the difference is that some are a little better disguised than others.

It is a psychological miracle that a soft, fluffy, tender, violet-scented, sweet little thing like a woman should enjoy kissing a big, awkward, stubby-chinned tobacco and bay-rum scented thing like a man.

If you flatter a man, you frighten him to death; if you don't you bore him to death. If you permit him to make love to you, he gets tired of you in the beginning.

If you wear gay colors, rouge and a startling hat, he hesitates to take you out. If you wear a little brown turban and a tailor-made suit, he takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colors, rouge and wearing a startling hat.

If you join the gayeties and approve of his smoking and drinking, he says you are driving him to hell; and if you don't approve he vows that you are snobbish.

If you are the clinging vine type, he doubts whether you have any brains, and if you are a modern, advanced and intelligent woman, he doubts whether you have a heart.

A man is just a worm in the dust; he comes along, wriggles about for a time and finally some chicken grabs him.

A Sad, Sad Story The other night, it seems, a farmer was getting ready for bed when he thought he heard a noise in the chicken house.

Reaching the hen house he threw open the door and sorta squatted down, pointing the gun and flashlight toward the roosts and peering into the void.

Human Churn Sambo had seen a ghost and as he related his experience his knees sagged under him.

"Yas, suh," he went on, "Ah'd jes' come out of the cowshed with a pail o' milk in mah hand. Den Ah hears a noise an' de ghost rushes out."

"And were you scared?" asked one of his listeners. "Did you shake with fright?"

"Ah don' know what Ah shook with," replied Sambo, "Ah can't say Ah shook at all; but when Ah got in de house dere aren't no milk in de pail—only two pounds ob butter."

Talking About Race Horses Two old rival horse-owners were as usual running down each other's horses for the benefit of an old acquaintance.

Colonel Click—"Why, the last time that old nag of yours ran in a race, when he came in it was so dark he tip-toed into the stable."

Colonel Clog—"Yeah. The last time your horsefaired ran in a race he came in so late he not only tip-toed into the stall, but took off his shoes as well."

Says The Missus Hiram—"Wife, a man is no older than he feels. Now this morning, I feel as fresh as a two-year-old."

Wife—"Horse or egg?"

How Time Flies Diner—"Are you the waitress who took my order?"

Waitress—"Yes, sir."

Diner—"You're still looking well—how are your grandchildren?"

Passing The Buck A judge was perplexed over the conflicting claims of two Negro women, each of whom asserted that a certain cute little black baby belonged to her.

Finally, the judge thought of Solomon, and told the two women that he would divide the baby in two and give each of them half.

They were so shocked that they both screamed: "Don't do dat, boss. You kin keep him yourself."

Canned and Everything We've quit believing that the devil has horns and hoofs. If he had, the meat packers would have got him long ago.

Doing Her Best The town wag met an excited bride one afternoon on the street. He asked: "Why are you rushing around like this on a hot day?"

"I'm trying to get something for my husband," she replied.

He chuckled and asked: "Had any offers?"

"It was Terrible Customer—"Remember that cheese you sold yesterday?"

Grocer—"Yes, madam."

Customer—"Did you say it was imported or deported from Switzerland?"

She Knew It A negro woman was standing on the street watching a circus parade. One of the pickaninies looked up and said:

"Mammy, your mouf's open."

To which she replied: "Yas, I knows it. I lef' it open myself."

No Talking Back Hitler was interviewing his troops and stopped to talk to one private. "How are things with you?" he asked.

"Gee, I can't complain, sir," answered the soldier.

"I'll say you can't," agreed the Fuehrer.

Been Out Before He—"I'll be tickled if we find a filling station soon, the gas is running low."

She—"And I suppose I'll be tickled if we don't."

Chinese Proverb "If you wish to be happy for an hour, get drunk. If you wish to be happy for three days, get married. If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and eat it. But if you wish to be happy forever, die."

On a Sunday Morning Parson (meeting a neighbor bringing home a load of hay)—"Jenkins, Wouldn't it be better if you attended services instead of working this way?"

Jenkins—"Mr. Dawkins, I don't know whether it would be best to sit on a load of hay and think of religion or sit in the church and think of the hay."

Making Progress First Neighbor—"Are you making any progress in getting acquainted with those fashionable people who have just moved next door to your house?"

Second Neighbor—"Their cat invited our cat over to a musical last night."

Oh, Dear From a petition in a damage suit by a lady whose bathtub is evidently located in the kitchen:

LOUISA'S LETTER LETTERS ANSWERED.

Dear Louisa:— I am a girl of seventeen and have finished high school. I haven't the money to go to college but I have a chance to marry a steady man much older than I am.

I am anxious for me to marry this man but I hesitate because I do not love him. She says that I will learn to love him and I may never have the good chance again. What would you advise?

MARY B.

ANSWER Do not marry a man with whom you are not in love. Your mother is very foolish to urge you to do this.

She probably is thinking of you in terms of thirty or forty years ago when a girl's only career was that of marriage.

In those days almost any husband was better than none for being an old maid in that age meant that one was dependent on their male relatives and were practically cut off from society.

But times have changed, thank goodness, and no girl has to marry a man she doesn't love nowadays to earn a meal ticket.

If she has any "get-up" about her she can make her own living until Mr. Right comes along and then the babies and housework will not be intolerable burdens to her but rather a work of love.

On the other hand, if the right man never comes along, she can go right on with her work and find hundreds of other interesting things to take up her time and life.

At seventeen, Mary, you are just at the beginning of your career. Even if you thought you were in love it would be a wise thing for you to wait a few years until you were sure the love you felt for this man was real love and not the "puppy" variety, so liable to change.

But you say you are not in love. If you marry under such circumstances you will not only be doing your husband a great injustice but you will be storing up great unhappiness and disillusionment for yourself.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:— I have a neighbor who is a good-hearted creature but who interferes terribly with my work.

She leaves her own undone and drops in on me at all times of the day. If she only stayed a few minutes, it might not be so bad, but she stays and rocks by the hour while my dishes and clothes wait. I hate to be impolite and tell her that I have my work to do.

But she gets me behind with everything and I often have to finish my work at night after my husband comes home.

MRS. J. M. P.

ANSWER: Your neighbor must realize that you do your own work and if she is so informal as to drop in as you say, I should be informal enough to ask her to come on into the kitchen and sit while I finished by work.

I certainly would not let an idle neighbor ruin my evenings with my family.

A system of work is a very great help to any woman and to have it continually interrupted means hardship to her. Of course, I do not mean that we should make ourselves a slave to a system and feel that we cannot interrupt it for an occasional visitor or something else we wish to do.

The system is planned as a help and not as a slave driver.

LOUISA.

AS I SEE IT By HORACE SENTZ

Them Japanese is showin' sense. They're actin' kinda wise by stayin' right on top the fence, with cocked ears 'n' peeled eyes. They seen how Hitler called the trick, that made ole Muss a monkey, now they ain't gonna jump so quick to be a Nazi funkney.

Them Japs has figgered some things out, 'n' the picture ain't so pretty. They know Adolf's word ain't so stout, 'n' once startle means no more. Adolf says you fight Uncle Sam, while I give the works to Britain, we'll both be happy as a clam, when at last on top we're sittin. But while the Fuehrer tells them this, them Japs dont think it so.

He's given them a Judas kid, while he slides up to Joe. Then too they know that Sam is tough. He ain't no weak pushover. He might treat them so larzal rough, that they never could recover. For three years now they been in wrong, they sure stuck out their neck, a tryin to ring the Chinese gong, 'n' beat ole Chang Keye Check, 'n' if they cant lick that Chinese bunch, they'd be in a bigger jam, if they dont toller this here hunch, 'n' lay offa Uncle Sam.

This Axis stuff might be the tops, if there was a common stake, but Japan knows that if she flops, Adolf wont put 'emll take. So jis now them Japs thinks they'll wait, till they see prospects more bright. They dont believe in temptin Fate, by gittin in a losing fight.

Graduation Date. Commencement exercises at the Pennsylvania State College will be held on Monday, June 9, and the first summer session, known as the Intersession, will open on the following day. The main summer term will be in session from June 30 to August 8.

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Query & Answer Column

PROBLEM—How are you in arithmetic? O. K.? Well, then solve this one—no "catch": The world's record for the fastest baseball pitched from the pitcher's box to the home plate (60 1/2 feet) is 139 feet in one second.

In terms of miles, how many miles per hour is that speed? (Answer elsewhere in this department.)

T. G.—Do you think that Benito Mussolini will ever write the history of his African campaign against the English? —Ans.—We think not. However, he may write his autobiography.

F. W.—What is the name of the river that forms part of the boundary between Louisiana and Texas? —Ans.—The Sabine river.

J. D.—How many times has Pittsburgh won the pennant in the National Baseball League? —Ans.—Available records from 1900 to 1940 the Pittsburgh Pirates have won the pennant six times—1901, 1902, 1903, 1909, 1925 and 1927.

C. R.—Is Australia classed as the largest island in the world? If not, which is? —Ans.—No. Australia is classed as a continent, and not as an island. Greenland is the largest island in the world.

C. T.—Why is a certain kind of bug called a "bombardier beetle"? —Ans.—The bombardier beetle is a species of bug that is preyed upon by larger beetles of its own family; but when chased, the bombardier ejects an acid fluid that immediately vaporizes on contact with the atmosphere, and looks like a tiny puff of smoke, and at the same time a distinct report is heard, reminding one of a miniature cannon. The discharge can be repeated several times in rapid succession, and holds its enemy at bay until the little artilleryman is able to find shelter beneath a stone or in the crevice of the soil. Thus it was named the "Bombardier" beetle. It is native to South America.

A. T.—When and where was gold first coined as money? —Ans.—Gold was first coined as money in A. D. 1252, during the reign of King Henry III in England.

W. G.—Is the Danube the largest river in Europe? —Ans.—No. The Danube is third largest. The Volga is the largest river in Europe, and is the principle feeder of the Caspian Sea, and the great highway of commerce of Central and South Russia.

N. H.—When is the most favorable time for cruises to Alaska? —Ans.—Tourists find that the most delightful cruises to Alaska is between early June through September. During this period of time the weather and the sea is most tranquil.

R. G.—How large was the Roman Empire at its peak? —Ans.—Under the Emperor Trajan, 98-117 A. D., the Roman Empire at its greatest extent consisted of 1,996,000 square miles, an area larger than that of entire Argentina today.

E. T.—What is a good top dressing for lawns to be used in winter? —Ans.—A compost mixture of three parts of good garden loam, one part of sand, and one part of well-rotted manure should be applied before heavy frosts begin.

W. J. H.—What foods contain as much or more iron than spinach? —Ans.—Liver, molasses, lima beans, and egg yolk are richer in absorbable iron than spinach.

C. C.—Next to the diamond, what is the hardest stone? —Ans.—The Sapphire ranks next to the diamond in hardness.

A. B.—Is it true that cigars can be made from soy beans? —Ans.—Soya bean leaf cigars have recently been put on the market as a substitute for tobacco.

C. D.—What is a pulp magazine? —Ans.—It is a magazine printed on inexpensive, rough paper, containing a high proportion of wood pulp.

M. J.—Where in Kentucky is the cemetery with memorials to a man's family, his horses, dogs, etc.? —Ans.—The Woolridge monuments are in Maplewood cemetery, Mayfield, Kentucky. Henry G. Woolridge, an eccentric trader, had statues of himself, his relatives, his dogs, horse, a deer, and a fox made. The standing figure of himself is of marble, while the others were cut from stone and are mostly the work of Will Lydon, a Paducah stonecutter.

G. W. H.—Is there a fish that walks on the water? —Ans.—The wahoo is a tropical game fish which when hooked walks on its tail along the surface of the water. It has an unusual backbone consisting of a latticework of bones which brace the spine in such a way that the fish cannot bend its body up or down.

C. M.—Why is the new National Gallery of Art at Washington, D. C., not named for its donor, Andrew W. Mellon? —Ans.—Mr. Mellon forbade naming the gallery for himself.

C. F. S.—How much steel is needed to build a battleship? —Ans.—A 45,000-ton battleship will require about 20,000 tons of ordinary steel; an aircraft carrier about 17,000 tons; a cruiser about 5,500 tons; and a destroyer about 700 tons. These tonnages do not include the steel in the ship's guns and defensive armor.

G. R.—How large are Henry Ford's rubber plantations in Brazil? —Ans.—The plantations consist of 2,500,000 acres, of which 3,000,000 rubber trees are planted. There are 700 residents on the plantations.

D. D. J.—What amount of destruction is done by rats? —Ans.—The rat population of the United States is estimated at approximately 130,000,000. Each rat is said to consume fifty pounds of food per year and destroy about \$2.00 worth of property, making a total rat bill of \$260,000,000, not counting money spent on extermination.

Answer to Problem—The speed of that pitched baseball was 94 7/10 miles per hour.

BELLEFONTE HIGH SCHOOL 5TH PERIOD HONOR ROLL

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