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EDITORIAL

What we don't know is what worries us; don't bother about it, you have troubles of your own.

German submarines, as survivors of the Robin Moor will testify, are no respecters of this nation's rights on the high seas.

The Air Corps will have fifty-one pilot schools in operation this fall, and with the establishment of 34 additional ones will train 30,000 pilots a year.

Defense production in the United States is developing to the point that if the British hold out a few more months this nation will be reasonably secure.

War supplies from the United States are beginning to reach Near East ports where their cargoes will strengthen the British position in the Middle East.

Twenty-one companies of CCC workers have been assigned to nine army hospitals and twelve replacement centers where they will be used as cooks, bakers, clerks, supply men, truck drivers and telephone and radio operators.

AMERICAN WORKMAN IS PATRIOTIC

The idea that millions of laborers can be coerced into full-fledged cooperation with the national defense program is an idea that belongs to the Hitlerian conception of government, rather than to any democratic philosophy.

The average American has been stirred by the procession of strikes, which have been played up by newspapers all over the nation, and he has wondered whether the unions have been taken over by the Communists, or other "bad people."

This concern is quite natural, but there is little occasion for any deep distrust of the fundamental loyalty of the laboring people of the United States.

Some of them may be misled and some may be over-zealous in their attempts to get more pay, but when everything is said and done the working men and women of the republic will do their part in the defense of the nation.

Just the other day, Mr. William S. Knudsen, Director General of the Office of Production Management, declared that the "American workman does not need to be driven or speeded up, but is patriotically producing because the country wants it."

He'll take care of the situation himself when he knows what the country wants and needs.

OTHER SHIPS WILL BE ATTACKED

The rescue of the forty-six passengers, happily completed when a British ship reached Africa with the last survivors of the Robin Moor, does not conceal the gravity of the issue presented to the United States by the attack upon the vessel by a German submarine operating in the South Atlantic.

According to Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, the American vessel was on the high seas in peaceful commerce, remote from any combat zones and carrying nothing considered contraband by this country.

The passengers, including women and children, were forced to go into small life-boats in violation of agreements between the United States and Germany. Certainly, no one should be surprised at this evidence of German intentions to violate any agreement or law whenever desired.

Just the same, the sinking of the Robin Moor shows very definitely that Adolf Hitler has issued orders to his warriors to destroy American ships in an effort to prevent the delivery of supplies to the British anywhere in the world.

It should be noticed that the Robin Moor was engaged in lawful trade, carrying no munitions and bound on a voyage which was entirely proper under the terms of our self-imposed neutrality act.

This piece of legislation, passed by the Congress of the United States, voluntarily surrendered the historic American right of freedom of the seas and, in an effort to avoid just such incidents, prohibited American ships from entering the "combat zones," in times of war.

The act of Congress may be effective in preventing our ships from going into "combat zones" but it seems to have no effect in preventing Hitler's submarines from attacking American ships.

CONTRIBUTE SCRAP ALUMINUM

After checking the results obtained in test drives in four counties of Virginia and Wisconsin, the Office of Production Management will soon appeal to the people of the United States to salvage 20,000,000 pounds of aluminum from kitchen pots and pans and various sources of scrap metal.

In the tests, recently completed at Richmond, Va., and Madison, Wis., some 80,000 pounds of aluminum, three or four times the amount expected, were collected. This is enough, according to officials, to build nearly three long-range bombers.

The people of Centre County, we feel sure, will enthusiastically cooperate with the people of other sections in this salvage enterprise which will mean much to the defense program of the United States.

They will provide the needed metal for more than six hundred giant flying fortresses which will help to keep this country free and independent.

CONFIDENCE IN ROOSEVELT

A nation-wide poll announced recently that President Roosevelt's personal popularity has climbed to an all-time high.

The poll attributes the rise in the President's popularity to the international crisis and the repeated tendency of the American people to turn to the militant leader of the Democratic party when confronted with great problems.

The latest nation-wide survey finds that 73 per cent of voters with opinions on the subject express a vote of confidence in Franklin D. Roosevelt. Only 27 per cent said they disapprove of him as President.

His new popularity figure tops the 71 per cent found supporting the President at the time of his third term inaugural in January, and the 72 per cent recorded in a similar survey last month.

The President was re-elected last November with 55 per cent of the popular vote.

More than 80 separate surveys have been conducted on Roosevelt's standing with the public during the past seven years. These have shown that Roosevelt has never been a "minority" President—that is, his popularity, as recorded in these surveys, has never fallen below the 50-50 line, although there was a time—in September, 1935—when the President received only 50.1 per cent support.

Until this spring the highest points in the personal popularity index were 60 per cent in the beginning of 1934, and 70 per cent in May, 1940, when the Nazi armies were overrunning France.

SERVICE FOR THOSE IN SERVICE

The President has asked the people of the country to support the thirty-day campaign of the United Service Organization to raise \$10,760,000 to defray the operating costs of 350 service clubs for members of the armed forces and for workers in the emergency industrial areas.

The campaign goal will provide services for many thousands of young men and women in hundreds of towns where the influx of soldiers or industrial workers has presented problems which are entirely beyond the resources of the local community to handle.

By contributing to the organization, the people of every section of the United States will be helping to care for soldiers, sailors and defense workers, which includes individuals from every country in the nation.

DISPELLING THE FOG

By Charles Michelson. There is a type of mind that regards the obvious as unconvincing and that always looks around for a tortuous explanation of any phenomenon, however simple.

The psychologists have a name for it. It would be charitable to attribute to Senator Nye, and a very few others of the Isolationist group, this character of intellect in contemplation of their thesis that it may have been a British and not a Nazi submarine that sank the American freighter Robin Moor, and its peace-time cargo of everything from steel rails to women's stockings, in mid-ocean.

"It wouldn't be wholly impossible," the newspapers quote the North Dakota Senator as saying, "for the British themselves to engineer little programs of that kind. Remember the Athenia—they have just been hoping for a sinking and looking for trouble."

The idea is not unfamiliar. The Nazis, it will be remembered, sought to convey a similar thought when they intimated that the destruction of the Athenia was a British plan. The Athenia was torpedoed on a return trip to Canada a year and a half ago.

Hitler destroyed Poland, because of the persecutions of Germans there; overwhelmed Czechoslovakia on the same excuse. He swamped Holland and Belgium because the English intended to invade Germany via these countries; and so on down the line to the Near East. It was always the little country, vainly trying to be neutral, that was bullying Germany.

In the matter of the Robin Moor—the mate of the doomed cargo ship was summoned aboard the submarine with his ship's papers. He and others tell of the U-boat captain's broken English, and they saw or heard nothing to cast any doubts on the Teutonic complexion of the outfit. Perfidious Albion must have taken the precaution of having German-speaking actors man the ship, made up to carry out the deception. Doubtless the destruction of the freight, sent to supply the ordinary peace-time needs of a British possession in the southern tip of Africa, was part of the play-acting.

What Can Be Done About It? Nothing could be more absurd; not even the implication of the suggestion of a couple of other Isolationist Senators that "they hoped that this is one of those incidents the interventionists have been saying the President is looking for to get us into war."

What "interventionists" is supposed to have said this, or who he said it to, nowhere appears.

At this writing, except for an unofficial interview by an unnamed Nazi authority, there has been no reply from the Hitler outfit to our protest at the sinking of an American ship, far from any war zone; that carried no war material or munitions, and the identity of which had been ascertained by the raider. The newspaper interview, cabled from Berlin, stated that the Germans would sink any ship anywhere that was carrying "contraband." Contraband is anything that they care to use as an excuse for the destruction of lives and ships.

Naturally, there is much interest in what the American Government will do in the face of this deliberate assault.

It could be made the base of a declaration of war, though that would seem to be the least likely outcome. We might ask indemnity and, if that was refused, could seize German property in reprisal or we could do as this country did more than a century ago—start to go after the raiders as pirates—cutlaws entitled to no grace. This would parallel our action when we broke up the blackmailing enterprise of the Barbary marauders that used to seize American ships and hold their crews for ransom.

The alternative would appear to be to submit to the doctrine that Hitler rules the seas and agree that American ships could move nowhere without the peril of being blown up wherever the raiders could find them. That would seem to be the farthest possible from the course this country will pursue.

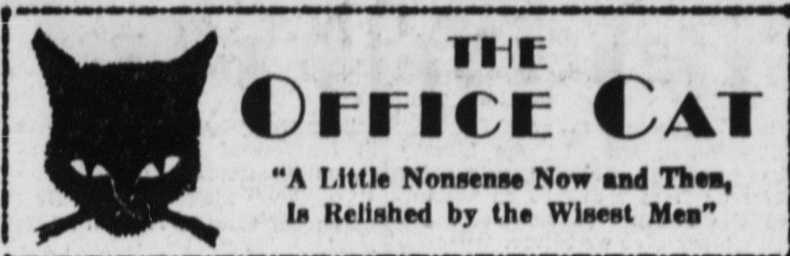
As to Germany, she is expected to take one of two positions. First, she may adopt the policy indicated by the newspaper interview, asserting her intention of sinking ships bearing contraband—reserving to herself the decision of what is contraband—while making no admission that the Robin Moor was the victim of a Nazi submarine. Second, she may deny any knowledge of the affair, and say none of her U-boats was in that part of the world when the sinking occurred. That is what she claimed when the Athenia was destroyed. Very likely, we will know the Nazi position—or, at least, the formal attitude—before this letter is published.

Criticism—But No Program

In speculating on what will come next, I know no more than any other newspaper commentator, just what is going to happen or when. Possibly a considerable interval will elapse before the decision is announced. We remember the almost interminable succession of notes, protests and conversations that preceded Woodrow Wilson's authorizing the arming of merchant ships to resist the submarine raiders in the first World War. It will take more than putting a gun crew on our freighters and passenger liners this time to secure them against attack. Not only are the submarines of today of wider range and power than they were in 1917, but to them is added the menace of fast surface raiders and bombing from the air.

The President referred to this in his freestyle talk when he described the convoy system as outmoded. He indicated then that security for American cargoes was to be arranged and he does not speak in such terms unless he has in mind the process as well as the project.

It may be worthy of note that up to this time, no Isolationist spokesman, among those who commented on the incident, has suggested what, in his opinion, our Government should do in the premises. That is in accord with the thesis of the foes of the administration that whatever the President does is wrong. That was the G. O. P. agenda of last year's campaign. Apparently the Isolationists of today are even picking up the rest of the formula—that they could do the job better.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

My Flame

A girl from out west of St. Paul Made a newspaper dress for a ball; She made a great hit, Till somehow she got lit, And burned, funny section and all.

Birthmark

An undergraduate had to leave college before grades had been posted, and asked a girl friend of his who worked in the Registrar's office to wire him his grade as soon as it came in.

It happens that Western Union telegraphers will not send single letters over the wire, but will substitute a word for them, such as "apple" for "A," "boy" for "B," "cow" for "C," etc. Now, the young hopeful parked himself near the Western Union office at home, and waited with anticipation the coming of the wire. It came. He opened it. It read:

"It's a boy!"

JOSEPHINE.

Need we say there was a lot of explaining to do?

Wrong Number

Professor Sandoz, fencing instructor, recently received a card which read thus: Sandoz Fencing Academy, Cleveland, Ohio.

Please send us descriptive information and prices on your galvanized link fencing for use on industrial property. We are interested in about 700 feet.

Respectfully yours—R. J.

Wifely Advice

It was 2 o'clock in the morning. The writer looked haggard and worn. For 24 hours without a pause he had been working on his new novel. "Darling," said his wife, "are you coming to bed?"

"No," muttered the busy author. "I've got the pretty girl in the clutches of the villain and I want to get her out."

"How old is the girl?" asked the wife.

"Twenty-two," replied the husband.

"Then put out the lights and get to bed," snapped the wife. "She's old enough to take care of herself."

Back-Seat Sewer

The husband drew up a chair beside his wife's sewing machine the other day and remarked: "Don't you think it's running too fast? Look out, you'll sew the wrong seam. Slow down, or you'll stick that needle in your finger."

"Why, what's the matter with you. I've been running this machine for ten years."

"Oh, I was merely trying to assist you, just as you try to help me drive the car."

Speaking of Epitaphs

In a certain country cemetery, above the name of a long-departed old citizen appears this line: "Lord, she was thin." We are told that the stone was too narrow for the cutter to place the final "e."

Turn on the Heat

He was sitting at the breakfast table the other morning reading the newspaper when he came across an item about a couple up in Alaska having been buried in a snowdrift for eighteen hours. Turning to the maid he asked, "How would you like to be buried for eighteen hours in a snow drift with your sweetie?"

And all she said was, "Say, if me and my sweetie was buried in a snow drift, we'd be swimmin' in twenty minutes."

Almost Wants Him Back

A life insurance company that had required some additional evidence to support a claim, recently received a letter from the widow of the insured, which ended:

"I have so much trouble getting the money that I sometimes almost think I wish my husband was not dead."

Calf Love

First Farmer—I've got a freak on my farm—a two-legged calf. Second Farmer—I know. He came over to call on my daughter last night.

Slips of the Press

On Saturday night at eight p. m. the annual potato-pie supper will be held. The subject of the sermon on Sunday morning will be, "A night of horror."

Wanted—A place to show her wares by an antique lady with a Spanish chest and other odd things.

Both girls riding in the machine which overturned were injured. Miss K---- was cut about the face and hands, and Miss H---- in the back seat.

Mr. and Mrs. W---- are the parents of a brand new baby daughter which arrived last Wednesday. We are sorry that we were unable to report the incident in last week's issue, but the news arrived too late to be included.

Miss Alice W---- has been engaged as stewardess and social hostess aboard the S. S. Alexandria, which sails tomorrow. Before leaving port she will have her barnacles scraped.

These Are on Hitler

Hitler and Goering were riding in the country and ran over a dog. Goering went in to apologize and make amends with the farmer, who apparently owned the dog. After several minutes Goering returned laden with gifts. When Hitler requested an explanation Goering said that he didn't understand it either for all he said was "Hell, Hitler! The dog is dead," and the farmer heaped treasures on him.

Misquoted

A patient in an insane asylum was trying to convince an attendant that he was Hitler. "Who told you that you're Hitler?" inquired the attendant. "God did," replied the inmate. "I did not," came a voice from the next bunk.

"We wonder if Mother Hitler ever realized, at the time of Adolf's birth, that she had created such a fuhrer?"

Taking His Pick

Landlady—"I'll give you just three days in which to pay your board." Boarder—"All right, I'll pick the Fourth of July, Christmas and Easter."

He Surely Is

He—"Just one kiss and I'll be off." She—"If that's all you want, you must be."

That's all, folks. One man who loves to have people sticking their noses into his business is the handkerchief manufacturer. —SCAT—

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: We have three girls, all of a very hospitable nature. They think nothing of bringing in guests for meals every day.

Now I realize that it is nice for them to be sociable and popular but the situation has its disadvantages. To begin with if I have enough meat for five the dish seems rather skimpy for six. As I never know when the extra guest or guests are to appear, the only solution seems to always be prepared for at least six or more at every meal.

However, it's no fun to cook to this remedy is that my budget is based on food for five instead of a larger number of people—with an allowance for guests, occasionally.

My real difficulty is in getting the family to discuss the matter at all. If I mention it, my husband thinks I am campaigning for more money and the children think I begrudge their friends a little bread and meat.

As a matter of fact, I think we spend quite enough for food and I do not want more money—all I want is a little fresher cooperation.

In by-gone days, when people had large families, entertained relatives by the month and had lots of servants, one or two extra people made no difference, but today the situation is different.

Do you think it would be a good idea to call the family together and try to discuss the matter or would you consider it a worthless effort?

Moher—N. C.

ANSWER: You say you have difficulty in getting them to discuss the matter so it seems to me that this is your real problem.

You might have more success if you begin your discussion by saying that you do not want more money and you do not object to guests. Then put your figures on the table and show how it will feed five every day and eight occasionally but not eight every day. Try to make them understand that being prepared for extra people is just about as expensive as having them there. And then suggest that they each choose a day of the week on which they will feel free to invite a guest—as a regular thing.

Of course, occasions will come up when other people will have to be entertained by this solution of your problem seems to me rather fair to everyone. On the days you are not expecting extra people you can cut down and in this way make ends meet.

If young people understand why we wish to do certain things, they are usually quite reasonable but the real job is in getting them to understand the why and the wherefores.

You speak as though your children bring in these extra people without warning—if so, I fear you have been very lax in your training. Children should be certainly have been taught to be more considerate than that. It is rather late to teach them now, but I wish you luck."

LOUISA.

MORRISDALE YOUTH INJURED IN WRECK

Peter Sabol, 18, of Morrisdale, near Philipsburg, received a fractured skull early Friday morning when the car in which he was riding skidded and turned over after rounding a curve at Trop Tavern near Hawk Run.

Ben Quick, Jr., 18, Morrisdale, driver of the car, received a bruised eye in the crash.

Sabol was rushed to the Philipsburg Hospital by John Balough, Morrisdale, and Lawrence Grand, Munson, who stopped at the scene of the accident. Sabol's body was found lying on the right side of the berm.

Production Progress

Speaking in Detroit, Mr. Glancy, OPM Ordnance Director, said the military plane program is on schedule with "our combat planes surpassed by none," the naval program is "generally ahead of schedule," and many army and navy air fields and bases are "well ahead of schedule." OPM reported 1,427 military planes manufactured in April—a new record.

Major General Wesson, Army Chief of Ordnance, speaking in Rochester, N. Y., reported U. S. armaments to be of the latest type and "thoroughly effective." He said we are "on the threshold of mass production."

Killed by Truck

Harry Barnes, 49, of Elysburg, R. D. 1, father of 13 children, died in the Geisinger Hospital of injuries received when he was struck by a truck, operated by Frederick Oberdorfer, Elysburg, R. D. 1, Oberdorfer, formerly of Riverside, is a prisoner in the Northumberland County Jail under \$500 bail. He is charged with hit-and-run, and operating a vehicle with a learner's permit, but without accompaniment.

Ambitious Girl Students

Nearly 300 women students at the Pennsylvania State College earned approximately \$34,000 at part-time work during the present academic year, according to a survey made by Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray.

Lindbergh's statement that this country needs new leadership is either a statement in favor of revolution or an announcement of his own candidacy.

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Query & Answer Column

V. X.—Can you tell me if the pianist on Major Bowes' Amateur Hour is a man or woman?

Ans.—Major Bowes has two pianists—man and a woman—who work together interchangeably at the regular weekly shows and at the studios in rehearsals and auditions by the amateurs.

R. M.—Are the marriage laws in Maryland and Virginia the same as in Pennsylvania regarding the waiting period and blood test?

Ans.—The marriage laws of Maryland and Virginia are the same as those of Pennsylvania, except in the minimum age limit. In Pennsylvania, the minimum for men and women is 21; in Maryland no specific provision for men, common law usually applies, but for women the minimum age is 12 years; in Virginia minimum for men is 14 and for women it is 12.

G. P.—Which nation first used poison gas in the World War?

Ans.—The first use of poison gas (chlorine) in warfare was by the Germans in the second battle of Ypres during the World War, although asphyxiating shells had been used earlier, in December, 1914.

J. C. R.—Does an alien have the right to vote?

Ans.—Aliens do not have the right to vote in any State.

B. A.—What is a wet moon?

Ans.—A wet moon is a new moon having one horn much lower than the other, resembling a tilted bowl. It is erroneously believed to be a sign of wet weather.

L. H.—How many plans are used in building a battleship?

Ans.—About 10,000 plans are used in the construction of a battleship.

M. M.—What is the source of most surnames?

Ans.—The principal sources from which surnames are derived are listed as personal characteristics, rank or profession, localities, animals or natural objects and patronymics.

R. E. C.—Are dogs allowed in Yellowstone Park?

Ans.—Tourists may take dogs with them through Yellowstone National Park if they are kept on a leash.

S. J.—How many Presidents' children have been born in the White House?

Ans.—Esther Cleveland was the only child of a President born in the White House. Her birthday was September 9, 1893.

C. S. H.—What was the largest cannon used in the Civil War?

Ans.—The largest cannon, which records indicate to have been used in the Civil War, was the fifteen-inch Columbiad which fired a shell 14.85 inches in diameter, weighing about 315 pounds.

T. L. N.—How many trucks are operated by farmers?

Ans.—American farmers own and operate 1,000,000 trucks.

D. R.—What is a sea foam pipe?

Ans.—A sea foam pipe is one made of meerschaum. Meerschaum is soft and clay-like and so light that it will float in water, hence its name which is German for sea foam.

J. B.—How much has the number of horses and mules in the United States decreased in the last forty years?

Ans.—There were 20,995,000 horses and mules in the United States in 1900 and 14,937,000 in 1940, a decrease of 6,058,000.

M. G.—What is the extent of damage by bombing to the churches in England?

Ans.—Up to the beginning of February, in England and Wales, 287 Anglican churches were destroyed or seriously damaged, 369 Free churches and 58 Roman Catholic. Including others hit but less seriously shattered the total comes to 1945, not including numerous vicarages and parish halls.

C. H.—Is Halle Selassie a Christian?

Ans.—Halle Selassie of Ethiopia is a devout Christian. One of his activities was the printing of the Scriptures on a personal printing press in the native language so that the common people could read for themselves.

H. T. E.—How many work for the radio industry?

Ans.—The radio industry employs 400,000 persons.

C. K.—How old is Marian Anderson, the colored singer?

Ans.—She is 33 years old.

B. H.—Who was the youngest man ever nominated for the Presidency?

Ans.—William Jennings Bryan, who was a candidate in 1896 at the age of 36, was the youngest man ever nominated for that office.