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EDITORIAL

THAT ROOSEVELT-CHURCHILL MEETING

That mid-ocean conference between the President of the United States and the Premier of Great Britain will be an historical channel buoy.

Through the duration of the war many things that may come to pass will be attributed to what transpired on the American cruiser Augusta and on the British battleship Prince of Wales, though none but the two principals in the momentous conversations will know just what was said—until that time in the probable far distant future when a White Book will attempt to recount the story.

They must have told each other, each from his own point of view—what should be done, what could be done and what steps were necessary to accomplish the first enterprise—the destruction of the bandit system that aims at world subjection to the will of a Nazi tyranny.

Doubtless we will hear in the immediate future circumstantial reports of these intimate conversations, although nobody but the actual participants knows anything more than is revealed by the program signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston S. Churchill. That program is the simplest recital possible of the elements that insure a permanent peace.

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ISOLATIONISTS, FRIENDS OF HITLER

Can a nation, operating under democratic processes, adequately protect itself in competition with totalitarian governments?

Hitler says, "Not." His answer is backed by Italy, Japan and the pitiable regime in Vichy that claims to represent France.

The people of the United States, chock-full of individual initiative and personal freedom, say: "Yes" and they have before them the magnificent example of Great Britain, where all people are united for complete victory instead of an incomplete peace.

Unfortunately for the people of the United States and their overwhelming self-confidence the record thus far written in the wars that rage throughout the world tends to support Adolf Hitler and those who have signed up with his outfit.

"Impossible" Events Occur

When the war began in Europe, nearly two years ago, nobody supposed that Germany, in the midst of war with the British empire, would voluntarily pick a fight to the death with Soviet Russia but we have seen this happen.

When the war started in September, 1939, nobody dreamed that Hitler might occupy bases on the west coast of Africa, from which to send his submarines to plunder the South Atlantic and to serve as the jumping off place for a possible invasion of South America.

When the war started nobody in the United States believed that Japan would become so self-confident as to risk possible warfare with the United States and Great Britain, much less a combination that may also include Soviet Russia.

With the war going on today, and conscious that these unexpected developments have occurred, who in the United States can aver that there is no danger that future, fast-moving events may not challenge the vital interests, the adjacent nations and the safety of this country?

Isolation and Balanced Power

This great nation, indoctrinated with the germ of isolationism, finds it difficult to adjust itself to new facts. Even granting that the theory of isolationism was safe, when there existed a balance of power in Europe and the world at large, how can we depend upon isolation when the nations of the earth threaten to gang-up for the common purpose of looting the undefeatable areas of the globe?

Let us go further, for the sake of argument, and assert that the position in which the nation finds itself today is solely the result of the leadership of the President of the United States.

National Policy Declared

The isolation policy may have been the wisest course, as many Americans think, but it is not the policy of the United States government, as expressed by its Constitutional leadership in Congress and the White House.

Thus the isolationist is in the position of supporting a policy that has been repudiated by his government. Whether the action of the government has been wise, or foolish, is not the question involved. The only question before a loyal American today is whether he, or she, supports the declared policy of the government in relation to foreign, and hostile, governments.

Stubbornness Not Patriotism

Stubborn insistence upon isolation, after the nation has taken another policy, in the face of positive menace from foreign nations, can only mean the division of public opinion in this country, which lends aid and comfort to the potential enemies of the republic.

Assuming that the people of the United States have been divided between isolation and intervention, now in force through the lease-and-lend to the sea patrol, the only danger of disunity springs from those who favored isolation. They must decide whether to support their country or not.

To confine the effort to divide the nation, to hamper defense measures and thus create the impression abroad that the United States is incapable of concerted action, is to encourage aggression against us, invite disregard for our rights and contempt for our nation. This will hasten the war that most of us would like to avoid.

Hitler Plans An "Inside Job"

Hitler, it is reported, boasts that when the time comes to "take America" he will need an invading army because it will be an "inside job." He counts on disunity in this country. In short, he banks upon the stubborn refusal of isolationists to support their own government's foreign policies.

Because he relies upon this division of public opinion in the United States the German Fuehrer does not believe that millions of people, in a democratic government, will ever have sense enough to accept the defeat of the favored policy, even when they have lost their fight legally and constitutionally.

Hitler is confident that the United States will not unite upon any effective policy that will hamper his scheme for world control. He doubts that the people of this republic will face war until attacked and he knows that when he makes his attack the United States will be completely isolated from the entire world, because he will dominate that world.

WHAT ADMIRAL BYRD THINKS

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, world famous explorer, recently broke a two year silence to discuss the international situation as it affects the United States.

The admiral said, "This is not a war between people, but a world struggle between two ideas—democracy and freedom on one hand, and tyranny and slavery on the other."

He pointed out that "in a world half of which has been driven back to a primitive state, where the weak and timid are quickly wiped out, we have got to make ourselves strong and to make ourselves strong we have got to unite as Americans."

Admiral Byrd deplored "a great deal of apathy in the country" concerning our effort to build a strong defense and said that this attitude was holding back our defense program. Many people, he contended, "were still asleep as to the seriousness of the real world situation" and many were still "playing politics."

THE FIRST PLASTIC AUTOMOBILE

Henry Ford's first plastic automobile has been exhibited to the public, representing the result of twelve years' research by a group of young scientists, ordered to find out about using "agricultural products in industry."

Mounted on a tubular-welded steel frame the car has a superstructure made of plastic, said to be superior to steel in everything but tensile strength. The plastic body, costing more than one of metal, weighs nearly 2,000 pounds while a steel unit of comparable size weighs about 3,000 pounds.

Mr. Ford is confident that plastic bodies can be produced by practical and economical means, with some savings as a result of fewer fabricating finishing operations.

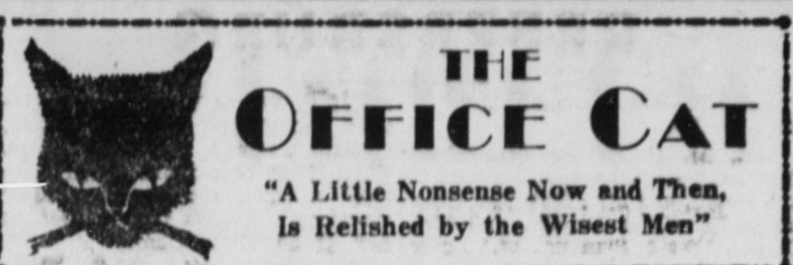
The pliability of the plastic panel was tested by the auto maker who hit it with an axe. The plastic panel was unchanged after a blow but a similar experiment with a steel panel cut through the metal.

Robert Boyer, young research chemist, who started the research which led to the plastic car, said that a million automobiles, with plastic bodies, would consume 100,000 bales of cotton, 500,000 bushels of wheat, 700,000 bushels of soybeans and 500,000 bushels of corn.

It may be a long road from the production of this "first plastic car" and the use of vast quantities of agricultural products in industry and we would scarcely advise any farmer to increase acreage to provide the raw materials but, nevertheless, there is a possibility that the day will come when a new market will be opened to farmers.

Shortage of men has forced Benton Harbor, Mich., taxi company to hire women drivers. The back-seat driver moves up front.

If you have cold feet you have a right to expect the world to keep you in hot water.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

That's Right, Sam

Sam was on the back steps eating a sandwich, when a hen came tearing by, followed by a rooster in high gear. Suddenly the rooster jammed on the brakes, skidded to a stop, trotted back and started picking up the crumbs at Sam's feet.

Speechless for a moment, Sam finally managed to say, "Goah, I sure hope I never get that hungry."

Right Through

Bill—"That gal's dress is so brief that it could be called the 'Soul of Wit'."

Sam—"Haw, Haw, Haw."

Bill—"What's so funny?"

Sam—"I can see through the joke."

A Crooked Joke

Simple Susie wants to know whether a bow-legged girl could be said to be closed in parenthesis.

A Strike We'd Welcome

We think it would be quite wonderful if the great Amalgamated Association of American Fender-Benders and Jalopy-Busters would vote to go on strike every weekend and on all holidays.

Very Slight Difference

Taken by and large, there's not very much difference between a married man and a bachelor. Both of them walk the floor with babies—one carries 'em and the other dances with 'em.

Help! Help!

The following story was told by an elder in a church, which won first prize at the recent annual meeting of the Liars' Club:

"When I was a boy there was a tremendous corn crop in our county. The rice was so low we built a crib of old charred oak boards to store it.

"Some children, playing under the crib and smoking corn silk stuck some unshed matches in the ground. They grew overnight. One grew right through a crack in the floor, hit the roof and set it afire.

"Along came a big rain and put the fire out in both crib and corn. For some time the damaged corn was let stand, until one day it began to leak.

"The cat went over and took a lick. Then she walked over to the horse and bobbed him one right on the snout.

"Paw, he tasted the stuff, and then we all bored holes in the crib, bottled the stuff and paw made enough to pay off the 22-year-old mortgage on the place."

Then He Fainted

Salesman (wiping the perspiration from his brow)—"I'm afraid, Madam, we've shown you all our stock of linoleum, but we could get more from our factory."

Customer—"Well, perhaps you had better. You see, I want something of a neater pattern and quite small—just a little square for my bird cage."

How'd He Know?

During a stag dinner the conversation turned to love. Suddenly the host exclaimed, "Well, gentlemen, I tell you this. I have kissed the South Sea Island maiden; I have kissed the dainty Japanese maiden; I have kissed the girls of England, of Spain, of France, and of America; but I tell you truthfully, to kiss my wife is best of all."

Then a young man across the table cried out, excitedly, "By George, you're right there."

Sarcastic

In a crowded bus enroute to Lock Haven the other day, sat a very thin young lady greatly discomfited by the pressure of an extremely fat lady who sat next.

Turning to her neighbor, the thin lady remarked, "They really should charge by weight on these buses."

To which the fat lady replied: "But if they did, dearie, they couldn't afford to stop for some people."

Experienced

A widower was getting married again, this time to a widow.

As they took up their position before the altar he whispered to her: "Don't be nervous, dear."

"I never am," replied the bride.

Weather Report

Wife (at breakfast)—"I want to do some shopping today, if the weather is favorable. What does the paper say?"

Husband—"Rain, hail, thunder and lightning."

Lots of Meaning

A visitor called at the doctor's house.

"Is your father at home, dear?" he asked the doctor's small daughter.

"No, he's out, giving an anaesthetic."

"An anaesthetic. That's a big word. What does it mean?"

"Ten dollars," was the reply.

Home Work

Teacher—"What is it that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb?"

Johnnie—"Dad, when he brings home his wages."

Handing It Out

Chairman—"What do you think should be done with the garbage on the east end?"

Council Member—"I move we put it in the hands of a special committee."

No Fooling

The gaudy blonde ankled into an Allegheny street store last week and tossed a pair of newly purchased gloves on the counter. The size was wrong, the color was wrong, and besides, she didn't like the style.

The salesgirl, assisted by the manager, pawed over the stock, but nothing seemed to suit the blonde. Finally, the manager sighed, "Well, Miss, I guess we'll just have to give you a refund."

"Oh, no you don't," replied the Tootsie, in a firm, grim voice. "I want my money back."

We've Noticed

The car salesman drives it 400 miles while demonstrating and it's still a new car. Then you buy it, drive it home and it's a used car, worth several hundred dollars less.

We'd Like to Know

A college professor says a mosquito can fly 14 hours without settling. Then why doesn't the son-of-a-gun do it?

Maybe You're Dead

Fat says "the flu is the only disease I know of that when you're well you're worse."

Walker's Hack

Scientists are seeking a substitute for gasoline. Only one we know of is a pair of shoes.

Ringside Seats

Two drunks, potted to the ears, staggered into a gymnasium where fighters trained.

In the center of the gym was a boxing ring—and inside the ring, a single heavyweight was throwing punches at an imaginary opponent. He leaped rapidly about as he shadow boxed with himself.

The two stews eyed the show. Finally, the first drunk turned to his companion.

"What a fight!" he enthused excitedly. "Those two fighters shertainly have some class!"

"The second stew blinked a bleary orb.

"Can't see," he hiccupped complainingly. "The referee keeps gettin' in the way."

That's all, folks. It doesn't do a girl much good to have a face that's pretty as a picture unless she also has a nice frame. —SCAT!

World of Religion

(Continued from page two)

thought. Whether we choose it or not, a new world will issue from the current era of conflict. Its form will be determined by what responsible leaders of public opinion of every faith think and say and do together today."

Universal Bible Sunday, annually sponsored by the American Bible Society and observed by Protestant churches of all denominations throughout the United States and Europe and in many mission lands, will be observed this year on December 14. Professor Kenneth A. Latourette, professor of Missions and Oriental History at Yale University, is the author of a brochure, "The Light That Will Not Go Out," that is being issued by the Society for this occasion. "The Light Shines in the Darkness" is the theme of the sermons preached on this Sunday.

Members of Chang Shih Baptist church, Kaifeng, which was almost washed away by the recent floods of the Honan area, have contributed twenty-six dollars for aid to Jewish refugees from Europe now stranded in Shanghai. Two Chinese Christians in needy Haichow have sent \$40 for the same purpose, and the Tien K'on Baptist Chapel, also in the flood area, has given \$6.20. Most of the Chinese contributors were titheers.

LOUISA'S LETTER

In answer to "Disgusted's" letter from Oklahoma, I can appreciate how she must feel. A mother who thinks only of herself and is so lazy that she pretends to be sick and uses the money needed for her children's food and dental care, to pay doctor bills for herself, is indeed a poor mother. When we look about us and see all of the fine women who do without things for themselves and who work hard in order that their children may have well-nourished and healthy bodies it is almost unbelievable that there are other mothers so selfish and foolish.

And, strange as it may seem, these lazy mothers who have done so little for their children are always the ones who demand so much money and attention when the children grow up. I'm for letting them get out of bed and do a little work for themselves.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: I have been reading your answers to letters and thought I would write to see if you would help me with my problem. I am to be married in a few months but I have never met the boy's parents. Do you think that would have anything to do with our marriage? I love him very much. You tell him to wait until I see his parents before we get married? I know I won't meet them anytime soon.

M. R. B.—Va.

ANSWER If you are planning to live with his parents you should by all means meet them before you get married, and if you are planning to live in the same town with them it would be a good idea.

Of course, if he is a fine fellow and you love him, you will probably go on with the wedding even if you should happen to be disappointed in his family. However, it is a good idea to know as much as possible about the people we marry beforehand. It saves lots of disillusionment and misunderstanding later on.

LOUISA.

To "Lonesome"—Va. Answer:—It is a pity your parents won't allow you to get out with young people more. There is really no reason why you should not go to the movies or nice parties with boys at your age. I dare say your young man does get tired of just sitting there with you night after night, and probably he does want a little more excitement. If he comes back treat him nicely but continue to go with other boys, too. He is not steady enough to give up all your other boy friends for.

Talk to your parents. Try to make them realize that there is no harm in going out with a nice boy to church or to the movies. And if they allow you to go, be wise enough to come in when they expect you and to merit their trust in you.

Good luck.

LOUISA.

To "Leola"—Tex. Although you say you are thirteen, I imagine you are older. Of course, you know the answer to your question and I feel that you must, undoubtedly, have asked it as a joke.

LOUISA.

Facts, as they are called, are often peculiar things.

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Query & Answer Column

P. S.—Please give a list of the words banned by William Cullen Bryant in the pages of the New York Evening Post.

Ans.—Some of the words and phrases which William Cullen Bryant refused to allow in that paper are: artiste (for artist), authores, casket (for coffin), bogus, cotemporary (for contemporary), debut, devouring element (for fire), graduate (for is graduated), gents (for gentlemen), in our midst, humbug, lady (for wife), partially (for partly), poetess, raid (for attack), repudiate (for reject or disown), and Rev. (for the Reverend).

C. M. S.—Do children who are geniuses in school always succeed in later life?

Ans.—In a study of 1300 gifted children by Dr. Lewis M. Herman, it has been found that their progress in professional life has been exceptional. The average earned income for the group at thirty years of age is \$3,000, while a dozen are earning between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

W. H.—When is the rainy season in Bermuda?

Ans.—In Bermuda there is no pronounced wet or dry season. From August through November the monthly rainfall averages about five inches, and from December through July approximately four inches.

T. L. S.—How much money did Andrew Carnegie leave to Justice Taft?

Ans.—An annuity of \$10,000 was left to the late Chief Justice Taft by Mr. Carnegie as a token of personal friendship.

I. M. H.—Is there any estimate of the number of criminal abortions performed in the United States?

Ans.—There are 500,000 abortions performed annually, of which 70 per cent are criminal.

T. L. F.—What are wash sales?

Ans.—They are fictitious sales made for the purpose of creating an artificial market price for a stock or commodity. Wash sales on national exchanges are now forbidden under penalty of law.

A. D.—How often has Earl Browder been a presidential candidate?

Ans.—He ran for the presidency on the Communist ticket in 1936 and 1940.

E. T.—What is the caloric value of buttermilk?

Ans.—A pint of buttermilk contains 170 calories.

R. L. S.—Why are lightning rods always pointed?

Ans.—The tips of lightning rods are pointed because the charge on any electrical object, other things being equal, is inversely proportional to the curvature of the object. Hence very sharp points acquire heavy charges, and by brush discharge may establish a conducting path to the rod, thus decreasing the chance of the building itself being struck.

W. W. K.—How long has it been the custom to salute the President with twenty-one guns?

Ans.—Prior to 1841, the President was accorded the National salute upon the occasion of his visits to military posts. In the revision of Army regulations in 1841, the presidential salute was set at twenty-one guns.

M. G. A.—What was the fastest train run ever recorded in the United States?