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EDITORIAL

By the way, has anybody heard anything lately about the Italian navy?

It looks like the Japanese are ready to wait a while and see if their prospects improve.

Farmers, who expect the government to assist them in bad years, should not hesitate to assist the government in good years.

The Japanese have beaten the Chinese, by all the rules of the military experts, but the Chinese do not seem to know that they are whipped.

The tide is beginning to turn against the aggressor-dictators, thanks to the courage of three nations, China, Great Britain and Russia.

There are people in this country who are so rabid on the subject of communism that they would rather have Hitler rule the world than to see the Red army do something for civilization.

Officials estimate that something like 14,000,000 pounds of scrap aluminum will be given the Government through the collection recently undertaken and that 2,800 fighting planes can be manufactured from the scrap.

A campaign to increase the junking of worn-out automobiles is being extended throughout the country by the Office of Production Management. It is estimated that there are from three million to seven million worn-out cars in auto graveyards and it is believed that a considerable amount of scrap iron and steel can be secured from these derelicts.

Employers of the nation have been asked to cooperate in rehiring the 200,000 soldiers to be released from military service before the end of the year. Brig. Gen. Hershey, director of selective service, says that the returning soldiers have given evidence of their patriotism at personal sacrifice and should be given the opportunity of immediately resuming their civilian status.

The current rate of defense production will be sufficient in the opinion of William S. Knudsen, Director of the Office of Production Management, to provide adequate equipment for the Army, as it now stands, within six or seven months. When the United States reaches peak production, says Mr. Knudsen, "I don't see how any nation on earth can outproduce us. While the figures given for the output of defense necessities are usually in percentages, which is rather unsatisfactory, Under Secretary of War Patterson says that "tooling up will soon be over," and "guns, tanks and planes are coming in daily increasing numbers."

Francis Biddle, recently appointed Attorney General of the United States, has some ideas about defending England and too little about "the terrible world in which... we shall have to live if the war machine of Germany absorbs the poor remains of Europe." What has Mr. Biddle in mind? Well, here is what he says: "To compete with a single Nazified Europe we will have to continue to pile up our arms and our taxes, sweat our labor, turn into an armed camp, and eventually fight for our right even to live that kind of life." He does not believe there can exist an American way in a world "where the goose step and the enslaving of those who disagree, and the spy and the whip and the torch and the firing squad are the guardians of life."

"TO MAKE POOR ADOLF DIZZY"

War with Hitler will be the price of luxury in arming the United States, declares Mayor La Guardia of New York, who adds that defense material is coming off assembly lines "far better" than many government officials are hinting and predict that in a few months this country will be producing enough planes, tanks and ships to "make poor Adolf dizzy."

It is also revealed that about 500 tanks have been delivered to the British by American manufacturers. The American tanks have been approved on the basis of exhaustive tests in Libya, under the same conditions that wrecked the best designs produced in Great Britain. Most of the tanks, sent to the British, have been of the light variety, ranging from thirteen to sixteen tons.

Another item, of interest to those concerned with the defense program, comes from Detroit, where Chrysler officials intimate that mass production for defense has been reached. At the tank arsenal, where the company was expected to produce five thirty-two ton tanks a day, three production lines are "fully up" to schedule and substantial increase is expected. The company is also producing anti-aircraft guns and airplanes.

From such glimpses it is no wonder that Noel Monks, London aviation editor, after inspecting American plants, is confident that the increased number of American planes going to England will enable the British Royal Air Force to "dish it out ten times as well this winter as last" and that, in six months, the United States will be flooding England with planes.

THIRD YEAR OF WAR

The second anniversary of the war in Europe finds Great Britain and Russia engaged in a struggle with Germany and Italy, with the Axis powers receiving some assistance from Rumania, Finland, Hungary and other minor nations.

During the first World War the situation was somewhat different, with Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria on one side, engaged in a deadly struggle with Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia and Japan, although the Japanese contribution to the result in Europe was largely confined to activity in the Far East.

Two Wars Compared

In the first World War the outlook was much the same. Germany had scored some resounding triumphs and the Kaiser seemed well on the way to his final victory. In the other struggle the Germans had the same advantage that they now possess, interior lines and better preparation for war. Despite the reverse the Allied nations continued to fight and in the end, as the reader knows, the Germans and their allies went down to defeat.

The present war finds Italy on the side of Germany, France on the sideline as a German sub, and Japan threatening active hostilities on the Axis side. The British, as before, are slowly preparing to exert their maximum power and Russia appears to be a much more formidable foe than the Czarist regime. Again, America is aloof, as the second year ends, and in a position to play the deciding role.

Germany Nears, But Misses, Victory

Once more it seems clear that an early termination of the war will result in a German victory but that, if the battle continues beyond three years, the chances are strong for the defeat of the Axis. This is too clear-cut a statement to stand without the qualification that the decision of Japan and the United States can vitally affect the conclusion.

The attack upon Soviet Russia, unless it succeeds in a spectacular manner, provides the manpower that, with supplies from the United States, will bring about the downfall of Hitler. Already the Nazi leader finds his nation engaged in a two-front aerial war. It is no exaggeration to say that the Russian and British air forces are giving the Germans quite a battle in the air. For the first time, German cities and soldiers are beginning to experience the bitter lessons that come with aerial inferiority.

Russian Resistance Affects Outlook

The British bombing attacks will be stepped up as the weeks unroll. The devastation of German centers will proceed through the winter. German supplies and vital industry will be damaged and destroyed. Already German coastal shipping is feeling the heavy blows of the R. A. F. and, undoubtedly, German transportation facilities are being blasted. These blows affect Germany's economic strength and while they are slow-acting the success of the German army depends upon the continued support of the internal industrial machine of the Nazis.

The entire pattern of the war has been transformed by the stout resistance of the Red army, which continues to amaze the Germans by its fighting qualities as well as by the mechanized strength of the Soviet forces. Before the attack upon Russia, a long drawn-out war was regarded as inevitable with the possibility of a stalemate confronting the participants. Now, with Russia fighting, there is something of a balance and if the Red army should do the unexpected and, in time, inflict a severe defeat upon the invading Germans, the handwriting on the wall will be clear enough for Hitler to read it himself.

Red Army Continues Strong

There seems to be a lull on the Russian battlefield as Germans admit that the Red army is making counter-attacks, seeking to improve its position for future defense. No indication of a general Russian counter-offensive appears, however.

It may be that the Germans are in one of the quiet periods in the Ukraine, following rather spectacular gains, but this does not explain the situation on the central front, before Moscow, where the Germans have made little progress for some weeks.

The fact that the Red army is able to stage counter-attacks, as admitted by Berlin, is significant, indicating that the Russian armies are functioning as an intelligently directed fighting force. So far, there has not resulted the debacle that Nazi leaders expected when their legions marched against the Soviet. This, at least, is encouraging.

Fighting to Continue in Winter

Much emphasis has been placed upon the advent of winter weather along the battlefield and some observers profess to believe that the fighting will become static. We doubt if this will prove the case. The Germans will make every endeavor to crush the Soviet forces as quickly as possible and if the campaign continues into the cold weather, the fighting will go on.

JAPAN'S FAKE "SAFETY ZONE"

Japan is beginning to talk about a "safety zone" around the Japanese islands, the intimation being that she seeks to do in the Far East what the United States and other republics have done in the Western Hemisphere.

There is no reason for anybody to become confused about the matter. The Japanese plan is far different from that put into effect in this hemisphere.

When the European war broke out the American republics set up a safety zone to prohibit warfare in the waters around the two continents of this hemisphere. There was no restriction whatever upon normal commerce and even Japan, Germany, Italy and Great Britain were freely permitted to load merchant ships.

Japan has no idea of a similar safety zone. What Tokyo wants to do is to assert control of all commerce passing through the waters of the Japanese islands. There is little chance of warfare in the Far East unless Japan starts it but there is no justification for an attempt to ban commerce by setting up a so-called safety zone.

The United States, despite its safety zone, permitted Japan to send ships and tankers into our ports, to transport goods and oil. This was permitted after Japan announced adherence to the Axis group, which was officially proclaimed as hostile to the United States.

There is, of course, no justification for any safety zone in international law. The decree of such an area is only as strong as the fighting strength of the group that asserts it. Nevertheless, there is a vast difference between an effort to police the oceans to prevent warfare close to peaceful nations and another to attempt to prohibit commerce between two nations, neither of which is at war with the third power.

EVERY CITIZEN MUST DECIDE

Under the system of government that now obtains in the United States the chief executive of this republic will continue to be Franklin D. Roosevelt for about three years and a half.

Under the constitution of the nation, the President is charged with the conduct of foreign affairs. Our foreign policy has likewise been approved by the Congress of the United States.

If, unfortunately, the United States should become involved in war before Jan. 1, 1945, the commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the country will be Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There is no question pending around this fact. Consequently, patriotic Americans will cooperate with the President in connection with the defense program and, if necessary, the war program.

The fact that some dissident citizens are attempting to sabotage the morale of the nation, with capricious fault-finding and the indiscriminate peddling of all kinds of rumors, does not change the attitude of loyal Americans.

When the nation faces an emergency, as this country faces today, the people who believe in the American system of government will support their duly elected officials. They have no other choice, except to support the enemies of the United States, either by word of mouth or by action.

Hitler is sure that the people in this country will not be sensible enough to get together behind their government. He counts upon division to permit him to "take America" without fighting. Some Americans seem inclined to make the "inside job" easier for the Nazis.

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

Absent-Minded
Absent-minded was old Bill Dyer;
He poked the cat, and put out the fire.

This Isn't All Bull, Either
Instructions were once issued by the commanding officer of a certain military station permitting no one to walk over where the cow was pastured.

No one to pass here, madam, said the sentry.
The lady drew herself up haughtily. "Do you know who I am?" she demanded.

What Price Relief
Every now and then Public Relief Boards report a collection of humorous complaints from dissatisfied recipients of relief. Here are a few:

"I cannot get sick pay. I got 6 children. Can you tell me why this is?"
"This is my 8th child. What are you going to do about it?"

"Mrs. has had no clothing for a year and has been regularly visited by the clergy."

"I am glad to say that my husband who was reported missing is now deceased."

"Sir: I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my two children, one of whom is a mistake as you will see."

"I am writing today that my baby was born two years old, when do I get my money?"

"Please find out for certain if my husband is now dead as the man I am living with now won't eat or do anything until he knows for certain."

"I am very annoyed to find you have branded my oldest boy as illiterate. Oh, it is a dirty lie, as I married his father a week before he was born."

"In answer to your letter I have given birth to a boy that weighs 101 pounds. I hope this is satisfactory."

"You have changed my little girl to a boy. Will it make any difference?"

"I have no children as yet, as my husband is a bus driver and works day and night."

"In accordance with your instructions, I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

Worried
General—"Now men, don't be afraid. Each bullet is intended for a certain objective and there's only one chance in ten thousand that one is marked for you."

Private—"It's not the one marked for me that I'm afraid of, General. It's the one marked: 'To whom it may concern.'"

In and Out
Dick—"So you saw Kitty at the dance. Was she in a pink dress?"
Bill—"Well, some of her was."

Plumb Crazy
It was baking day and the new maid and her mistress were having a very busy time.

"Mary," said the mistress, "just go and see if that large plum cake in the oven is baked yet. Stick a knife in it and see if it comes out clean."

In a few minutes Mary returned. "The knife came out wonderful clean, ma'am," she said, beaming, "so I've stuck all the other dirty knives in, too!"

Pat's Password
"Now, remember, Pat," said a sergeant to an Irish soldier, "the password is Saxe—after Marshal Saxe, you know."

"Sure," said Pat, "O'll never forget it. Wasn't my father a miller and my uncle a coalman?"

Later in the day the Irishman was challenged. "Begs," he replied.

After The Dishes
The bride had finished throwing dishes at her hubby, then started to cry.

"But for one thing, I'd go home and stay with Mother."

"What's that one thing?" demanded her husband.

"Mother's coming here to live with us. She's left Father."

Slight Error
Kind Old Gentleman—"What is your little brother's name?"

Buddy—"His name would be Jack if he was my brother, but he ain't, and her name is Ruth."

Appearances Deceiving
Teacher—"Now Tommy, can you tell me what a hypocrite is?"

Small Boy—"Yes, Miss, it's a boy who comes to school every morning with a smile on his face."

Well, Well, I Declare
The train lay on a siding at the Canadian border, preparatory to being shunted across to the United States. A border agent entered a sleeper and paused at the first compartment.

"Got anything on your hip, sister?" he demanded.

"No, 'thir," lisped a cutie through a cloud of smoke, "but I gotta nithe lion tattooed on my stomach."

Help Wanted
Sambo, in Heaven, had just got Rastus, far below, on the asbestos ouija board. "Hello, Rastus. How you gettin' along?"

"Oh, I'se havin' a fine time. Don't haf to work much, jest shovel in some coal now and then. How you-all?"

"I'se workin' purty hard. We haf to sweep up de clouds, pull in de stabs, switch on the light, an' give ole sun a shove every mornin'."

"How come you have so much work to do?"

"Well, Rastus, to tell de truth, we're kinda short o' help up heah."

Calf Love
"Are you sure you love me?" said the girl to her boy friend.

"Love you?" echoed the smitten one. "Why, darling, while I was bidding you good-bye on the porch last night your dog bit a piece out of the calf of my leg, and I never noticed it 'till I got home."

They Both Would
Customer—"I'd like to see some good second-hand cars."

Salesman—"So would I."

Bright!
Bride—"My egg is quite cold; is yours?"

Groom—"Yes; I wonder what makes them that way?"

Bride—"I guess the cook made a mistake and boiled them in cold water."

The Test
"That dentist wasn't painless, as you told me," said Tommy.

"Why, dear, 'did he hurt you?" asked his mother.

"No, but he yelled when I bit his finger," was the reply.

Unfair
An Italian who was working on a railway in Florida had been told to beware of rattlesnakes, but was assured that they would always give the warning rattle before striking.

One day he was sitting on a pine log eating his dinner when he saw a big snake coiled a few feet in front of him. Keeping an eye on the reptile, he began to raise his feet from the ground, and as he did so the snake's fangs hit the bark beneath him, no warning having been given.

"Son of a gun!" yelled the Italian. "Why you no ringa da bell?"

No Reason to Worry
Mother—"My daughter, do you know what happens when you break one of the Ten Commandments?"

Daughter—"Sure, you have nine left."

That's all, folks. About the only time a girl appreciates a steady boy friend is when she's in a canoe.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
Last spring I met a young man whom I liked very much. He asked me for a date and on a good many occasions, when he has come to my home town we have had dates. I've fallen very much in love with him and I thought he liked me a lot, too. But—and this is the distressing part—a girl who is visiting here says that he is a married man and that she knows his wife well.

Don't you think that he and his wife must not love each other or why would he be going with other girls? I don't know whether to believe her or not or what to do, if I find out what she says is true. Please advise me.

JUNE M.—Del.

ANSWER:
The next time the young man comes to call, tell him what the girl has said, and if it is true, I am sure he will not deny it. He will probably say that you never asked him about being married, and he just never mentioned it.

From what you write, I gather that his business is one that calls for travel and he is probably one of those men who like to pass the time away with mild flirtations. He probably loves his wife very much and doesn't realize how shabbily he is treating her, not to mention what kind of a deal you are getting.

It is unfortunate that he has been so unfair, as you would hardly have let yourself care for him if you had known he was married when you first met.

However, it is a fine thing that you have found out about him before too late. If he is really married, put him out of your life at once. Go with other young men and forget him as soon as possible. Just mark it up to experience.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:
I have a neighbor who sends her small son over to my house whenever she wishes to go out for the afternoon. I feel responsible for him and I play the role of nurse maid about half of the time.

What must I do? In other respects, I like her very much.

A. L. P.—Md.

ANSWER:
The next time she sends him over, call her immediately and say you are sorry but as you are going out yourself you will have to send him home. Or you can say that you are planning to take a nap, etc., and he will have to come back another day when it doesn't interfere with your plans.

I presume that you have a child of your own, so a better plan might be to talk to her and say that as neither of you have a nurse it might be a good arrangement for each of you to care for the other's child once or twice a week. In that way, both of you would have an opportunity for several free afternoons each neither of you would be the "goat."

You are foolish to let her impose on you.

LOUISA.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders From The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Control Flower Diseases—Without control, disease would damage or destroy at least one-third of our flowers, say plant pathologists of the Pennsylvania State College. Some of the most disease-susceptible flowers, such as hybrid tea roses, would likely produce only half as many flowers on each bush and, in addition, disease would weaken the bushes so that half would winter-kill.

Grade Pullet Flock—When pullets are housed in the time to grade them, say poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. Separating the well-developed pullets from the slower growers will give the latter a chance to mature normally. They should be handled easily so as not to frighten them.

Use Purebred Rams—Every sheep grower who profits by experience knows that the ram can well be called half of the flock. For that reason, livestock specialists of the Pennsylvania State College say that a good sire should be selected early before the supply is exhausted.

Avoid Silo Accidents—Before entering a silo that is being filled or has recently been filled, be sure that carbon monoxide gas is not lurking there to take your life, report dairy specialists of the Pennsylvania State College.

Have Storage Right—Tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers keep best in a temperature just under 50 degrees Fahrenheit and with 85 percent relative humidity, say vegetable gardeners of the Pennsylvania State College.

Good Barley Growth—Farmers in this state have found that Kentucky No. 1 is a good winter barley grower, report agronomists of the Pennsylvania State College.

I SET THE PACE IN THE QUALITY RACE

Advertisement for RUMFORD Baking Powder, featuring a cartoon character and text: 'I SET THE PACE IN THE QUALITY RACE'.

Query & Answer Column

W. M.—What is Jesus' paper?
Ans.—It is paper of large size (about twenty-eight and one-half by twenty-one and one-half inches), chiefly used for engravings. Originally it was stamped with the initials J. H. B.

E. T. A.—What was Socrates' reply to the Delphic oracle?
Ans.—When he was pronounced by the oracle the wisest man of Greece Socrates answered "This because I alone of all the Greeks know that I know nothing."

A. M. H.—What is a wideawake?
Ans.—Certain felt hats were so called as a pun, because they had no nap. The term has also been applied to any felt hat with a very wide brim.

E. L.—How many persons speak the English language?
Ans.—It is spoken by more than 250,000,000.

R. B.—How much gasoline does the average automobile owner use?
Ans.—About 650 gallons each year.

J. L.—How long have ice cream cones been made?
Ans.—They were introduced at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904.

R. F.—What is meant by the term Ben Day in printing?
Ans.—It is a mechanical process for producing shaded backgrounds on drawings, printing plates and lithographic stones; also a background so produced. Benjamin Day invented the process.

M. H.—On a British soldier's letter is sometimes found the word Italy. What does it mean?
Ans.—"I Trust and Love You."

T. P.—When was the Wall Street explosion?
Ans.—This occurred in New York City on September 16, 1929, and was believed to have been caused by a bomb carried in a one-horse wagon which witnesses later remembered having seen near the spot. Forty persons were killed.

R. B.—What cities did Will Rogers characterize as being the most individual?
Ans.—Will Rogers wrote: "I always told you there was just three towns in the whole of America that was different—New Orleans, Frisco, and San Antonio. Each has got something that even the most persistent Chamber of Commerce can't standardize."

M. T.—In what part of Tennessee is Mrs. Ethel V. Mars' famous horse breeding farm?
Ans.—Milky Way Farm, owned by Mrs. Mars, is at Pulaski in Giles county. It contains 3500 acres.

D. P.—Is the "Woman in Red," who informed the police of Dillinger's whereabouts, still in the United States?
Ans.—She was deported.

R. H.—What kind of heavy clothing is worn by the Alaskan Defense soldier?
Ans.—Fur is used to a large extent by Alaskan troops. A fur parka and fur mittens are part of the regular equipment. An outstanding development is the reversible parka, one side of which is white and the other, forest green. This gives the soldier camouflage which is adaptable either to snow or woods.

J. H.—Where is the famous Blue Grotto?
Ans.—It is on Capri, a beautiful island in the Bay of Naples.

D. R.—What is the Christian flag?
Ans.—It is an international flag originated by Charles Carlton Overton in 1897 for the use of the Christian church everywhere. On a field of white is a union of deep blue, on which is emblazoned the cross in red. The pledge is: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love."

E. T. F.—How large is a baby hummingbird?
Ans.—The newly-hatched bird is no larger than a pea and is entirely naked. Growth is very rapid, and in less than two weeks the young are almost as large as their parents.

A. M.—Did Thomas Jefferson refuse a third term as President?
Ans.—Jefferson made a statement in answer to a petition from Vermont that he accept a third term as President, ending with these words: "I should unwillingly be the first person who, disregarding the sound precedent set by an illustrious predecessor, should furnish the first example of prolongation beyond the second term of office."

C. C.—Is it possible for a person who has been immune to poison ivy for years to contract the poisoning?
Ans.—Cases have been reported of persons immune for more than 20 years who have contracted severe cases of poison ivy and poison oak.

M. D.—How is gasoline for privately owned motor vehicles rationed in Great Britain?
Ans.—Upon a horsepower basis. Private owners are given coupon books for one month's supply, the number of coupons depending on the horsepower of the vehicle. The sliding scale varies from 4 Imperial gallons per month for up to seven horsepower to ten Imperial gallons per month for 20 horsepower and over. Rationing of gasoline and oil for commercial vehicles is on the basis of weight of the vehicle.

G. R.—What is the full name and ancestry of Al Smith?
Ans.—Alfred Emanuel Smith, the third to bear that name, was born at 174 South street, New York City, Dec. 30, 1873, the son of Alfred E. Smith, truckman, and Catherine Mulvehill Smith, both native New Yorkers. Aside from the fact that his paternal grandfather lived and died in New York City, no details are known of the Smith ancestry. His mother was Irish-American and as far back as his father could remember, his paternal ancestors were Irish.

L. K.—Does eating poison ivy make one immune to the poison?
Ans.—No. This practice is dangerous and the United States Public Health Service has reported cases of severe poisoning from swallowing leaves from poison ivy plants.

Health and Beauty

FACIAL EXPRESSION
The life writes its story upon the face. Regular features and beautiful coloring alone does not make a beautiful woman. A wax figure may be perfect as far as those things are concerned, yet no one would give it a second glance, only out of curiosity. It is the soul, the expression that creates real beauty.

The attributes and emotions write themselves upon the countenance, and as the years go on they become so plain and indelible that even a simple child is attracted or repelled by them. The modes of life and thinking influence character and expression. Thought and habits pull and chisel the mobile muscles of the face. Evil thoughts constantly indulged send the impulses generated in the brain along the nerves to the muscles, which mould the expression of faces until they become wicked and repulsive.</