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EDITORIAL

The Chinese and the Russians may not be too well civilized but they are carrying the ball for civilization.

The war in Europe may not be our affair, as some people assert, but if Hitler ever manages to control Europe we will know the difference.

The telephone companies require about 1,000,000 poles annually. Raise telephone poles, farmers.

GERMAN LOSSES IN RUSSIA

An interesting dispatch, published in the Chicago Daily News and other newspapers, from "Somewhere in Europe," reports that in seven days recently a Hamburg newspaper printed 82 death notices.

The population of Hamburg is more than a million, or about one-eighth of the modern Reich. If the same percentage holds true elsewhere the notices imply a death rate of about 5,500 a week, or 85,000 for the 13 weeks fighting against Russia.

This is close to the announced German losses in the corresponding points out that closer examination reveals greater losses. Death notices are usually published by families able to buy advertising space but, more significantly, 67 of the Hamburg notices related to commissioned or non-commissioned officers. Only 13 were soldiers.

Military experts guess that losses of officers aggregate around 15 per cent of the total casualties. Applying this ratio to the Hamburg notices, reveals that the Reich lost 85,000 a week for 13 weeks, or 1,100,000 during the three months of the eastern campaign.

"Bitterness was scarcely concealed in some notices," says the writer, calling attention to the phrase, in several, which told of the death of a son killed "as his father in 1918."

WHEN WILL THE BRITISH ATTACK?

There is some impatience in Great Britain, and in this country, over the failure of the British to take the offensive in the west while German soldiers are engaged in their stupendous struggle with the Red army.

Certain strategists declare that a golden opportunity is being lost to create the "two-front" war. They should add, however, that a "two-front" war requires two armies able to hold against an enemy offensive.

The question that confronts the British is not whether they can obtain a foothold on the continent but whether they can maintain it, after they land. To attack, with insufficient forces, would be to present Germany with an opportunity to smite another British army.

Recent speculation has been increased by an article in a London newspaper by War Minister David Margesson, seemingly discounting the likelihood of any immediate attack upon Germany upon the Western front, but holding out the promise that "the quicker we get the hammers, the harder we shall hit."

The Germans, it is believed, have at least 500,000 men in the occupied areas of western Europe. To successfully attack this force would require numerical equality and heavy mechanical preponderance, on land and in the air. To make a half-hearted attack would be folly.

U. S. MAY REVISE ARMY PLAN

There are some indications that the United States will soon have to modify its defense plans if this country is to supply the necessary arms and equipment to the nations now engaged in the war against Nazi Germany.

Our original plans contemplated the creation of an Army of about two million men. Naturally, now we require a tremendous amount of equipment, supplies and material to properly equip such a force. This means that a vast amount of war material must be withheld from the nations which are engaged in actual warfare.

Facing the new situation, brought about by the attack upon Russia, the United States must now consider the possibility of curtailing its contemplated Army in order to speed delivery of tanks, planes, guns and equipment to Great Britain and Russia. Obviously, the fact that Russia is now fighting Hitler reduces the likelihood that this country will need, in the immediate future, an Army of two million men.

Inasmuch as the United States has little idea, at this time, of sending any huge army against Germany, it is wise to consider the possibility that the

increased flow of munitions may serve the defense of this country better than the creation of a large army. By sending to Great Britain and Russia the equipment an army of one million men would use, it might be possible to obviate the necessity of using American soldiers at all. This would be to our advantage, of course.

AMERICA TRUSTS THE PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt is at the peak of popularity with the public. On top of that, the ratio of public support for his foreign policies, always high, is higher than it has been since the outbreak of war in Europe. America trusts the President and is pretty well united in the belief that other things must wait until the menace of Hitlerism is crushed finally and forever.

That public sentiment is shifting more than ever to the President's support is beyond dispute. The signs are manifold. There was the action taken by the American Legion convention and the disaffection of Senator Capper, of Kansas, and Rep. Dirksen, of Illinois, both Republicans, from the ranks of the isolationists.

What accounts for this new swing in sentiment? First, of course, is the ever growing conviction that the President stands head and shoulders above his contemporaries in understanding world events. Every development in Europe and the Orient proves that he has been right, everlastingly right, since the beginning of the great conflict.

The second reason is equally important—the confusion, the muddled thinking, and the petty nonsense of the men who presumed to lead America along the path of isolation. The longer the war goes on, the smaller these men shrink in stature. They can't agree even among themselves.

Col. Lindbergh told his fellow countrymen that "even if America entered the war," it is improbable that the Allied Powers could invade the continent and whip the Axis powers. In other words, England is done for, so stay out of it.

Mr. Herbert Hoover wants to keep hands off for another reason. He says a survey shows that Hitler is sure to be defeated even without an Axis reut on the continent. He thinks Hitler is done for. That certainly is a cold survey. He and Col. Lindbergh reached the same conclusion by methods of reasoning as far apart as the two poles.

Senator Gerald Nye turned a neat profit over the past several years by lecturing the public on the iniquity of war. The burden of his argument was that wicked Wall Street, anxious to protect its loans to the Allies, conspired to get the United States into the first World War. He brandished the Wall Street bogey, and incidentally Hollywood, for a time in the present crisis. Then he recalled that Wall Street has no direct financial stake at this time because Uncle Sam is doing the lending. Wall Street, in fact, may lose a great deal through heavier taxes like the rest of us.

So Senator Nye detoured. He tossed in the hated racial issue in the hope of arousing public passions and prejudices. The sorry business backdrop so he is now engaged in telling the public, at least those few who will listen, that his opponents dragged in the racial issue. Col. Lindbergh tried the racial stuff, rather gingerly, but he also found it too hot to handle.

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, that worthy and noble statesman, has retreated into a shell of silence, a trying circumstance for him. Two years ago he thought it was a "phony war" but now he knows differently. Rep. Ham Fish is still carrying the torch and the public greets him with customary indifference. Senator Burton K. Wheeler, the abet of the isolationists, has reduced his efforts to petty sniping at Administration policies.

The isolationists have been overwhelmed in the rushing torrent of history. Their silly antics have augmented public confidence in the wisdom and sagacity of President Roosevelt's leadership.

CELEBRATING COLUMBUS DAY

About five hundred years ago in the busy harbor of Genoa, Italy, a small boy of great vision watched the ships come and go. At school he was studying Latin, mathematics, and astronomy and was becoming a skillful maker of maps and charts used by navigators.

Stirring tales of seamen persuaded him at an early age to enter on a seafaring career. In his first years as an experienced seaman, we find him living at Lisbon, Portugal, which had become the center of geographical knowledge as a result of the explorations of Prince Henry, the Navigator, who was continually pushing further and further down the coast of Africa.

Realizing that the earth was round, Columbus became convinced that the shortest route to India would be to sail west, rather than go around the continent of Africa.

Unknown and without money, this middle-aged man began looking for a financial backer in order to make his dream a reality. In 1483 he presented his plans to John II, the progressive young ruler of Portugal; John was interested, but not interested enough.

The next nine years of his life he spent wandering from one court to another. In these different courts he was ridiculed, treated as a beggar, deluded by false promises, and betrayed.

But, finally, with the aid of a simple monk, this heartbroken man persuaded Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain to help him in fitting out an expedition. His crew was made up of criminals who agreed to make this dangerous voyage as an alternative to the Spanish dungeons.

Only a strong and courageous man could have kept his crew of outcasts sailing toward what they believed to be certain death. But this man was strong, he was courageous, and the success of this voyage meant more to him than anything else.

Finally, with mutiny in the air, this great leader promised his crew to sail home if land was not sighted within three days.

Before the three days were up, however, land was sighted—it was San Salvador, in the Bahamas. That day, October 12, 1492, became a historical landmark. Columbus had discovered America!

When Columbus died he considered himself a failure, for after four trips to the New World he had not succeeded in finding a western route to India. He did not realize that he had discovered a new world and that this was an infinitely greater discovery than a new route to India.

He had made the most memorable voyage in history; yet, he died broken in spirit and in health and without recognition.

Today, Columbus Day, takes a new meaning. The English, Russian and Chinese people, and the people in conquered territories, can celebrate October the 12th as the day that Columbus discovered "the arsenal" that is now dedicated to end totalitarian aggression.

FARMERS HAVE MEMORIES

"In the long run," says Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, "the worst sufferers from inflation are farmers."

We are not expert upon the subject but we have some recollections as to what occurred in 1921 and it is our solemn opinion that Henry spoke a mouthful.

The plight of agriculture, in the United States, after 1921, was deplorable. Farmers of this country can still testify to the blighting scourge that bankrupted agriculture as an industry. They should be very careful before following the lure of excessive prices.

We think the farmers should concentrate their efforts upon the attainment of parity. They should resolutely oppose exorbitant price levels for other services and supplies. It is the only way to permanent prosperity on the farm.

It is comforting to hear some leaders talking about new high prices for agricultural commodities but farmers, before joining in the demand, should rely upon the sound advice of experts who have studied their problems. They should pause, just long enough to hear the voices of the past which will remind them of the hard road they traveled after 1921.

Did you ever stop to think how many ancestors you must have had since the days of Columbus?

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

THIS WAR HAS GOT US DIZZY
The news we get by air and press
Today is such a crazy mess
That we can't figure where or what,
Or when or why, or if or not.

THE BRITISH sink eight German ships
And bomb the channel ports and slips.
The Japs take over Indo-China
While riots rage in Asia Minor.

DAFFY DEFINITION
Friend—The fellow whose legs you step on when you're climbing,
and whose shoulders you lean on when you're slipping.

THE SHADES OF NIGHT
In a Negro school there was one boy so black that even the other pupils called him "Midnight." This was all very well until a new pupil only a few shades lighter than he, entered the school. On being called this nickname by the new pupil, "Midnight" got huffy.

OH, OH.
"Shocked Old Lady"—And on the way up here we passed about twenty-five people in parked cars.
Young Hostess—"Oh, I'm sure you're mistaken. It must have been an even number."

WHAT DO YOU SAY?
My sweetie, for grammar, will never be noted,
When she went to school she was never promoted.
She gives the King's English a terrible shot
When she whispers, "I seen it," or says, "I hain't got."

NATURE STUDY
A certain business executive employs a number of stenographers and, being a lover of flowers, his favors run to girls named after his favorite plants.

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NOSE DROPS COUGH DROPS

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
The boy I am engaged to is an only son. His parents adored him and have tried to grant his every wish. We are planning to be married this Fall and have the plans of our house already drawn. It was to have been built next to that of his parents. We both agreed that it was better to start off by ourselves rather than to live in the house with his people, although they had ample room and would have welcomed us.

ANSWER:
No matter how nice your mother-in-law is, she will always feel that she is mistress of the house she has kept all the years—which is only natural—so unless you are willing to accept this situation, it seems to me that it will be wiser for you and your fiancé to go on with your plans for building.

YOUR HEALTH
From the Educational Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, of which the Centre County Medical Society is a component.

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Query & Answer Column

S. G.—Is there any difference between a meteor and a meteorite?
Ans.—They are the same, with the exception that a meteorite is a meteor flying through outer space and was picked up by the earth. A meteor continues to fly through space until it is picked up by another planet of the Solar System by gravitation. But those that are picked up by the earth are called meteorites. Their velocity is faster than a rifle shot and cannot be seen striking the earth, and where they are buried hundreds of feet.

D. V.—Can you answer in your valuable paper why old-time bridges were all covered?
Ans.—The Bureau of Public Roads says that bridges in the early days were built with a roof and sides because the floor of the bridge from inclement weather. It is erroneously believed that bridges were covered to offer shelter to slow-moving travelers in case of storms.

G. L.—I would like to know why an Englishman is called "John Bull." Can you answer me that?
Ans.—John Arbuthnot, a Scotch humorist, published a book in 1712 which was a satire on the Duke of Marlborough entitled "The History of John Bull." The Duke of Marlborough was supposed to be John Bull, a good-natured, portly and bullheaded fellow. It made such a hit that it since has come to typify an individual Englishman or Great Britain as a nation.

C. M.—Is there any other body in the universe outside of the earth that life exists?
Ans.—As yet this theory has not been proved. Scientists claim there is, inasmuch as space is infinite. They claim the Milky Way alone has millions of suns that are larger than our own Solar System, and that if that is not sufficiently possible, we can go still farther out among the known cosmic bodies where distances are measured by millions of light years and find it impossible to doubt that somewhere earthly conditions for generating life have been matched.

F. W.—At what age does a person grow the fastest?
Ans.—The most rapid period of growth in the human being is in the first year of life.

C. T. H.—What is the temperature of the coldest area of water in the Atlantic Ocean?
Ans.—Surface water temperatures as low as 28 degrees Fahrenheit have been observed occasionally in the Labrador Current on the northeastern edge of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland.

A. H. M.—Please give the fraternal affiliations of Edgar Bergen.
Ans.—He is a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, the Society of American Magicians, the International Alliance of Motion Picture Photographers, the Friars Club and the University Club.

J. G. A.—What percentage of World War veterans drawing service connected compensation were overseas?
Ans.—Seventy-five per cent.

Ultamins
You really get them when you COOK ELECTRICALLY
Switch to a modern electric range and keep those precious health-building ingredients INSIDE THE FOODS YOU SERVE.