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EDITORIAL

Armistice Day, just observed, is not the anniversary of a lost cause.

A negotiated peace with Germany would be the death of freedom for our time.

We often wonder whether there were pacifists among the Belgians, before the Hitlerian invasion.

Incidentally, the Red Cross Roll Call is underway and every citizen in Centre county ought to join this great organization.

We understand that Uncle Sam has 250,000,000 like silver dollars, stored in warehouses. Now, if the old man doesn't want to use them, we would like to borrow them for a while.

Wendell L. Wilkie, Republican presidential nominee in 1940, warns: "The party that pussy-foots, opposes and obstructs during a national emergency writes its own death warrant."

The United States has only one foreign policy, and we stand with our country when she faces a foe. Residents of Centre county old enough to remember the summer of 1920, should not forget that the deflation followed a war inflation.

We are not for war, but we do not think that it can be prevented by any policy of cowardly surrender or that the United States can secure peace by yielding its rights to arrogant aggression of nations that have the avowed purpose of attaining national ambitions by the use of force.

The attack upon the Reuben James indicates that Hitler is ready to make his bid to retard delivery of supplies to Great Britain and that, if he can, he will sink other American warships. The Nazi Fuehrer is out to demonstrate to Americans that they cannot use the oceans except by his permission and that they must cut loose from the British, or face greater dangers.

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

The people of Centre county will soon be observing Thanksgiving Day in accordance with American custom and while the world outlook is unhappy there are many reasons for us to be thankful to the Creator we worship.

Life is precious to every individual and, as a beginning for Thanksgiving thoughts, let us be grateful for existence itself. There may be higher forms of life somewhere in a boundless universe but human beings should appreciate the opportunity to grow spiritually on a mundane globe.

Next to life we would be thankful for the freedom that the Almighty has accorded for men and women. We live our lives, under no compulsion but our own willingness to attempt to approach the Divine Spirit in relationship with other struggling human beings.

Men and women of today should be thankful for the upward struggle of men, which has gradually shaped for us a world of industry and intelligence, where all enjoy the fruits of the ages of the past. Born as helpless infants we inherit the greatness of former residents of the earth and we profit by their experiences, good and bad.

Prices this Christmas will be higher by an estimated 15 per cent. In the case of luxury goods there will be a new 10 per cent tax also.

JAP CRISIS AHEAD? Relations between the United States and Japan are to reach a crisis on November 15th...

While the implied warning may constitute Japanese pressure upon the United States for concessions in order to prevent Japan from positive action...

The Japanese intimate that there is a time-limit to their patience and that the United States must abandon its objections to Japanese objectives...

The United States is pictured as a nation motivated by a warlike purpose and, of course, Japan is presented as the champion of a New Order which is to include world peace.

Regardless of the absurdity of the Japanese official position, the people of the United States should not underestimate the threat that exists in the Far East. With our Navy divided between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and excepting only battleship strength, the Japanese Navy is numerically stronger...

It has been noticeable that the Japanese attitude toward the United States in the Pacific fluctuates with the success or failure of German campaigns in Europe. When the Germans are sweeping their foes before them, Tokyo talks boldly...

That the United States will find it impossible to meet the Japanese demands is obvious to anyone who understands the course of Japanese conduct in recent years.

The price that Japan demands for peace in the Pacific includes the abandonment of China, the recognition of Manchukuo, recognition of Japanese superior rights in the Far East...

THE AMERICAN WAY

This is your country and my country. All of us belong to it, all of us own it, all of us help run it.

You have a home here and I have a home here. We want to keep our homes. We want to keep on living in them—pretty much the same we always have.

Down in Washington is your government and my government. We invented it; we elected it; it is there trying to serve us; it is up to us to support it.

All these things—our country, our homes, our government, our way of life which is the free way of life—these things are in terrible danger today.

If they are not worth working for, then nothing is worth working for. Suppose we do have to work harder than we like to; suppose our muscles do get tired; suppose we get some callouses on our hands; suppose we lose some sleep. Suppose we haven't got time to play—even on Saturday afternoons. Suppose we never get another vacation until this life is over.

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SAYS NAZIS ATTEMPTED INVASION

There has been much discussion of various reports that the Germans attempted an invasion of the British Isles in September, 1940.

Recently, Robert J. Casey, war correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, published a book, telling of his experiences on the battlefronts of the present war.

His report is interesting but we do not see where it proves that there was a serious attempt at invasion. Everybody knows that the R. A. F. has been battering the "jumping off places" for months but the fact that British bombs hit docks in France hardly proves that an actual invasion was, or is, underway.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Although Christmas is a month and a half off it would be a good idea to shop early and avoid the rush. This is always a good idea, but this year war conditions make such procedure almost compulsory.

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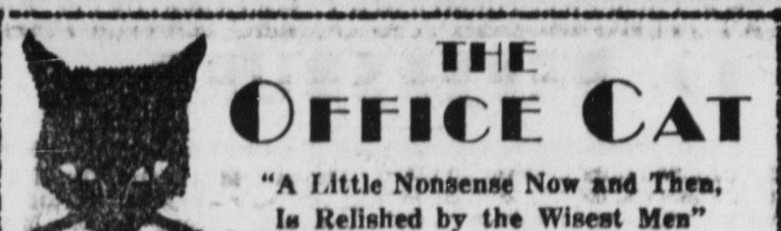
WHEN WILL THE WAR END?

The consensus of most military experts is that the present war will last a long time and that, the longer it lasts the more involved will be our participation.

This may be the true picture of the situation, evidently based upon the belief that Hitler will succeed in knocking the Russians out as an effective military opponent. What of it, if the Red Army lasts, if the Soviet continues its unexpected resistance to the Nazis?

Nobody knows. Our own amateur opinion is that the war can be shortened considerably by speeding ample supplies to the Soviet. If this is done effectively and the Red Army maintains its present fighting power through the Winter, the Nazis will be in a bad way.

In fact, if the Russians can take the offensive in the Spring or early Summer, of next year, and the British put on military pressure elsewhere, there is the chance that the Germans will be definitely on the way out with 1942.



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

This Auto Get You
There was a young lady from Rye
Whom a Pontiac struck in the thigh.

So That's Why
At 2 o'clock in the morning a lady telephoned the manager of a large department store.

Time to Retire
Mary swallowed her little watch,
Now the watch is gone.

He Was Relieved, Anyway
The hotel seemed very stuffy to the traveling man. In vain he tried to sleep. Before getting into bed he had endeavored to open the window.

Good Reason
Judge—"Do you wish the court to understand that you refuse to renew your dog license?"
Prisoner—"Yes, your honor, but—"

Here and There
The davenport held the twain,
Fair daisies and her ardent swain.

Cause For Distress
Sobbing, she kissed the old man good-bye and got on the train.
Noticing her wedding ring, the conductor was sympathetic.

Notice in Scotch Church
Those in the habit of putting buttons instead of coins in the collection plate will please put in their own buttons and not buttons from the cushions on the pews.

Playing Post Office
Mail Carrier's Wife—"Pa, you look all tickered out."
Mail Carrier—"I am. I've been all over town lookin for a guy named Fragle."

The Way It Sounded
"Iceland," said the teacher, "is about as big as Siam."
"Iceland," wrote the pupil afterward, "is about as big as my teacher."

New Official
Rasmus—"Brother president, we needs a cupidior."
President of the Eight-Ball Club—"I appoinsta Brother Brown as cupidior."

Good Place For Kiddies
"Just think, children," said the missionary, "in Africa there are six million square miles where little boys and girls have no Sunday school. Now what should we all strive to save our money for?"

Chinese Tombstone
Me, in person.
No movie.
No talkie.

Couldn't Blame Her
Our correspondent in the heart of Africa informs us that he recently witnessed a Mama Kangaroo murdering her little one for eating crackers in bed.

Low on Ice Water
Passenger—"Porter, get me another glass of ice water."
Porter—"Sorry, sah, but if it takes any mo' ice, dat co'se in de baggage car ain't goin' to keep."

Very Tame
Father—"I want you to stop running around with that wild woman."
Son—"She isn't wild, dad. Anybody can pet her."

They Had 'Em
Inquisitive Man—"Little boy, do both of your dogs have licenses?"
Boy—"Yes. They're just covered with them."

And the Fight Was On
She—"A woman's physical charms are her chief weapons in the battle of love."
He—"Well, one thing is sure. You will never be arrested, dearie, for carrying concealed weapons."

Wot Ye Do to 'Im?
Angry Customer—"See here, that horse you sold me dropped dead."
Dealer—"Can't help that, sir. 'K never did that while I 'doped 'em."

Very Politely
"Here always glad to meet a skirt on a cold day," said the knees as they tipped their caps.

Chicken Talk
"Whut the dickens are you doing down there in the cellar?" demanded the rooster.
"if it's any of your business," replied the hen frigidly, "I'm laying in a supply of coal."

A Little Quizzer
Whut's the difference between a snake and a flea?
A snake crawls on its own stomach, but a flea's not so particular.

See The Point?
The meanest man in the world is the warden who put a tack in the electric chair.

Boys Will Be Boys
Little Willie, cute as heck,
Signed his name to Papa's check.

That's all, folks. Here's our definition of intoxication: "To feel sophisticated, and not be able to say it."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
I am engaged to a boy who will have to go to the Army in a few weeks. We had planned to get married this winter but now his salary will be only twenty-one dollars a month...

Answer:
I think your wisest plan will be to wait to get married until after your young man is out of the Army.

Dear Louisa:
My boy friend has gone to the Navy and a camp of air pilots is near the town I live in. I promised my friend not to go with any boys while he was away, but do you think there would be any harm in helping entertain these air cadets?

Answer:
Why don't you write to your boy friend just as you have written to me and see what he says? If he is a sensible chap, who is not too fond of himself, I am sure he will be glad for you to do your bit in entertaining some of Uncle Sam's boys...

Dear Louisa:
My child will not be six until January and his teacher sent him home when I tried to start him to school. Don't you think he is old enough for school? He is an unusually bright child.

Answer:
Every child is different from all others, and some children do all right who are started to school so early. Others get inferiorly complex from trying to keep up with children who are older and therefore find it easier to learn.

AS I SEE IT
By HORACE SENTZ
Just what's wrong with declaring war, when we're already shooting, while isolationists gallop, keep a yapping, n'a' hooting, "There's lotsa talk about morale, n'how we ought to sacrifice, but this is just a old wives tale to them that want co'ff up the price. To pay for war we want deelar, aint got no nashonal speel, but all real folks'd do their share, if we'd use less words n' lots more deed. Business as usual will stand, until we call a spade a spade, n'make a more aggressive stand, at puttin Hitler in the shade. Then there's Japan austraillin round like a cocky Banly rooster, our home defense'd gain more ground, if U. Sam's boot give them a booster. I hope you folks dont git the aland, that 's a cheap war monger, but foolin round in what we cant, while our chance to win gets longer, a defense war jist cant be won, agin that Nazi crowd, we gotta shoot a offense gun, that's move'n jist plain lund. There's some think we kin still stand pat. Per them this war 's a phoney. Them isolationists think the war is won with money. In Army camps there's lotsa boys, in full discent n' gloom, they want more action n' less noise, with guns that shoot instead a boom. Now if we mean jist what we say, we'll declare war tomorrow, n' clean things up the Yankee way. We aint got no more time to borrow.

Query & Answer Column

G. C.—Does the Army operate a railroad in any of the camps?
Ans.—The War Department says that a railroad is operated by the 711th Engineer Battalion at Camp Claiborne, La.

E. S.—What is the record of the fastest stock car?
Ans.—The stock car record is 106 miles per hour made by the Cord automobile on September 16, 1937.

M. L.—At what time of the year is there a cross on the moon?
Ans.—The cross over the moon does not appear at any particular time of the year. The phenomenon is due to the reflection of moonlight by ice crystals in the atmosphere, and its appearance is therefore determined by the presence of the ice crystals and the intensity of the moonlight.

C. D. E.—What caused the Tripolitan War?
Ans.—The war between the United States and Tripoli in 1801-05 was the result of the refusal of this country to increase its payment for immunity from depredations of the Tripolitan corsairs.

C. D. H.—How many blueprints are required in building an Army bomber?
Ans.—It takes eight miles of blueprints a foot wide or approximately 14,000 in all to build and maintain a warplane the size of modern bombers.

C. D. A.—Who invented the pie crust table?
Ans.—Chippendale originated this table which is characterized by a scalloped edge.

S. E.—What voting qualifications are common to all states?
Ans.—Age, citizenship, and residence requirements must be met in every state. Besides these qualifications, those of many states include payment of poll taxes, literacy, and registration.

H. T. J.—What is the proper attire for the bridegroom at a 5 o'clock wedding?
Ans.—If the bridegroom conforms strictly to etiquette, he wears a black cutaway coat and dark gray striped trousers. If the bridegroom does not have this style of attire in his wardrobe, he may wear a dark blue business suit.

C. S. R.—What is the largest egg laid by a hen?
Ans.—The largest eggs on record are that of a Rhode Island Red weighing eight ounces, laid in Kentucky. In France an eleven-ounce egg was laid by a White Leghorn.

D. J.—What is the origin of the term "packing industry"?
Ans.—From the beginning pork was salted down and packed in barrels, hence arose the name now given the meat industry.

M. J.—What is the religious affiliation of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge?
Ans.—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge is a Congregationalist.

H. M.—Who was Madame Eliza?
Ans.—This nickname was applied to the Duchesse de Noailles, mistress of cerimonies at the French court in the time of Marie Antoinette, because of her rigid adherence to ceremony.

C. D.—Where does the Government maintain terrapin culture farms?
Ans.—The largest is at Beaufort, N. C., where 16,121 young diamond-back terrapins were produced last season. Others are maintained in protected wildlife refuges at Pige Island and Swanquarter, N. C., Cape Roman, S. C., and Blackbeard Island, Georgia.

H. N.—What was the first American warship to fly a flag?
Ans.—In 1776, the first flag ever unfurled aboard an American warship was hoisted by First Lieutenant John Paul Jones on board the flagship Alfred at Philadelphia. It was the Grand Union flag, having thirteen American stripes with the English union jack in the field.

B. M.—Does it ever get too cold to snow?
Ans.—Light snow occurs occasionally at exceedingly low temperatures, and sometimes even heavy snows fall when the surface air is quite cold. It is never too cold to snow if there is sufficient moisture in the atmosphere.

W. D.—Which will produce the most gas, one cubic foot of liquid hydrogen or a similar quantity of liquid helium?
Ans.—One cubic foot of liquid hydrogen will produce 789 cubic feet of gas measured at 32° F. and atmospheric pressure. One cubic foot of liquid helium will produce 706 cubic feet of gas under the same conditions.

C. R.—In what year did the Cincinnati riots occur?
Ans.—In 1884 from March 26 to 31. The Court House was burned and many old records were lost. Forty-five persons were killed and 145 injured.

C. L.—How many passengers a day arrive at Union Station in Washington, D. C.?
Ans.—In the first half of April, an average of 80,000 passengers a day passed through Union Station.

E. T.—Is the first American flag ever called Old Glory still in existence?
Ans.—The flag Old Glory by Capt. William Driver, of Salem, Mass., is preserved in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, D. C.

D. B.—What is the record yield of corn per acre in this country?
Ans.—The largest yield in bushels per acre of corn at any time in the United States was harvested by C. J. Drake, Marlborough, E. C., when 254 bushels per acre was raised in the year 1885.

H. L. K.—What did the first car manufactured by Henry Ford cost?
Ans.—In 1903 the Ford Motor Company offered a Model "A" two-cylinder runabout for sale at \$250.

E. J.—What is the West Point of the South?
Ans.—Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, Va., is so called.

W. M.—Please give the location and cost of Wheeler Dam.
Ans.—Wheeler Dam is located in Alabama on the Tennessee River, 274.9 miles above the mouth and 15.5 miles upstream from Wilson Dam and Florence, Alabama. It was constructed at a cost of approximately \$33,800,000.

C. T.—Please give the population of Leningrad and Kharkov.
Ans.—The population of Leningrad is 3,200,000, and that of Kharkov, \$30,000.

C. S. L.—What is the oldest State Capitol building in the United States?
Ans.—The oldest State Capitol is in Annapolis, Md., built in 1772.

A. J.—Where is the Great American Desert?
Ans.—It lies in the northwestern corner of Utah, reaching over into Nevada.

T. B. C.—What is the largest sea bird?
Ans.—It is the albatross which attains a length of four feet, a weight of about twenty-five pounds, and a wingspread of seventeen feet.

R. W.—Where is Stephen A. Douglas buried?
Ans.—The remains of the "Little Giant" are interred in Douglas Park, Chicago. A monument over 100 feet in height surmounts the crypt.

Reader—Please publish the names of the officials in President Roosevelt's cabinet.
Ans.—President Roosevelt's cabinet consists of the following named: Secretary of State, Cordell Hull; Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau; Secretary of War, Henry Stimson; Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox; Secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes; Secretary of Agriculture, Claude Wickard; Postmaster-General, Frank C. Walker.

Health and Beauty

"HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP"
"I dread going to bed! I know that I shall not sleep," said a nervous, worried-looking woman. "I have taken so much sleeping medicine that it has very little effect on me any more, so I may as well content myself to be awake."

"It is a pity that people learned the use of such drugs, or that they are often obtained without prescription of physicians. While most of the hypnotics are not habit-forming in the sense that the narcotics are, still they can do irreparable injury to neurotics and those who are particularly susceptible to their influence."

"There are various causes for sleeplessness. Any emotional upset, fear, anger, grief, or disappointment, all tend to drive away sleep. Also the habit of taking problems to bed, to be thought over, or business to be straightened out, causes wakefulness."

"Shakespeare makes many allusions to the subject. He pictures Macbeth as kept awake by a guilty conscience: 'Methought I heard a voice cry, 'Sleep no more! Macbeth does murder sleep, the innocent sleep.' Browning says of the care-free child:

"How he sleepeth; having drunken Weary Childhood's mandragora, From his pretty eyes have sunk Pleasures to make room for more, Sleeping near the withered rose-gay Which he pulled the day before."

He who would learn to sleep like a child must ponder the reasons (Continued on Page Five)

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