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EDITORIAL

Japan has the choice of surrender or suicide but Tokyo brought it about.

Traffic regulations, rigidly and impartially enforced, will help save lives on the streets and highways.

Sympathy is excellent as far as it goes, but it takes cash contributions to fill empty stomachs and warm cold bodies.

Don't forget your church when you figure on spending your money. The average citizen owes more to his church, as an institution among men, than he generally realizes.

Centre county should respond one hundred per cent to the Red Cross roll call.

Repeating the advice that we have offered upon so many occasions, we take this opportunity to remind our readers that hunting season has arrived.

The withdrawal of American Marines from Shanghai, Tientsin and Peiping, China, seems to be indicated by the growing danger of an armed clash in the Far East.

The arrival of Saburo Kurosu, Japanese diplomat, in this country, is not expected to alter the hard facts that make it impossible for the United States to give in to Japanese demands in the Far East.

No newspaper editor need apologize for expatiating upon the issues involving the United States as it faces a critical decision in regard to the great war that threatens to engulf the entire world.

Steven Bryan is an Armenian watch-maker of Connecticut who arrived in the United States two years ago. The other day he celebrated the second anniversary of his entrance into the land of the free.

Health And Beauty

FLU WARNINGS BROADCAST

Headlines on the front pages of newspapers are warning the nation to brace itself this winter against an epidemic of influenza which may be as severe as that of 1918 and 1919, when hundreds of thousands died from the disease.

situation revealed that a minor epidemic of flu swept eastward from the West Coast, probably having originated in Hawaii, a year ago, and that it has been building up its virulence.

Exactly the same situation existed in 1918 and 1919, when the so-called Spanish influenza broke out on the East Coast and spread like a forest fire which did not burn out until late in 1919. And what an awful time that was. People were dying of influenza all over the world.

Physicists. Those who took this treatment and were not so fortunate as to escape altogether, had light cases. There were doctors, particularly in the South, who began giving quinine as soon as the soldiers showed symptoms of flu or cold.

LINCOLN'S WORDS POINT THE WAY

Seventy-eight years ago, on November 19, Abe Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg address. This famous oration has been quoted and repeated so often, that today it has become a part of our language.

We have heard the Gettysburg address often enough to know it by heart, but many of us do not know the conditions that prompted Lincoln to deliver it.

Eighteen cooperating northern states had buried the soldiers that had fallen in battle at Gettysburg. A dedication program to honor the dead soldiers was planned with Edward Everett, a distinguished orator of that time, as the main speaker.

At the time of this history-making speech, Mr. Lincoln did not know what the outcome of the war would be. The armies of the Confederacy were still intact, and large sections of the northern population were sick of the war. The election was not far off, and Mr. Lincoln was not sure that he commanded enough votes to get re-elected.

He knew how important it was that his few remarks be a success. He had to persuade the people of the North that they were fighting the battle of freedom and that they must fight on so that the dead Northern soldiers would not have died in vain.

Lincoln delivered his short and carefully worded talk with complete poise and in a manner of great sincerity and strength. The true greatness of Mr. Lincoln's speech was not recognized immediately; time and history have, however, put the Gettysburg Address among the greatest of the great.

Years after Mr. Lincoln died, many writers believed that the talk was spontaneous; they believed that Lincoln depended upon the occasion for his inspiration. A number of scholars today, however, believe that in preparing this speech Mr. Lincoln made one of the supreme efforts of his life.

Today, we of America need another Gettysburg address. Many brave American sailors have lost their lives on the high seas. Have they died in vain? And are the British, Russians, and Chinese dying in vain in their right for freedom? It would be good to hear Abraham Lincoln again, telling the people of America the importance of fighting for freedom.

A PREACHER GOES TO JAIL

A minister of the gospel has been sentenced to serve eighteen months in a Federal prison by a court in New Jersey after his conviction for refusing to fill out a draft questionnaire.

Before sentencing the preacher the Court gave him nearly a month in which to change his mind and fill out the draft paper but the man persisted in his refusal, defending himself by proclaiming his personal loyalty to Christ, his Christian concern for mankind and his devotion to American democracy.

It should be understood that the minister was not convicted because he would not wage war, as a matter of conscience, but because he refused to fill out a questionnaire, permitting him to make any claim for exemption that he might have.

The sentence is entirely proper and we are at a loss to understand the brother's devotion to democracy and in complete disagreement with him as to his interpretation of loyalty to Christ and the obligations of a Christian.

Boiled down, the reverend gentleman set himself above the law of the land, which enables him to preach a free gospel and gives him every advantage that civilization accords a minister of recognized faiths. He assumes that he can accept the benefits and disregard the obligations of society, actually imposed through the machinery of government.

INDO-CHINA A TRAP FOR JAPAN?

The Japanese press is now talking about an overland expedition, operating from Indo-China, to cut the Burma route.

This would be a major military operation and if Japan is foolish enough to initiate the attack there will be little dismay in the ranks of the strategists who have to plan counter-moves.

The Indo-China area is about 2,000 miles from Japan proper and a large expeditionary force would need the support of a large fleet of supply ships. These would be operating far from home bases and vulnerable to aerial and submarine attack from three sides.

The latest naval plans, in the event of war in the Far East, according to Hallett Abend, former New York Times correspondent, is to use submarines, light craft and airplanes to attack the Japanese fleet in narrow waters, such as exist on the route between Japan and Indo-China.

Mr. Abend, in a recent magazine article, gives an interesting explanation of the motives that led the Germans to send the battleship Bismarck into the Atlantic, where she was destroyed by the British after sinking the huge Hood. He says that the Bismarck was on her way to Japan, where her presence was expected to bolster Japanese morale and lead the empire into decisive action.

IT'S YOUR RED CROSS

The annual Roll Call of the Red Cross offers Americans an opportunity to become associated with an organization that serves human beings in their direst need.

Whether in war, or in peace, the stricken are succored. It is an amazing undertaking, made possible because average Americans, like those of us in Centre county, contribute relatively small sums to keep the work going.

Naturally, at this time the war work of the Red Cross receives much attention. Thousands of volunteer workers, all over the United States, are busy preparing garments and bandages, to be used by those afflicted by the grim hands to carry aid to suffering individuals.

It is not permitted for us all to do the actual work of the Red Cross, whether in war or in peace, but it is our privilege to take part in the labor of mercy by providing our share of the money that is necessary in the continuance of this great service to mankind.

The honorable Joseph Stalin is no pikar. He says that Russian losses of 350,000 killed and 1,350,000 wounded and missing do not compare with German losses. 4,500,000 men, dead, wounded and captured since June 22. The Soviet leader is probably talking for the benefit of his own people, just as Hitler exaggerated for home consumption, and for the same reasons. Military experts are almost unanimous in the belief that Russian losses have been heavier than those of Germany, but one thing can be said of Stalin, he promises Adolf a fight to the finish, with some evidence that it will be Germany's finish.

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

And It Works
Wilber, having been to New York, was telling his cronies of the sights he saw.

'An' up at the hospital I seed one of those machines that tell if a man's lying.'

'Pooh,' said Luke from his corner. 'Pooh? Did you ever see one?' 'See one? I married one.'

Not That Way
An Irish bricklayer was on the top of the partly-built house, and shouted to the foreman that he could not find his way down to the ground.

Waiting For It
The cavalry recruit was instructed to bride and saddle a horse. Ten minutes later the sergeant-major came along for his mount and found the recruit holding the bit close to the horse's head.

Always Courteous
'You say the defendant struck you three times and knocked you down?' asked the attorney.

Modern Paul Revere
They tell this one about the first World War. A group of dinky soldiers was about to be sent up front and the white officer came around to look them over.

Down on The Farm
New Hand--'Our baby chicks are all dying.' Farmer--'What are you feeding them?'

Kept Them Hid
The cute customer approached the handsome floor-walker and asked, 'Do you have notions on this floor?'

What to Expect
Plumber (at phone)--'What's that? A leak in the water pipe? Well, tell your husband to keep his hand over it. And just hang on a minute and I'll tell you what day I can come.'

Why Waiters Go Nuts
Three drunks entered a restaurant and sat down. Waiter--'What can I do for you?'

You Know How 'Tis
An ash tray is something to put cigarette butts in when the room hasn't a floor.

One or 'Tother
Old Lady--'Are you a little boy or a little girl?'

You Can't Go Wrong
And now, ladies and gentlemen of the radio audience, just a few words about Camelfield cigarettes. Camelfields are roasted, toasted, fried and boiled to insure mildness.

That's all, folks. The itch to get married has kept many an old maid scratching for a husband.

SNYDERTOWN
Church notes for Sunday, Nov. 23: Sunday Church school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.

The Adult Bible class of St. Mark's Lutheran church will hold a turkey supper on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3, from 5 till 8 o'clock.

Quite a number of our fathers and sons attended the annual father and son banquet of the Nittany Valley Lutheran parish on Wednesday evening in the basement of St. Paul's church.

The Adult Bible class of St. Mark's Lutheran church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Barner on Wednesday evening.

We are sorry to hear of the injury to Mr. Kenneth Powers at Lewisport. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lutz of Pittsburgh, returned home Friday after spending a two weeks' vacation with his mother, Mrs. Harvey Lutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dorman and Kenneth Vonada motored to Danville Saturday, where Mr. Dorman takes treatment at the Geisinger Hospital. He is some better at this writing.

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LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I am in high school and I can't understand why I am not as popular as most of the girls.

Tennessee. LORIS.

Answer: It is rather hard to answer such a question without knowing the person who asks it.

Have you ever been with a girl who thinks she has to talk all of the time? Well, nothing wears out a person more than stream after stream of senseless chatter.

On the other hand your trouble may not be conceit, but may be the fact that you try too hard.

And if you wish to be popular with the boys, don't neglect the girl friends.

Last but not least, if you wish to be liked by people, you must like them. This doesn't mean that you must pretend to like them, but it means that you must really be interested in what they are doing and in what they are.

Ohio. LOUISA.

Answer: I am 19 years old and am married to a boy the same age.

My husband has been leaving me alone at night and going out by himself. He goes to movies and even to parties, while I sit home and nurse. He says he's not going to tie himself down and not have any fun.

What would you advise? L. B.

Answer: It is pathetic for children to marry so young--before they are ready for the responsibilities and sacrifices that matrimony entails.

I see no future in such a life for you, unless you two have a snow down. Whatever money he makes over your living expenses should go in savings and recreation for you both.

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Query & Answer Column

C. M.--Why is a Master Mason's lodge called a blue lodge? Ans.--Blue lodge is a symbolic lodge in which the first three degrees of Masonry are conferred.

T. A. S.--When the Treaty of Versailles was signed with Germany in 1919, did any of the Allied delegates refuse to sign the document? Ans.--Yes; the Chinese delegates refused to sign.

F. B.--Do all States in the United States have divorce laws? Ans.--No. South Carolina does not permit divorce.

F. W.--Which States have passed laws providing for delayed registration of births for those persons who were born before State records of births were kept? Ans.--Alabama, California, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Washington.

W. M.--What causes eclipses? Ans.--During the earth's revolution around the sun, and the moon's around the earth, there are times when the three bodies are in a line and either the earth is in the moon's shadow or the moon is in that of the earth.

E. S. A.--What are the name of the castes in India? Ans.--There are four main castes: The Brahmins or priests and scholars; the Kshatriyas or warriors; the Vaishyas or merchants; and the Sudras, servants of serfs.

C. L. S.--Can blood serum be converted into powder? Ans.--In June 1940, a group of Philadelphia physicians perfected a method of transforming blood serum into a powder which can be stored indefinitely.

E. C. D.--What famous singer was named after a State? Ans.--The late Emma Nevada, a native of Austin, Nevada, assumed that name when she began to appear in opera. She was the daughter of Dr. W. W. Wixom.

J. G.--What was the fate of Gavrilo Princip, whose assassination of Archduke Francis precipitated the World War? Ans.--Gavrilo Princip was sentenced to a term of twenty years in an Austrian prison because he was only 19 years old and too young under Austrian law, for the death sentence.

T. J.--How many German rulers of Great Britain have there been? Ans.--The rulers of Great Britain grouped at the House of Hanover have been the only reigning monarchs of Great Britain. There were George I, George II, George III, George IV, William IV, and Victoria.

K. C. H.--Is there any flag in the United States that is flown day and night? Ans.--There are only three flags in the United States which are never furled, the two on the east and west fronts of the United States Capitol and the flag at the grave of Francis Scott Key, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Md.

H. W. A.--How much gasoline was used by the Army in 1940? Ans.--For the fiscal year, 1940, the United States Army consumed 606,000 barrels of gasoline.

D. J.--What rhymes were used to illustrate A and Z in the old New England Primer? Ans.--The rhymed and illustrated alphabet began with "In Adam's fall we sinned all" and ended with "Zaccheus he did climb the tree his Lord to see."

J. R.--Where is the Isle of Dogs? Ans.--This is a peninsula of London extending into the Thames opposite Greenwich. It contains large shipping yards and docks. The name is derived from the fact that the king's hounds were formerly kept there.

R. G. L.--Have any of the Quaker meeting houses in London been damaged by the Nazis? Ans.--Four of the forty-odd Quaker meeting houses in London have been completely destroyed, and others damaged.

R. L. S.--Was the guillotine known before the French Revolution? Ans.--Although the guillotine obtained notoriety under that name at the time of the French Revolution, it had previously been used in Scotland, England, and other parts of the Continent.

H. T.--How many words are there in the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Gettysburg Address? Ans.--There are 4543 words in the Constitution, including the signatures. The Amendments have 224 words. The Declaration of Independence, including signatures has 1458 words. The Gettysburg Address consists of 268 words.

X. V. M.--What is the largest industry in the world? Ans.--The United States Post Office is said to be the largest industry in the world.

O. N. H.--Do fig trees have blossoms? Ans.--Yes. The commercial fig is not a fruit in the strict botanical sense but rather a hollow fleshy receptacle within which tiny flowers grow and ripen, forming the true fruits which we commonly call seeds.

J. N.--Who invented the safety razor? Ans.--The first type of razor known as a safety razor was manufactured by King Camp Gillette. In 1895 he conceived the idea of a razor equipped with a flexible and movable blade.

E. T. C.--Where is the Suwanee River? Ans.--The Suwanee River rises in southern Georgia, in the Okefenokee Swamp, and flows in a winding, generally south-southwest course through Florida into the Gulf of Mexico, about fifteen miles north by west of Cedar Keys.

H. E. H.--How many Presidents have served two terms? Ans.--Eight Presidents of the United States have served two full terms--Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Andrew Jackson, Grant, Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Cleveland also served two full terms but these were not successive.

L. G.--Who was Blind Tom? Ans.--Blind Tom, who was Thomas Green Bethune, was born blind and a slave near Columbia, Ga., in May, 1849. He died in 1908. At two years of age he could unerringly recognize tunes, played the piano at four years, and at an exceedingly early age could imitate winds, rain, and birds, as well as classical music.

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