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EDITORIAL

Which would you rather be right now—an Englishman in England or a Frenchman in France?

The man who refuses to support any church may not know it, but he is not doing his duty as a good citizen.

During the fifteen day period beginning on the Monday following the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, a month's supply of sugar was bought by the American buying public.

The First Baptist church of Sullivan, Indiana, with \$1,082.25 in its building and organ fund, recently voted to invest the money in defense bonds.

The war comes closer home to millions of Americans with the order prohibiting the sale of automobile tires to almost everybody.

Health Letter

What is a healthful climate? Probably right where you are living, unless you are a chronic invalid.

In warm moist climates strength is lost and digestive troubles occur. In moist cold climates perspiration is checked and rheumatic and joint disorders are common.

In the rush of more important events, the people of the United States have, to some extent, overlooked the action of Mexico and other Central American countries in coming to the support of this country in the present world crisis.

AS BRAVE AMERICANS DIE

The appointment of a special board of inquiry to investigate the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor, with the idea of fixing responsibility for any negligence that may be disclosed, suggests other inquiries.

The bravery of fewer than 400 Marines, in resisting Japanese assaults upon Wake Island, discloses that this force, entirely inadequate to meet attacks, was rather poorly provided with fighting tools.

Would it be too much to expect some inquiry into the causes for this tragic situation, which also existed at Guam? The people of the United States, the most powerful nation on earth, find their defenders mounted to pieces by superior Japanese forces throughout the Pacific area.

Certainly, it is absurd that a country as powerful as the United States seems so helpless in combating Japanese attacks. Our defenses could have been secure and so powerful as to discourage Japan from the treacherous assault that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 officers and men at Pearl Harbor.

Why not officiously inquire into the strange apathy of a great nation in the face of steadily increasing danger? Why not discover the sources of the strongly organized pacifist sentiment that strangely affected Congressmen when they were asked to vote for an increased Navy, improved island defenses and a modernization of our Army?

The idea that we could have peace, by asking for it, was vigorously promoted in the nation by various individuals and organizations, some acting in the name of religion. This propaganda left America unprepared because too many Congressmen were sap-headed enough to believe that "the votes" were to be gotten that way.

Foreign propaganda may have affected the national morale but it has not hurt us nearly as much as the twaddle put out by the half-baked lunatic fringe that tried to teach us that the way to get peace was to talk about it. Somebody ought to investigate this form of pacifist insanity in order to protect the nations from similar propaganda when the present war has been won.

WE NEED RUBBER

One look at a map of the Far East will convince even the most optimistic that the U. S. Navy has a big job in conveying supplies from the Far East to the United States.

The large number of Jap bases sprinkled between the Philippines and Hawaii, and the fact that Guam, Wake and Midway Islands are indefensible, makes it necessary for ships to travel 2,651 miles further by way of a Southern Pacific route.

Even this southern route is not safe from Japanese attacks; in fact, many military observers believe that this route is so long and so vulnerable that ship losses would be so great in hauls from the Far East to the United States as to be impractical.

Yet, the United States is dependent on the Far East for most of the vitally needed imports which are not produced in the United States. The United States is dependent on this part of the world for rubber, tin, quinine, vegetable oils, hemp, manganese, bauxite, chrome, and other materials. Only fools declare the United States to be self-sufficient.

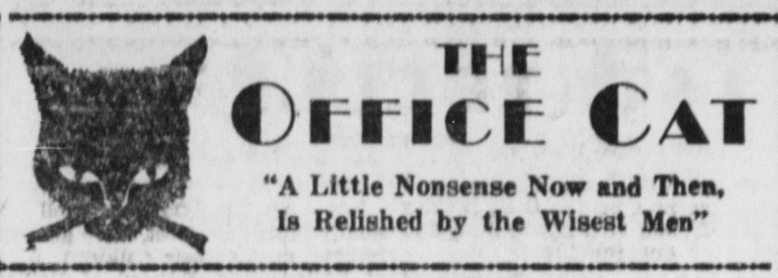
Perhaps it will be possible for ships loaded with the much needed rubber from Malaya and the Dutch East Indies to reach the United States by way of the Indian Ocean instead of the Pacific.

On reaching Africa these rubber and other Far Eastern supplies could connect with the present U. S.-to-Egypt supply line which is already patrolled. For this plan to work it would probably be necessary for the U. S. Pacific Fleet to be based at Singapore, in which position it could keep the Japanese Navy at home.

RECOMMENDS FOUR POINTS FOR PEACE. Four recommendations fundamental for the next peace were made today by Dr. Kent Forster, instructor in history at the Pennsylvania State College and author of "The Failure of Peace," a book just published by the American Council on Public Affairs, Washington.

The recommendations were: (1) eliminate any attempt to establish war guilt, a useless procedure which would merely give rise to continued resentments; (2) eliminate reparations; (3) avoid the economic balkanization of Europe; and (4) provide a place for the Japanese, Germans, and Italians in the peace plans.

Although military victory is our immediate aim, we must be sure that the next peace does not contain the germs of futile conflict as the last peace did," Dr. Forster declared.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

HITLER'S TALK TO HELL

Adolf Hitler called the Devil up on the telephone one day: The girl at the central listened to all they had to say. "Hello!" she heard Herr Hitler's voice, "Is Old Man Satan home? Just tell him Herr Hitler wants him on the phone."

Slightly Mixed

A printer on a mid-western paper went out and got "pickled" one day and in making up the forms got a political ad and a medicine ad mixed This is the result:

Them's Our Sentiments

We agree with "Bugs" Bear when he says: "There's no doubt that the war caught us with our trousers in the tailor shop. But we will do all right in retaliation just as soon as we take the golden rule off the standard."

Vicious Things

The drunk finally found the keyhole and stomped into the house, where he stumbles around looking for lights. Wife pipes up: "That you, Henry?" No answer. A big crash of glass. "Henry, what in the world are you doing?" Henry—"Teaching your goldfish not to bark at me."

Reverse English

A painter who lived in Great Britain Interrupted two girls with their knitting: He said, with a sigh, "That park bench—well, I just painted it, right where you're sittin."

Must Have Been Bad

A contractor approached a cigar counter and said, "I usually smoke that brand in the can." "And that's a good place to smoke 'em, replied the sweet thing behind the counter."

Hard to Recognize

The striptease dancer met a drunk at a party. The drunk ignored her. "Do you know who I am?" she said to the drunk. "Now," said the drunk. The stripper dropped her shoulder straps. "Now do you know who I am?" she said. "Now," said the drunk. She loosened the topsail and weighed anchor. "Do you know yet?" she asked.

In a Bad Way

Scene: A crowded bus. Everybody standing. A young lady is vainly groping in her purse to pay her fare. A young man is standing beside her with anxious written plainly on his features. Young Man—"Pardon me, Miss, but may I pay your fare?" Young Lady—"Sir."

1941's Biggest Lie

Here's the tallest story told by a member of the Bellefonte Lion's Club: "In the land of Unidilla a native accidentally spilled a bottle of hair tonic into a stream. The fish immediately developed long beards, with beards, they needed barbers. Thereafter, fishermen caught them with by setting up a barber pole on the bank, with a copy of the Police Gazette handy, and yelling "next."

A Hot Spot

Pat and Mike were crossing a field when a bull came charging down upon them. Mike shimmied up the only tree in sight and Pat jumped in a hole nearby. The bull jumped over the hole and Pat jumped out. The bull turned, saw him, and charged. Pat jumped in and the bull jumped over the hole again.

A Gone Cat

John and George, small sons of a Baptist minister, after listening to one of their father's sermons, decided that they must baptize their family of cats. The kittens made no objections. One by one they were put in a big tub of water. But when it came to the mother cat, she rebelled—and fought—and scratched—until at last John remarked, "Just sprinkle her, George, and let her go to H—!"

Still Green

Boss—"You are 20 minutes late again. Don't you know what time we start work at this factory?" New Employee—"No, sir; they're always at it when I get here."

Just as We Thought

"Why should I bother to say my prayers on Sunday night, Mother?" asked a North Ward youngster. "The Lord must be tired after hearing so many church programs all day."

That's all, folks. Our toast: A Jappy New Year. —"SCAT."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: Please tell me what to do. I am a girl twenty years old, going with two young men who are both one year younger than I am. The one I love most lives a reckless life and will drink. He even drinks when he takes me out places. Otherwise he is very nice to me and has proved more than once that he loves me. I love him dearly and feel that I can never love anyone else, but I am worried over his reckless living.

Answer:

You will certainly be foolish to marry a man who drinks and lives such a reckless life even if you do love him dearly. Don't do so unless you will be content after marrying to wear last year's coat and hat, wait up night after night listening for the stumbling step of the man who is supposed to care for you, watch your children do without luxuries and medical care that your neighbors' children enjoy and grow old before your time from work and worry.

Query & Answer Column

- J. C.—Please give the seating capacity of the Rose Bowl. Ans.—The Pasadena stadium has a capacity of 85,511. R. C.—When did the biggest strike of anthracite coal miners take place? Ans.—The longest and costliest strike in the anthracite industry began September 1, 1925, and was settled February 12, 1926. It lasted 64 days, involved 186,000 workers, and caused a loss of \$299,000,000 to the operators and \$188,000,000 in wages. The total loss is estimated at \$1,090,000,000. S. B. T.—What is meant by the still pack in cards? Ans.—The still pack is the one not in play when two packs of cards are used in a game. N. M.—Of what kind of paper were the paper suits made that Germans wore during the first World War? Ans.—Cloth made of cellulose yarn was used to make the so-called paper suits worn in Germany during the first World War. S. C. T.—Is the water in a bucket perfectly level on top? Ans.—The surface of the water in a common bucket is not perfectly level, but slightly concave. Due to capillarity and surface tension the water rises a little at the sides of the bucket. K. O.—What is the significance of the spinning wheel emblem of the D. A. R.? Ans.—The thirteen spokes represent the thirteen original states and the projecting ends of the spokes the thirteen stars in the first flag, the spinning wheel being emblematic of woman's work during the Revolutionary period. H. F. R.—What is the expectation of life of a dog trained at the Seeing Eye? Ans.—A blind person can expect eight or ten years of service and companionship from one of these trained dogs. G. L.—What is the origin of the name "Knights of the Bath"? Ans.—It is derived from the ceremony of bathing which was formerly practiced at the inauguration of a knight as a symbol of purity. The last nights created in this ancient form were at the coronation of Charles II in 1661. C. S.—Please give the name of the rare flower that blooms in an Hawaiian volcano crater. Ans.—It is the silversword plant which bears a gorgeous cluster of purple blossoms on a tall stalk. The plant flowers only once and grows on the walls of and within Haleakala crater. T. S. W.—Are the names of race horses limited in length? Ans.—The name of race horses are limited to fourteen letters in order that they will fit easily on scoreboards and form sheets. C. B.—In what branch of the service did Gene Tunney serve during the World War? Ans.—Gene Tunney enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, July 17, 1918. He sailed for France on September 29, 1918, but had no active service there. C. D. J.—What are the deepest oil wells? Ans.—The oil well depth record, held by a well in Kern county, Calif., is now 15,004 feet, nearly three miles, and there are twenty-two neighboring wells over 13,000 feet in depth. Until 1928 the depth record was 7586 feet, and in 1930, 10,900 feet was as yet unattained. Today there are throughout the world more than 700 wells over 10,000 feet deep. O. R. L.—Was the late Samuel Insull ever Thomas Edison's private secretary? Ans.—Mr. Insull came to America in 1881 as the private secretary of Thomas Edison, whose business affairs he managed for many years. L. W. M.—What period in United States history was known as the "Era of Good Feelings"? Ans.—The name was applied to the period from 1817-23, when the Federalist party having declined, there was little open party feeling. The phrase was coined at the time of President Monroe's good-will tour through the North. (Continued on Page Five)

Dear Louisa: For thirty years, the most important thing in my life was the deep abiding faith I had in my husband. An incident happened which shook this faith to its foundation and, although I discovered that it was of no consequence, it has left me with a feeling of doubt and insecurity.

JANET. Maryland. You say that the incident was of no consequence, so it seems to me the solution lies within yourself. Try to put away such fears and doubts and you will probably find that there are none. Surely two people who have been living together thirty years and have loved each other devotedly should trust each other and do away with imaginary bugaboos.



This here's a tale about a stove, fer which John Doe had lost his love. This kitchen stove was made of iron. It took a awful lot of fire. Six scuttle fulls of coal a day, John hadda lug a good long way, to feed that iron monster's maw. John's nerves n' temper was wore raw. Them ashes too took lotsa time and home comfort wasent worth a dime. N' if it got a little cold, John's home work got stepped up twofold. The griddles was all warped n' wore. Each time a meal was cooked John swore. That stove spoiled many balls n' bakes. N' made top sided buck-wheat cakes. Quite desperate John made a vow, he'd junk that blasted stove n' hove. He'd get hisself a stove with class, that fancy kind that burned with gas. There'd be no ashes coal or dust. No iron pot n' warp n' rust. No ole stove pipe n' clean n' shine. From now on home life would be fine. John chuckled long n' loud with glee. Fer now he felt that he was free. As he seen that iron monster go, To the junk yard of a guy named Mo. In them there days junk business boomed, n' prices fer ole iron zoomed. Johns stove was bought up by a man collectin iron fer scrap. An so them Japs could make bombs n' shells, fer raisin nineteen kinds o' bells. That old stove John Doe sent away, might well come back to him some day. To seek him when he aint a lookin', n' end his worries about cookin'. Fer by now folks, you surely know. John lives in ole San Fran-dis-co.



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