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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 filteen 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. In other words, for every five pounds of sugar that was bought to feed us Americans, another five pounds of sugar was bought to hoard. A small group of buyers who anticipated a shortage of sugar bought up large supplies, so that they would not have to suffer with their fellow-Americans if a shortage should come. To us, this group of hoarders was not only unpatriotic in the atto escape its share of sacrifices but also out of harmony with the American spirit.

The First Baptist church of Sullivan, Indiana, with \$1,083.25 in its building and organ fund, recently voted to invest the money in defense bonds. The pastor of the church explains that, "If we win the war, eventually we can buy an organ and build a new building. But if the American 10rm of government cannot survive this crisis, we won't need churches or organs." Evidently, the Rev. C. B. Atkinson and his congregation have gotten over the idea that life and business in the United States can proceed as normally. Apparently, they understand that the time has come for all Americans to support the Government in its fight against the enemies of freedom and what we consider to be the proper religion.

The war comes closer home to millions of Americans with the order prohibiting the sale of automobile tires to almost everybody. While the United States has acquired a stockpile of crude rubber to meet basic war needs for more than a year, there is not enough for unrestricted civilian consumption. Meanwhile, the Japanese have apparently gained control of certain Malayan acres on which American-owned plantations are situated and their naval superiority in the Far East threatens the supply lines that connect us with ninety-five per cent of the crude rubber supply. It is interested to observe, in connection with this situation, that if the defenders of the Far East apply the "scorched earth policy" to the rubber plantations it will require between ten and fifteen years to again provide sufficient crude rubber for the normal needs of the world. This might mean, according to P. W. Litchfield, executive of a rubber company, that our way of life might be changed as a result of the war.

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. It is interesting to observe that Mexico recently severed diplomatic relations with Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary and that the Foreign Ministry, in its announcement, said that the action was taken because these countries had declared war on the United States. Not many years ago it was the common belief among many responsible officials of this country that, in the event of war, Japan would promptly establish bases on the west coast of Mexico and it was believed possible that the Mexicans might passively permit such action against the United States. This opinion flourished during the strained diplomatic relations which existed between the United States and Mexico but today, thanks to an enlightened policy of forbearance, the United States is happy to be able to count Mexico among its good friends and to rely upon the Mexicans to assist in the necessary steps to protect Mexico territory from being used by the enemies of the United States.

#### 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 in-

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

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 pounded to pieces by superior Japanese forces throughout the Pacific area. They may wonder why.

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

Why not officially 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? It would not be out of order to inquire into the past record of our own Congressman, "Jimmie" VanZandt, which should show whether he was supporting our soldiers and marines, or letting them down, when important defense measures came up in Congress. We, the people, are entitled to know these things.

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 near 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.

Meanwhile, as reports from the Pacific area tell us of additional Americans, dead in defense of the nation which put them in places of unnecessary danger, let's remember that we are, in part, reasible for their sacrifice. We listened, or sat idly by, in the years of the past, while incompetents, nimcompoops and mush-headed idealists talked about peace by proclamation and the saving of money to be effected by cutting appropriations for the Navy. the Army and the Air Corps.

### 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 convoying 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 im-

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, manganbauxite, chrome, and other materials. Only fools declare the United States to be self-suffic-

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, It is unlikely that heavy Jap ships could operate in this area, and thus U. S. Destroyers would serve as adequate protection to convoys crossing the Indian Ocean.

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

### **Health Letter** What is a healthful climate?

Japanese Navy at home.

Probably right where you are liv- quite differently. ng, unless you are a chronic in- A climate favorable for one may be detrimental to another. A healthful climate is one in However, the human body has which all of the body organs and great gifts of adaptability and can tissues are kept evenly at work. withstand hot, cold, dry, wet, high A climate with constant moderate and low climates.

general good health.

is better than a tropical one.

convalescent or elderly persons,

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variations is the best for preserving DO YOU KNOW Women who have borne eight or and train such an army." The best climate for an invalid. more children experience three times however, depends on the particular the maternal death rate in subsecondition from which he suffers. In cases of tuberculosis of the quent deliveries, and twice the stilsulmonary type a cool sunny climate birth death rate of women who have

had fewer children.

#### So-called health resorts, where the temperatures range from 55 to NATION MUST PROTECT 70 degrees, may be fine for delicate, INDUSTRIAL MANPOWER

The nation's vast mineral resourly rob the healthy, virile person of ces will be of no value in winning the war unless we protect the man-In warm moist climates strength power to mine and process the minerals, according to Dean Edward In moist cold climates perspira- Steidle of the School of Mineral Industries at the Pennsylvania State

Statistical records bear out these In southern states, there is more feat," he explained. "The United tions; (2) eliminate repara-States can produce 50 per cent more kanization of Europe; and (4) pro-In New England states bordering steel than the combined axis coun- vide a place for the Japanese, Geron the Atlantic, there is a vast tries, as much coal, and about 75 mans, and Italians in the peace

times as much petroluem. Gouty and rheumatic people need In order to make the proper use persons with heart disorders should Dean Steidle pointed out. He ur- the germs of futile conflict as the ged the deferment of technical men last peace did," Dr. Forster declared,

in industry and those being trained in technical schools, and recommended a uniform national procedure for draft boards, under legal Individuals react to cold and heat control, so that the flow of mineral products may be uninterrupted.

"Millions of fighting men will require tens of millions of workers to supply the sinews of war," he said. We cannot be the arsenal of democracy and at the same time properly equip and train armed forces of four million in a short time. It took the Germans six years to equip

### RECOMMENDS FOUR

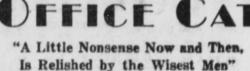
POINTS FOR PEACE

Four recommendations fundamenal for the next peace were made today by Dr. Kent Forster, instructor in history at the Pennsylvania State College and author of "The Failures 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 "Wise use of steel, coal, and pe- would merely give rise to continued

plans. "Although military victory is our

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#### 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. The Devil said "Hello" to Adolf, and Adolf said, "How are you? I'm running here a hell on earth, so tell me what to do. "What can I do?" the Devil said, "I once helped Kaiser Bill; If there's anything I can do to help you, sure I will.' Said Hitler: "Now, you listen and I will try to tell The way that I am running on earth a modern hell." "I've saved for this for many years, and I've started on a spree That will be a modern bender-you leave it all to me.' "My army went through friends and foe, shooting men and women down We tore up all the country and blew up all the towns. "My submarines are devils, why you should see them fight, They go sneaking thru the waters and sink a ship at sight." "I was running things to suit me till a year or so ago, When a man named Franklin Roosevelt wrote me to 'go slow'." "He said to me 'dear Hitler,' we don't want to make you sore, So be sure to tell your Uboats to sink our boats no more." "I did not listen to him, and he'll soon be chasing me With a million Yankee soldiers from their homes across the seas." "Now, that's why I called you, Satan, for I want advice from you I know that you would tell me just what I ought to do." "My dear Adolf," said Beelzebub, "there's little for me to tell, For the Yanks will make it hotter than I can for you in hell. "I've been a mean old Devil, but not half as mean as you, And the minute that you get here, I'll give my job to you. "I'll be ready for your coming and I'll keep the fires bright, And I'll have your room all ready when the Yanks begin to fight, 'For the boys in khaki will get you, I have nothing more to tell; "Hang up your phone and get your hat, and meet me here in hell." -Written by Miss Barbara Brown, New Hampshire.

#### . . . . 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

"I wish to announce to the voters of Athens county that for 21 years was afflicted by asthma and lumbago on the Democratic ticket and will appreciate the support of several different doctors at the polls next

"I was born with severe headaches and spinal trouble and have lived in this county all my life. I have been a hard working man and thought or there was no cure for me until I heard of the office of county commissioner for which my doctor has urged me to run. I am 45 years of age and had 14 teeth extracted to see if it would help me in my fight.

"I have never held political office but have been troubled with neryousness and hand-shaking so feel that I am well qualified. If elected, promise to serve without medical attention and carry out the duties of the office as best I can without fear or loss of appetite.

"I was operated on for appendicitis last month and feel that I am cut out for the duties that wil be required of me. I have gained 40 pounds and hundreds of votes within the last few months and feel like a new man. While it will be impossible for me to see all the voters, I feel that I owe my life to this medicine and hope they will give me a free trial

"I am entirely cured of my former troubles and will say this has been Dear Louisa: a God-send to me. . . . .

#### 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 no consequence, it has left me with 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."

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#### Reverse English A painter who lived in Great Britain Interrupted two girls with their knitain;

He said, with a sigh, "That park bench-well, I Just painted it, right where you're sitain."

#### . . . . 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 be hind 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. "Naw," said the drunk. The stripper dropped her shoulder straps.

"Now do you know who I am?" she said. "Naw," said the drunk. She loosened the topsail and weighed anchor "Do you know yet?" she asked.

"Naw." She threw her shoes in the corner, fiddled about and came up with only a small patch of white cloth withal. "Now?" she said. "Sure," said the drunk, "Floyd Gibbons,"

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### In a Bad Way

Scene: A crowded bus, Everybody standing. A young lady is vainly fer which John Doe had lost his groping in her purse to pay her fare. A young man is standing beside her love. This kitchin stove was made with anguish written plainly on his features. Young Man-"Pardon me, Miss, but may I pay your fare?"

Young Lady-"Sir." Young Man-"I beg your pardon again, young lady, but won't you let that iron monster's maw, John's me pay your fare?"

Young Lady-"Why, I don't even know you, and anyway, I'll have Them ashes too took lotsa time and this purse open in a minute. Continued groping.

Young Man-"I really must insist upon paying your fare. You've un- work got stepped up twofolf. The buttoned my suspenders three times." . . . .

### 1941's Biggest Lie

Here's the tallest story told by a member of the Bellefonte Liar's wheat cakes. Quite desperate John

"In the land of Un dilla a native accidentally spilled a bottle of hair stove n' how, He'd git hisself a stove tonic into a stream. The fish immediately developed long beards. With with class, That fancy kind that beards, they needed barbers. Thereafter, fishermen caught them at will burned with gas. There'd be no ashby setting up a barber pole on the bank, with a copy of the Police Gazette es coal er dust, No iron pot t' warp handy, and yelling "next."

### A Hot Spot

Pat and Mike were crossing a field when a bull came charging down upon them. Mike shimmled up the only tree in sight and Pat jumped in ster go. To the junk yard of a guy 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.

This continued until finally the furious Mike bawled down to Pat as he jumped out, "You damn fool, stay in the hole or we'll never get home." Pat jumped in as the bull charged and when he jumped out again he yelled frantically to mike, "You're a damn fool yourself. There's a o' hells. That old stove John Doe . . . .

### 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 start work at this factory?" New Employe-"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?" a dry soil and a warm dry climate.

Of our natural resources, however, immediate aim, we must be sure asked a North Ward youngster. "The Lord must be tired after hearing so States scent a revived appreciation and skilled labor must not be wasted, that the next peace does not contain many church programs all day."

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

### 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. Now, the other man is also very nice to me, seldom drinks and never, when he takes me out. He says he can never love anyone else and that he would rather die than hear of me marrying anyone else. While I do not love him, I can hardly bear the thoughts of wrecking his life by marrying the man I love. I know I will have to give up one or the the man I love and marry the man I like, my life will be wrecked forever. Won't you please help me? WORRIED.

#### Virginia.

Answer: You will certainly be foolish to love him dearly. Don't do so unless in 1661. 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 the

fore marriage, it is a ten to one shot that he will not do so afterwards. As to the other man, he sounds like a good chance but if you really service there. do not love him, you will be doing him more harm than good by marry ing him. Marriage lasts a long time and if we have no taste for the man woman we marry, life becomes a dismal affair.

luxuries and medical care that your

You are young and there is no necessity for you having to make your decision immediately. So why not wait awhile? The young man up and behave himself or you may discover that you really love the quiet man and were just infatuated the rowdy one.

### 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 a feeling of doubt and insecurity This is entirely my own fault but how can I repair the deep trust I once had?

You say that the incident was of 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. LOUISA.



This here's a tale about a stove, of iron. It took a awful lot of firin Six scuttle fulls of coal a day, John hadda lug a good long way, to feed nerves n' temper was wore raw. home comfort wasent worth a dime. N'if it got a little cold, John's home griddles was all warped n' wore. Each time a meal was cooked John swore. That stove spoiled many boils n' bakes, N' made lop sided buckmade a vow, he'd junk that blasted n' rust. No ole stove pipe t' 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 monnamed Mo. In them there days junk buziness boomed, n' prices fer ole iron zoomed. Johns stove was bought up by a man, collectin iron fer Japan. So them Japs could make bombs sent away, might well come back to him some day, To sock 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-cis-co

### Fractures Arm in Fall

Elwood Reeder, 21, of Lock Haven, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital dispensary, New Year's Day, for treatment of a fractured forearm suffered in a fall down a stairway at the Brockerhoff Hotel. He was discharged from the institu-

tion after receiving treatment.

Astute observers in the United the dollar mark may not represent

## 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

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 158,000 workers, and caused a loss of \$200,000,000 to the operators

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 Ger-

and \$188,600,000 in wages. The total loss is estimated at \$1,000,000,000.

mans 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 Ans,-The thirteen spokes represent the thirteen original states and the projecting ends of the spokes the thirteen stars in the first flag, the

other, but I feel that if I give up spinning wheel being emblematical of woman's work during the Revolu-H. P. R .- What is the expectation of life of a dog trained at the See-

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 marry a man who drinks and lives practiced at the inauguration of a night as a symbol of purity. The last such a reckless life even if you do nights created in this ancient form were at the coronation of Charles II

C. S .- Please give the name of the rare flower that blooms in an

Hawalian 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

neighbors' children enjoy and grow that they will fit easily on scoreboards and form sheets. old before your time from work and worry. If he refuses to reform be-C. B .- In what branch of the service did Gene Tunney serve during 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 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, 10,000 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

Ans .- Mr. Insull came to America in 1881 as the private secretary of you think you love may straighten 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 Feeling?" 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

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