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EDITORIAL

Freedom is not always the right to say and do as you please.

One good thing about the shortage of automobiles is that 1942 will have less traffic deaths.

Give China the arms and equipment for a million soldiers and the Japanese troops in China will begin swimming the Sea of Japan.

American production figures in 1942 will determine how successful the Japanese were at Pearl Harbor.

The United States, which was for all-out peace before the Japanese attack upon Hawaii, is now for all-out warfare and will not be satisfied by anything less than the complete overthrow of the militaristic aggressors.

The people of Centre county will co-operate as usual with plans for the President's Birthday Balls, the funds of which will be used partly for the Warm Springs Foundation and partly to aid crippled children in our own midst.

It is worth noting that a survey, made by Fortune Magazine in December, reveals that 30,000,000 American adults now believe that the United States, after the war, should join a union of democracies in all parts of the world to keep order.

Savings accounts will not be confiscated, says Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, in an emphatic denial of the rumor that the government intended taking over the savings of citizens deposited in banks.

President Roosevelt pulled no punches in his speech to the members of Congress and, at the same time, to the fathers, mothers and people of the United States. He frankly asserted that the war must be an offensive effort, with American armed forces "used at any place in all the world" where they will be able to hit the enemy and hit him again.

The President's program for plane production calls for 60,000 this year and 125,000 next year. However, it should be remembered that military planes include both fighting craft and training ships, and that about half of our present production (30,000) consists of training ships.

One way in which the United States, too, should be to turn the nation's 32,000,000 automobile drivers loose on them. American motorists kill more of their own countrymen and injure about 45 more every fifteen minutes of the day without intending to.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT GOAT MILK

(By Goat Owners' Association) Goat milk is almost pure white in color and the fat globules small in size. The cream rises slowly and never completely to the top, however it can be removed by the use of a good cream separator.

able amount of safety because the dairy goat is rarely troubled with tuberculosis and the milk is also unlikely to carry tubercle bacilli. Goat milk is one of the oldest of milks known to man as we go back in history we find that many of our modern methods were used to prepare milk for the use of food.

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A lot of nonsense has been written about Adolf Hitler's supreme strategy and it is a good idea to review what he accomplished in 1941. In June, he attacked Russia, violating a pact of friendship and non-aggression, thus arraying against his nation the immense manpower and the surprising industrial organization of the Soviet Union.

Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, of Germany, says that the Axis Pact, linking Germany, Italy and Japan, was intended "above all," to keep the United States out of the war.

For approximately twenty years, the people of the United States were persistently advised that the nation was big enough to get along without the rest of the world. The Japanese offensive in the Far East, however, threatening imports of rubber and tin, has caused us, in less than a month, to prohibit the sale of automobiles and rubber tires.

WHIPPING THE U-BOATS When the war began in Europe, the experts discounted Germany's submarine campaign against Great Britain, largely upon the experience of the first World War during which the convoy system was perfected.

Increased losses, however, emphasized the necessity of dealing with the peril. Naval experts understood that its gravity was due to the lack of patrol vessels and believed that, in time, as new destroyers and patrol ships could be constructed, the submarine menace would be conquered.

It might not be out of place to call attention to the plight of the British Navy when the war began. Due to the disarmament folly, the British fleet was in no condition to keep open the Atlantic lanes and to preserve the Mediterranean life-line.

Mr. Drummond reported last week that the unified Anglo-American naval operations in the North Atlantic, using a convoy technique developed by the U. S. Navy, has been so successful that only one Allied merchant ship has been sunk since September 19th, which was sixteen days after the "shoot-on-sight" orders to the American Navy.

Readers should not confuse the North Atlantic with the route past Gibraltar. It was on this route that the British suffered a severe attack upon a convoy, news of which was recently released. Even the combined U-boat and airplane offensive against the 30-ship convoy, referred to by London, however, was beaten off with the loss of only two ships.

THREE MEN WERE WISE It might be a good idea for the average American to realize that the entire nation was caught napping, along with the Army and Navy, at Pearl Harbor. While a great deal was done during 1941 to convert industry to a war-production basis, the "business-as-usual" philosophy was subscribed to by a great majority of our people.

In this connection, however, it is advisable to call attention to at least three Americans who seemed to be alert to the needs. The first is Leon Henderson, Price Administrator, who did his best to cut down the output of new automobiles in the interest of arms production.

The second is Walter Reuther, a CIO labor leader in the Detroit area, who proposed that the auto plants be converted to arms manufacturing.

The third, we think, should be admitted in fairness, was President Roosevelt, who repeatedly warned the people of this country that the world was smaller and that modern warfare could come to the United States.

It should not be overlooked that Mr. Henderson was denounced as a radical by conservative business, financial and industrial interests of the nation, that Mr. Reuther's plan was summarily dismissed by the big-wigs of industry and that the President was constantly berated as a "war-monger."

HITLER'S LIVELY 'BABY' Adolf Hitler may not have planned it that way but his break with his generals over the Russian campaign has transformed the German-Soviet clash into a fierce psychological duel involving himself, Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin.

The Berlin boss has had many unhappy moments with his Junker generals. They argued against the march into the Rhineland, his intervention in Spain, his pact with Russia. But he overruled them. Eventually they came to regard him as "president," although he calls his military faculty an "intuitive gift."

Now he is the sole commander and the Russian campaign is his "baby." In a sense he has staked his reputation on its success. Should it result in a major debacle, it may lead to his overthrow.

The Allied leaders are determined to win this psychological struggle, if possible. The high stakes at issue explain why Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill still regard Russia as the major battlefield.

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THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men" Sad, Short Story A speeding car, a curve ahead; Terrific crash—four drunks dead.

Knitwit Crack Ever hear the story of the soft woolen sweater? It's a fine yarn.

All Are Submarines Mussolini says he will destroy the American fleet, if someone will tell him how to get his off the bottom.

Hi-Speed Hitler Hitler has proved in Russia that he can run like the Deuce, too. (Regards to Mussi).

Some Stallin' Stalin may be Russia, but Russia isn't stallin'.

How to Balance It Hubby and friend wife were going over the family budget. Frequently he ran across an item, "H. O. K. \$7."

Neigh, Neigh. Wife—"Can you imagine anyone going to bed with his shoes on?" Husband—"Yes, a horse does."

Just Plain Business Mrs. Mandy Johnson—"Ah wants to see Mr. Remson." Office Boy—"Mr. Remson is engaged."

Home Talent "Who was the first man, Bobby?" asked the teacher. "George Washington," answered the young American promptly.

Safety First Don't overheat your furnace in the winter, sweat the files in summer, stop-look-and-listen at grade crossings, don't start the kitchen range fire with the kerosene can, keep your nose out of other folks' business, and maybe you will live to be run over by a drunken joy-rider.

Pat Wins Three tramps had boiled a chicken and were arguing how to divide it. One suggested they should toss a coin. "Head," called Sam. "Tail," called Tom. "I'll take what's left," said Pat.

More Important Having imbibed more than he should, the drunk started for home. The street was pitch dark. Not a light was visible.

Robbery Two burglars had broken into a tailor's shop and were sorting out some suits when one of them saw a suit marked \$50. "Bert, look at the price of that one," he said. "Why, it's downright robbery."

It Hurts Dentist—"Stop waving your arms and making faces. Why, I haven't even touched your tooth." Patient—"I know you haven't, but you're standing on my corn."

Hard on Willie Willie went to Paris And loved a Paris queen. Until she made his salad Witty, lots of Paris green.

Unpreparedness A newly arrived Englishman, watching archery practice in a public park, remarked: "I've heard that America was a little behind the times in preparedness, but I didn't know things were this bad."

A Saving Soul Wife—"John, the house is on fire." John (asleep)—"Well, go shut off the furnace. There's no use wasting coal."

Isn't He the Cut-Up? "That will be enough out of you," said the doctor as he stitched the patient together.

Lick This One Mary Lou thinks the postage stamp is a dance. Well, letter.

Get This One? One—"Do you know why Washington threw the dollar across the Potomac?" Two—"No, why?" One—"He was teaching a couple of Scotchmen how to swim."

Surely Not Impatient Customer—"Can't you wait on me? Two pounds of liver. I'm in a hurry." Butcher—"Sorry, Madam, but two or three are ahead of you. You surely don't want your liver out of order."

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Query & Answer Column

B. H.—What was Gen. Benjamin F. Butler's Order 28? Ans.—The Order No. 28 of Benjamin F. Butler was issued May 15, 1862. It provided that if any woman of New Orleans should "insult or show contempt for any officer or soldier of the United States, she shall be regarded and shall be held liable to be treated as a woman of the town plying her avocation."

G. W.—Did Abraham Lincoln leave a large estate? Ans.—President Lincoln's estate was estimated as it was administered by Supreme Court Justice Davis at \$110,295. This was divided equally among the widow and two sons. Most of it consisted of government securities purchased with money saved from his salary.

A. L.—What is the source of the expression "Wars and rumors of wars"? Ans.—St. Matthew 24:6 is the source of the quotation, which is as follows: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

D. S.—Does one get more light from one bulb of high voltage or from several small ones, having the same total voltage? Ans.—One light bulb of high voltage supplies more light than several small bulbs having the same total voltage.

T. L. B.—When did the first airplane cross the Atlantic? Ans.—The first crossing of the Atlantic by airplane was between May 8 to 31, 1919, when three Navy NC flying boats went from Trepassey Bay, Newfoundland, to Lisbon, Portugal.

G. S.—What does Yugoslavia mean? Ans.—Yugo means south, hence Yugoslavs, southern slavs.

T. B.—How large was the income of the old Louisiana Lottery? Ans.—Beginning in 1869, the Louisiana Lottery did a business of \$22,000,000 a year. It paid the State an annual fee of only \$40,000. In 1890, a Federal law was enacted barring use of the United States mails to the Louisiana or any other lottery. This forced the Louisiana company to migrate to Honduras where it continued to operate for a while but finally succumbed.

C. P.—Which States have the largest Indian population? Ans.—Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico contain nearly half the entire number.

L. K.—Which modern city is believed to be the oldest in America? Ans.—The city of Mexico. It was the ancient capital of the Aztecs and before them, of the Nahuatlacas, Chichimecs and Toltecs.

W. T.—How long has Cuba been independent? Ans.—In 1902 the Republic of Cuba was established as an independent nation.

W. S. H.—What is the weight of the largest clams? Ans.—Specimens of the Giant clam found in the coral islands of the Pacific weigh 400 pounds or more.

L. C. T.—Please give the exact hour at which the United States declared war on Japan. Ans.—President Roosevelt signed the declaration of war against Japan at 4:10 o'clock in the afternoon of December 8, 1941.

H. B.—How much money did John D. Rockefeller leave? Ans.—According to newspaper reports John D. Rockefeller left an estate of \$26,410,837.

H. K. M.—How large is Luzon? Ans.—The island has an area of 40,814 square miles and is nearly as large as the State of Ohio.

T. W.—How should a widow of a veteran of any war in which the U. S. was involved, proceed to obtain a pension? Ans.—The U. S. Veterans' Administration, Washington, D. C., should be notified, enclosing with the letter a certified copy of the death certificate.

L. M.—What is the Casbah in Algiers? Ans.—It is the ancient citadel, formerly the palace and fortress of the Dey. Here the later Deys, all famous pirates, shut themselves away from their discontented subjects, and Hussein Pasha, the last of the Deys, saw his city fall to the French squadron on July 4, 1830.

B. R.—Can aliens who register for the draft be required to serve? Ans.—Those who have obtained their first citizenship papers are liable to training and service. Aliens of draft age who have not declared their intention to become citizens must register, but they will not be called to service.

F. S.—Has any elected President of the United States ever taken the oath before he actually assumed the office? Ans.—Rutherford B. Hayes took the oath privately on March 3, 1877, and his public inauguration and assumption of office did not occur until March 5, March 4 fell on Sunday.

W. W.—What is the interior of the sun like? Ans.—Naturally there are only surmises concerning the constitution of the sun's interior. It is known that the sun is not a solid body, but a mass of highly heated or incandescent vapors or gases, whose compression on account of gravity must render their physical condition quite different from any gaseous forms known on earth.

C. W.—Does the weight of the human brain remain the same through an adult's life? Ans.—The brain retains full weight at from 15 to 18 years, except in unusual cases. It remains the same until 60 or thereabouts, when it begins to decrease in weight. At 80 years, about 6 per cent of the weight has been lost.

R. W.—Where is the Belly River? Ans.—It rises in the northern part of Glacier Park, Mont., flows into Canada and joins the Bow River to form the South Saskatchewan.

H. A. S.—How many stars are there in the Milky Way? Ans.—It is estimated that there are about 70,000,000,000 stars in the entire Milky Way system, but that not more than 3 per cent of them can be seen in our largest telescopes.

R. C.—What is the population of Washington, D. C.? Ans.—On November 1, the estimated population of Washington was 770,000 and that of the metropolitan area was 1,057,000.

LETTERS to the Editor "To the Editor of Random Items: I am pleased to see in your issue of January 7, you take up a worthy cause in the interest of the buying public of our Bellefonte stores with reference to our Borough Council installing more parking meters.

"As one who is employed in one of our business places, I can truthfully state that there is a decided reaction to our present number of meters, let alone installing more of them.

"With the higher cost of living added to our bills, and with more in sight; with war taxes added to many of our purchases; with the daily plea of the press and radio to all of us to buy more defense stamps and bonds, would not our Council be doing a sensible and patriotic duty by not placing any more meters on our streets?"

"I have heard more than one conversation of customers who formerly made extensive purchases in our stores, tell how they hunted up a mail order catalogue, for their purchases, rather than come here and buy, feeling that they were being imposed upon by having to pay a parking meter fee as well as risking the liability of them having to pay for a violation.

"One Who Knows." The successful man is the one who surmounts difficulties; he is not the man who always has a good excuse for lack of accomplishments.

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