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EDITORIAL

In this war the man who relaxes is helping the Axis.

Fighting a war, ten thousand miles from home, gives the enemy an advantage.

Blessed are the poor. They can tell their creditors they are broke without lying about it.

It's about time to plan that spring garden, and this year the emphasis should be on food.

Joseph Stalin says the Russians will beat the Germans in 1942 and we say, "more power to Joe."

Chinese proverb: He who deliberates fully before taking a step will spend his entire life on one leg.

In a free country any fool can express his opinion, whether in Congress, in the press, on the air or by just word of mouth.

The explanation of our humiliating experience in the Far East: The naval holiday and our agreement not to fortify islands in the Pacific, west of Hawaii.

The production of refrigerators will soon be a thing of the past. Already production has been cut by 50-60 per cent. The output of electric ranges has been cut one-third, and their future is very dark; one new range for every ten produced in normal times.

Farm machinery will not be available for all who want it this year. Production has been cut to 83 per cent of the 1940 total. This means that many farmers in Centre county who planned to buy new machinery will have to be satisfied with repairing old equipment.

As the United States gets into the third month of war against the Axis coalition, it is reasonable to suppose that we will be spared the horrors of invasion. The only way that this can be accomplished is for American soldiers, sailors, Marines and aviators to meet the enemy elsewhere and present a successful landing in the United States.

Remember, that although sugar is the only food being rationed now, there will be others. Eggs and milk may also be rationed out in the not too distant future. If you have a late model car, the government may find it necessary to draft it, after the supply of new cars has given out. Uncle Sam knows what kind of car you have. Remember the card that you sent him when you paid your federal stamp tax? Before he takes your automobile, however, he'll probably put your car on a gasoline diet by way of rationing.

We read in the newspapers that a mother in another state wants to display a large flag of the United States in front of her home, day and night, in honor of her son now serving in the Army Air Corps. The lady ran into the objections of neighbors who persuaded policemen to advise her as to the proper respect for the flag. Even the United States Flag Association ruled that she should lower the flag each night. Everybody is entitled to his or her opinion on this subject, but it seems a little silly for other people, most of them probably above the fighting age, to advise the mother of a man serving his country how to respect the American flag. Mothers who give their sons to the service of their country, in the fullness of faith in its institutions, show sufficient respect for the national emblem and should be permitted to fly a flag when and where they please.

Roger Babson, an outstanding authority on statistics and finance, advises us not to be scared by rationing. He says that although there now is plenty of sugar and most things other than rubber, metals, and chemicals, yet sturdy woolen blankets, certain wearing apparel, stockings, shoes, spice products, refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, and other certain things may be rationed. This will not be done—as in the case of autos and tires—because of scarcity, but to prevent hoarding. Furthermore, certain items may be adulterated by the addition of substitutes or second-hand materials. For instance, cotton will be added to woolen goods. The high quality steel in present razor blades and cutlery may be broken down. Linoleum, upholstery and carpets can also stand some substitutes. Rationing will not prevent you from getting your share, but will assure that you do get your share. Hence, let us not be hogs or deal with bootleggers for these rationed products. This war will be a good test of whether our religion and belief in the Golden Rule is real or only lip service.

REVERSES TO BE EXPECTED

As the United States enters its third month of warfare, the Japanese continue to exploit their advantage in the Far East, where the gallant MacArthur, the indomitable Dutch and the hard-fighting troops of the British Empire, battle desperately against insuperable odds to gain time for the arrival of reinforcements.

There is nothing to be gained by denying the strategic importance of Japanese successes. They are the inevitable fruit of superiority in man-power, airplanes, warships and supply vessels. The scope of the Japanese thrust, from Malaya to the Bismarck Archipelago, at points more than three thousand miles apart and two thousand miles from Japan, warn us not to underestimate our foe.

Japan's Great Advantages

A campaign of this magnitude is the result of the planning of years. It represents no improvisation. While the United States dreamed of peace, dallying with disarmament, the Japanese carefully built their fighting forces. The naval treaties gave Japan the opportunity to get within combat distance of our fleet and our agreement not to fortify bases in the west Pacific tied the hands of our Navy, which does not possess the superior strength necessary for successfully challenging Japanese control of the China Seas.

The startling development of war aviation adds to the Japanese advantage. Fighting aircraft, like surface ships, require bases and, more than warships, adequate facilities for operating services, including full repair, overhaul and spare parts. Plainly, the Japanese are diving hard to seize, or destroy, the landing fields from which our airplanes must operate.

Victory in Macassar Strait

Gen. MacArthur's gallant defense of Batan, inspiring to every American, is a suicide stand to gain time for the defense of the Netherlands Indies and Australia. The attack of American naval units upon Japanese islands, heartening to us, appears to have been solely an operation to cover the shipment of reinforcements to the Far East. The engagement in the Strait of Macassar, however, goes to the issue of the war and, in its first phase, gave the United Nations their first significant check of the Japanese offensive.

Because of the vast distances which supply ships must travel to relieve our hard-pressed warriors by delivering the tanks, planes, guns and other material needed to gain ascendancy it is vital for us to control the sea-routes to the Far East. This job requires ships, planes and bases. Many of those needed will have to be built before victory can reward us in the sector where Japan now threatens to capture our last remaining stronghold.

1942 To Bring U. S. Defeats

Discouraging the outlook appears there is hope. The United States is free of attack. Our manpower and resources can be mobilized in sufficient strength to assure victory but the triumph, when it arrives, will depend as much upon the output of the "arsenal of democracy" as upon the courage of its fighting men.

The tools of war must be manufactured, the ships to carry them to the fronts must be constructed and, meanwhile, soldiers, sailors and aviators must be trained. It is not possible in a few months and, consequently, 1942 must bring us new defeats, discouragement and humiliation.

The Familiar Pattern in Libya

The sea-war in Libya follows a familiar pattern. Here it is: In December, 1940, the British launched a two-months' offensive, advancing to El Aghelia. Then came the diversion of forces to Greece and Crete and, in March, 1941, the Germans began an advance that reached the border of Egypt in May.

For five months the area was quiet. On November 20, 1941, the British struck again, with heavier forces but against stronger foes. The advance lasted for two months, approaching El Aghelia.

The German counter-blow, now underway, began at once and the presumption is that the British have been weakened by the diversion of strength to aid the Far Eastern forces.

Russia Plans to Win in 1942

From Russia, alone, has come encouraging reports of steady advances and some Soviet boasting that, after Hitler's Spring offensive is thwarted, the Red army will drive every German invader from Soviet soil. This is made more impressive by Russian predictions that Hitler will have 7,000 new tanks for his promised attack. No writer in this country can determine how much credence to put in the Russian plans and, while many American experts deride the idea that the Red army will decisively defeat the Nazis in 1942, we are inclined to expect big things from Stalin's troops before Summer comes to an end.

RELIEF FOR MACARTHUR

Announcement that troops of the United States have landed in North Ireland moved several Senators to express the opinion that an expedition across the Pacific would have been "much better."

Such comments, disclose an amazing ignorance of the conditions existing in the Far East. It would not be surprising to the average American, but seems out of place on the part of senators who are supposed to be well-informed and capable of making important decisions for the government.

American soldiers can be sent safely to North Ireland because the waters of the North Atlantic are under the control of the British and American fleets. They cannot be sent to the Far East, particularly the Philippines, unless guarded by adequate warships and airplanes. At present, Japan has an almost absolute supremacy in the air and on the waters around the Philippine Islands.

The dispatch of airplanes to General MacArthur, whose intelligent leadership of his brave men has moved Americans to grieve over the inability of this nation to reinforce them, is impossible because the Japanese have possession of the air bases necessary for the operation of airplanes in that region.

While it may be possible to get together a fleet of sufficient size to protect transports and cargo ships going to Australia or the Netherlands Indies, it would require larger forces than are now available to break the supremacy which Japan has established in the China Seas.

Naturally, all Americans hope that General MacArthur and his men will be able to perform a miracle and hold out until it is possible to assemble adequate naval forces to relieve the siege. If this is done, however, it will be accomplished by the manpower and material at present available to the General in the Philippines and not by the early arrival of a relief expedition.

EIRE RECORDS A PROTEST

For many years, there has been bitter feeling among the people of Southern Ireland in regard to their relationship to the British Empire.

In 1920, the British Parliament attempted to settle the long drawn out controversy by permitting Southern Ireland to be free of obligations to the Empire and, at the same time, providing that the six counties of Northern Ireland, known as Ulster, which wished to remain in the British Empire, could have a parliament of their own.

By virtue of its practical independence, for the past four years, the Irish Government of Prime Minister Eamon de Valera has maintained neutrality in the present war. Mr. de Valera has made it clear that his government will resist by force any attempt to occupy any part of Southern Ireland.

The truth of the matter is, as everybody knows, that Southern Ireland would be easily and quickly conquered by Hitler's Nazi troops, and Eire would become a dependency of Germany, if it was not protected by British warships and aerial forces.

As it is, the inability of Eire to protect itself from German invasion creates a threat to the safety of England and Scotland and refusal to permit the British fleet to use bases in Southern Ireland, as was the case in the last war, makes more difficult the task of defeating the German submarine campaign.

Notwithstanding these facts, when troops of the United States landed in Northern Ireland, the government of Eire protested, saying it had not been consulted either by the British Government or the American Government. Inasmuch as Northern Ireland is considered a separate State, there was no occasion to ask Mr. de Valera's permission to land American soldiers in Ulster.

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

All the News That's Fit to Print

Joe had just gotten out of college and considered himself lucky at getting a newspaper job so quickly. He listened intently to the city editor's instructions.

"Never write anything as a fact unless you are absolutely sure about it," said the editor, "or you'll get the paper in wrong. If you are not sure of an item being a fact use the words 'alleged,' 'claimed,' 'reported,' 'rumored,' etc."

Joe kept repeating this to himself as he went forth on his first assignment and this is the first thing he turned in.

A Little Flat

Policeman, (knocking at door)—"Lady, your dog has just been run over by a steam roller."

Little Old Lady

We admire the philosophy of the little old lady who although she had the rheumatiz very bad she could thank heaven she still had a back to have it in.

One on the Doctor

Doctor—"I can't find any cause for your trouble. I think it must be due to drinking."

Somewhat Like Ours

The only thing that stay in some people's heads longer than twelve hours is a cold.

No Laughing Matter

Nobody laughed when I stepped up to the piano. The instalment people had taken it away.

Maybe Soup

First Citizen—"There's the air raid siren—come on."

It's News to Us

Scientists tell us that sardines are full of vitamin D. Gosh, we didn't think there was room in the can.

Out of the Air

First Ghost—"Do you believe in people?"

And Don't Get Fresh

He—"I'm going to love you until the cows come home."

Familiar Taste

"My word," said the minister's wife, tasting whiskey (to know it for the first time. "It tastes just like the medicine my husband has been taking for the past 20 years."

We Do

Most people stand up when the National Anthem is played, and fall down when they try to sing it.

The Usual Sentence

"What do I have to pay for a marriage license?" asked the nervous young man.

Keep It Covered

"Oh, doctor," said the young lady after the operation, "will the scar show?"

Eggs-actly

Customer—"My goodness, eggs are high."

If You Like Standing

One way to get your troubles off your mind is to go horseback riding—especially if you aren't used to it.

Surprised the Bishop

The dear vicar's wife had just died, and in consequence he wished to be relieved of his duties for the weekend, so he sent the following message to his bishop:

Make 'Em Fast

A Chinese cook was walking through the woods. He turned around to see a grizzly bear following him, smelling his tracks.

How She Lost It

Mary had a heart of gold; But stealthily as a fox, The government snuck up on her, And stuck it in Fort Knox.

Nothing Serious

A bewildered man entered a ladies' specialty shop. "I want a corset for my wife," he said.

Just Try Him

A young lady went into a drug store. "Have you any Lifebuoy?"

Hard to Tell

A woman out west recently sued her husband for divorce because he dragged her onto the street while she had nothing on but her step-ins. It's getting so nowadays that a man can't tell whether his wife is dressed or undressed.

Nettle Stings

A nettle leaf has small, sharp hairs with hooked tips, all filled with formic acid. When touched, the hair tips penetrate the finger and break off, injecting formic acid under the skin as they do so. The acid stings.

Builds Stamina

Milk provides protein in a form most usable by the body for repair of tissues and muscles. And "protective" vitamin A which helps maintain normal eyesight and health of the skin; helps strengthen resistance of the body.

Washing Hose

After each wearing wash your nylon or silk hose with a mild soap. For hard water, add a softener; it prolongs the life of any fiber. Don't rub or wring hard. Dry indoors, over a smooth rod, away from heat.

Sheet Test for Jelly

To make the sheet test for jelly take up a small amount of juice in a spoon, allow it to drop from the side; when the drops flow together and form a sheet or film from the spoon, the jelly is done.

LOUISA'S LETTER
Dear Louisa: I have a daughter fifteen years old and she has a terrible crush on one of her teachers. She adores her and tries to imitate everything she does even to her clothes and how she does her hair. She carries it to such an extreme that it has me worried. What can I do to stop her? Mother—Md.

Answer: Really, there is nothing to worry about, particularly so, if the object of your child's affections is a nice young woman. Almost all girls in their teens get crushes, either on teachers, camp counselors or other girls. Usually a girl of her own age becomes her boon companion, while an older girl is put up on a pedestal. Sometimes girls get crushes on people they do not even know, such as movie actresses, etc.

By all means send your boy to the college next year and we are faced with a difficult decision. It is this. There is a good college in our town and one equally as good about a hundred miles away. As your son is our only child we would naturally prefer to keep him with us. We will be robbing him of anything if we do. He is very dependent on his father and me and I hate to think of him being so alone. What would you advise? Devoted Mother—N. H.

LOUISA
Answer: As I have said so many times before in this column, the very parents who claim to love their child, even so much, do their untold harm by assuming all of their responsibilities for them and shielding them from unpleasant things. Unfortunately the time finally comes when mamma and papa are not there to make the decisions and face life for the child, and when that time comes he finds himself totally unprepared to decide things for himself. This causes a great deal of grief and unhappiness. The child who is thrown on his own to a certain extent, and taught to face realities and think for himself is the fortunate child. It may be hard for you to begin now, but the longer he waits the harder it will be for him to become independent. LOUISA.

AS I SEE IT
By Horace Senty
Attention! Horse 'n' buggy men, to these lines I'm about to pen, Fer Dobbin's stock is due to rise, while gas 'n' oil becomes dear. The old gray mare who usta be the subject of hilarity, is gonna play a serious role, at haulin in next winter's coal. The milk man 'n' the grocery boy, will once more trusty nags employ, while pashent customers endure delivery service slow but sure. 'Giddap' is almost obsolete, faint often heard out on the street. Vocabulary soon will show, adithisms of 'giddap n' whoa.' The hands that held a steer in wheel, will hafta git the bran feel, of drivin reins that's fixed to draw, the old hay burner gee 'n' haw. Them feet that usta tramp the gas, will soon be gittin' rest. In much Them gas feet, better git right able when the times comes fer frudin' to a lively stable, where folks kin git themselves a rig; a one hoss shay, dog-cart or gig; to take the family out fer air, with not a single blowout care. The motor cops wont like this tick tock, No longer will they raise our ire, with "Was you goin to a fire?" It's hard fer auto men to smile. Priorities has cramped their style. The best thing fer them boys'll be, to study up horse handbndry. Now if this here stuff all comes true, a lotta folks'll be sure blue, but such a future I surmise, will make lots happier horse files. FOR FLAVOR AT ITS PEAK
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Query & Answer Column

B. E.—Give the date on which the first American casualties in actual combat in World War II occurred.
Ans.—Oct. 17, 1941, when the destroyer Kearney was torpedoed.
W. K.—Are tire dealers allowed to deliver tires on which purchasers have made down payments, under the tire rationing regulations?
Ans.—No.
C. L.—Has operation of amateur radio stations been restricted?
Ans.—The Federal Communication Commission ordered on Dec. 8, 1941, that except as may hereafter be specifically authorized by the commission, no person shall engage in any amateur radio operation in the Continental United States, its territories and possessions, and that all frequencies heretofore allocated to amateur radio stations under Part 12 of the Rules and Regulations be, and they are hereby withdrawn from use by any person except as may be hereafter authorized by the commission.
P. M.—What is the source of the quotations, "The groves were God's first temples"?
Ans.—It is from "A Forest Hymn" by William Cullen Bryant, who derived the thought from the ancient mystery religions, where the gods were worshipped in groves by devotees. In Virgil's "Eclogues," No. 2, line 60, occurs the line, "Even the gods dwell in the woods."
M. W.—Are there any States that do not impose inheritance taxes?
Ans.—Nevada is the only one.
R. T.—Did the United States levy an income tax during the Civil War?
Ans.—On August 5, 1861, an income tax of three per cent was levied on all annual incomes above \$800. Later increases brought the rate to 5 per cent on incomes between \$500 and \$5,000, and 10 per cent on incomes above \$5,000. As the need for war revenues decreased, the exemption was increased to incomes of \$1,000, and in 1897, to incomes of \$2,000. The tax was repealed in 1872.
J. J.—I would like to know the name of the famous horse ridden by Philip Sheridan.
Ans.—General Sheridan's horse was known as Rienzi until after the ride to Winchester, Va., when it was renamed Winchester.
R. S. S.—How many muscles are there in the arm?
Ans.—There are, in all, forty-eight muscles concerned in the movement of the arm, forearm and hand.
A. L. M.—Please give me the populations of Tokyo, Singapore and Manila.
Ans.—The populations, according to latest available figures, are as follows: Tokyo, 7,001,460; Singapore, 725,564; Manila, 623,362.
T. E.—What is the origin of the saying, "the latch string is out"?
Ans.—It dates back to the period of the wooden door latch, operated by a string which was passed through a hole and hung outside when the householders were at home.
C. S.—Were dogs used in the last war? Are any being trained for this purpose now?
Ans.—During the first World War dogs were trained as sentries, messengers, scouts, and ambulance dogs. They searched the battlefields for the wounded and missing, carrying flasks of brandy or soup and a roll of bandages. In Britain, dogs are drilled for patrol and intercommunications work. An important phase in the drilling is to teach the animal not to bark while advancing.
F. L.—What is the size of the smallest opening through which a clothes moth can enter?
Ans.—Tests have shown that a larva just out of the egg can crawl through an opening of only four thousandths of an inch, or one no wider than the thickness of a sheet of good quality bond paper.
I. F.—How does the population of the Anti-Axis nations compare with that of the Axis countries?
Ans.—With the declaration of war by the United States against Japan, the population of anti-Axis belligerents now totals 1,317,897,000, as against a population of 306,281,000 in the principal Axis countries, as estimated by the Census Bureau on December 9, 1941.
J. D. T.—What is the average weight of a cubic foot of coal?
Ans.—The Geographical Survey says that bituminous coal ranges in weight from 44 to 58.5 pounds per cubic foot and anthracite from 52 to 59.6 pounds per cubic foot.
C. S.—Why do people throw salt over their left shoulder when they have spilled some?
Ans.—Salt was used to drive away evil spirits, and the left is always the side from which devils were supposed to enter.
G. R.—Can you tell me the nationality of Gene Krupa?
Ans.—Gene Krupa was born in America. He is of Austrian, Hungarian and Bohemian descent.
J. E.—What was the Walking Purchase?
Ans.—In 1682 William Penn purchased of the Delaware Indians a tract of land in the present counties of Bucks and Northampton, Pennsylvania. Penn and a party of Indians started on a walk beginning at the mouth of Neshaming Creek. After walking a day and a half he concluded that it was as much land as he wanted and a deed was given to the lands at that point. In 1737 after Penn's death the tract was increased by a party of surveyors walkers to a point seventy miles in the interior.
H. J.—What can be done for dogs and cats that become nervous during air raids?
Ans.—The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued a bulletin on the care of pets in air raids. This says that dogs and cats which show great fear may be given aspirin or sodium bromide, in doses varying from one to fifteen grains, according to the size of the animal.
S. E. A.—How large are the Dutch East Indies?
Ans.—The total area of the islands is 733,296 miles and the inhabitants number 60,730,000.
M. D.—What is the highest mountain in Russia?
Ans.—It is Mt. Stalin in Tajikistan which is 24,000 feet high.
K. F.—Where are the Salvation Army officers trained?
Ans.—Officers in the United States are trained at four schools, situated in New York, Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco.
L. E. F.—Did Salome marry?
Ans.—She married Philip the Tetrarch and afterward Aristobulus, one of the numerous descendants of Herod, ruler of Lesser Armenia.
L. J. H.—Who founded Charles Town, W. Va.?
Ans.—Charles Town was laid out by George Washington's brother, Charles, near his estate, Mordington.

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Penny Wise says...
To keep coffee fresh and its verdant, store it in the refrigerator—and no more than a week's supply. You'll use less coffee per cup if you follow these simple rules.
Engagement Announced
Announcement was made recently of the engagement of Miss Nancy Ruth Hargrave, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Musser, of Millheim, and Warren S. Patterson, of Philadelphia. Miss Hargrave, formerly a drum major in the State College American Legion and Auxiliary Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, has been living at Ambler for some time. Mr. Patterson, an Air Corps Cadet, is stationed at Maxwell Field, Ala. The time of the wedding tentatively has been set for September when Mr. Patterson receives his commission.
Mansfield Boy Winner
Joseph Doane a pupil of the Mansfield high school has been announced as winner of a \$20 prize in the competition of the State Association of Township Supervisors for cash prizes for essays on "The Advantages of Home Rule and Local Government." Forty-nine county associations of township supervisors and auditors participated in the contest.
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