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EDITORIAL

In due time the Allies will produce a Joshua who will make the Rising Sun stand still.

No rumors, no hoarding, no complaining, must be the rule of every loyal American in the days ahead.

We suppose that if someone started a rumor of a possible shortage in defense bonds, everybody would get panicky and start to hoard.

According to those in close touch with Leon Henderson, price administrator and civilian supply czar, there is no "imminent" plan to confiscate tires from private car owners.

A Swedish news dispatch says that Reich Fuehrer Hitler has taken a vow never again to set foot on Reich German territory until the last Russian unit has been annihilated.

Perhaps the most acute battle today is being fought on the oceans. Reports from England indicate that conditions there are becoming critical. Food supplies are getting smaller, as Churchill announces that the Germans are taking a heavy toll of Allied shipping.

The naval battles in the Far East, especially the engagement in Macassar Strait and the fights in the Java Sea, represent naval warfare in its bitterest form. Weaker forces of the United States, including some warships of the United States, have been hopelessly outnumbered but they have resolutely engaged the enemy.

JAPS DROP PLAGUE GERMS IN CHINA
It's a nasty story which comes from Chungking, China, where the Japanese are accused of starting the bubonic plague in Changteh by dropping infected fleas in an air raid in November.

Dr. R. Pollitzer, former League of Nations epidemiologist, says that "circumstantial evidence strongly suggests the plague outbreak in Changteh was caused by enemy action."

On November 4th, Changteh was raided by a single Japanese plane. It flew just over the roofs instead of high in the air, circling twenty minutes without dropping bombs. Returning residents were puzzled to find scattered rice grains mixed with wisps of cotton rag near the main gates.

The bubonic plague was likewise reported in Chekiang Province in November, 1940, after low-flying planes dropped fleas in packets of grain or rice to attract rats. Cold weather stopped the spread of the plague but renewed cases are expected in the spring.

Dr. Robert Lim, head of the Chinese Red Cross and the Army Medical Training services, confirmed the presence of bubonic plague at Changteh. He admits that he does not expect Americans, British and others to believe that the Japanese are resorting to bacteriological warfare because "they did not believe for a long time the stories that the Japs were using gas in China."

He expressed the belief that the Japs have been experimenting in China and trying it in his conviction that Japan is planning large-scale bacteriological warfare, "not only here but elsewhere especially when things start going wrong for her."

BACK SEAT DRIVERS ARE ALMOST AS DANGEROUS AS PRE-WAR PACIFISTS

Let's have the truth about this war even if it is impossible for us to know the details of the fighting on land and sea.

It's high time for every American to understand not what the army or the fleet is doing but the stern reality of our present position and the causes for our present humiliation.

We should not be misled by frantic efforts to lay our ills to lack of administration, the defensive spirit and policies framed by our leaders.

The sober realization that we are without adequate arms for the struggle is the first step toward meeting the danger that besets us. While Germany, Italy and Japan armed themselves to the teeth, during the past seven or eight years, the people of this democracy wallowed in a dream of world peace.

You Can't Fight With Phrases

Our Congress reluctantly voted insufficient funds for national defense while Congressmen, for various reasons, shouted denunciation of war in general. When pressed to prepare for war in time of peace the majority of our legislators chanted, "Peace! It's beautiful!" This lovely phrase proves no present substitute for guns, tanks, planes or ships.

The failure of many political leaders to understand the impossibility of defending the United States, in and around the United States, is the root evil of our misfortune. The reiterated determination of unwise Congressmen to prevent this country from preparing for war, away from our shores, explains our inability to meet our foes in battle now on fields of their own choosing.

Enemies Seem Our War Strength

Today we are in a total global war. We have been attacked by nations which happen to be enemies of the ideals of freedom and civilization. They did not even give us the opportunity to ignobly surrender our ideals for peace. Their contempt for our strength was so great that they attacked us with a boldness that can be explained only on the assumption that they held our fighting strength in utter scorn.

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor the other Axis powers immediately declared war upon us. This nation geared to peaceful progress was confronted by overwhelming force in the Far East—the very area in which we neglected to prepare even for defense.

It does little good for Congressmen and others to clamor for an offensive to save Gen. MacArthur. The only way to rescue this brave general and his men requires a relief expedition of a strength that we cannot provide. The situation would be otherwise if Guam and the Philippines had been prepared for war and if a fleet had been constructed for performing such a job.

When An Offensive Is A Crime

Certainly, Americans know that an offensive spirit is not a substitute for weapons or bases. It is foolish to clamor for an attack until the nation's fighting forces are ready to attack. It would be suicide to send an improperly equipped force thousands of miles from its base to engage the enemy under conditions that make our defeat almost a certainty.

Let's not fool ourselves about this war. While there is no cause for cowardly pessimism there is less excuse for bombastic optimism. We need trained men. They must be adequately armed. Men and material must be moved in ships. We must patiently await the day when this nation is fully armed and prepared for warfare.

Enemy Superiority Reaps Reward

This means, undoubtedly, that we must suffer defeats and experience humiliations. Our enemies, better prepared, reap the inevitable rewards of present superiority. Until the tools are ready for army men and ships available to navy men we must bide our time which will assuredly arrive.

Don't fool yourself with the idea that our forces are being held back for fun, while our enemy gains ground. Just remember that battles are not won by popular opinions. Our military and naval leaders know what they are doing and, you can take it from us, no group in the nation is more eager for offensive action. Our fighting men have the offensive spirit, but it takes much more to beat an enemy. The "much more" includes guns, tanks, planes, ships and equipment, but it also includes the loyalty, courage and faith of a nation.

It is time for the people of Centre County to show their intelligent understanding of this war and our relative unpreparedness. It is time to redouble production, to proclaim confidence and to serve America on the home front.

Beware of Nazi Lies

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, warns the people of his own country and of the United States that they must be alert to Nazi lies and present a solid front to the enemy.

"We shall not sharpen the eagle's claws by tweeking feathers from his tail. If the lion's claws seem blunt to you you will not sharpen them by giving his tail a twist."

The British Ambassador urges Americans not to swallow "the skillful and utterly unscrupulous propaganda" attacks of the Germans. There may be Americans who still retain the idea that the United States and Great Britain can arrange a peaceful world without cooperation. If so, they are rather dull pupils, apparently unable to glean a lesson from the events of the past few years.

Lord Halifax calls attention to the shipment of 9,000 airplanes and 2,000 tanks overseas from England in 1941, saying that his government "took appalling risks" with the safety of the home front. In the same period, the British received 2,000 aircraft and 200 tanks from the United States.

The British Ambassador answers the allegation that his country is constantly behind 3,500,000 bayonets "in her island fortress." He explains that two million of the soldiers are home guards, spare-time soldiers, modestly equipped, whose full-time work is in war industries. The 1,500,000 soldiers have to defend 3,000 miles of coast and 90,000 square miles of land, all of which is subject to invasion at any time.

The people of the United States should view with suspicion the efforts of any American to deprecate the war activity of Great Britain. The same can be said of those who seek to spread confusion as to and distrust of Russia and China. Whether we want it or not, the welfare and future security of this country is wrapped up with the destinies of these three great countries.

QUITTING IS UN-AMERICAN

One illustration of what should not happen during war is the resignation of twenty-eight air raid wardens in the City of Washington.

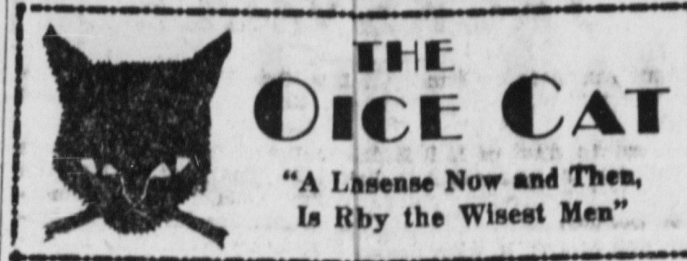
These civilian wardens were dissatisfied with the way their organization was being run and with their inability to get the equipment that they desired.

It may be that these little Americans would be satisfied if the President, Admiral King and General Marshall would forget other matters and see that they are supplied with whistles, arm-bands, ropes, handbooks, etc.

A fitting comment comes from Colonel Lemuel L. Bolles, head of the Office of Civilian Defense in Washington, who remarked that "there are a number of men under MacArthur in the Philippines who are not resigning and who are not getting equipment either."

Civilians in the United States must understand that this is their war. They should not expect a cakewalk. They must endure privation if the nation is to win. The quitting spirit is un-American, regardless of difficulties, large or small.

THE CENTRE DEMO (BELLEFONTE, PA.)



THE OICE CAT

"A License Now and Then, Is Rby the Wisest Men"

LoFace

A nifty young named Jane, While walktaught in the rain; She ran—almost Her complexion, And she reame exceedingly plain.

Reition

When a girl is sixteen, she's looking, When she is twenty-five, she's wrinkles, When she is thirty, she has hair, When she's thirty-five, she fonde and starts all over again.

Mother Peeved

Old Mother Hubbas to the barber, To have her haged she did crave; But when she got boy, did she swear When the barber "Hair-cut or shave?"

These Cus Banks

A gentleman about forty-five in a long coat and gold cuff links, enters the bank and conveys low tenor with the teller in the cage at the extreme left. The teller on light green socks.

"I'm a stranger in town and wondering if you would—" "Yes, yes, I can take care of sight here. Just fill out this little card, please."

"Well, I can't do that I'm afraid see I left my glasses home. But as I'm a stranger in—" "That doesn't make any differ Your words as good as my mother's to us. I'll fill in the card for you."

"But is that necessary?" "Oh, just a formality. Your?" "John Frazzletop Smith."

"S-M-I-T-H, John P. Your?" "Forty-two." "Adult. You are a male, whiteween eyes, blue hair, aren't you?"

"Yes." "And tell me your mother's name the state she was born in and the month she was born."

"Georgia, May, June." "May, June, Georgia. Thank you. And how much do you wish to deposit to start the account?"

"Oh, I don't want to start account. You see, I'm a stranger in town and I was wondering if you id tell me if Mary Gallagher scrubs the floor in this bank or the Firstational across the street?"

Old-fashioned Best

The preacher was reading the scripture when an elderly lady broke in: "What kind of Bible are you using, parson?"

"I'm reading from the Revised-version," he answered. "Hm," she said. "The King Jees Version was good enough for St. Paul and it's good enough for me."

Order in the Court

A lawyer in cross-examining a witness, asked: "Are you a tee-totaler?" "No," the man replied.

"Are you a moderate drinker?" "No answer." "Am I right in calling you a heavy drinker, then?" "That's my business."

"Any other business?" asked the lawyer.

Something to Look For

"Hey, listen, you invite me up to your apartment and now you won't even let me put my arms around you. What do you expect, anyway?" "My husband."

Farmer—I want to buy a snogoon.

Salesman—"Here's one that will last a lifetime." Farmer—"Heck. It won't take that long to marry off my daughter."

The Smell Lingers

She—"My boy friend's perfume business went bankrupt last week." He—"I'll bet it raised an awful stink among his creditors." She—"I'll say. He paid off ten cents on the dollar."

Man Traps

Small Boy—"Dad, how do they catch lunatics?" Father—"With face powder, beautiful dresses, and pretty smiles, my son."

Nature Note

The city kid was roaming about in the country when he came upon a dozen or so empty condensed milk cans. Greatly excited, he yelled to his companions: "Hey, fellers, come here quickly. I've found a cow's nest."

Expanding Drug Store

"What kind of a store is that fellow over at Toad Rock running?" asked a motorist.

"Well, he has Ford parts for sale," replied the attendant at the filling station. "He buys butter, eggs, and poultry, deals in real estate, paints houses, marries folks in his capacity as justice of the peace, runs the post-office, sells stamps, hams, molasses, etc., and takes boarders upstairs. I reckon you'd call it a drug store."

No Player in Town

The church committee favored the purchase of a chandelier. The one member opposed it. He said, "Well, I don't want to be stubborn, but who can play it after we get it?"

No Hurry

A colored man had called at the hospital. "I am to see how mah fren' Joe Brown was gettin' along."

Nurse—"Why, he's getting along fine; he's convalescing now." Colored Man—"Well, I'll just sit down and wait till he's through."

Unharness It

The customer was busy sawing on the steak he had ordered—and a difficult time he was having.

"Is it tough?" queried the waitress. "The customer was exhausted. He turned to the waitress with defeat in his eyes and said: "When I order beef and get horse, I don't care. But next time, take the harness off before you start serving."

Too Much Work

Tired Worker—"Boss, is you got a nigger on your time book, by the name of Simpson?"

Boss—"Yeah. What about it?" Worker—"Wal, I've dat nigger, boss. I just thought you had it down Samson."

She Was a Lady

"Yes, I see to him. Mrs. O'Riley," sez I, "if you was as much a gentleman as I was a lady, you'd get the hell outa here."

Fixing the Blame

Little Emily ran in the house, crying as though her heart would break.

"What's wrong, dear?" asked her mother. "My dolly—Billy broke it," she sobbed. "How did he break it, dear?" "I hit him on the head with it."

Regular Riot

An Italian woman was running down the street to catch a train, and behind her came her fifteen children. Just before she reached the station, a cop stopped her.

"Here, lady, what have you been doing?" "I no do anything," said she. "Then why is that mob following you?"

Living Up to a Slogan

The teacher was giving a written examination in European geography. One question was: "Why does the sun never set on the British flag?" Robert wrote the answer: "Because they take it in at night."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

My husband and I have been married about a year. We love each other very much and get along fine except for one thing. He cannot bear for me to disagree with him on anything, although he is an extremely polite person, as a rule, he has behaved quite rudely to me on several occasions when I voiced an opinion contrary to his. The worst part of it is that this happened when other people were present. He practically ordered me as if I were a moron or a two year old child.

I was terribly embarrassed and the people we were with looked as if they were dumb founded. He said afterwards that he did not consider that he was any ruder to me than I was to him.

Honestly, if I had never gotten such a fourth grade and had lived in the backwoods all my life, I might be satisfied to accept everything that another person thought, but I am a grown young woman who made A's on almost every subject at college and as such I think I should be treated as an individual.

I am sure my husband loves me better than anyone else in the world and yet I am the only person I have ever seen him act rude to. What can I do about it?

ANNA—Wyoming.

Answer:

I can't explain your husband's behavior unless he acts that way because you are the one person in the world he wants to think he is perfect. Of course when he behaves in a manner he is defeating the very end he is striving to attain.

It will be hard to keep your illusions about his perfection if he continues to show this dominating impolite streak. I trust that he will see the error of his ways soon and correct them or he will do himself a great deal of harm not only in regards to what you will think but also what other people will think and say. Very few people have any use for a man who bullies his wife in public. It puts a wet blanket on the party and creates only sympathy for the wife. The man may vainly imagine that people admire him for his control over his better half, but such behavior only creates pity for her and dislike for him.

Why don't you talk to him and say just what you have written to me. Perhaps he will wake up and save himself a lot of grief.

LOUISA.



AS I SEE IT BY Horace Senty

The fellers that amaze me most, Who dish their dope from coast to coast, Whose noses have a extra sense, Fer smellin out future events, We read their stuff from day to day, N' wonder how they git that way, Fer half the time their dope is wrong, But they keep guessin right along. Back there when Adolf jumped the Reds, Them wisecracks all scratched their heads. They figured Hitler's Blitzkrieg sick, Within a month'd do the trick, Adolf had figured that way too, Before them key blasts had blew, He'd have them Reds sowed up so tight, They couldn't put up no more part. He'd do the job "right" from the start, Where Naps had failed to feller thru, Adolf'd prove a thing or two. But Russian hearts was much too stout, Fer Naps' bayonets to cut out, Then came the rains—six feet of snow, with cold blasts forty five below. The way Adolf's campaign turned out, Made doopers do a "face about." They're sayin now Old Joe kin win, If help-in Aileys all turn in. Are these doopers downhearted? Nay, They're still perdicin every day Fer prophets right or wrong you know; Kin always say "I told you so."

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Query & Answer Column

T. W.—How much crude rubber did the United States import from British Malaya in 1940?

Ans.—Approximately 914,533,000 pounds.

C. B.—Will a torpedo explode if the firing pin is not struck?

Ans.—The detonation of a torpedo is accomplished through a mechanical placed within its warhead, and if the torpedo is checked in its forward motion, the firing mechanism instantly ignites the warhead's heavy charge of explosive. It is not necessary to strike the firing pin on the end of the torpedo.

F. L.—Did the United States have inflation during World War I?

Ans.—Not in 1917 and 1918, but by 1920 prices had risen to more than twice their pre-war level.

R. M.—How do the Japanese pronounce Nippon?

Ans.—Ny-ip-pon, in three syllables.

N. S.—When placing a cup and saucer by a guest's plate at table, what is the correct position of the cup handle?

Ans.—The handle of the cup should be so placed that the person dining can easily grasp the handle. It usually is on a diagonal line if one reckons from the line made by the edge of the table.

R. S.—How are abode houses made?

Ans.—They are constructed of sun-dried bricks turned from any native clay. The bricks are molded and their sides turned alternately to the sun day by day for a week or longer, as may be necessary. They are usually made of two sizes—18x23 and 16x24. The larger ones are used as headers, the others as stretchers.

M. J.—Why are Indians called Redskins?

Ans.—They were called Redskins by the early travelers because most tribes were fond of painting themselves with red ochre or red vegetable paints.

F. L.—How fast does a meteor travel?

Ans.—Meteors travel at a terrific rate, more than sixty miles a second. The speed of the earth around the sun is only about 18.5 miles a second.

E. H.—When and where was Fred Allen born?

Ans.—Fred Allen was born on May 31, 1894, at Cambridge, Mass.

I. M. C.—When a sailor goes down with his ship, is he considered "dead" or "missing"?

Ans.—Technically to "go down" with a ship means to be lost. In such a case, a man is considered dead. A man would be considered "missing" whenever there is reasonable doubt as to his fate.

W. W.—How many cigarettes were produced last year?

Ans.—Printers' Ink says that domestic production in 1941 was 206,400,000,000, a gain of 14.2 per cent over last year.

W. W.—How does the area of Northern Ireland compare with that of the Irish Free State?

Ans.—Northern Ireland, politically a part of the United Kingdom, has an area of 5,238 square miles. The area of the Irish Free State is 27,137 square miles.

L. C.—Are malt sugar and milk sugar as sweet as cane sugar?

Ans.—Malt sugar, or maltose, is about one-third as sweet as cane sugar. Milk sugar, or lactose, is about one-sixth as sweet as cane sugar.

E. N.—What element is combined with carbon in the diamond?

Ans.—There is no other element. The diamond is pure carbon, crystallized in the cubic system.

A. B. S.—What is the correct tip for a waiter in a restaurant?

Ans.—Emily Post says the usual tip for a waiter in a restaurant is 10 per cent of the bill, but never less than twenty-five cents in a restaurant with tablecloth on table.

L. B.—Please describe the Service Flag of the last war. Has such a flag been adopted for the present war?

Ans.—The Service Flag in the last World War consisted of a white field with a red border. On the white field were placed blue stars representing the men in the armed forces. When one of these died the star was changed to gold. No Service Flag has been designed for this war as yet.

F. T. S.—Is it true that the invention of the airplane is foretold in the Bible?

Ans.—The Bible passage which has been interpreted to indicate the invention of the airplane, at least in warfare, is Isaiah 31:5. "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over He will preserve it."

G. B.—What is the official language of Palestine, Arabic and Hebrew?

Ans.—There are three official languages, English, Arabic and Hebrew. Many school children learn two of the three.

B. L.—On an average, how long does a soldier's uniform last?

Ans.—Army Quartermaster Corps statisticians have estimated that a uniform lasts an average of thirty-three months; his woolen trousers, fourteen and one-half months; overcoat, three years; service shoes, five to seven months; woolen shirt, six months, and garrison cap, fourteen and one-half months.

B. K.—Where in the world is the longest stretch of straight railway track?

Ans.—The longest piece of straight track in the world is on the Trans-Australian Railway. It extends across the Nullarbor Plain and runs for 330 miles without a curve.

J. E. A.—Have birds ever been known to fly across the Atlantic Ocean?

Ans.—A banded Atlantic tern is known to have flown from Labrador to Natal, South Africa. The bird was banded on July 23, 1928, and found dead on the beach in Natal on November 14, 1928.

A. L. L.—Are there any Federal laws relating to the use and abuse of the United States flag?

Ans.—The only Federal Act relating to the use and abuse of the flag pertains to the District of Columbia. The States have all enacted their own laws pertaining to these matters.</