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## EDITORIAL

It's time for the Government to crack down on the crack-pots.

If our hearing isn't failing us, there are a few folks in Bellefonte who still have the idea that the war is against President Roosevelt.

Now is the time for the people of the nation to weigh the mentality of Congressmen who voted against the fortification of Guam.

Advice to Labor: Take advantage of the opportunity that now presents itself and save some money; it will come in handy when the war is over.

This is not meant for a pun, but there is a lot

of frony in the thought that over a period of a few years, we exported 20,000,000 tons of prime melting scrap which we now need.

With all the talk about the Pacific, where Japan is "raising hell" while the Sun shines, the vital theatres of the present world struggle are the North Atlantic, the British Isles, and Near East and Soviet

It will be good news to many Americans that the Department of Justice has at least commenced sedition prosecutions against individuals who are apparently, guilty of subversive acts designed to disrupt the war effort of this country. It is understood that actions will be brought against the editors of subversive publications and the leaders of subversive organizations. Every individual who attempts to retard the war program or damage the morale of the nation, especially the armed forces, will be prosecuted.

Certainly when we are fighting an all-out war against Germany, Italy and Japan, we should not permit enemy aliens in this country to enjoy any liberties that are not granted American residents in the Axis countries. The experience of the democracles in the present war will undoubtedly lead to a reconsideration of our naturalization laws in an effort to prevent foreign agents from coming into this country to secure citizenship in order to use its privileges as an aid to their own countries' action hostile to the United States.

General Douglas MacArthur has given the people of the United Nations a splendid motto, saying to the members of the Australian Parliament: shall win or we shall die." These words represent more than a motto; they tell the absolute truth about the democracies and the citizens of countries now fighting for their lives. It is inconceivable that freedom-loving people would be willing to live under the slavery that would be their lot if Germany and Japan ruled the world. "Liberty and the pursuit of happiness" would be ended and, after that, life as we know it would not be worth very much. The free men of the world are united today in a fight for

Tatsunosuke Kobayashi, prominent alien Japanese businessman of Honolulu, recently died in a hospital after taking poison. News dispatches say that the Japanese wrote a note saying that "my acts up to now have been a mistake" and begging "forgiveness of the American Government." also admonished his employes and close friends; "From now on, obey American laws and please strive earnestly for the American Government and society." No facts are available as to what were the acts of this alien but the presumption is that he had something to do with the treacherous assault upon the United States at Pearl Harbor, Anyway, the incident s perplexing, interesting and thought-provoking.

Certain Congressmen who opposed adequate national defense and matters like the fortification of Guam are on the anxious bench. Naturally, they seek to establish by their votes, since December, a record that will erase pacifist and isolationist tendencies before the war. They hope that the turn of events will make it possible for them to get by at the November election on this basis, but there is no way for them to be sure. Obviously, the Congressmen who opposed appropriations for defense and lambasted the foreign policies of the government before December are doing what they can to create other issues in the public mind. Some of them even seek to create the impression that they were against our foreign policy because of their knowledge that the nation was unprepared for war. The argument implies that if we had been properly prepared, they would have adopted another attitude. However, in most cases, they realize that the argument can succeed only if the public forgets many votes cast against appropriations for the Army and the Navy.

#### NEXT SIX MONTHS TO TELL LENGTH OF WAR

The next six months should tell us approximately how long the war will last and measure the war effort that the United States will have to make to bring victory to the United Nations.

We do not say that the next six months will decide the winner of the great struggle because, as Winston Churchill so well says, only mismanagement of the power against the Axis can bring us defeat.

There are now arrayed against the Axis nations the manpower and the resources that, given time, will beat them to death. The business of the United Nations, in 1942, is to make certain that the Axis pays a full price for any gains that are made, either in Russia, the Near East, China, India, Australia and on the oceans of the world.

#### War Trend Against the Axis

It might be a good idea to reflect a bit on the general trend of the struggle. After two years and a half of bitter battling the Germans are no nearer a decision than they were when Hitler gave the order to march into Poland. The Nazis are slowly losing the advantages that belonged to them when the war started and gradually the forces against them are equalling and surpassing their military

In the Far East, the Japs are reaping gains due to geography, the preoccupation of their enemies with other battles and the preparations made for their blitz war. Given time, they will be hard-pressed to hold their lines, much less move to attack fresh lands, Meanwhile, slowly the forces against them are being placed for effective use.

#### Bitter Fighting Ahead

This does not mean that Germany and Japan are unable to wage a hard-hitting war in 1942. On the contrary, it intimates that they must do so in a supreme effort to win before their enemies can mobilize superior force against them. Hence, the expectation of an all-out bid for victory by the Nazis, which may rival the astonishing power of the 1918drive in France that was the dying effort of the Kaiser's cohorts.

The coming half-year will see bitter fighting. We will hear bad news and some good news, with the latter depending upon the outcome of Hitler's approaching offensive. It will fail to achieve victory and be followed by definite evidence that the days of the Axis are numbered, even if uncertain.

#### North Atlantic a Vital Area

For the United States the task of keeping open the North Atlantic, so that supplies can reach Russia and Great Britain, is of first importance. The Red Army offers the only chance for an early victory, which will save many American lives. The British Isles are the first bastions of our defense, as well as the base for any future offense against Germany. Aid to Russia and reinforcements for the British are without doubt our preeminent job.

Space does not permit extended discussion of Russian or British importance to this country. We must skip along and consider other areas, which brings us to the Near East, where a stand must be made to prevent any union of Germany and Japanese forces. Here too, we must fight to prevent loss of vital oil fields, which are necessary to Hitler if his war machine is to continue to function efficient-

Certainly, this country must make safe its Pacific defenses, which means our continued control of the ocean from Alaska to Honolulu and the Panama Canal. For offensive action against the Japanese we must likewise secure the supply route to Australia and, also, defend the continent of South America from enemy invasions.,

## Chinese Manpower Minus Supplies

We come next to China, where a brave people fight a heroic battle. Here is an army that awaits only the tools of war to carry the war to the Jap-anese. In this, the Chinese will, if properly aided, be the means of saving many American lives, Supplies must reach the Chinese, even if sent only on the basis of our self-interest. Difficulties in the way must be removed by offensive action as soon as pos-

Now, we come to Australia, where our gallant Gen. MacArthur is laying the groundwork for future fighting. This area, where we are pledged to fight and which we will defend, is least important to the ultimate success of our country. For strategic reasons, affecting morale, the Australians deserve and must have our aid. The loss of Australia however, would not be as dangerous to our cause as the loss of Russia, the British Isles, or the Near East and much less than failure to control the supply routes on the high seas.

## UNPATRIOTIC AND UNCHRISTIAN

The last issue of The Florida Catholic, a religlous weekly published in St. Augustine, oldest Episcopal See in the United States, contains a blistering denunciation of the "disloyal activities" of "that un-American paper misnamed Social Justice." The Florida Catholic does not mince Words in expressing its opinion of this widely circulated sheet. The editor condemns the sabotage of the national war effort by this "Axis-minded magazine," but what burns him up is the idea that it should be regarded as a Catholic paper.

Few intelligent persons believe that this propaganda sheet represents Catholic opinion in this country, but the fact that it was founded by Father Coughlin and is sold at the doors of some churches on Sunday makes useful and timely the indignant repudiation published in behalf "of the good name of the Church and of Catholic journalism" by a weekly which is the diocesan organ of Bishop Joseph P. Hurley, until 1940 an official of the Secretariat of State of the Vatican.

"Social Justice is not a Catholic paper," the editorial asserts. "It does not reflect Catholic views. It does not acknowledge or obey any Catholic authority. Indeed, it has on various occasions made bitter attacks on those authorities, x x x Despite its mock concern for the welfare of our country, despite its peculiar brand of piety, this magazine is both unpatriotic and un-Christian."-The New York Times.

## GERMAN PROPAGANDA ACTIVE

The people of the United States should be constantly on the alert against propaganda spread by German agents and anti-British extremists. There are numerous individuals in each group operating in the United States.

Along much the same line, are innumerable stories about trouble in Northern Ireland between troops of the United States and British troops, for example, that American soldiers are to be used in a coup against Eire. Other faked narratives tell of riots in Irish towns, of robberies, of places wrecked by U. S. troops and of fights between our soldiers and

Robert E. Post, newspaper correspondent, who investigated the matter, says the falsehoods are being widely circulated in Northern Ireland and are even heard in London. The Germans are spreading the propaganda over the air and are receiving considerable assistance from Irish Republican die-hards, The resentment of Eire over the arrival of our troops in Northern Ireland is being fully exploited.

Mr. Post says that American troops seem to be getting on splendidly with the civilian population of Northern Ireland, which is doing its best to make them happy. He tells of dances being held for the soldiers and says that the Irish people are asking them into their homes.

It wouldn't hurt the average person in Bellefonte to read one of the mottes in the Office of the War Production Board: "Great minds talk about ideas; average minds talk about events; and small minds talk about people." Just think about the talking you have been doing for the past two or three days and see what kind of a mind you have.

There is a chance that the war will end during 1942—the Red Army supplies the clue.

# THE OFFICE CAT

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

A Striking Position was charmed by the look in her eye, By her nightingale voice I was smitten, And her beautiful figure, oh my. By her glorious hair I was bitten.

She's really the charmingest girl, sir, In her arms any man would find bliss, sir, But what struck me mosty about her Was her hand when I started to kiss her. . . .

#### Well Supplied

Ikey-"Poppa, vat is a guardian?" Poppa-"A guardian is some von vot takes your fodder's place." Ikey-"Oi! Oi! I got four of dem."

#### . . .

More Dark Secrets Columnist Side-Swiper of the Lock Haven Express adds a few more ticularly so, in the case of a girl effort visiting in the home of a boy friend. regulations to be observed during a blackout, to-wit:

1 .- A good kiss will put out the fire in your girl's eyes. 2.—Smoke your cigars and cigarettes with the lighted end in your

3.-Put diapers on lightning bugs in the safe tricornered way. 4.-Air-raid wardens should direct pretty girl drivers to the curb and talk with them until the emergency is over.

Quite Likely

six days in bed, with two nurses." Her Friend-"Well, at least he should have died happy."

## . . .

Variable Opinion Sales Manager-"You give me a pain in the neck."

Brief-case Sam-"At least, I seem to have moved up in your estimation, or you are more polite than usual."

#### . . . A Big Order

Ever hear about the fellow who exclaimed "It can't be done," when come back to his house again. he saw the big electric sign "Drink Canada Dry."

#### . . . You May Have Heard It

Whether it is true or not, here is a good story that will bear repeating. It is said that when General MacArthur heard how the people of Los Angeles got the litters recently, when fifteen mysterious planes were Answer seen flying over that city, he cabled the War Department; "If you can manage, somehow, to hold the West Coast for thirty days, I'll send you some reinforcements."

## . . .

Wrong Position New Lady Driver-"That little mirror up there isn't set right."

Teacher-"No?" New Lady Driver-"No. I can't see anything but the car behind."

#### . . . Bully For Father

Daughter-"Mother, I advertised under an assumed name that I would like to make the acquaintance of a refined young gentleman with an eye for romance."

Mother-"Marjorie! How awful, Did you get any answers?". Daughter-"Only one, from father."

#### . . . Somewhat Changed

Customer-"Just look how you damaged this?" Laundryman-"I don't see anything wrong with that lace?" Customer-"Lace? That was a sheet,

#### Took No Chances A motorist, who had hit a pedestrian was helping the victim to his feet, "Couldn't you have gone around me?" growled the injured party.

. . .

"Sorry," said the motorist, sadly. "I wasn't sure whether I had feel that being with him is worth enough gasoline. Very Low Marks

Sister Sue-"Did you get any bad marks at school today?" Brother Johnny-"Yes, but they are where they don't show." . . . Lucky Discovery

## Hick-"Hey, Zeke, ya got ya shoes on wrong, ya got the right one on Zeke-"My gosh, they been thataway fer twenty years. I thought I

the left foot.'

was club-footed.

Mary-"Why?"

only seeing me off."

It Couldn't Have Been Him Wife-"There are about forty empty bottles here, and I don't want any more."

empty bottles." Time to Retire Bet-"Better close your window and lower your shades, Mary."

Bet-'Two below outside.' . . . Lower Letter

## Girl Friend-"Where did you get the A?"

Bilger-"I played basket ball at Navy." Girl Friend-"But Navy begins with N." Bilger-"Yes, I know, but I played on the second team."

# Missing

Lady in dry goods store-"May I look through your blankets for a Saleslady-"Your friend wouldn't be in the blankets without our At last his age was sixteen years, knowledge."

#### . . . Hard on the Parson

The parson upon opening his laundry found a very curt note from his sixteenth natal day: It was a his laundress which read: "Unless you pay me the washing money you owe me I will have to -his first real date. The girl friend put starch in your B. V. D.'s next week."

#### . . . Misunderstood

Vice Crusader (giving lecture to bored citizens)-"I was raised in a with whiskers tougher than ratan, city with 73 houses of ill-repute in it, and I can honestly say I have not N' Adolade now Willie's wife; makes been in one of them.' Voice-"What was the matter with that one?"

#### . . . Didn't Need Any

Mistress-"Did you give the gold fish fresh water?" Maid-"What's the use? They didn't drink what I gave them yes-. . .

## Bon Voyage

Three men arrived at the railway station with the intention of meeting the last train. As they reached the platform, the train began to move The men ran for the train, and the conductor and a porter bundled two of them into a coach

The third man stood disconsolately on the platform watching it dis-Hard luck, sir," said the station agent. "I'm sorry you were unable to get on."

## Made a Difference

A man went into one of the Bellefonte stores the other day and approached a lady clerk.

"I want either a casserole or a camisole, I can't remember which." "Well," said the clerk, "Is your chicken dead or alive."

That's all, folks. Speaking of songs, have you heard the parachute A. G. Luebert, P.D., Coatesville, Pa. song: "It doesn't mean a thing if you don't pull the string?" -"SCAT;"]

# LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

The girl that I have been writing When she came down this summer to visit me, we had a little misunderstanding and for that reason I did not see her the day she went away, so I didn't get the chance to livia explain the reason for such behavior. In my letters I have apologized for my conduct but have received Keep furs away from radiators, do not wear them in the rain very often no answer from her.

Will you advise me what to do? A. L.-Vermont.

Answer: You really were very rude in allowing a quarrel to keep you from seeing your guest off. After all, regardless of how you felt at the time, the courteous thing to do was to be on hand to tell anyone, who had come to visit you goodbye when the The only thing I see for you to do, if you are anxious to see her and apologize to her then. If that is not feasible, you might try calling her over the telephone.

#### Good luck, LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: Widow—"Poor Jack. He contracted the flu, and passed away, after about a year and a half. Mother and Dad do not want me to go with him because his brothers drink. And they say if I date him regularly I may fall in love with him and marry him. They never heard of him getting drunk but they say he may

turn out like his brothers. Mother says that if I marry a drunkard she will not have anything to do with me and Dad says if I marry this boy that I could never

Do you think they will ever change their minds? I think we could be happy together.

ALA. Tennessee.

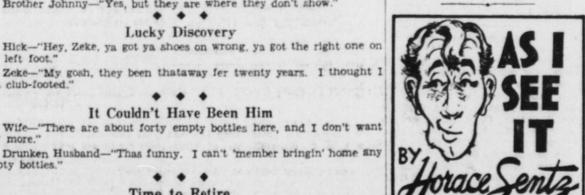
The answer to your problem depends on a good many things. To begin with, if you and the boy are very young, the best thing for you would be not to date regular. Nat-urally your mother and father are concerned about your future happiness. They have seen so much more

of life than you, that they are anxious to keep you from making a bad mistake. On the other hand, if this boy is a nice fellow who behaves himself, it seems a shame to persecute him because his brothers drink. So many times brothers in a family will be entirely different-one a fine person and the other worthless. So it is really unfair to judge him by that

measuring stick. Perhaps your parents know more about him than you do. Are you guite sure he is the fine person you think, or are you blinded by love? We sometimes fail to see things and

people clearly when we fall in love. At any rate I would not rush into stock? anything. Go on seeing the boy oc-casionally until you are absolutely sure of his fineness. And then if you being cut off from your family, in case he should fail and turn out bad, take him.

Sincerely LOUISA



shave he thought would be joy; He usta set n'wish he had, a crop of whiskers like his dad. What fun! he figgered it'd be, when the time arrived that he; no longer was a beardless bug, n'could whack spinach off his mug. If Willie had but knowed the truth, about his blesser beardless youth: He never would have fretted so, a Bullshivicki hedge to grow. But with youth's ignerance sereen, he carved a safety razor keen: with which to hoe his fuzzy pan, n'show the world he was a man, that time when silky down appears, on tender adolescent chaps, n'hearts do puppy love flip-flops. With glee Will hoed the fuzz away, on this day to celebrate, his first real shave was quite impressed, as Willie with ill hidden zest; said "sorry I'm late Adolade, I hadda shave with a dull blade," Now Willie really is a man, Willie lead a canine's life. Each dawn she makes him scrape his jowls, as with disgust n'pain he hows: about this latest ration freak, that gives him but one blade a week

Found Dead In Home Leroy Cupp, 53, a kitchenware vendor, was found dead in his home at Kane by neighbors who missed seeing him around. Coroner T. L. Clark reported he had died of natural causes about five days previous.

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# Query & Answer Column

V. M .- What is the origin of the saying: "One picture tells a thou

sand words? Ans,-It is an ancient Chinese proverb "Hau-I neng ta ch'en yen," to has failed to answer my letters, which literally translated means, "Picture's meaning can express a thou-

sand words. U. N .- Where is the largest tin mine in the world?

Ans.—The largest tin mine in the world is located in Liallagua, Bo-

Ans.-Heat, moisture, friction and moths are the principal enemies.

T. D .- How should fur coats be cared for?

and avoid friction from carrying purse in same position or leaning against automobile parts. Put furs in cold storage for the summer, C. H .- Does the Lord Chancellor of England really sit upon a wool-

Ans.-The Lord Chancellor sits in the House of Lords upon a sack

stuffed with wool and covered with a red cloth. In Elizabeth's reign an Act of Parliament forbade the exportation of wool and that this source of national wealth might be kept constantly in mind, wool-sacks were placed in Parliament. Only one remains. A. P. P .- Is Egypt one of the nations at war?

Ans.-Egypt is not at war. An alliance between Great Britain and time came for them to go and, par- Egypt, however, provides that the Egyptians help in Great Britain's war

E. H. W .- Where is the River of No Return?

Ans.-The Salmon River of central Idaho is so called. T. P .- How many states and provinces does India comprise? Ans.-India comprises eleven major or self-governing bodies, five

minor areas directly administered by the central British Government and between 500 and 600 states under Indian rulers. N. F. T .- How did the custom of eating mince pie originate? Ans.-According to tradition mince pie was brought to England by

by Oriental bakers. M. M. C.-Why is the dahlia so named?

Ans.-It is named for Dahl, a Swedish botanist. M. F.—How far North in the United States are crocodiles found?

the Crusaders though this has never been proved. However, English

mince pie resembles the patties filled with chopped nuts and fruit sold

Ans.—They are found no farther North than Southern Plorida. S. E. G.-Who was the famous musician whose funeral was inter-

rupted by an air raid? Ans.-Claude Debussey, who died in Paris on March 26, 1918.

L. L.-How does the bat carry its young?

Ans.—The young bats cling to the mother as she files. N. A. I.-Where is the Khyber Pass? Ans.—It connects India with Afghanistan and is probably the most

"infans" which means a child?

important strategic pass in the world. The Khyber Pass route, one of the chief trade routes to India, extends from Kabul to Peshawar, a distance of 210 miles. A. B .- Are there any curly-haired horses?

Ans.—The Bashkirs, which come from the plains of Eastern Russia, are a curly-haired breed. C. H .- Has our word "infantry" any connection with the Latin

Ans,-Our word infantry is derived from the Latin "infans, infantis," child. Originally it was apparently applied to the page of a knight. Later it designated the body of foot soldiers.

V. McL.-By whom was the Morris chair invented? Ans.-It was invented by William Morris, English poet and artist. H. K .- Are tires and tubes rationed in Canada?

Ans.-Canada has practically the same regulations about the rationing of tires as are in effect in the United States. D. G. A .- Which city in the world is most frequently visited by pil-

Ans.-Jerusalem has been visited by more pilgrims through the centuries than any other city on earth. H. C .- Do male birds ever help to incubate the eggs?

Ans.—Pairs of birds which are colored alike often share incubation take turns on the nest. But if the male is more brightly colored than the female he rarely helps. Male doves often brood beside their mates and the rose-breasted grosbeak takes the place of the female for two or three hours every morning while she feeds. The males of ostriches and

some other large tropical birds regularly do all the incubating. C. N. F.-Where are the principal oil producing areas in the world? Ans.-There are three main oil producing areas, in America, in the Near East, and in the Dutch East Indies.

V. R.-What percentage of the population of Australia is British Ans .- About 88 per cent of the population is of British stock.

L. A. J.-How many islands are there in the Philippine group? Ans.—There are about 7083 islands and islets of which 462 have areas one square mile or more.

T. W.-How can I preserve eggs in water glass? Ans.—The Department of Agriculture says that a five-gallon earthenware crock holds about fourteen dozen eggs when they are covered with water glass solution. This is made by mixing one quart of sodium silicate or water glass with nine quarts of boiled, cool water. The crock with the solution is set in a cool place where it will not have to be moved. Sound new laid eggs put down carefully, a few at a time, as they are available,

should retain their quality reasonably well for eight to ten months. M. S. O .- How many hours in the air is required in learning to fiv? Ans.—The number of hours required in the air to learn to fly varies with the type of plane used. The minimum number required by the Civil Aeronautics Administration to obtain a private pilot's license for light airplanes is thirty-five hours.

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