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EDITORIAL

Modern warfare demands the "mostest" material as well as men.

The income tax this year may have been high but, brother, wait until 1943.

When the tires of your automobile wear out you can always walk, and it will do you good.

If you want to know how long the war will last, watch what happens in Russia in the next few months.

The United States would be making a better showing in the present war if Congressmen had voted for larger warships ten years ago.

The Navy Department announces that the Pacific fleet, for some time past, has been stronger in ships, planes and men than before December 7th.

When the Congressional elections come around this year the casualty lists will make people at home take some interest in the record of their representatives.

Don't forget that it is necessary to return old collapsible tubes, whether it contained shaving cream or tooth paste, when purchasing a new tube. Your dealer will demand it, so take your old tube along.

It's War Savings Bonds and Stamps now. The Treasury Department changed from the title "Defense" on the 25th anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the World War that started in 1914.

Oil is still being shipped from the west in spite of tanker losses. Using 33,750 tank cars, the railroads are transporting oil to the East at a volume equal to that of 100 tank ships.

Canada has notified the United States that this country must choose between aluminum and newsprint. There is not enough hydro-electric power in Canada to supply the demands for both.

A Japanese naval spokesman, quoted in a broadcast from Tokyo, tells the Japanese "in ten years from today the United States fleet still will not be strong enough to risk a decisive battle with the Japanese Navy."

An old-age pensioner down in Missouri managed to get himself part-time work on a farm and promptly wrote the government asking that his pension be cut in half "because Uncle Sam needs the money."

Nearly fourteen million men, between the ages of 45 and 65, will understand that the nation is at war on April 27th, when they register for selective service. To most of these men, in Centre county and elsewhere, the registration will be in the nature of a routine affair.

At last Robert F. Rich, Lycoming county's Republican Congressman is doing something helpful to his country—he has declined to run for re-election. Rich, a bitter partisan, has always shown himself to be a Roosevelt-hater, which became plainly obvious to many of his own party.

reported that his fellow-Republican members raised a hand to prevent Rich's district from being carved to pieces. And it is not believed that they shed any tears last week when they learned that Rich had decided to retire to baronial Woolrich."

The Vichy Government of France seems to be pleased over the "special permission" from Germany to increase its air force to approximately 1,000 modern warplanes. General Jean Marie Berenger, French Secretary of Aviation, says that "each British attack earned us authorization to put some planes into service."

A WAR OF PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION

Burma, Bataan and Russia were the fighting fronts in the news last week as the United States ended its fourth month as a belligerent in the greatest of all wars.

The present struggle transcends all previous conflicts in the wide range of battle but, more significantly, it embraces activities of production and transportation to a degree never before experienced.

Our war on the Axis can be maintained only if the United Nations win the battle of production and secure control of the high seas. If we fail to manufacture the implements of warfare or allow our enemies to block their delivery to contact areas, we will lose the war without having a chance to fight.

Production is Secret Factor

News about the output of planes, tanks, guns, and ships is not readily available, either in this country, Great Britain and Russia, or in Germany, Italy and Japan. There is no way to estimate the supply of vital raw materials, including food and oil, that is available to the Axis powers.

There are encouraging reports from the United States as to planes, tanks and guns. The shipping bottleneck, which is a serious handicap to our war effort, is aggravated by increased U-boat activities, which are not offset by the 2,300 ships that the Maritime Commission will complete by the end of next year.

Control of Seas Essential

Control of the high seas depends upon adequate bases for warships and aircraft, as well as the ships themselves. Admittedly, the combined navies of Great Britain and the United States are hard-pressed to keep the Atlantic and Pacific supply routes open and to prevent the Axis from seizing control of the Mediterranean.

In the Far East the Japanese have established control of the Sea of Japan, protecting the supply line to China, and the waters between Japan and Australia, with strong evidence that the Bay of Bengal, between Malaya and India, is rapidly coming under enemy control.

7-Ocean War, 1-Ocean Navy

The United States, precipitated into a seven-ocean war in December with a one-ocean Navy, is using its strength to safeguard the most vital sea lanes. Encouraging results have been obtained in the North Atlantic, where the convoy system is repeating its World War success.

Sea warfare along the Atlantic coast has emphasized the crucial shortage of shipping. In less than three months Nazi and Italian submarines sunk as many ships, and more tonnage, than U-boats destroyed off our coast in six months of the first World War.

Bataan Loss Not Unexpected

The loss of Bataan Peninsula should occasion no great surprise. The only uncertainty, when war began, was how long our soldiers could hold out. The epic defense of the battle-scarred area could not overcome odds of ten to one.

Heavy fighting in Russia continued in the week under review. As a whole the front was stable, with Germany continuing to hold strong points for offensive despite determined Russian attacks.

Burmese and Russian Fronts

Japanese successes in Burma are attributed to air superiority, the active support of Burmese and skillful jungle tactics by ground forces, which outnumbered Chinese and British defenders.

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THE OFFICE CAT
"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"
Dennis Jones
(To be sung to the tune of Casey Jones)

Fill up your glasses, folks, and turn off the jazz,
And everybody lend me all the ears he has,
For I'm going to tell you a heroic tale
About an aviator on the Frisco Mail.

Dennis Jones, he was a son of Casey;
Dennis Jones, his father's name he prized;
Dennis Jones he was mighty proud of Casey,
And the story of the night that he was orphanized.

He looked at his altimeter, worry in his gaze;
He tried hard to penetrate the deep, gray haze;
He knew that ahead of him the Rockies loomed,
So he pulled back sharply on the stick and zoomed.

Up Jumped Debbil
"Bredder'n an' sister'n" said Parson Tobiahthas, impressively,
"Ah's bringin' yo' all a message tonight wiat's gwine make yo' all stop and think befo' yo' commits a wrong."

Hi-Nonny-Nonny
(Townley, Ariz., News)
"The Baptist Men's Bible Class enjoyed an oyster supper at the home of Bill Swalls, Wednesday night, following its business meeting."

Honeymoon Hotel
A bellhop in one of our better hotels was detailed by the desk clerk to help a bride and groom select a suite of rooms.

'Twas An Ill Turn
"I never was so upset in all my life," gasped the old maid last Halloween as her men folks turned the smokehouse over on its side to let her out.

What They Found
Bendora Dubble's little boy came home from Sunday school all agog, or thereabouts. Also he was excited.

Here's One With a Point
A colored woman inquired of a sexton of the cemetery where Sam Jones was buried, and upon being shown the spot dropped a tear or two and proceeded to seat herself upon the grave.

It Usually Is
Petting is a good deal like parking space—there's always plenty of it for the fellow who gets there first.

Mere Coincidence
Judge (to couple)—"Caught in a parked car, eh? What are your names?"
He—"Ben Petten."
She—"Anne Howe."

Still Doing Business
Mrs. Trotter—"Yes, we're just back from Colorado. We've been up to the top of Pike's Peak."
Mrs. Homebody—"Dear me. I've heard my father speak of going up Pike's Peak when he was a boy. I had no idea they still had it out there."

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:
I am a young man, 27 years old, and live with my folks out in the country. I am troubled with a terrible inferiority complex.

What would you advise?
"BLUE."
Mo.

Answer:
It may do you worlds of good to get away from your people and familiar surroundings. If you should go to a place where you have to depend on yourself and make your own decisions, it is possible that you will be so busy and so interested in what you are doing that you will forget about yourself to some extent.

There is such a grand opportunity now in all of this war and defense work to meet people and keep busy. So get to work and forget yourself.

To Lonesome Lover:
I do not think your parents should insist on your going with any certain boy. They might require you to be polite to someone because he or his family are their friends, but you should be allowed to choose the friends you like best.

I think your main trouble is self-consciousness. You think about yourself too much. The most attractive people in the world are those who are interested in other things and other people and who are not concerned about the impression they are making.

To H. P.—Virginia.
I will answer your personal questions if you write in and send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

AS I SEE IT
BY Horace Sentsz
The tooth paste tube on the bathroom shelf, was feeling sorry for itself; as all squeeze out shape it lay, awaiting that fateful day, when it got tossed into the can, nudged off by the garbage man.

LOOK OF THE MONTH LEAGUE
Fast acting members. They have the Chichesters Pills for relief from functional indigestion. They are 50¢ a bottle. They are 50¢ a bottle. They are 50¢ a bottle.

Query & Answer Column

M. T. R.—What causes the yellow color that gives Yellowstone Park its name?
Ans.—The colors come largely from oxides of iron in the rhyolite, a lava rock.

R. F.—Has Doctor Goebels, the German propaganda minister, a physical deformity?
Ans.—Dr. Joseph Paul Goebels was born with a clubfoot.

C. T. D.—Where does elder down come from?
Ans.—Elder down is obtained from the elder duck. It is exquisitely soft and collectors pack it into three-pound balls about as large as a man's hand.

E. N.—Which is correct, to discuss the subject further or farther?
Ans.—Farther is used when reference is made to actual distance or extent. Further denotes the idea of continuance.

W. M. R.—Who said that the most certain way to prevent war is not to fear it?
Ans.—John Randolph in a speech made on March 5, 1806, said, "The surest way to prevent war is not to fear it."

Y. P.—Has the war seriously affected the attendance at movies in England?
Ans.—The average weekly attendance last year was 23,000,000 persons, exceeding all previous peacetime records.

L. M.—How is the "fire" of a diamond produced?
Ans.—The fire of the diamond is produced by the breaking up of light rays within the stone into the colors of the spectrum, much in the same way that raindrops break up the rays of the sun to form a rainbow.

R. C.—How often should a dog shed his hair?
Ans.—It is natural for dogs to shed their hair twice a year. They should be groomed every day with a brush, stroking the hair in the direction in which it lies.

N. S. W.—Where in the Bible is the end of wars prophesied?
Ans.—The end of wars is prophesied in Isaiah 2:4 and Micah 4:3.

F. I. R.—How many battles were won by Napoleon?
Ans.—Napoleon is reputed to have said after his downfall, "My true glory is not that I have gained forty battles. Waterloo will efface the memory of these victories. But that which nothing can efface, which will live forever, is my civil code."

R. W.—Is Brazil larger in area than continental United States?
Ans.—It is the largest state in South America and is larger than continental United States excluding Alaska, by about 250,000 square miles.

C. B. M.—How many men of military age has the United States and Japan?
Ans.—Estimates indicate that the United States has about 25 million and Japan has 11 million.

C. M. L.—Is there any difference of quality between brown and white eggs?
Ans.—There is no difference in the quality of brown and white eggs, the number in New York City?

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