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EDITORIAL

The more brains in the driver's seat, the less noise from the automobile.

War is never cheap—but it is a million times cheaper to win than to lose.

This is a good time of the year to observe the Sabbath day by going to church.

American industry and labor are beginning to produce war material at an amazing rate, as Herr Hitler will soon discover.

We regret to see people murdered by bombs from the sky but the Germans and the Japs started the business and have no cause to complain.

A lot of loud-mouthed Americans would like to be the dictator of this country. It might be a good idea to put them on a reservation and let them settle their differences.

No one can tell how long the war will last. Even experts are at wide variance in their opinions. Eddie Rickenbacker, World War ace, says: "This war will last a minimum of five years, barring miracles, with a possibility of it lasting ten years."

Every American is expected to support the nation's war effort by buying War Bonds and Stamps, in accordance with financial ability. The best way to preserve our institutions, including private property, the American business way and individual initiative, is to make it unnecessary for our government to resort to drastic measures in order to wage successful war.

Altogether, the people of the United States should be greatly encouraged by the rapid production of war material. We should not be misled by the publicity given to occasional labor disputes or the slowness of conversion of some industrial plants to war production.

THE NATION'S TERMITES

Every national crisis, such as war, is accompanied by the upshooting of a growth of noxious weeds—petty papers and organizations devoted to crackpot schemes, to promotion of intolerance and even to more directly seditious principles.

Some of these are mere cheap grafting enterprises bent on collecting whatever they can get under the guise of protecting the nation from phantom perils. Some are evidently just under-cover fifth columnists, such as are now being investigated by the Department of Justice.

There is, for example, the "Social Republic Society of America," now under scrutiny by a Grand Jury. That outfit solicited contributions on the ground that "we need a reserve fund against the day when the Second American revolution comes."

Inclosed in the same envelope was a copy of Congressman Hoffman's "Judges" speech. Despite the juxtaposition of the President's name and the suggestion that Franklin Roosevelt was seeking to become President of the United States of the World, Representative Hoffman insists that he did not mean Roosevelt as the "Judges," but Clarence Streit, president of the organization which is urging actual union with the anti-Axis nations.

The theory of Streit and his associates is that such a nation is requisite to prevent another Hitler arising to shake the peace of the world, twenty years after Germany, Italy and Japan have been humbled—an extension of the old League of Nations ideal. The practicality of the idea may be questioned, but that group has the same right to petition Congress to inaugurate a constitutional amendment as any

other group of citizens. It is, of course, in an entirely different category from the wild-cat efforts of those that have incurred the attention of our authorities and is only mentioned here to clarify Rep. Hoffman's comment.

In peace times newspapers generally have been jealous of anything approaching censorship, even of agencies for subversive policies, on the general principle that there should be no encroachment on the constitutional immunities. However, it is very unlikely that even those journals most bitterly opposed to the administration, and most violent in their strictures and criticisms, would at this time accept the theory that those constitutional immunities apply to the hole-in-corner outfits that invoke these clauses to defend their privilege to campaign for racial, religious proscription; to advocate a peace satisfactory to the totalitarian powers, to discourage patriotism and hamper the war work.

Every War President has had to meet the question of what constitutes freedom of expression. Abraham Lincoln faced it and gave this verdict 80 years ago:

"Under cover of 'liberty of speech,' 'liberty of the press' and 'habeas corpus' they hoped to keep on foot among us a most efficient corps of spies, informers, suppliers and abettors of their cause in a thousand ways."

He who dissuades one man from volunteering, or induces one soldier to desert, weakens the Union cause as much as he who kills a Union soldier in battle."

1942 CAMPAIGN IS LAST AXIS CHANCE TO WIN

Until Hitler discloses the German campaign for 1942 the United Nations can only prepare to meet the mighty offensive that will undoubtedly include every ounce of strength that the Axis powers can assemble for their supreme effort to achieve a decisive victory.

Until the Nazis commit themselves, either to an all-out attack upon the Red Army, or some of the other alternative objectives frequently discussed, it is almost useless to speculate upon what will happen in an unpredictable war.

Recent speculation about the serious shortage of man-power in Germany, the lack of oil and other materials and the unrest in occupied areas might as well be forgotten. For good measure, we might also forget the story about German generals advising Der Fuehrer that Germany cannot hope to win.

Hitler to Hit Hard and Soon
There is no basis for any assumption that ignores Axis striking power, which will surprise and alarm us when it reveals itself in the operations of 1942. The next half-year will measure the scope and indicate the length of our own war effort.

While we should not be misled as to Axis weakness, especially on the basis of reports from enemy sources, we should not overlook the great deterioration of Germany's position that has occurred since the fall of France. In June, 1940, Hitler danced a jig in joy over his prospective triumph. Today, he is actually farther from victory.

When France collapsed, only Great Britain alone and relatively unarmed, barred the way to a Nazi victory. Much has occurred since Hitler failed to follow up his French success by a rapid invasion of the British Isles. The conduct of Britain might have established Hitler's Europe but, for some reason, the Nazi leader postponed the only offensive that would win and turned his problem over to the Luftwaffe which failed to successfully strafe the British.

Axis Losing Early Advantages
Since the summer of 1940, Japan has added its forces to those of Germany and Italy but to the British have come greater forces as Hitler attacked Russia and Japan attacked the United States. Along with these powers must be ranged the scarcely-appreciated Chinese army.

Germany entered the war at the peak of preparation. So did Italy and, more recently, Japan. Each nation carefully collected vital supplies for emergency use and made careful dispositions to take advantage of strategic situations. Already the toll of war affects German and Italian military strength and, before many months, the Japanese will know the difference between a long war and a short war.

With the possible exception of Russia, none of the United Nations was prepared for modern war when the blitz occurred. Even Great Britain is only approaching her peak effort and the U. S. has just started to shape economic resources to war demands. Back of the four fighting enemies of the Axis group are the resources of most of the world as long as they retain control of the high seas.

Japan's Initial Surge Slows Down
Japan, after nearly five months of war, pauses to regroup her forces for the year's great undertaking. Losses to the Japanese need not be emphasized although, in proportion to resources, they are serious. The extension of Japanese battlefronts, from Tokyo to India, cover a vast Pacific area which taxes the preparations made for the conflict and renders more difficult the Japanese military situation.

In one respect Japan seems to have outguessed her opponents. The Jap Navy is supposed to have more aircraft carriers than both Great Britain and the United States. The concept of warship, which may become a capital ship on equal terms with battleships, explains practically every Japanese success. It not only makes possible damaging air raids upon enemy territory but gives adequate fighter protection to necessary surface warships.

It is hard to judge the war at sea but ship losses continue to hamper transportation of supplies, thus impeding the United Nations' offensive plans. The building of new ships is a time-consuming enterprise that delays utilization of the vast resources mobilized against the Axis.

The sea situation is clouded by the uncertainty that surrounds the five battleships, twelve cruisers, fifty destroyers and fifty submarines that belong to Vichy France. If this fleet is delivered to Hitler, this blow will be serious but not fatal.

FRENCHMEN DEGRADE FRANCE

Swarthy Pierre Laval, ardent advocate of collaboration with Germany, has gained considerable power in France and, given time, may render tremendous service to Adolf Hitler.

It is not probable that the German stooge will immediately attempt to deliver the French fleet en masse to the Nazis. His work will be done with a finer hand than this. Collaboration will proceed slowly and cautiously. It may include an attempt to reconquer colonies under the rule of the Free French and the regimentation of French mechanics for service in German war industries. Gradually, fleet units will pass into German hands.

Laval, it should be remembered, became Vice-President and "her apparent" Marshal Pétain after the armistice at Compiègne. He was anti-British, anti-Semitic and anti-Republican. In less than six months he clashed with the hero of Verdun and was ousted from office. Subsequently, Admiral Darlan, anti-British seaman, became the "her apparent" and some progress was made in economic collaboration. This culminated, apparently, in the retirement of General Weyand as pro-consul of North Africa in the fall of 1941 and the subsequent shipment of supplies through French Tunisia to help General Rommel in Libya.

Every American should realize that the position of France is desperate, split apart by the conquerors, the nation has been drained of resources by the 400,000,000-franc-a-day indemnity and appalled by nearly 2,000,000 Frenchmen held as prisoners of war in the Reich. Recognizing the dilemma and degradation of France, one finds it difficult to understand the process of reasoning that leads any loyal Frenchman to expect to restore French honor and prestige through an alliance with Hitler.

If the war lasts long enough some of the residents of Centre county will begin to suspect that culture can be acquired without parties, bridge games, dances and cocktails.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

Woodman, Spare That Tree

There was a young lady named Ginter, Who married a man in the winter; The man's name was Wood, And now—as they should, The Woods have a cute little splinter.

What! No Bananas?

Vegetable Peddler—"Any horse-dish, madam?" Young Bride—"No, thank you. We have a car."

Everybody Happy

Mistress—"Clara, give the goldfish a few more ants' eggs—it is my birthday and I want to see happy faces around me."

Spare Those Blushes

Old Maid—"Has the canary had its bath yet?" Servant—"Yes, ma'am. You can come in now."

Right the First Time

The head of the firm was frowning over a letter. Calling his chief clerk, he said: "That new stenographer—you surely did not hire her on account of her grammar." "Grammar," echoed the clerk. "Gosh, boss, I thought you told me to pick one out for glamour."

Pulling a Fast One

A reluctant conscript faced the army oculist who asked him to read a chart. "What chart?" asked the draftee. The doctor persevered: "Just sit down in that chair and I'll show you." "What chair?" asked the man.

Deferred because of bad eyesight, the draftee went to a nearby movie. When the lights came on, he was horrified to discover the oculist in the next seat. "Excuse me," said the conscript as calmly as he could, "does this bus go to Toronto?"

Ain't It the Truth

Mrs. Brown—"How children's tastes do change." Mrs. White—"Yes, when my two were small, Johnny just loved soldiers and Mary was crazy for brightly painted dolls. Now Mary is crazy about soldiers and John runs after every painted doll he sees."

A Wailing Voice

A New York judge says that men shouldn't be allowed to pin diapers on babies. "That's what the babies think, too."

Say When

Temperance Orator—"Some advocate moderation—others demand prohibition. What I ask you now, what really is the great drink question?" Voice from the rear of the hall—"What'll you have?"

Tricky Insurance

His car had taken fire and was destroyed. It being insured, he went at once to the insurance office and demanded money. He was given a form to fill out, and was told he could not get the money, but that the car would be replaced. "Oh," said he, "if that's the way you do business, give me back the premium I paid the other day on my wife's policy."

CRAZY QUIZ CONTEST

- (Continued from last week. Grand prize, \$1,000,000—try and get it.)
1. Are there more cows than people in the world and if there are, why aren't they running the government?
2. What's the difference between a duck?
3. Whatever became of the NRA? Whatever became of Baby Rose Marie?
4. Mary is twenty-four. She was twice as old as Anne is when she was as old as Anne is now. How old is Anne?
5. If someone asked you "How far is up?" would you have a snappy answer ready?
6. Would you like the cops if you heard a voice behind a locked door yelling: "Hit the rifle, kill the brood, can the baby?"
7. Does "In the groove" mean: You're really in a groove, or your Aunt Frump has come to town?
8. Who are: Herman Brassnose, Jules Scram and Shamus Fruitcake?
9. What were the last words of Confucius as he lay dying?
10. How many times a day should a man shave?
11. If you have two wives you are a bigamist. What are you if you have three wives?
12. You don't like corn on the cob. What should you do when it is served you?
13. Aren't you tired of this quiz?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ QUESTIONS

- 1. There are approximately 669,800,000 cows of all kinds in the world and over two billion people, of all kinds, in the same world. The cows don't want to run the government because everybody would want to milk them.
2. One of its legs are both alike.
3. The answer to both of these questions is GWTW, or we dunno.
4. Anne is only half as old as you think she is as old as Mabel was at that time when Mary was five years younger than Susie. But none of them could vote. They forgot to register.
5. We wouldn't either.
6. Well, you could, but you'd just be jailing a movie studio electrician for telling his assistant to turn off the floodlights.
7. It don't mean nawthin'. Or it means whatever you want it to mean.
8. Huh!
9. 'Tis better to have halitosis than no breath at all.
10. We know a man who shaves fifty times a day. He's a barber.
11. Some man.
12. Bite it off.
13. You might be, but we're not. We wrote it, but we're not taking anything back.

Either This or That

Old Lady—"Are you a little boy or a little girl?" Child—"What the heck else would I be?" That's all folks. Many girls have been taken in when they thought they were just being taken out. —SCAT—

Health Letter

Child Health Day. What is the status of the health of our children? There has been a vast reduction in deaths among the very young during recent years. Due to this fact, largely, the average age of the entire population has increased several years. Vaccination against smallpox and immunization against diphtheria have reduced the death rate from these diseases almost to the vanishing point. Yet more than one-third of the children in the United States have been immunized against diphtheria. Medicine now has immunization benefits against whooping cough, typhoid fever and scarlet fever. Every child has the inalienable right to all preventive measures. Parents can do much to assist the family doctor in keeping the child in physical well being. Habits of health can be instilled in the child by parents. Sufficient sleep, proper exercise, well-balanced diet, personal cleanliness and a healthy, wholesome mental attitude can be influenced by the parents. A child's physical health depends on early diagnosis and prompt correction of physical defects. Diseased tonsils and teeth should be treated. Poor vision, impaired hearing should be corrected. Every day should be Child Health Day. DO YOU KNOW More than one-third of the seven billion pound loaves of the desirable white bread consumed per year in the United States is now "enriched" while bread which contains vitamin B-1, niacin, and iron but which does not cost the consumer more than ordinary white bread. Recovery from one attack of infantile paralysis does not insure immunity from subsequent attacks.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I am a widow. My husband died when my daughters were small and I worked very hard caring for them. I gave them a high school education and one year in college. They are both married. I realize I made many mistakes but it is hard to bring up children alone. Now one of them has three bright children and a good husband who provides well for them and does not run around. But my daughter has taken up with a former friend who comes to see her and writes her letters and tells her she is the only one he has ever loved. He is married, treats his wife badly and had a bad reputation when he formerly went with my daughter. I am worried sick. My daughter is very much to blame for letting him come here but I can't seem to reason with her at all. Should I tell her husband? B. O.—Maryland.

Answer: No, do not tell her husband. Your daughter is probably flattered, after all these years, to feel that she is still very attractive to other men besides her husband. She doesn't realize that she is playing with fire and is liable to burn up her own happiness, as well as that of her own family, with this idle flirtation. She may even imagine that she is desperately in love with this former sweetheart. It is a pity that she couldn't exchange places with his wife for a while and see what kind of a man he really is. Why will such women be so foolish? If she only knew how many women are unhappy and abused by such husbands, as her friend, she would thank God for the husband she has, who is trustworthy and kind, and stop risking so much for so little. I hope for your sake and her family's sake, that she will come to her senses before it is too late. As far as she herself is personally concerned, she deserves what she is heading for if she doesn't stop her foolishness. But you can do no good by telling her husband. As I say, she may come to her senses before it is too late, in which case, what her husband doesn't know, will not hurt him. LOUISA.

To Young Wife: If you value your reputation and want to keep your self respect, you must stop seeing this man. You have no right to accept the attentions or go out with other men when you are married. You are not treating your husband fairly nor the wife of the other man. LOUISA.

To Worried Boy—Alabama: If you are still crazy about the girl and she still loves you, in spite of the way you have acted, I see no reason why you should not go back to her now, particularly so, since you are thinking of going away soon to the Navy. LOUISA

To a Friend—Virginia: I imagine that you get your marriage license from the Judge of the Probate at your county seat. The Judge can marry you using your own decision. I can't imagine parents saying ugly things about their own daughters and perhaps they did not say those things that have been repeated to you. However, you seem to have a nice husband and are happy, so I would not go back unless they write your husband to come, too. When they are ready to accept him, too, you might go to pay them a visit. Some parents unfortunately seem to think that their children are brought into the world to support them, but this is a very unfair attitude for them to take. If you father, instead of drinking up his salary, had used that money to keep you in school and prepare you for a profession, you would no doubt have felt that you should accept his advice, but when he acted so selfishly, I think you were probably wise in getting married. But just because you are married is no reason for you to stop studying. There are so many things to learn and keeping up with things will help you and your husband. You are both young and have a long life before you. Forget your unhappy youth and make as fine a person of yourself as you can. LOUISA.

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Query & Answer Column

W. W.—What great storm is believed to have prevented war? Ans.—The Samoa hurricane of March 16, 1889 occurred at a time of strained relations between the United States and Germany and is credited with having prevented war. This storm caused the loss of the American naval vessels Trenton and Vandallia with fifty-two lives and the German vessels Adler and Eber with 134 lives.

L. F. D.—What part of a church is the galilee porch? Ans.—The galilee porch is a porch or chapel found in some English churches and used as an accessory. It is sometimes lower than the rest of the church and considered less sacred. The allusion is, perhaps, to Galilee as an outlying portion of the Holy Land as in Matt. 4:15.

D. P.—Who was it who said that Italy was only a "geographic expression"? Ans.—It was Count Metternich who in 1814 said, "Italy is only a geographic expression."

F. E. C.—When was the capital of India moved from Calcutta to Delhi? Ans.—The Viceroy took formal possession of the new headquarters at Delhi in December 1912.

S. T.—How long has No. 10 Downing Street been the residence of the British Prime Minister? Ans.—The house was formerly the residence of Sir Robert Walpole, Prime Minister from 1721 to 1742. He bequeathed it to the nation and ever since it has been the official town residence of the Prime Minister.

T. M.—What are the weapons that are used so effectively by the natives of the Philippines? Ans.—Various primitive weapons are used including the bow, war club, spear, blowgun, kris and bolo. Most effective of the native weapons are the parang or "kris" of the Moro—essentially a fine, two-edged sword which can be terribly effective in action—and the bolo, a combination implement and weapon with one cutting edge which is in general use among the Luzon tribes. The kris also is found in the form of a dagger. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington has, probably, the finest collection of Philippine weapons in the world.

D. R.—What prayer did Lord Nelson write before the battle of Trafalgar? Ans.—"May the great God whom I worship grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory, and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it, and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet. For myself individually, I commit my life to Him that made me; and may His blessing alight on my endeavors for serving my country faithfully! To Him I resign myself, and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. Amen! Amen! Amen!"

A. J.—Is the vanilla plant native to the United States? Ans.—The tropical vanilla plant does not grow in this country, hence we are entirely dependent on imports for true vanilla extract.

F. B.—Where is the "West Point of the Air"? Ans.—Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, is called the "West Point of the Air."

C. H.—How long has infantile paralysis been recognized as a disease? Ans.—It is not definitely known whether infantile paralysis is an ancient or comparatively new disease, but Egyptian engraving reveals deformities which are cited as indications that this disease was in existence two to three thousand years before Christ. The first unquestioned description of infantile paralysis was written by Michael Underwood in 1784.

M. O.—How long has the island of Madagascar belonged to France? Ans.—Madagascar has been a French Protectorate since 1890. In 1896 the Hova dynasty was suppressed and Queen Ranavalona III, who had reigned since 1862, was exiled to Algeria, the administration being turned over to a governor-general.

V. W.—Which state has the largest legislature? Ans.—New Hampshire has the largest legislative body. The Senate consists of twenty-four members, and the membership of the House of Representatives has fluctuated between 418 and 427 during the last decade.

D. M. W.—Which is the oldest city in Europe? Ans.—Toledo, Spain, claims to be Europe's oldest city. There is a Spanish legend that Adam was the first emperor of the Spanish peninsula, and that he chose Toledo for his capital.

M. Me.—How long does it take to go through the Suez Canal? Who manages it? Ans.—The average time of transit through the Suez Canal is eleven hours, thirty-one minutes. The management is entrusted to a council of thirty-two administrators of whom ten are British.

T. R. L.—Which birds are most expensive to maintain in a zoo? Ans.—From the standpoint of food, the pelican costs the most. It consumes two pounds of fish a day.

E. R.—How did the expression "When Greek meets Greek" originate? Ans.—The saying "When Greek Meets Greek" implies that when men or armies of unquestioned courage fight, the contest will be very severe. The phrase is derived from a seventeenth century play "The Rival Queens," by Nathaniel Lee. "When Greek joined Greek then was the tug of war." The reference is to the obstinate resistance of the Greek cities to Philip and Alexander, Macedonian Kings.

C. W.—Are there any plants that catch fish? Ans.—The bladderwort is the only plant in the world that catches fish. Tiny crab worms and other small creatures are caught in traps which look like little green bladders. The animals starve to death and after decomposition, the plant absorbs the soluble remains.

M. L.—Please tell me what "night glasses" are. Ans.—Night glasses are high-powered, expensive marine glasses similar to binoculars. They are used on ships at night.

I. O'B.—What religion predominates in Italy? Ans.—The predominant religion of Italy is Roman Catholic (99.6 per cent.)

C. D.—How many people are there to the square mile in China? Ans.—In China Proper the density of population is estimated to be 174 to the square mile.

P. P.—What causes some silk dresses or slips to be full of electricity? Ans.—Silk, when dry, is an excellent insulator of electricity. The rubbing of the dress against other garments produces electric charges by friction which cannot leak off, and produces the effects noted. Silk is much more likely to show these effects than rayon, linen or cotton. Such effects are not noted in summer because the normal humid air makes even silk a partial conductor of electricity. The air of a heated house is very dry in winter.

N. R.—Of what is the catgut used in musical strings made? Ans.—Catgut is made from the muscular coat of the intestines of a sheep. These are steamed, scoured, fermented, and inflated, then cut into strings, if large, and twisted. The finest quality of strings is made in Rome and Naples.

A bit, in fact they'll be right glad to it. Fer most of them are quick to say, that sody fountains never pay. Now that the nation's fizzy thirst, is just about to face the worst; when there'll be no more cokes to buy, there's no excuse fer being dry; 'Cause water's really good to drink, n'all them nickies that folks sink, in cokes; would help to build war ramps, if they was spent fer bonds n' stamps.