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# EDITORIAL

Let's see. How many times has Hitler annihilated the Red Army?

The U-boats have convinced many Americans that war can affect us and our standard of living.

The launching of twenty-seven ships on National Martitime Day brought the country's industry to the present production rate of two ships a day and assured a rate of three ships a day by fall.

Lots of highbrows and news writers are stewing around about what we shall do for the world after we gain the victory. The old English recipe for cooking a hare starts out: "First, catch your hare." We haven't won the war yet and we must come near the end of the conflict before we can intelligently discuss any peace plans.

Under convoy of warships, ninety-nine per cent of the ships leaving the North American shores for Great Britain get there safely, according to naval authorities. The favorite defense against submarine warfare is the naval convoy. This system beat the U-boat threat in the first World War and is operating successfully in the present struggle.

The loss of merchant shipping along our coasts is a serious matter but it will not be ended until the United States has enough destroyers and patrol boats to keep the subs under water. The necessity of guarding convoys and transports across thousands of miles of ocean requires the services of most of our fleet units. There is no use to bame the admirals, if you must put the blame on somebody, how about the Congress that continually whittled down appropriations for defense. The process started under President Harding, continued under Coolidge and Hoover, It was not until President Roosevelt took office that we seriously attempted to construct a treaty navy. What was his reward? He was denounced as a war-monger by Congressmen who were supposed to have sense enough to govern the nation and protect its interests.

# WINNING THE WAR COMES FIRST

Elmer Davis, popular CBS news commentator, let fall the following pertinent remarks recently:

"Whatever conflicts there have been in American politics in recent years between radicals and conservatives have become irrevalent now because we have got to win the war. If we lose it, neither radicals nor conservatives will have anything left to argue about.

"Accordingly, it is widely felt that in this fall's congressional election the only issue ought to be which man, in each given district, is most likely to contribute to the winning of the war. The President has already indicated that he is in favor of the election of men, without regard to party, who will concentrate on beating Hitler, and it seems probable that Mr. Roosevelt, the liberal Democrat, would regard Mr. Wadsworth, the conservative Republican, as one of the most useful and valuable men in Congress. A good many other people feel that way about all the candidates that may come up this fall, but there are people in the country who act as if what they will want is the election of men without regard to party who will concentrate on beating Roosevelt. Well, you may not like Mr. Roosevelt, but, if he loses the war, we all lose it with him.

"Hitler has had a lot of help in all countries from people who thought they could concentrate on beating their domestic, political enemies, and then get rid of Hitler when they got around to it, but he has proved to be pretty hard to get rid of. It might be a little safer if we all got together to get rid of Hitler first.'

# GOD IN NO DANGER

"God Seen in Danger in Our Hectic Days" reads a headline in The New York Times, which recently attracted our attention.

We are conscious of the difficulties and dangers which beset the modern world. We likewise understand the perilous problems which confront the members of the so-called human race. This headline, however, was the first intimation

that we have had that "God is in great danger of annihilation in America today." The preacher said, according to reported ex-

tracts from his sermon, "We may annihilate God by spiritual indifference in our hectic days." He added, "The crass materialism of our warring world is another way of annihilating God and so is the moral degeneracy." After these scary sentences, the Reverend bro-

ther declared that while we cannot actually destroy God, who is an eternal personality, "we may annihilate ourselves morally and spiritually, and for such a people God no longer exists."

The article seems to illustrate the worst evils of sensationalism, as evidenced repeatedly in the writings of newspaper men and the utterances of preach-

### DECISIVE BATTLES OF 1942 LOOM AHEAD

The Red Army, so often "annihilated" in German communiques, will end its first year of war in the latter part of June, on the 22nd, the anniversary of Hitler's surprise invasion of Russia.

Despite great territorial gains, the Nazi armies were utterly unable to accomplish the purpose of their campaign, the destruction of Slavic military power. Today, the Russians are better prepared for a Summer of war than in 1941.

Even Hitler, in January, spoke of the army's "four months" of horrible Winter in Russia. He then predicted, however, that when the ground became firm, the Nazis would "move onward." Four months have elapsed but, except for a victory in the Kerch Peninsula, Der Fuehrer has found little comfort on the Eastern battlefront.

#### "Time Is Passing," Churchill Taunts

Last year's drive against Russia was delayed in order to complete the conquest of Yugoslavia and Greece. This year, time is passing, as Churchill taunts, but the Nazi offensive has been slow to get underway. It is barely possible that heavy German losses in the Russian campaign weakened the Nazi military machine c ompelling considerable repairs, taking much time.

The situation in Russia is encouraging because, for the first time, a single nation took the worst that the Nazis could give and then asked for more. Timoshenko's attack on Kharkov, even if designed only to anticipate the Nazi offensive, does not proclaim weakness, either in military power or in morale,

## Our Morale Takes "Bad News"

From week to week, during the past months, there has been little pronounced change in the war's outlook. The Japanese sweeps in the Far East, revealing amazing preparation and power, were discounted in advance. The U-boat campaign in the Atlantic has been accepted, almost complacently, as an unavoidable nuisance, certain to be abated as soon as U. S. production of destroyers and patrol boats implement the "convoy" system.

Morale in the United States has taken "bad news" in stride, reacting excessively, perhaps, to occasional triumphant, but relatively unimportant successes. In England and the United States there is a growing public impatience, a rising insistence that immediate offensives replace the unsatisfactor, waiting to see where the enemy will strike and hoping to avoid disaster

#### Cargo Ships Must Precede Attack

The use of our military forces and the transportation of supplies is definitely limited by the shipping bottleneck. Production of tanks, planes and guns will not defeat the Axis nations unless they are put on the firing line. This depends upon the cargo ships available which means, very probably, that we will express ourselves offensively in Europe, for a while, through increasing participation in bombing raids, directed against German held objectives,

This does not mean that surface vessels are unimportant. It is the lack of cargo ships and protecting warships alone that prevent us from immediately throwing the weight of our rapid production and growing Army against Germany, Italy and Japan. When adequate transportation is available, there will be no doubt about our offensive spirit

## Naval Operations Also Restricted

Much the same reasoning applies to naval operations. Until more warships are commissioned our Navy has a tremendous job in protecting the main sea routes. Certainly it would be absurd to leave transports and supporting supply ships to the mercy of enemy attack. Until the fleet is larger we are restricted to minor attacks.

The influence of the airplane is already apparent in the emphasis being placed upon the rapid con-struction of carriers. With battleships, they will undoubtedly form the backbone of future fleets, with carrier-based airplanes. New tactics are being developed and naval strategy will conform to the les-

sons learned. Japanese sea and air power controls the vital waterways of the Far Eastern theatre of war. British and air power, thus far, have prevented Germany from attempting an invasion. Only in Russia and China have main forces engaged in combat. Fighting in Russia has been encouraging and the struggle in China, considering the situation, about as favorable as could be expected.

# "FOR A BETTER WORLD"

An audience of bankers was recently warned by Walter D. Fuller, president of the Curtiss Publishing Company and chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, that "the people of this country are fighting this war for a better world in which to live."

Mr. Fuller says that "they would like it through democracy, liberty and free enterprise," and he adds that "they are determined to have this better world of greater security one way or another, and if they don't get it through present principles, they will look

This is what we call a realistic appraisal of the present situation. The people of the United States are interested in a "better world" and not in worn out phrases about principles which do not bring them the liberty, security and opportunities they are entitled to.

Mr. Fuller's conclusions approximate a considerable advance over the ideas of many big business men at the time of the great depression. When millions of people of the United States were willing to work and unable to find employment, it was utterly foolish to remind them of the virtues of individual initiative and private enterprise. Nevertheless, the principles were thoroughly exhibited for years, with the result that the nation experienced one of its greatest political and social upheavals.

Mr. Fuller says that this country cannot return to "the good old days" after the war, because those days "just weren't good enough." They were the days," he adds, "of idle money, idle men and idle plants, when 28,000,000 people were receiving some form of public assistance, when there were 10,000,-000 unemployed and when there was want amidst

Mr. Fuller continued by pointing out that even in 1929 there were more than 6,000,000 familiestwenty-one per cent of the population-with incomes of less than \$20 a week, and more than forty-two per cent with incomes of less than \$25.00 a week. He warned the bankers that "the handwriting is on the wall" and said, "We either must cut the cloth to that pattern or the reformers and demagogues will."

# OUR NAVAL STRENGTH GROWING

Americans should be encouraged by evidence of increasing naval strength. Our new warships are gradually beginning to affect the strategy of the Japanese war and this is important. As Raymond Clapper says, before we can hope to wage effective land campaigns we must regain superiority on the seas and possess bases vital to our supply routes.

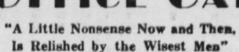
When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor the United States was "building a fleet much larger than its existing units. This explains why Japan could not

As of Pearl Harbor the United States had 17 battleships, 7 carriers, 37 cruisers, 178 destroyers and 117 submarines. We were "building 15 battleships, 11 carriers, 54 cruisers, 192 destroyers and 71 submarines. Other warships have been added to this program. Losses admitted, up to May 7, included only 2 battleships, 1 cruiser, 8 destroyers and 3 subma-

The naval strength of Japan was a mystery, The nine battleships of the disarmament treaty were augmented, it is believed, by five others. In cruisers the Japs were ahead of us but we had more destroyers and possibly, submarines. In carriers the Japanese stole a march on the world and surprising strength in this category has been a major fac-

tory in Japanese successes. The steady expansion of Japanese offensives present heavier responsibilities. The Jap fleet must guard Japan and safeguard the sea routes to Australia and India, as well as protect island bases that stand as sentinels in the Pacific.

# OFFICE CAT



Modest Adam Now Adam was the first man

I really do believe; He lived in the Garden of Eden With a wife by the name of Eve.

Now Eve was fair to look upon, All day she sang and danced, Her skirt was made of fig leaves And so were Adam's pants,

Now Adam was so bashful, He turned his face to the wall For he knew that in the autumn The leaves were sure to fall.

#### . . . Reverie

A hair buyer for a mattress factory was combining his honeymoon wife to take insults from a sister Theodore Roosevelt (Edith Carow Roosevelt); Mrs. Woodrow Wilson with a bit of a business trip. His bride was doing the driving while he when she has done everything in (Edith Bolling Wilson). sat beside her and kept an eye out for likely farms along the way.

After awhile he fell asleep, with his head on her shoulder, Her hair tickled his nose, and his slumber was troubled. When he awoke his bride so. Try and think about it as little was still driving grimly along, her eyes filled with tears.

"Whatever is the matter, dear?" he asked. would break-"and then you said, 'comb the sticks and burrs out of it she will change when she thinks and I'll give you thirty cents a pound'.'

#### . . . Considerate

First Stork-"Say, why are you flying so slow?" Second Stork-"I'm letting the doctor get there first."

#### . . . A New One

Angry Farmer-"See here, that horse you sold me dropped dead." Dealer-"Can't help that, sir. He never did that while I had "im."

#### . . . Should Have Considered

Neighbor-"Well, Julia, how do you like your new sister?" Julie-"Oh. she's all right, only there's lots more things we needed

We'd Rather Be III The best way to enjoy perfect health is to rise at 5 every morning young to date a boy of twenty-three and take a cold bath, says a doctor.

#### Hey, doc, what's the next best way? . . .

He'd Demonstrate She-"My husband is always away on business trips. What would you do in my place?"

#### He-"Well, take me over to your place and I'll show you." . . .

Safe For Awhile "Slape on, ye lazy scalpeen," he said, "slape on. So long as ye slape ye've the feelings of our soldiers by writ-

# got a job; but whin ye wake up, ye're out of wurk."

Not Willing to Try "Let me show you something new in a snappy sedan," said the auto think that some innocent thing you

# "It won't do you a bit of good," she replied, "and I don't think you

Slipped Her Memory "Aunt Chloe," said the house guest. "They tell me you remember the I think that it is much better for War of 1812."

. . .

could anyway?"

it since I got religion."

Are you a minister?"

Old Lady-"Nothing."

It Could Be A senator from the hill-billy country says that Washington reminds To Ruth; Virginia. him of Spring up in the mountains. When the logs are jammed down the What did you do? If you haven't chusetts. He was named by President Madison and when commissioned swollen streams each log is covered with thousands of little pisc-ants, settled your problem yet, write me was 32 years and 2 months old.

is steering the log." 'Snuff Said Old Lady (to benevolent looking old gentleman)-"Pardon me, sir.

# Old Gent-"What the hell did you say?"

. . . The Best Place The old Dutchman and his wife were given to furious quarreling.

### One day after a vicious set-to, she cried: "Ach, how I wish I was in heaven."

"So, dere you go again," he bellowed. "Always picking out the best place for yourself." . . . It Could Be

The meek-appearing husband was gazing rapturously at a huge oil painting of a shapely girl dressed in only a few carefully arranged leaves. The title of the picture was "Spring." Suddenly the voice of his wife snapped: "Well, what are you waiting out in the country fair. And every for? Autumn?"

# Guaranteed

Bill-"Here's a postal card from your wife, saying you are the father air is clean, Where urban spirits of a ten-pound boy." Dick-"Does she say anything else?"

Bill-"That's all, except at the end of the message she says, 'truly

# Americana

Up in Virginia, Minn, they are telling a story about an Indian who as loaves of home baked bread they entered a Greek restaurant to beg some food. He told the Athenian hash slam, into an endless cavity; of city slinger he hadn't had a bite for three days. "Get the h --- out of here," stomachs guant and lean, from fastyelled the Greek to the descendant of the First American. "Think I giva ing for a week, to make room for rust biff to some d---n foreigner.'

### . . . An Expert

During the traffic rush the other afternoon, a cop noticing a young low; he hopes they'll get filled up man driving rather skitishly, shot ahead of her and drew up his car so and soon. Then came the rationed that the offending driver had to stop. "Excuse me, lady," said the officer, sarcastically, "don't you know any-

thing about driving a car?" Ans.—"Of course," said the bright young thing. "What's your trouble?" . . .

# Dictator Style

Two fellows were having a chat on a street corner the other day, each week to eat off Uncle Joe. and one of them removed his cap, revealing a head which had been cropped very closely at the back, although a fine "crop" had been left in front, "That's a nice haircut, pal," his companion commented.

## Hitler at the front'-and he got it all right." . . .

Latest Blackout A little farmer boy had never seen a Negro before, so when he saw Board and to the President of the one he asked his uncle, "Why does that woman black her face?" 'She doesn't, that's her natural color," was the reply,

"Is she black like that all over?" the boy pursued, "Why, yes," said the uncle The boy looked up beaming, "Gee, uncle," he exclaimed, "you know everything, don't you?"

#### . . . Badly Scared

The farmer from the next village was boasting about the effectiveness of his new scarecrow.

"Since I put it up," he said, "no bird has ventured within half a mile of the field. You fellows can't beat that." "I can beat it," announced old Farmer Roberts, "Last week I put up a scarecrow which frightened the birds so much that one of them brought back two potatoes it had stolen." . . .

The world map now shows thirty-eight places throughout the globe where American troops are on the job. No wonder Herr Hitler is beginning to see spots before his eyes. . . . That's all folks. Pains in the stomach are often gone with the A. G. Luebert, P.D., Coatesville, Pa.

-- "SCAT,"

# LETTER

LOUISA'S

To Virginia:

You forgot to sign your name, but China are the only two. you were very much distressed about the way your husband's sister treatevery time she had a chance and of Pennsylvania. seemed to despise you. She talked to your husband about the way you World War?

did your work, etc. you have to be thrown with her. have as little to do and say with her as possible, I always believe in doing everything humanly possible to get along with in-laws, as it means so much to the husband to get his other, but no man can expect his Grover Cleveland); Mrs. Calvin Coolidge (Grace Goodhue Coolidge); Mrs. her power to be friendly.

Don't let this situation upset you as possible and say nothing bad what she thinks or says. Good luck.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: I am a girl sixteen years old. I have been writing to a soldier boy in Florida. My mother made me stop writing to this boy because she didn't like him. I like the boy very much. My mother told me to tell the boy he shouldn't write to me, so I did. but he just keeps on writing. Do you to this boy or would it be best for

me to stop? I hope you can tell me what to do. Do you think a girl of sixteen is too largest. or twenty-four

Yours very truly, WORRIED MIND." North Carolina.

Your mother must have a very good reason for not wanting you to dust? write to this particular boy, because

ing to them. Has this boy a good reputation or is he the kind who might show your letters to the other boys and let them write, means something much worse? There are boys like that you

thinks this boy is too old for you. a girl of sixteen to go with someone older boy.

Good luck.

and the strange thing is," he says, "that each little pisc-ant thinks he a note and I will answer it, as I have your stamp.



Old Uncle Joe lives on his farm, weekend there's a swarm, of relatives who gather there; to visit dear old Uncle Joe, out where the sunken low, can rise to heights serene. They always bring an appetite, for country victuals Joe supplies. They snatch and grab and gnaw and bite, like swarms of pesky flies. They gobble up his country ham, and smack their lips in glee; them victuals keen, where gormandigin hits its peak; around that board of Uncle Joe, each Sunday about noon, and as they run his gasoline, No more the hungry hordes can come. Now Uncle Joe in peace serene; Enjoys the quiet of his home, There's warmth within his rustic heart, since Ickes struck his ration blow at city cousins who depart,

Iron Mine Reported The Glen Iron Mine and its very hard quality iron have been reported "Yes," returned the other. "I told the barber 'Musso in the back and by the Rev. S. B. Bidlac, pastor of the Lincoln Chapel, Laurelton, and of the Methodist church at -Millmont, to the National Production United States. A Pennsylvania representative will soon visit the mine for careful inspection. This iron, being very hard, is said to make a superior quality of sheet metal for battleships.

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# Query & Answer Column

C, T, Y,-Which are the two great rivers of the world that flow east

Ans.—The Amazon River of South America and the Yangtse-Kiang in

G. V.—Are there any blind members of Congress?

Ans.—There are no blind members of Congress at the present time. ed you. You said you tried to be Oklahoma has had two blind Senators Senators Owens and Gore. Fornice to her but she insulted you mer Senator Schall of Minnesota was blind, as was Congressman Dunn

D. N. D .- Were any battles fought on German soil during the first

Ans.—Yes, the most important was the Battle of Tannenberg or Well, my advice to you is to have Masurian Lakes, September, 1914. It was fought on the eastern front beas little as possible to do with her. tween the Germans and Russians. The Germans under Hindenburg were victorious.

> L. B.-What do the British mean by the term "flaming onion?" Ans.—The expression "flaming onion" is British slang for a German

anti-aircraft projectile. In explosion it appears onion-shaped. C. M .- How many widows of former Presidents are still living? Ans.—Mrs. William Howard Taft (Helen Herron Taft); Mrs. Benjamin wife and family friendly with each Harrison (Mary Scott Harrison); Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., (widow of

F. B.—What is the average life of a United States one dollar bill?

Ans.-Nine months.

P. R.—What are meteors? Ans.—Particles of matter, sometimes called "falling stars" or "shootabout your sister-in-law. Ignore her ing stars," possibly resulting from the disintegration of comets, since "Oh, you brute," she said through her sobs. "You talked in your business. Be friendly with sleep. You ran your fingers through my hair"—she sobbed as if her heart others and let her alone. Perhaps they space at high velocities, and are visible only when they enter the she will change when she thinks earth's atmosphere and are heated to incandescense by friction in it, that you are not concerned with The sunlight reflected from multitudes of meteors revolving about the sun is believed to be the origin of the "zodiacal light," a faint nebulous light seen on earth in the West after twilight, and in the East before dawn

> M. R.-What protection does the federal government afford to the property of allens who were evacuated from the military areas on the

> Ans.—The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco has undertaken to assist Japanese, German and Italian aliens and persons of Japanese ancestry who have been evacuated, by arranging for the protection and equitable disposition of their property holdings. K. L.-What is the Civil Air Patrol?

Ans.-It is the organization, under the supervision of the office of think I should slip around and write Civilian Defense, of the civilian aviation resources of the United States for national defense service.

M. W. D.—Where is the largest man-made hole in the world? Ans.—The Open Mine at Kimberley, South Africa, is reputed to be the

L. T.-What is the story about angels appearing to soldiers on a battlefield during the first World War? Ans.—The legend of the Angels of Mons was based upon a story sent to a London paper by Arthur Machen, It told how at a critical point in this great battle a soldier invoked the help of St. George, Britain's patron saint whereupon the saint brought up the spirits of the bowmen of Agincourt in battle array, to fall upon the Germans and completely rout them,

H. N. G.-Is there any place in the world where the air is free from Ans.-Dust-free air does not exist anywhere in nature. Near the ordinarily there is certainly no harm earth's surface the dust is mostly blown up from the soil by the winds. in writing to a friend in the Army. Also every great volcanic eruption spouts up enormous quantities of dust The Irish foreman found one of his men sleeping in the shade. In fact, lots of us are trying to help to greater heights. Moderate to strong winds blowing on soil that is loose and dry raise clouds of dust in the lower air. When great areas become very dry, atmospheric disturbances produce dust storms, which may do

a great deal of damage. C. F. L.—What is the purpose of the organization known as the "99's"? Ans.—The "99's" is an organization of licensed women pilots affiliated with the National Aeronautic Association.

M. L.-How did the expression, "mind your P's and Q's" originate? know and perhaps your mother is afraid you will write things that upon a wail, or behind the door of the tap-room, it was customary to sound indiscreet. Or maybe, she put the initials, "P" and "Q" at the head of every man's account to snow the number of pints and quarts for which he was in arrears,

Ans.—The Republican Party was organized in 1854-56 by a combina-"No, sah," said Aunt Chloe, "I used to remember it, but I done forget near her own age rather than an tion of voters from other parties for the purpose of opposing the extension of slavery. Abraham Lincoln was the presidential nominee of this party. M. B. Q.—Who was the youngest justice ever appointed to the Supreme

D. R .- How long has the Republican Party been in existence?

Court of the United States? Ans.—The youngest justice ever appointed was Joseph Story of Massa-C. C. M .- How long does it take to read a Talking Book?

Ans.—The records play about eighteen minutes to the side, or a little

Ans.-According to our records, Georgia University defeated Cumber-

over a half hour to the record, Zane Grey's "Riders of the Purple Sage" is recorded on eighteen records. Shakespeare's plays require about six records apiece. C. M.-What is the highest score ever made in a college football

## land University 222 to 0, in the fall of 1915. Rattlesnakes Doomed

The rattlesnakes are doomed in with prongs, bags, snares and other 'fighting equipment."

Eggs Smashed The greater part of 200 cases of McKean county's Music Mountain. eggs were smashed and the truck by which they were to have been deli-Six reptile hunters, vowing to "wipe vered to New York City was badly 'em all out," scoured dens on the mountain last week in their first lengthy search. They were armed over a 12-foot embankment, just outside of Towanda. The driver, Howard Ellis, of New Albany, escap-

ed with minor bruises.



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