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EDITORIAL

Maybe the tire shortage will save many lives in 1942.

This is no time for pacifists in Congress; they are too dangerous to the nation's safety.

With communcements out of the war, the public can rest assured that the commencement orators solved few great problems.

One senator says our civilization depends upon the automobile. Does he think we were barbarians before the automobile came along?

Our own idea is that Tokyo, despite Japanese victories, is beginning to have the same feeling that came over Mussolini when the British refused to surrender after the fall of France.

When the present war is ended, the United States must take an active part in the problem of making permanent the peace secured. It can't be done by spouting moral platitudes, either.

If the war councils of the United Nations are uncertain about what to do next, they need only to drop in at any popular drinking place to find four teen men who can tell them exactly how to win the war.

The housewives of Centre county have an important function in connection with the food supplies of their families and, because of the war, they are called upon to make a special contribution to the success of the United Nations. One of the ways in which this can be done is the canning of home-grown fruits and vegetables. The Government urges that food be preserved in jars, and that this process take the place of the preserving which requires so much sugar. By canning vegetables and fruits, the housewife promotes the war effort of the country and, at the same time, does something about the high cost of living and the problem of feeding her family. While no one woman can make a major contribution in this respect, the combined result of the cooperative efforts of millions of women throughout America will mean much.

Few Americans realize, up to this time, the vast importance of the Marshall and Caroline Islands, which Japan acquired under mandate after the first World War. These islands have been developed into air and naval bases, so that the Japs proclaim that they have 2,000 unshinkable aircraft carriers. The world was given some notice of what Japan was undertaking a number of years ago. The Japs, despite treaty regulations, promptly closed the islands to the outside world. The United States, along with Great Britain and France, let the matter go. This was a great mistake. If we had insisted upon our rights, we would have discovered what is plain today: The Japanese campaign in the Far East would have been hamstrung. Why didn't we? The answer, truthful and frank, is that our government was under the control of pacifist interests, willing to yield almost anything to avoid "offending" the Japs.

HITLER MAY REVEAL PLANS ON JUNE 22

June 22nd may be the day on which Hitler will reveal to the world his campaign plans for 1942. The day will be the first anniversary of his attack upon Russia and the second anniversary of the armistice, signed by the French in Compiegne forest in 1940.

The campaign on the Kerch Peninsula and the Battle of Kharkov did not reveal the direction of the massive offensive that the Nazis will unleash this Summer in an effort to save what they have acquired in Europe.

Are Easy Victories Over For Nazis?

The Kerch fighting may have been preliminary to an attack on the Caucasus, just as Gen. Rommel's move against Tobruk may have been designed to draw British forces from the vital area of Syria. Some experts believe that a march through Turkey is not improbable and that the fighting in Libya could be a part of this program.

The Kharkov battle resulted in heavy losses to both sides, with the Red Army holding the bulge occupied although unable to capture the strategic rail junction. It may have disarranged German plans in the Ukraine but, in view of the tactical deadlock that developed, there is basis for the belief that the easy victories of last year are not possible for the Nazis in view of Russian strength.

This emphasizes the prime importance of keeping the supply line open to Russia so that the Red Army can receive the "tools of war." Already there is intense German activity against convoys moving to Russia by the short northern route, where cargo ships now lack the protective darkness of long winter nights.

Chinese Situation May Be Serious

A critical situation may well develop in the Far East, where our supply lines to China have been effectively cut by the Japanese, who are moving in great force to annihilate the resistance of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's armies. The Chinese have battled against great odds for nearly five years, depending upon wearing out, rather than defeating, Japanese armies.

It is too much to expect the Chinese to withstand the full brunt of Japanese might unaided. For years China's principal ports, her communication lines and most of her industrial and developed areas have been in Jap control. Large in manpower, the Chinese Army must receive supplies. Already some experts think they detect signs of a deficiency in equipment, which if true, might be fatal to the republic's defensive war.

British Aerial Attacks Significant

The British aerial attacks upon German industrial centers are, no doubt, possible because of the employment of Nazi planes on the Russian front. Still, as one looks back upon the mass assaults from the air upon London and Coventry in the Fall and Winter of 1940-41, the sensational raids upon Germany reflect the changed conditions in which the belligerents find themselves.

Just two years ago Denmark, Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands had been lost. The Allied army had been cut in two. On June 4th Prime Minister Churchill addressed the House of Commons, as the exhausted survivors of Dunkerque reached England, and solemnly declared, despite the impending surrender of France:

"We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France; we shall fight on the seas and oceans; we shall fight on beaches; we shall fight on landing grounds; we shall fight in fields, streets and hills. We shall never surrender."

Japanese Bomb Alaska

Now, two years have passed, Russia and the United States fight the common enemy. At last, the enemy is being paid back, as the Russians grind Nazi divisions in the East and British planes make good the promise of what Germany will receive, city by city, from now on.

The warning uttered by Secretary of War Stimson that Japan would "retaliate" for the Tokyo raid, in order to save face, by aerial attacks upon this country came true when Jap planes attacked Alaska. Whether this represents an incident or the initial stages of a serious effort on the part of Japan to seize Hawaii and Alaska, and possibly attack the west coast of Canada, the United States can only be determined by subsequent events.

AIR RAIDS BLASTING GERMANY

The spectacular British aerial attacks upon the Rhineland give a pattern of the aerial offensive that British air leaders have in mind.

It is difficult to visualize the effect of 3,000 tons of bombs dropped in one raid upon one city. This is a much larger amount of explosives than that which fell on London and Coventry in 1940 and 1941. The Germans, it is estimated, used around 600 planes in these mass attacks. While the British have doubled the number of planes, experts say that the bombers used by the British have four times the carrying capacity of the largest air force ever before concentrated on a single objective.

From London comes the news that Air Marshal Harris says that it is operationally possible to use forces five times greater than those already used, particularly when American bomber forces are ready to fly against the Reich. It is said that Marshal Harris is of the opinion that 1,000 planes over Germany every night would "end the war by Autumn." He adds, if he could send 20,000 bombers over Germany in a single night, the war would end "the next morning."

While it is hardly possible to conclude the struggle by the mass use of airplanes, it is not too much to say that such raids, carried out regularly against selected cities, will so cripple German production as to cause the collapse of the German Army's offensive power.

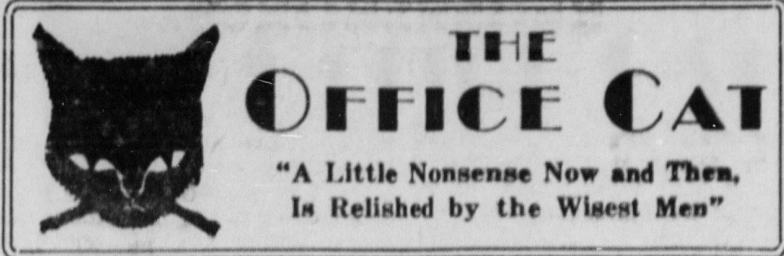
RETAILERS TO SELL WAR WARDS

For fifteen minutes on July 1st, retail merchants in every city and hamlet throughout the United States will sell no articles, but war bonds and stamps. The retailers will institute a selling period, heralded by speeches on the radio, by the governors of every State and preceded by rallies of business men and women and civic and social organizations.

This will be a part of the Treasury's effort to attain a goal of \$1,000,000,000 in the sale of war securities. It will bring home to every American the necessity of giving financial support to the war effort. The retailers of Centre county, we are sure, will cooperate in this dramatic campaign. Already, magazines and newspapers are preparing special copy for July, featuring the display of the American flag. Such incidents illustrate what a free people can do when they unite in defense of their country. No pressure is to be exerted upon any retailer to sell or upon any American to buy, but the probability is that almost every American, on July 1st, will purchase at least one war stamp or bond.

"Japan for the Japanese" is a slogan which comes from Washington, with reporters suggesting, but not saying, that the phrase may have come from the President himself. While members of the Pacific War Council made no effort to explain the meaning of the slogan, it was taken to signify the determination of the United Nations to strip Japan of her Empire, including Korea, Manchuria, Formosa and the German Islands in the Pacific. On the basis of Japan's record, the democratic peoples of the world would be justified, after the conclusion of this war, in barring Japanese from residence in any other part of the world except Japan. Even those confined to the Islands should be closely watched and future plots promptly nipped in the bud.

Mohandas K. Gandhi recently decided that the United States and Great Britain have no moral basis upon which, to combat the forces of the totalitarian countries. In other words, Gandhi sees little to choose between the struggle now going on between the Axis and the democratic powers of the world. We are not surprised. The Indian leader is as childish in considering international affairs as he is in economic matters. His advocacy of the spinning wheel in opposition to improved modern machinery indicates hopeless inability to appraise the modern world.



Ach! Der Bock Beer!

(Or, The Button That Schickleguber Pressed)

Ven valking out von efening, 'twas hot and dry as--vell, So Mussolini he sez to me, "Suppose ve rest a spell..."

No Thanks

Traveler—"Can I get anything to eat in this dump?"

Leaping Lena

The widowed husband was consulting a medium. "Now let me get this straight, madam," he said. "You say my deceased wife is nearing the heavenly gate and that with the aid of the spirits you'll get her through."

Just in Case

Lady (at street corner)—"I certainly shall cross, officer. I've every bit as much right on this street as that truck has."

How True, How True

"Party who took green silk pajamas from clothes line at 22 East 14th street, please return and no embarrassing exposure will be made on my part."

Wouldn't Cellophane Be Better?

"Bloomers, 95c. Black saten, all new improvements, 94 x 16 inches, with glass bottom."

Under The Silvery Moon

She climbed upon the moonlit roof, In silken teds quite scanty;

Obeying Orders

Lizzie the new maid stood in her mistress' kitchen the other morning thinking of the sad manner in which the world was going. The buzzer on the back porch rang sharply.

No Hard Feelings

"Please, suh," said a Negro servant to his employer, "I'd like tomorrow off."

That's Something

"What is home without a mother?" asked the good-looking sailor boy.

Good Material

A certain butcher was famed for selling tough meat. A man came into the store one day and asked for some beef.

Remarkable

Sherlock Holmes—"Ah, Watson, I see you still have on your winter underwear."

Such Language

"Are your mother and father in?"

It Could Be

Said the little calf to the silo: "Is my fodder in there?"

Should Help Some

"Wine, women and song are killing you," said the doctor.

Should Be Careful

"WANTED—Reliable orchard man for steady job. Don't have more than two children if you can help it."

Moo, Moo.

"If you would like to see the best looking heifer in the county, see me, Jeannette Florens, Burnley Road."

A Neat Trick

"Served with a writ yesterday afternoon, B. O. Landstrom must produce children in court in twenty-four hours."

Something to Crow Over

"One thing sure," boasted the old red rooster proudly, "I may not be very smart, but nobody ever fooled me into going on any wild goose chase."

LOUISA'S LETTER

You are always writing about girls who can't stay away from their mothers but keep leaving their husbands and running back to Mamma because they get homesick. Well, suppose you tell us something about the mothers who can't let their daughters alone.

DISTRESSED DAUGHTER

You are evidently your mother's favorite child and she enjoys being with you so much that she forgets how selfish she is acting.

LOUISA

Query & Answer Column

W. A.—What is the origin of the red stripe on the uniforms of the Marine Corps?
Ans.—Tradition has it that the scarlet stripe on uniform (trousers) of officers and non-commissioned officers of the Marine Corps stands for the blood shed in the Mexican War. However, no verification of this can be made.



AS I SEE IT BY Horace Sentsz
Of all the letters A to Z, most recent notoriety, goes to that "easy" letter X, with numerous and ill effects. X marks the spot folks used to say. But X ain't popular today.

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