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EDITORIAL

American industry is really going to town with guns, planes, tanks and ships.

Buy War Bonds and support the men who are defending the nation with their lives.

What kind of a war would be waging if nobody else was fighting Japan, Germany and Italy.

About a year from now some automobilists will begin to understand the wisdom of driving slowly to conserve tires.

Don't worry too much about the fate of religion. It has taken more on the chin in the past than it will have to take in the future.

The Supreme Court is to be congratulated upon its decision that freedom of speech is not a right to be used in violation of reasonable regulations.

American aircraft output is nearing the 5,000 monthly goal of the President, and the goal of 125,000 planes for 1943 will undoubtedly be reached.

The long discussion in Congress as to base pay of privates ended last week when the Senate adopted the House-favored \$50. A well deserved boost for the boys in service.

Army planes, formerly marked by a red circle wing insignia, will hereafter show a white star within a circle. The change has been made to avoid confusion with Japanese planes which are marked with an orange-red circle.

Talk of peace is probably intelligent at this, but what is most important is our winning the right to dictate the terms. There must be no peace of vengeance, just for the sake of expressing hatred, but there must be no peace of silly sentimentalism, releasing the aggressors from the consequences of their free-booting.

Ever wonder just how much of a bargain the white man made in purchasing Manhattan Island from the Indians for \$24. Well, it was a pretty good one, it seems, for the New York tax commission has put Manhattan's assessed value for next year at \$7,664,078.941. Red men are welcome to figure out the percentage for themselves.

Probably the most troublesome item in the public mind is the sinking of ships along the coast, but this is offset, to some extent, by reports that the United States and Great Britain are working upon sweeping plans for an intensified campaign against submarines. In this country, the House Naval Affairs Committee recently expressed its confidence in the Navy and the conduct of anti-submarine warfare, pointing out that in the past few weeks, the submarine has largely withdrawn from our Eastern Seaboard and is operating farther a sea.

HOW LONG THE WAR?

One of the favorite indoor sports of the American people, at this time, seems to revolve around predictions as to the length of the present war.

This is a harmless pastime if it does not lead to public dissatisfaction with measures that are necessary to insure victory of the United Nations. Almost any street-corner strategist can explain why the war will end in the next twelve months, but no loyal American will expect responsible officials to gamble the fate of this nation on such a long-shot.

The outlook for victory is bright for the United Nations, but nothing has happened so far to warrant the belief that the war is about over. Most predictions along this line are based upon what may happen and the soothsayers often forget to include in their data certain unfortunate developments that may prolong the struggle for years.

Certainly, competent military and naval experts foresee a long war. The officials of Great Britain and the United States have not, as yet, indicated any other opinion. Current plans and expenditures are based upon mammoth preparations for a world-wide battle which may be decided in 1944 or 1945.

It is perfectly natural for the people of this country to take pride in the rapid mobilization of our resources for total war. Naturally, we are pleased by favorable events but we must not let them obliterate our reasoning faculties. A study of the map of Europe and the Far East, with a keen eye upon Axis gains, will reveal the full extent of the progress made by our enemies.

We should not lose sight of the possibility that China or Russia will be beaten into submission. We must not overlook the capacity of the Axis Powers in Europe to fight a prolonged defensive struggle even if they lose the power of initiative and seek only the chance to win a negotiated peace through the war-weariness of the peoples of the United Nations.

The significant fact for Americans to remember is that this nation became involved in war a little more than six months ago when it was an amateur fighter. Against us we have, in Germany and Japan, two of the greatest professional war-makers of history. They were thoroughly prepared, with all resources mobilized for a fast-striking type of war.

In the time that has elapsed since Pearl Harbor, the United States has performed prodigies in connection with the development of war-making powers. Facing the same situation that confronted Great Britain in the summer of 1940, but with less immediate danger, our industry and our people have responded in a whole-hearted endeavor and results are beginning to appear. Given time, we will have the equipment and the manpower to finish the job wherever the enemy continues to resist.

So, let's forget speculation about when the war will end and, as a people, redouble our efforts to become the most powerful belligerent in the world. The speed with which we build the world's greatest air force, largest navy and best-equipped army will have a direct bearing upon the length of the struggle.

The support we give the Government, as civilians, will have much to do with the successful prosecution of the war, and will exert tremendous influence upon the time it will take us to conquer the aggressors.

BOASTING OF CRUELTY

Tales of barbarous cruelty which the Germans are visiting upon the people of Czechoslovakia cannot be dismissed as anti-Axis propaganda. For instance, our knowledge that in revenge for the recent killing of Reinhard Heydrich hundreds of Czechs have been shot is based upon German reports. The announcement that all the men in a village near Prague have been executed, while the women and children have been deported and the village reduced to ruins, reached the outside world through two Nazi radio stations, one at Prague and another in Berlin.

The Germans aren't attempting to conceal such cruelty. They are boasting of it. They think, no doubt, that the terrible penalties which have been carried out in and near Prague will discourage other enslaved peoples from risking the consequences of reprisals for oppression.

In the World War much was made of reports of German atrocities, some true, some manufactured for propaganda purposes. In this war there is no apparent need for making up stories about the barbarism of which the Nazis are capable. The Germans themselves supply facts which are crueler than fiction. The heartless execution of hundreds of Czechs who had no established connection with the assassination of Heydrich emphasizes the glaring contrast between the actual situation of Czechoslovakia and its nominal relationship to the Germans. Germany calls the former Bohemia and Moravia a protectorate, with itself as the protector. A protectorate is defined as the relationship between a strong nation and a weaker one wherein the former undertakes to protect the latter from hostile invasion or other forms of aggression. In reality, the smaller nation is usually most in need of protection against the powerful neighbor who assumes the role of its protector. Ironically, the bestial Heydrich, whose cruelties became such that Czech patriots killed him well knowing that bitter reprisals would be exacted, held the title of "protector" of the Czechs.—Williamsport Sun.

JAP STRENGTH IN PLANES AND MEN

There is considerable speculation as to the military strength of Japan. For years, Tokyo has been especially vigilant in maintaining secrecy as to preparations for war.

Recently, a Chinese General told Guenther Stein, a Christian Science Monitor correspondent, at Chungking, that Japan has about 6,000 Army and Navy planes, of which only 3,000 are first-line aircraft.

About 1,000 are engaged on different fronts in the Pacific, from New Guinea to Burma. Some 400 are in China, concentrating their attacks on potential airfields. About 800 planes are in Manchuria for use possibly against the Soviet Union and another 800 are held in reserve in Japan and Formosa.

Japan's production is estimated at not more than 750 engines and, allowing for the replacement of worn-out motors, the monthly output of new aircraft is estimated at about 300.

Discussing the present distribution of the Japanese Army, the Chinese General estimated that 800,000 soldiers are in China, 450,000 in the Southwest Pacific, 700,000 in Manchuria, 200,000 in Japan and Formosa and about 300,000 under training. The Chinese strategist seemed to think that Japan is beginning to feel a lack of manpower. These, in his opinion, amount to one-third of Japan's mobilization strength. He estimated that about 400,000 Japanese soldiers were killed in the fighting in China and about one-third of the 1,200,000 wounded have been permanently disabled.

Pessimists in the United States do well to consider the story of Floyd Corson, New Hampshire farmer, who recently enlisted in the Navy, leaving his sons to operate his farm for the duration. Mr. Corson says that when he was "down and out," the Farm Security Administration helped him to get back to his feet by lending him enough money to buy a team of horses, a few tools, some feed and fertilizer. "I'm anxious to get in there and add a bit," he says, "and I will consider it a privilege to go wherever I am sent."

The simple truth is that we are fighting this war in self-defense. We require no other justification. We would be fighting, just as hard, if we had a monarchy or a communist republic. We have been brutally attacked by a combination of rapacious and greedy enemies; naturally, we seek to protect our own and safeguard our future by defeating them.

Brave men die only once, but they are just as dead as the cowards.

Drive slow and the probability is that you will be driving longer.



THE OFFICE CAT

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

Farewell—and Hello

One of the doughboys sent to Ireland is said to have written this home to his sweetheart:

Silver threads among the black—
Darling I am coming back.
Now that Europe's peace appears
I'll be back in seven years.

Kidding a Kidder

We just heard of a certain drug store clerk who kiddingly told a girl whose eyes were troubling her, that he could cure the ailment in both by merely kissing her eyelids. Later a friend of the girl dropped in and asked the clerk if the happening were true, to which he replied, "I can cure anything." And he was stumped when the young lady told him she had come.

Those Priority Blues

Lives of chiselers remind us,
Honest men don't stand no chance,
And each passing season finds them,
With bigger patches on their pants.
The Priority Board reminds us,
There will be no cloth next fall,
And unless we're very careful,
We shall have no pants at all.

It Might, At That

Willie studied with profound interest the picture of Elijah going to heaven in a chariot of fire. Pointing to the halo above the prophet's head, he exclaimed, "Oh, daddy, the government will get him—he's got a spare tire."

Nothing Like Being Exact

The female secretary to a business man had a passion for detail and exactness. It seems her boss died very suddenly and left an important business letter unmailed.

Before mailing it, the secretary added the following explanatory note below her employer's signature:

"Since writing the above I have died."

But Still True

And then there was the radio announcer's little daughter, who in asking grace, said, "This food comes through the courtesy of God Almighty."

Overheard About 2:30 A. M.

Drunk (lying on the sidewalk)—"I'll climb this wall if it takes me all night."

Childish Innocence

The little old gray woman bent over the cherub in the cradle. "Oh-o. You look so sweet, I could eat you." Baby—"The h--- you could, you don't have any teeth."

He Should

A gentleman should always ask a lady's permission to smoke—if he's helping himself from his cigarette case.

We'll Have to Check This

We hear that this year's bathing suits are barely big enough to keep a girl from being tanned where she ought to be.

Life's Darkest Moment

"Yes," said the old man, "I had some terrible disappointments, but none stands out over the years like one that came to me when I was a boy."

"And what was it?" asked a bystander. "When I was a boy I crawled under a tent to see the circus, and I discovered it was a revival meeting."

Sound The Alarm

Patient—"Doctor, do something for me quick. My temperature is 130 degrees."

Physician—"Gracious, your case is beyond me. You'd better send for a fire engine—I'm only a physician."

Another Case of Scotch

A Scotch farmer, walking down the road, slipped and fell, striking his nose and causing it to bleed profusely. He jerked his bandana from his pocket, held it to his nose, and ran madly to the hospital. Dashing into the accident ward, he accosted a nurse and inquired: "Do you need any blood for a transfusion today?"

Whatta Dish

(From The Newton, Kas., Journal) "Add one pound of candied pineapple. Bake in tin pants (pans) that have been lined with brown paper and buttered."

Business as Usual

Business seems to be progressing better than usual, in spite of the war. For on the front door of a drug store in a small mid-western town there hangs a sign: "Do not disturb while pinocchio game is in progress."

This brings up the old yarn about a justice of the peace who ran a bar and a court in one at his store in Langtry, Texas.

A passenger from a passing train ran into the thirteenth emporium and ordered a beer. He laid down a 10-dollar bill, but there was no action. He shouted and yelled.

Finally the old justice came up and gave him a cold bottle. He rang up the ten-spot.

"You don't mean to tell me the beer is ten dollars a bottle here," said the irate passenger. "No, sir," said the old law-dispenser. "The beer's a quarter, but you have been fined \$9.75 for contempt of the court I was holding in the back room when you interrupted."

His Alibi For Overleave

The following was sent in by a seaman as an excuse for staying away from his ship longer than allowed:

To Commanding Officer: On May 7 I left the ship on ten days leave at my brother's farm in Cobleskill, Ark.

On May 10 my brother's barn burned down all except the brick silo which was damaged at the top by a bolt of lightning which started the fire.

On May 11 he decided to repair the silo right away because he had to get his crop in. I was going to help him.

I sigged a barrel hoist to the top of the silo so that the necessary bricks could be hoisted to the top of the silo where the repair work was going on. Then we hauled up several hundred brick.

This later turned out to be too many bricks.

After my brother got all the brick work repaired there was still a lot of brick at the top of the silo on the working platform we had built. I said I would take it all down below. So I climbed down the ladder and hauled the barrel all the way up. Then I secured the line with sort of a slip knot so I could undo it easier later.

I climbed back up the ladder and piled bricks into the barrel until it was full.

I climbed back down the ladder. Then I untied the line to let the brick down. However, I found the barrel of brick heavier than I was and when the barrel started down, I started up. I thought of letting go, but by that time I was so far up I thought it would be safer to hang on.

Half way up, the barrel hit me on the shoulder pretty hard but I still hung on.

I was going pretty fast at the top and bumped my head. My fingers also got pinched in the pulley block. However, at the same time the barrel hit the ground and the bottom fell out of it, letting all the brick out.

I was then heavier than the barrel and started down again. I got burned on the leg by the other rope and I went down until I met the barrel again which went by faster than before and took the skin off my shins.

I guess I landed pretty hard on the pile of bricks because at that time I lost my presence of mind and let go of the line and the barrel came down and hit me squarely on the head.

The doctor wouldn't let me start back to the ship until May 16, which made me two days overleave, which I don't think is too much under the circumstances.

Yours truly, D--- K---

That's all, folks. Did you hear about the guy who asked for Ethyl and got "Sin" Claret?

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I have been going with a boy for several months but I am not sure I love him. In fact, I think I would go back to another boy I was engaged to before I started with this one.

We had a silly quarrel but we are both sorry about it now. But I hate to hurt this other boy I don't know what he will do and I am afraid he might hurt himself if I break up with him. He has threatened to do so. What must I do? L. D.—Vt.

Answer: If you are sure you love the first boy, there is only one thing for you to do, and that is to tell No. 2 exactly how you feel and that you would be doing him a great deal more harm by marrying him when you cared for someone else than you would by breaking up with him. A wife who doesn't love her husband with all of her heart is no satisfaction to herself or to him. Neither of them will be happy. And if No. 2 is so emotionally weak that he threatens injury to himself if you break up with him you will be well rid of him. Imagine a husband who brought up suicide every time he was thwarted!

But are you sure you love either one of them enough to marry him? The mere fact that you dilly-dally between the two of them makes me wonder. There are so many ups and downs in marriage that the only thing that makes it beautiful is the feeling that life is nothing without this one person. If you feel that way, the fact that he may have to go to the army will not influence your decision at all. LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: What would be the correct words to say when someone tells you they missed you at Sunday School? Would "thank you" be the correct reply? T. Y.—Ala.

Answer: "Thank you" is alright and you might add that you missed being there, that you always enjoyed the lesson and seeing every body, etc. LOUISA.

To Nancy, Va. I am afraid there is not much you can do about your friend dating the other girl. If she really doesn't like him, she will probably stop dating him when someone comes along she really likes. LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: I am a farmer, 29 years old. My parents are both dead and I am staying on the home place. I am a good manager.

I have had a good housekeeper for three years. She is a very good cook and also a good manager. She is fond of outdoor work, and horses, too. She tells me she loves me and cannot get along without me but I have asked her several times to marry me and the answer she gives me is not now but to keep on asking her. She is very pretty—about 28 and is single.

If she loves me as she says, I don't see any reason why she should not marry me. Will you advise me what to do. WORRIED—Md.

Answer: I can't see any reason for her refusal, either, if she really loves you. She is certainly old enough and it would be a much better arrangement for you both than the present set-up. You did not say whether anyone else lived in the house with you or not. If not, your housekeeper is likely to be talked about no matter how well she conducts herself.

Why don't you tell her that if she is tired of her stalling and that if she doesn't marry you, you will start looking around for a wife, as you are not getting any younger. LOUISA.

AS I SEE IT BY Horace Senty

My good friend Homer said today, that he was feeling mighty gay, since Ikes rationed gasoline, a move for which he's mighty keen. You see poor Homer has a car, that carried him on travels far, where he didn't want to go, but went because his wife said so. On Sunday morning he'd make him rise at five a. m. while other guys; could lie abed and sweetly snooze; he had to take that weekly cruise, out where the traffic jams and jerks, and Sunday "drive" menace lurks; to beat up fenders left and right, and then dash quickly out of sight. Each Sunday in sunshine or rain, that weekly trip with all its pain, out to the in-laws must be run. But Homer's grief had just begun. For Sunday was the in-law's day, to pile in that Chevrolet, and drive for miles, without end, while Homer's back with pain did bend. For many years he's hauled that crew, and wished they this poor guy had worn out, ten haulin his in-laws about. Now Sunday is a restful day, since Ikes took the gas away. The funnies Homer reads with zest, He likes Pa's Son in-law the best. Now since his in-laws are interned, 'ol Homer's gay and unconcerned, He does on this gas ration item, hopes it will stay ad infinitum.

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Query & Answer Column

F. L.—Where is the largest printing plant in the world? Ans.—The Government Printing Office at Washington, D. C., is the largest in the world.

M. B.—Who was called the "sublime child?" Ans.—At the age of fifteen, Victor Hugo was called by the French Academy "the sublime child" for he was then writing excellent verse.

A. B.—Should eggs be packed with the small or large end down? Ans.—Poultry authorities say that eggs packed small end down arrive at their destination with a much smaller number of seconds and lower grades than those packed with the large end down or hit-or-miss.

S. C. D.—Has there ever been an estimate of how many people move every year? Ans.—Approximately six million people move every year.

C. M.—Can you tell me where is the original painting of "The Angelus," by Millet? Ans.—This famous painting is in the Louvre in Paris.

C. W.—Does Canada have any rent control? Ans.—Canada has placed a ceiling over all housing rents in the Dominion, which are established by means of a maximum rent date.

M. B.—Which countries have presented medals to General MacArthur? Ans.—The United States, France, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Mexico and Ecuador.

L. B.—What is the area, population, highest and lowest point and political division in Australia?

Ans.—The commonwealth consists of Northern Territory and the six colonies (denominated Original States) of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, and has an area of 2,974,581 square miles and population of 6,997,326. The highest point is Mount Kosciuszko, 7,328 feet, and the lowest point is Lake Eyre, South Australia, 38 feet below sea level.

T. D.—Why is silver used for the insignia of the higher ranking officers of the Army and gold for the lower?

Ans.—The insignia of rank for officers in the United States Army, which have been a gradual development, were established first for the higher grades and were silver. Therefore, it was simpler to choose gold for the lower grades.

D. R.—Has President Roosevelt any brothers or sisters?

Ans.—President Roosevelt had one half-brother, James Roosevelt, who died in 1927. He was the son of the President's father by his first wife.

N. A. E.—Does corn grow wild anywhere?

Ans.—Corn has lost all power of distributing seeds and maintaining itself. It grows nowhere without man's aid.

M. B.—What nobleman was hanged with a silken rope?

Ans.—Lord Laurence Shirley Ferrers was the last nobleman in England to suffer a felon's death. He was tried for murder and pleaded insanity, but was found guilty, and dressed in a suit encrusted in silver he was taken in his own carriage from the Tower of London to Tyburn to be hanged. It is said that as a special concession to his request the rope used was of silk.

G. C. N.—Is it necessary to send a gift upon receiving a wedding invitation from a mere acquaintance?

Ans.—A wedding announcement or a wedding invitation does not obligate one to send a gift. Especially is this true, if one is merely an acquaintance.

K. L.—How many naval battles have there been in the Pacific in the present war?

Ans.—There have been three great naval battles, in Macassar Strait on January 23, in the Java Sea on February 21, and in the Coral Sea on May 4, 1942.

R. N.—What is ghee?

Ans.—Ghee is the clarified butter of India, a common article of diet there, and used in making and seasoning many dishes. It is also used in medicine and as one of the most ancient sacrificial materials in the practice of Hinduism. The best quality is made from cow's milk, though the milk of the buffalo is also used.

C. J.—Who is the author of the words, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety?"

Ans.—Benjamin Franklin.

L. G. H.—What is meant by whole grain cereals?

Ans.—Whole grain cereals are those from which the outside hulls have not been processed.

C. W. L.—What is the significance of the Bulletin Tree in the White House grounds?