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EDITORIAL

This is the time of year for a resounding victory over the Axis forces anywhere.

The nation that sold scrap to Japan ought to be able to collect scrap for itself.

We know a man who worked forty years expecting to buy a farm in his latter years; he died before they arrived

No matter how much money you expect next month, you won't have enough to buy a War Bond

The Allied Nations will need their courage during the next three months. After that, we'll see what the Nazis have.

Centre county should be proud of its volunteers for Civilian Defense. They have the tedious labor without the glory, but what they are doing is im-

U. S. bombers will be operating from China in the near future. An American bomber force will be established in China as soon as air forces in India are built up to their desired strength.

In the next twelve months Centre county citizens will know that the nation is fighting a desperate war and everybody fit to live will be anxious to make a personal contribution to the nation's

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

On Saturday, July 4th, the people of the United States celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The document proclaiming the independence of the thirteen English colonies in America, signed by the delegates to the Continental Congress, was, in some particulars, no more than a recognition of the existing state of affairs. Signed by John Hancock, the President of the Congress on July 4th, the Declaration was subsequently engrossed on parchment and signed by fifty-three members of the Congress on August 2nd

Undoubtedly, the Declaration of Independence ranks as one of the important documents of history. Largely drafted by Thomas Jefferson, it expresses the essence of his political philosophy.

This, briefly, is the idea that men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights, governments are instituted among men and derive their

just powers from the consent of the governed. The Declaration asserts whenever any form of overnment becomes destructive of these ends, it is he right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Jefferson pointed out that prudence will dictate that government long established should not be changed for light and transient causes and that the experience of mankind has shown that men are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the form to which they are accustomed

But, he added, when a long train of abuses and usurpations evince a design to reduce them to absolute despotism, "it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide safeguards for their future security.

In other words, the Declaration of Independence proclaims the right of a people to revolution. It proclaims, very positively, the right of citizens to alter or abolish existing forms of government, when, for any reason new forms seem more likely to promote safety and happiness.

In this connection, we suggest that readers of The Centre Democrat, celebrating the anniversary of the historic document, take the time necessary to read its words. The reading will do them good.

PATROL SHIP CAN BEAT U-BOATS

The serious situation presented by the depredations of U-boats in the coastal waters off Canada, the United States, the Northern coast of South America, in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico can be understood when it is realized that more than 300 ships have been lost.

The reader must understand that the U-boat campaign on this side of the Atlantic represents one phase of the Axis campaign to destroy tonnage. Additional losses have occurred on the Murmansk route, in the Mediterranean, around Australia and in other waters. The probability is that ship losses have exceeded ship replacements.

As our officials have announced, the battle of production has been won in this country but the battle of transportation remains to be successfully fought. It cannot be based upon the process of outbuilding; it must be accomplished in part by controlling the submarine peril.

The method of beating the submarine menace was discovered in the first World War. The answer is one word "convoys." This system has been successfully applied to the transportation of men and materiel to Great Britain and the Far East. There is no doubt whatever as to the effectiveness of this

Knowing then how to beat the submarines, a question arises as to the failure of the Navy to put this system into effect on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. The answer is just as easy, a lack of destroyers and patrol ships.

Shipyards in the United States are turning out merchant shipping at a phenomenal pace, but they are also constructing fighting ships at a similar rate. Just as fast as completed, they are put into service. When enough of them have been completed, the submarine will find lean pickings off the coastal waters of the Western Hemisphere

NEXT THREE MONTHS VITAL

With the German and other Axis soldiers deployed against Russia the critical front remains in Russia. The next three months will reveal the nature of the struggle ahead of us. If the Red army maintains itself, even though losing territory, the Nazi challenge will be met by the opening of a new front in western Europe.

defeated. The Nazi war power must be destroyed. The play the part of poor, misunder- night with considerable agility. place to rub it out is on the map of Europe, where the decisive battle of the great war will occur, pos- of them are snakes in the grass and sibly this year and almost certainly in 1943 if not

The advantages to be secured from the use large forces against Germany in western Europe exist only so long as the Red army fights. Once the Soviet is hopelessly defeated, the Germans will be able to throw their full strength against the British and American forces. While there is no reason for pessimism as to the situation in Russia, we should take no chances or risk any delay that might be

The optimism in the United States, as a result of the Coral Sea and Midway battles, should be tempered by the landings effected in the Alcutian islands and the realization that, encouraging as these victories were, they did not dispose of the Japanese fleet as an offensive force. Consequently, our Pacific enemy, gorged by enormous booty, is undoubtedly

That Japan seeks complete victory over the United States should be realized by every American. Already, in Tokyo, the conviction is firm that triumphant ending of the war is assured. It is not possible to forecast the direction of the next Japanese thrust but that it will be made in the near future

IN THE LAND OF THE FREE

From so eminent a source as 'The Woman's Home Companion we find the following editorial of local

"This Glorious Fourth when you hear the band play The Star-Spangled Banner, we hope you'll hear the new and more singable arrangement. Two patriotic musicians-Dr. George Sallade Howard and Major Howard C. Bronson decided to do something about the way our anthem was played. They found in the Library of Congress no less than fifty different band arrangements for it. Even the various bands in the army could not agree on which version should be used. Each musician remembered the first version he ever played and stuck to it. The result was an anthem standard only in title and words, with the rhythmic pattern, the harmonic structure end even the notes themselves conforming to no standard. So these two musicians worked out an arrangement for bands, which cut out the frills and trumpet calls and is solid and organ-like. It is in A flat, one tone lower than usual, which makes the range easier for eight out of ten of us ordinary vocalizers. There are some rhythm changes and some harmonic changes. The result is a true song of the people, which all can sing and play with the same sense of inspiration-and without gaps or mumbling! Pennsylvania State College has published it on a non-profit basis and the Junior Band of Port Matilda Pennsylvania, is presenting a copy to every band in the army. Take note that this is a voluntary act by private citizens. Totalitarian states have other ways of getting everybody to act alike. This is the way we do things in the Land of the Free."

ATTACKING RUSSIA IN ALASKA?

Japan's attack on the Aleutian Islands may represent (1) a face-saving expedition; (2) an effort to secure a base for further advances against the United States; or (3) an attempt to lock a back door before attacking the Russians in Siberia.

It is surprising how many officials and writers jump to the conclusion that the occupation of Aleutian territory has no connection with an attempt to attack the United States. The general line is that the Japanese move is connected with an attack upon

This may turn out to be the case, but the safest mption for us to make is that the occupation of Aleutian territory, which places the enemy many hundreds of miles closer to Alaska and the West Coast, is the initial stage of an offensive staged against us.

Obviously, occupation of a number of Aleutian Islands would be of strategic importance to Japan in any campaign directed against the United States. There is little use for us to go as far as Siberia to find a motive for the attack.

Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before Them!



LOUISA'S LETTER

Answer to Puzzled Girl-Va. Your letter was written so long ago, that I wonder what you have done about your problem. I hope you had will power enough to stop seeing this man for although you had gone together before he was married, he gave up the right to go with stood husbands and play on the sympathies of single girls but most

If he and his wife could not get along and he intended getting a diyou in such a bad position where and liberal. people can say unkind things about you even if they are not true?

I doubt if you would be happy with him anyway. The man who breaks down and cries because he can"t get what he wants and who threatens to kill himself sounds to me like a poor risk as a husband. Let me know what you have done. Best wishes,

LOUISA

Dear Louisa: I am a girl of eighteen and I am madly in love with a man twice my age, I had been dating him over a year and he wrote to me real often. Now he doesn't write at all. He didn't have any cause to get mad and I am too proud to write to him until he writes to me.

Please tell me what to do. Write him or try to see him, or try to forget him? I am not jealous but he is very jealous. He is going with another girl but he still seems to love me. Should I start going with other

BLONDE-Miss.

Why do you think he still loves you under the circumstances. Has he acted in such a way to make you think so? Did you do anything to make him jealous and to make him lose faith in you?

For if you have given him no cause to treat you as he has, he must have realized that he didn't love you enough to marry you and though it would be better to stop before he became more involved. Or perhaps

he fell in love with this other girl. You could write a note to him and ask if you have done anything this camera, and he registered it as a trade-mark on September 4, 1888. to make him angry, but don't put yourself in an embarrassing position | wear? in case he has tired of you.

Good luck. LOUISA

\$20,000 Fire at Berwick An early morning fire in the Grant Store at Berwick, Tuesday, caused damage approximating \$20,000. The flames apparently started on the street floor, under a display table containing woolen goods, and is believed to have resulted from spontaneous combustion. Smoke forced tenants in apartments in the building to flee as a precautionary meas-

Boy Killed by Father's Truck

One-year-old Patricia Ann Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Weber of near Shiloh, Clearfield county, was crushed to death under the wheels of a truck her father was backing from a garage. Dr. E. S. Erhard, Clearfield county coroner, said no inquest would be held.

can be turned loose in a democracy is the organization of minorities for the purpose of getting what they think are their rights. One of these days they will run against an or- exceeded only by heart disease, cancer, cerebral hemorrhage, and nephritis. One out of every fourteen persons suffered a disabling injury. ganized majority.

Query & Answer Column

S. P .- What was the average wage of full time workers in the United States from 1937 to 1941, inclusive?

Ans.-The National Income Division, Department of Commerce, says that for 1937 the amount was \$1,292; 1938-\$1,273; 1939-\$1,310; 1940-\$1,350, and 1941-\$1,478.

M. M .- Can cats see better at night than in daylight?

Ans.-No animal can see better in the dark than in the light. Cats can see better than human beings in partial darkness, as at dusk, because their eyes are sensitive to the ultra-violet rays of the spectrum and you when he took a wife. He sounds the pupils are capable of great expansion, thus admitting all the light like a very weak person to me. There available. But cats cannot see in absolute darkness. With the assistance Germany is the nation that must be decisively are a great many men who like to of its whiskers as feelers and its sure-footedness, a cat moves around at

S. K .-- How did the terms "right" and "left" acquire political significance'

Ans,-In some legislative bodies in Europe, such as France, it was customary for the members sitting to the right of the presiding officer to be members of the conservative or monarchists party, while those on vorce, why didn't he do it and then the left were liberals or radicals. Those holding moderate views sat in thre come to you instead of trying to put center, hence the terms, right and left, have come to mean conservative

B. D .- How many Jews were there in our forces in the World War? Ans .- More than 200,000 Jews served in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps of the United States during the World War.

F. A. M .- Please give the prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson beginning, "The day returns and brings us its petty round of irritations and duties." Ans .- It is as follows: "The day returns and brings us the petty round

of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the men, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces, Let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day. Bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored and grant us in the end the gift of sleep

K. N .- In what campaign was the slogan "Let us have peace," used? Ans.-It was the keynote of Grant's campaign of 1868. He had used phrase in his letter of May 29, accepting the Republican nomination for President, in an endeavor to calm feelings excited by the Civil War. C. R. S.-How many items are included in the larger mail order

Ans.-The catalogs of the largest mail order houses include as many

U. S. R .- When did the United States Government begin its fiscal year on July 1? Ans.—The Act of August 26, 1842, provided that on and after July 1.

1843, the fiscal year of the Treasury commence on the first day of July in each year. The fundamental reason for the change was this: With Congress convening in December, as it formerly did, it was not possible for the Treasury to submit complete reports of the receipts and expenditures of the Government for the calendar year in progress.

T. M .- How does the average per-capita tax in this country compare with that in Great Britain?

Ans.-The average per capita tax in the United States is \$168 as compared with the British tax of \$200.

A. B. F .- What is the religion of Chiang Kai-Shek? Ans.—After his marriage to Mayling Soong in 1927, Chiang Kai-Shek

D. A .- Is there a fish called the Garibaldi? Ans.-The Garibaldi is a fish most frequently seen through the fam-

was converted to Methodism.

ous glass-bottom boats at Catalina Island. It is nearly a foot long and the Y cards, which entitle the holdwhen full grown is bright scarlet. It is abundant in the coral reefs of the er to the privileges of any "Y" in D. C. M .- Who invented the word kodak?

S. B. J .- How does regrooving of smooth tires affect their ultimate Ans.-The National Bureau of Standards says the regrooving of

smooth tires has very little effect on mileage. The traction is improved somewhat. The life is probably neither shortened nor lengthened. H. H.—What is the rarest animal in captivity? Ans.-The rarest is probably the South American bush dog. This ani-

mal inhabits the wet forest, is nocturnal in habit and is seldom seen. C. D .-- Are Negro babies white when they are born? Ans.- Negro babies at birth are bluish white instead of pinkish white as is the case with white babies. The pigment in the skin is the same as

that of freckles and does not develop until the baby is exposed to light. O. P. D .- How many bills has President Roosevelt vetoed? Ans.-There have been 551 vetoes during the Roosevelt administration. Seven bills were passed over the President's veto.

C. M. R .- Why is the federal government advising consumers to buy coal for next Winter now? Ans.-Because there is now an adequate supply of coal and railroad cars to move it. Next Fall, war production industries will need coal in

larger quantities, and a shortage of coal available to consumers is predicted by that time. R. W .- I believe that my son has been captured by the Japanese. To whom shall I write to obtain information about him?

Ans -- Write to the Bureau of Information (American Section) Office of the Provost Marshal General, War Department, Washington, D. C. L. K .- What is the distance by rail from Moscow to Vladivostok, and how long does it take to make the trip?

in peace time the journey requires 11 days by regular passenger train and 9 days by express. H. R .- How do accidents rank as a cause of death? Ans.-Accidents were the fifth most important cause of death in 1941,

Ans.-The distance is 9,175 kilometers (5,734 miles), and ordinarily

ing upon "safety first." She opened her school each morning by rising and asking: "Children what would you do if fire were to break out in this building?" The children would reply in chorus: "We would rise in our places, step into the aisle and march quietly out of the building."

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University."

One morning when they arrived at school they found themselves nonored by the presence of the superintendent. The teacher stepped before the class and, instead of the usual fire drill question, said, "Children, what would you say if I were to tell you that the superintendent is to

Safety First

In a certain Centre county school, we are told, the teacher is insist-

speak to you this morning?" Instantly from the class came the resounding chorus: "We would rise in our places, step into the aisle and march quietly out of the building."

. . .

A Childish Question A young bride walked into a drug store and approached a clerk tim-

"The baby tonic you advertise. Does it really make babies bigger and "We sell a lot of it, and we've not had a complaint," replied the drug-

"Well, I'll take a bottle," said the bride after a moment and went out. In five minutes she was back. She got the druggist into a corner and

"I forgot to ask about this baby tonic, Who takes it-me or my hus-. . .

Not a Chance

Old Lady (to little boy smoking cigarette)—"You'd better stop that, otherwise you will never become President." Little Boy-"Aw, that's all right, lady. I'm a Republican anyway, . . .

Logical Deduction

"Now children," said the Sunday school teacher, "I've told you the story of Jonah and the whale. Willie, can you tell me what the story

"Yes'm," said Willie, "It teaches that you can't keep a good man

. . .

Fish Story A negro hooked such a big fish one day that it pulled him overboard. As he crawled back into the boat, he was heard to exclaim: "Whut Ah wants to know is, is dis niggah fishin' or is dat fish

> . . . The Weather

Fitting right into the wartime weather censorship would be that western misprint; "No change Thursday, followed by Friday."

> Singing in the Bathtub (From Olin, Texas, Times)

"Miss Nellie Jolly entertained very pleasantly Saturday night, in 8 shower for Bill Debbs.

New Course, Eh?

(From the Dankin, III., Press) "Mrs. Dressted is a graduate of the College of Jaw at Ohio State

> Maybe a Nightmare (From the Latham, Mo., Pioneer)

"Dr. Eddy stated he found Miss Grim in a delicious condition, quite out of her head and running a temperature of 104 degrees." . . . Nothing Like Order

A local baseball player took his wife to see her first baseball game First time up he lifted the ball into space with a mighty crack that looked good for three bases. Dropping his bat he sped for first. The little woman in the grandstand arose and screamed: "John, come back here and put that bat where it belongs."

Soothing

Tuffold Nut was on the witness stand and was proving hard to handle. "Are you a drinker of hard liquor?" asked the cross-examining law-

"That's my business," growled Tuffold, defiantly. "I know," soothed the lawyer, "but do you have any other business?"

Thinking Out Loud

Usually when a man boasts that "he runs things at his home," he means the washing machine, vacuum cleaner, and perhaps the cream . . . One Answer

Teacher-"What is the main crop of Centre county?" Little Jane-"I don't know." Teacher-"What do they put in cribs?" Little Jane-"Babies."

That's all, folks. If a girl keeps a boy guessing too long, another girl may come along and give him the right answer. --- "SCAT.

ALL SERVICE MEN alive who cling to the suspicion that

According to the policy adopted by ing laws which restrain and punish the Board of Directors, 58 free Y. them. This isn't so, even if the laws. M. C. A. memberships have been is- reduce the acts complained of. sued by the secretary to men in the armed forces of our country. Memberships are granted on personal application, or by letter or the request of a relative or friend of the person to whom the membership is

Many letters have been received from the men from all parts of the country, expressing appreciation for the world. All men in the U.S. uniform are accorded the same use of the Y. M. C. A. privileges in Belle-Ans,-The name kodak was coined by George Eastman, inventor of fonte as fully paid member, requiring only a nominal fee for towel and soap. Swimming is free to all service men as well as the showers, lobby and reading room.

Fred Warner, a member of the Board of Directors of the "Y," has secured the names of all men from Bellefonte industries, who have entered the service and membership cards will be mailed to all of them.

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