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EDITORIAL

For an isolated country we are losing a healthy number of ships off our coasts.

Let's buy War Bonds this month and put Centre county on the honor roll of those which reach their quota early.

Page the loud-voiced patriot who was cocksure that Japan would not "dare" attack the United States of America. We want to tell him about Pearl Harbor.

The Japanese recognize only two kinds of Chinamen. If they run, they're Chinese soldiers. If they fight, they're bandits.

Too many Americans expect other people to win the war without bothering them. However, before 1942 ends the people of the United States will have a faint idea of what total war means.

ONE OF TEN RETURNED

The speeches delivered before the House of Commons by Prime Minister Winston Churchill ought to reveal interesting information about events connected with the war and almost always describes the worst situation in appropriate strategic terms.

In his latest speech, delivered early in July, the Prime Minister calls attention to "splendid American achievements," which have not received the attention they deserve in Great Britain. He explained that "the balance of naval power in the Pacific had been definitely altered in our favor," relieving the position in Australia and in the Indian theaters.

Mr. Churchill said that "from some of their successful attacks on Japanese aircraft carriers, only one American aircraft returned out of ten. In others, he adds, the loss was more than half, but the work was done.

This is the first indication of the intensity of the engagement between American and Japanese carriers in the Coral Sea and around Midway. It should give Americans some idea of the heroic service being rendered by the men who fly our fighting aircraft.

ONLY COWARDS FEAR THE FUTURE

We have very little sympathy with the crocodile tears which are shed over what might happen to this country as a result of our participation in the present war.

It is a popular pastime, practiced by some so-called leaders of public opinion, to reiterate the danger that Communists might undermine our institutions. Fearful orators agonize in public over "the tragic, dreadful thing" if, "when our boys come back, they couldn't recognize the country."

The substance is that we must beware of communism and "watch out" for the Russians when peace arrives. It is subtle way of stirring up discord which may lead to indifference as to the fate of the Russian Government and its fighting Red Army.

The "boys" who are fighting for their nation will be able to recognize their country "when they come back," unless the Axis powers arrange it so that they won't come back. Nothing will greatly change the fundamental institutions of the United States except disastrous defeat in the present war.

Patriotic Americans could serve their nation better, in the present crisis, by being less afraid of ideas and more concerned with physical efforts that we must make to defeat our enemies.

The attack on Pearl Harbor convinced most of us that the United States is a nation, conscious of its power and responsibilities, and unafraid to stand erect in the world, ready to meet whatever the future brings. Only cowards are haunted by the specters of what may arise and only dastards cower in fear over imaginary evils that may be in the future.

JAP ATTACK UPON SOVIET IS IMMINENT MOVE

The German offensive against Russia, which has scored considerable gains, may be limited in purpose to the capture of the oil resources of the Caucasus or it may be broad in scope, designed to separate and destroy the Red armies.

The probability is that the Nazis have both ends in view. If the attack succeeds on a stupendous scale, it will be developed into the long-heralded, all-out effort against the Soviet. If this proves impossible, the German will seek to reach the black gold so necessary to their war economy.

In considering the German position, it is essential to understand the situation of the Reich, locked in mortal combat with the colossal man-power of the Soviet and fearful of the steadily growing forces of the Anglo-American combination in the West.

Germany Seeks Soviet Destruction

There is more to the German menace than this. The English speaking nations are producing weapons of war in vast volume. Once these implements are in the hands of trained soldiers the Nazis will face disaster. Hence, the strenuous effort to prevent the junction of Russian man-power and American weapons, which would produce a crisis for Berlin.

The German war-effort, just now, involved two phases of this campaign. The U-boats off the coasts of this country are attempting to stop the flow of weapons to Russia, as well as to Great Britain. The Nazi armies in Russia are attempting to destroy the Red army, if possible, and, if not, to isolate the Russian fighting men from their sources of supply.

Back of all of this, however, is the basic effort to destroy enemy fighting power by inflicting terrific losses. This process is being used by Russia, as well as Germany. Its results are more important than the acquisition of territory. The slow grinding of armies, locked in conflict, will inevitably result in the destruction of one force or the other.

Japan Faces Similar Situation

The renewed attack that Japan has launched against China reveals the same basic objectives that we see in Europe. In the Far East Japan is locked in battle with the man-masses of China, while fearful of the impending offensive that, Tokyo knows, will be launched by the Anglo-American combination.

Despite her great gains in the Far East Japan recognized the necessity of isolating China from her supply sources. The Burma campaign almost accomplished this end. Now comes the assaults upon Chinese forces in the desperate effort to end Chinese resistance, or, at least, to take the territory from which an offensive might be launched against Japan.

In the Pacific Japanese naval operations tend to accomplish what German U-boats seek in the Atlantic, to prevent supplies from reaching the fighting front. Up to this time, naval superiority has enabled the Japs to accomplish their objective so far as China is concerned by Coral Sea and Midway losses indicate that the favorable situation may be reversed.

Soviet Victory Fatal to Both

The precarious state of peace that exists between Japan and Russia misleads nobody, least of all the practical groups that direct policies in Tokyo and Moscow. Both nations know that their fate is inevitably bound to the fortunes of the war in other areas.

Russia, at peace with Japan, desperately fights off German conquest that is made possible by the war that Japan wages in the Pacific against Great Britain and the United States, the allies of Russia.

Japan, at peace with Russia, understands thoroughly that a great Russian victory over the Nazi armies in Europe will mean the destruction of her war enterprise and the loss of her gains.

Consequently, it requires no seventh son of a prophet to predict that hostilities are likely to occur between Russia and Japan. The timing of the Japanese assault upon Siberia will lead to the collapse of Russia, the strong Japanese army in Manchukuo will march across the Siberian border.

Where We Are Concerned

Thus, eventually, Germany and Japan will seek to destroy the Soviet republic in order to reap the gains that follow. Immediately, Germany will be better prepared for the long-drawn-out fight with the Western democracies and Japan will be in a position to retain present spoil and seek additional gains. Together the two nations will endeavor to overthrow Anglo-American control of the world.

This outline will, we believe, emphasize the role that Russia plays in what this country must win. Should the Russians collapse, under German attack, with or without Japanese assault, the United States and Great Britain will face prolonged warfare against powerful enemies, immeasurably strengthened for the conflict.

FIVE YEARS OF WAR IN CHINA

Five years ago, on July 7th, 1937, Japanese soldiers attacked Chinese troops, precipitating a bloody skirmish for control of the Marco Polo Bridge over the Yngting River, near Peiping.

The "incident" resulted in a war that has cost the lives of five million Chinese, the scattering of 50,000,000 into the interior of the country and the loss of much of the richest provinces of China, including the vital seacoast areas.

The people of the United States, now in the seventh month of their war, should appreciate the desperate fight that has been waged by the Chinese. For more than two years, they withstood the Japanese assault, never losing hope or courage despite the fact that their friends of the Western world were giving considerable material assistance to the Japanese.

Today, after five years of warfare, the position of China is becoming almost desperate. Her principal supply routes have been broken and her powerful enemy seems to be determined to remove all possible avenues of communication with her allies.

The only comfort which buoy the confidence of Chinese leaders is the knowledge that Japan, by attacking Pearl Harbor has arrayed against herself both the United States and Great Britain. This means that to win the war against China, the Japanese must succeed in crushing the United States and Great Britain.

The hope that strengthens Chinese resolves may be far distant, but it is nonetheless solid comfort.

Civilians, grumbling about rationing and price controls, ought to be on the front, where they would have something to worry about.

People who worry about air raids might take time out to be careful when driving automobiles.

Ay, There's the Rub Schicklgruber!



LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: Will you please tell me what to do in a situation such as this. I am getting the same amount of money to run my house as I have been getting for several years. It was just barely enough at the time we agreed on the amount, but you can imagine my predicament now with food and clothes so much higher. My husband says that he can allow me no more, but whenever I cut down to very plain food I face a storm of criticism from the entire family.

Consequently, the money that should go to pay for my clothes and extra things needed around the house goes for food and then these other bills pile up on me until I am hopelessly in debt.

What can I do? The whole mess is very unpleasant. HOUSEWIFE-N. Y.

Answer: Do as a friend of mine once said she did—Allow so much for all your needs every week and put those amounts in separate boxes. If you are allowed two dollars a day for food, spend that and no more. This woman, I recall, once reached a Saturday with only ten cents left. She bought a can of pork and beans and that was what they had for dinner. There are lots of things we buy that we could do without and if you see that your family has plenty of good, nourishing food it hasn't got to be so fancy. The cheaper cuts of meat are just as nourishing as the more expensive kind and, if they are cooked properly, can be very tasty. Whole milk is a complete food with lots of calories. Dried peas and beans and cheese can pinch-hit for meat, but don't forget to eat plenty of green and yellow vegetables. The vitamins you get from them and from oranges and tomatoes have lots to do with keeping you healthy, especially your nerves, teeth, eyes and stomach in good condition. Try to (Continued on Page Six)



Just what politicians will do, for campaign slogans in the Fall; is likely to be something new: since all the bunk and fall-de-rall they used to spout in days of yore, to win the peoples vote, has been outmoded by the war, and times demand a brand new note. "Low taxes" was a favorite, with which to woo electorates, but now they're due to reach a height, that makes them useless for debates. So old campaigners will be prone, as they seek votes this fall, to let the tax issue alone, and never mention it at all. The "tariff" question is taboo, since lend-lease took the stage. As standard campaign balley hoo, the tariff substitute "over age." Politicos their heads must scratch, to find a slogan substitute, with which the voters' ear to catch, and give their campaign rooty-toot. Yep! war has strep-cramped the style, spell bindin speakers used to have; as with a bland and cheery smile, they thickly smeared the Party salve. But now we've got to win a war, and politics went do the trick; so the kind of guys we're votin for, must do their job—and do it quick.

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

All the News That's Fit to Print Joe had just gotten out of college and considered himself lucky at getting a newspaper job so quickly. He listened intently to the city editor's instructions. "Never write anything as a fact unless you are absolutely sure about it," said the editor, "or you'll get the paper in wrong. If you're not sure of an item being a fact use the words 'alleged,' 'claimed,' 'reputed,' 'rumored,' etc." Joe kept repeating this to himself as he went forth on his first assignment and this is the first thing he turned in: "It is rumored that a tea party was given yesterday by a number of reputed ladies. Mrs. Smith, it was said, was hostess and the guests, it is alleged, with the exception of Mrs. Jones, who says she is fresh from Wheeling, were all local people. Mrs. Smith claims to be the wife of Joe Smith who is rumored to be the president of an alleged bank."

Reprimanded An admiral, a stickler for uniform, stopped opposite a very portly sailor whose medal-ribbon was an inch or so too low. Fixing the man with his eye, the admiral asked: "Did you get that medal for eating my lad?" On the man replying "No sir," the admiral rapped out: "Then why the deuce do you wear it on your stomach?" Chancing It The church service was proceeding successfully when a woman in the gallery got so interested that she leaned out too far and fell over the railing. Her dress caught in the chandelier, and she was suspended in midair. The minister noticed her undignified position and thundered at the congregation: "Any person who turns around will be struck blind!" A man, whose curiosity was getting the better of him, turned to his companion and said: "I'm going to risk one eye."

Query & Answer Column

F. B.—Are all ships constructed in the United States christened before launching, and is the ceremony costly? Ans.—Formerly it was customary to have elaborate ceremonies at the launching of U. S. naval ships, and to present an expensive gift to the sponsor, but these formalities have been considerably curtailed since the war. Substitutes for champagne, such as an inexpensive wine or even sea water, are used in good to have been used on occasions. Merchant ships, as well as those of the Navy, are christened before launching. P. W. M.—How do you account for rains of worms, fish, frogs and tadpoles? Ans.—This phenomenon is caused by the fact that during a storm these aquatic creatures sometimes are caught up from shallow water by eddies of air, and carried a distance of several miles before they fall. D. R.—What is the highest temperature recorded in the United States? Ans.—A record of 134 degrees F., at Greenland Ranch, Death Valley, Calif., on July 10, 1913. L. D. E.—How deep is the river in Mammoth Cave, Ky? Ans.—The normal depth of Echo River, which is 360 feet below the surface of the cave, is thirty to forty feet. It has reached a flood stage of fifty-eight feet. G. P.—What is meant by a record vote in Congress? Ans.—A record vote is a vote in which the members of the House or Senate answer yea or nay to their names. R. W. D.—How many greeting cards are sent in a year? Ans.—The greeting card industry estimates the number of greeting cards that will be sent by Americans in the year 1942 at nearly three billion. C. F. O.—What is the most rural state in this country? Ans.—Mississippi, with a total population of 2,183,796 and a rural population of 1,750,915, is the most rural state in the United States. D. A. T.—How long have commercial television programs been on the air? Ans.—Commercially sponsored programs were televised for the first time on July 1, 1941. L. P. D.—Is it correct to use "an" before the word "historical"? Ans.—There is no definite rule to the effect that a word which begins with "h" and which is accented on the second syllable is correctly preceded by "an" rather than by "a." This rule is more widely observed in England than in the United States. L. G. H.—How long are the time intervals in the chimes of Big Ben? Ans.—According to measurements taken in New York over the radio, there are two seconds between chimes on the quarter-hour and three seconds between those on the hour on Big Ben. W. A.—May a championship fight be called a draw? Ans.—According to present-day rules, a championship bout can end in a draw and there are no rules against this. W. D.—What is the approved number of police officers that a city should have per 1000 population? Ans.—The American Municipal Association believes that a city should have 14 police per 1000 population. Surveys made show that in many places particularly in New York and New Jersey there are 13 police protection for each 1000 persons. F.—What is Hellin's law? Ans.—It is a statement that twins occur once in 80 pregnancies; triplets once in 80x80 or 6400 cases, and quadruplets once in 80x80x80 or 512,000 cases. M. Y. A.—Why did Gandhi begin his campaign of token civil disobedience? Ans.—In the Autumn of 1940, Gandhi, seeking a method of campaigning for India's independence without embarrassing the British war effort, hit upon the method of "token civil disobedience" since under the Defense of India Act "preaching pacifism" was forbidden. D. D.—By what name did the Hebrews refer to God? Ans.—The usual name given to God by the Hebrews was that which is rendered into English by the word Jehovah. It was written YHWH and pronounced Yahweh. The word Jehovah was so revered by the ancient Hebrews that it was not generally pronounced, its place being taken, in speaking, by Adonai, Lord, Elohim, or El-Shaddai, all of which are really expressions for the attributes of God. F. C. B.—What per cent of homes in the United States are not equipped with baths? Ans.—The census of 1940 showed that 45.3 per cent of the dwelling units in the country lacked private baths. The percentage was highest on farms, where it was 89.4. T. H. N.—Has anyone ever navigated the Northwest Passage? Ans.—In 1905, Roald Amundsen discovered a water route around North America to the East Indies by way of Bering Strait in the ship Gjoa. He was the first person to navigate the Northwest Passage, for centuries an object of search. B. A.—Where is Admiral Richard E. Byrd at the present time? Ans.—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd is on active duty and at the present time is assigned to the Bureau of Aeronautics, Navy Department. K. D. J.—When were the first three-cent stamps issued? Ans.—The first three-cent stamp was issued on July 1, 1851, in honor of George Washington. C. A. W.—Why was consumer credit curtailed by restrictions on charge accounts and installment loans? Ans.—As an anti-inflation measure. Other measures of the President's program against inflation include: Freezing of all prices and rents; rationing of all essential commodities for which civilian demand exceeds the supply; limitation of wage increases; more saving by civilians; and increased taxes. I. M.—Can you give me the rules to follow in sending mail to foreign countries during the present time? Ans.—The full name and complete address of the sender must be shown both on the outside of the envelope and in the letter. The writing should be in English, if possible. If not, the name of the language should be written in English on the face of the envelope. Codes, unless authorized, ciphers, secret inks, and other secret writings are not permitted in international mail. Any communication to a foreign country which includes technical or scientific data requires a license from the Board of Economic Warfare, Washington, D. C. R. W.—What is the recommended method for shifting the tires of an automobile to get the most life out of them? Ans.—Place spare tire on right rear; transfer right rear, which receives the most wear, to left front; left front to left rear; left rear to right front; right front to spare. Repeat the process at regular intervals. W. W.—How many planes are included in a U. S. Army Air Force Squadron? Ans.—From 12 to 15. There are 3 or 4 planes in a "flight." Mrs. M.—What does the abbreviation B.L.R.T.C. stand for in a soldier's address? Ans.—Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center.

The Worm Has Turned (Continued from page one) sign. It is a picture of a turtle, symbol of the slowdown in factories. The Czechs have mastered the art of industrial sabotage. Ammunition is incorrectly sorted, troop trains wrecked, oil wagons punctured. A shipment of 20 million pieces of ammunition had to be returned to a Czech factory, for an attempt to attach fuses would have blown German wrecks sky high. Cancellation Slip Is "Lost" One factory conveniently lost a cancellation slip and worked for weeks on unwanted orders, thus wasting time and raw materials. Elsewhere important casts have been hidden, machines run so fast that they caught fire, short strikes called during which furnaces that need 48 hours to refire were allowed to go out. Finishes have been left to rot, wrongly routed to Berlin, while useless trunks of scrap metal piled up at the Russian front. By radio from London, Czech Foreign Minister Masaryk has cautioned his countrymen to refrain from violence because of the tremendous risks. But he urges them to take more time on each unit and bolt to delay at lunch time and stay longer in washrooms. In a Skoda plant with 40,000 workers, he says, "if every man dawdles and takes an extra two min-

utes when he goes to the washroom, the Germans lose 80,000 minutes of production a day." German reprisals, as everyone knows, are wholesale slaughter. Occupied Europe pays from tenfold to a hundredfold for every Nazi that civilians kill. German authorities admit to having killed 1,000 persons in Europe during the first weeks of last October. Resistance requires an almost super-human courage. Only a fragmentary history of that courage is now known. But the United Nations already know enough to realize that when the Second Front in Europe comes it will blaze up in a fierce, united action that will hasten ultimate victory. Direct Relief Report Direct relief funds distributed in Centre county during the week ending Friday totaled \$591.40, according to G. Harold Warner, State Treasurer. This amount was paid to 157 cases. Last week, 158 cases received a total of \$598.20.

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