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EDITORIAL

The peace promised in the Bible, is not being peddled by Hitler or Hirohito.

The "home front" should not require a heavy casualty list to make it war-minded.

Installment buying has been regulated but there is no restrictions upon installment debt paying.

Every citizen of Centre county should fight inflation like a rattlesnake; in the end its bite is just as bad.

It is about time for some of our Axis-minded croakers to suggest that the Russians are laying down in the Ukraine without fighting.

Believe it or not, every activity in the United States is of minor importance when compared to the business of whipping the Axis powers.

Scores of men and women in Centre county are giving generously of their time and effort in the work of civilian defense. They deserve the applause of all citizens, including lazy loafers too sluggish to work in the present emergency.

The Nazi drive against the Red Army, apparently aimed at the Volga River, indicates that Hitler, in his quest for the oil of the Caucasus, has decided to take the long way rather than invade Turkey and make another enemy. The news from the battlefield is not so good for the United Nations, but Hitler in the past never seemed to mind another foe. He drove towards his goals, without regard to neutrals in his way. The Turks are neutral and the Nazis seem anxious to keep them so. Is it possible that Hitler forces that the Germans will have plenty to do in the future, without another enemy?

Hospital planes, capable of carrying as many as forty patients in comfort, will be used by the Army to move sick and wounded personnel from theatres of war. The Air Evacuation Group has been established under the Air Transport Command. It will undoubtedly save the lives of many Americans. We report this matter for the comfort of those who have relatives in the service. In time they will be in the battle zones, taking the risks involved. Some of them will be wounded. It is, therefore, a comfort to know that many of them will be carefully transported by plane to receive adequate hospitalization under the best possible conditions.

"WHERE IS THE NAVY?"

For the benefit of millions of American citizens who have constantly asked, "Where is the Navy?"

we call attention to the report of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senators state that the Navy has been operating under "extraordinarily difficult conditions" in all waters and on many fronts and lacking in adequate naval and air bases and limited facilities.

The ignorance of people generally as to the naval status in the Pacific is little short of astonishing. There are millions of Americans who still have the impression that the United States went into the war with a Navy nearly twice the size of the Japanese Navy.

GERMAN GAINS WERE EXPECTED

The great battle going on in Russia must be viewed in the perspective of the past and the outlook for the future. Those who followed the campaigns of last Summer and last Winter in Russia expected Nazi advances when the Germans decided to press forward in 1942.

The present fighting is not on the grand scale of last year's offensive, which began when Germany's armies invaded Russia on a front which stretched from Murnansk to Odessa. Last year, the Nazis expected to destroy the Soviet Republic. Despite these territorial gains and great victories, the Germans failed. In the winter, the Red Army struck back to regain approximately one-fifth of the territory lost.

Egyptian Stalemate

In other sectors of the great World War, the United Nations found little comfort in the middle of July. In Egypt, where the fast moving Germans were halted at El Alamein, seventy-five miles from Alexandria, something of a stalemate followed, with both sides working feverishly to move reinforcements and supplies to the front.

Chinese Position Deteriorates

In the Far East, the Japanese invaders of China are seeking to control the rail line between Shanghai and Singapore in the hope of obtaining an attack-proof supply line to the riches of conquered territory.

SAYS U. S. TANKS ARE BEST

We have been interested, along with other Americans, in reports from the battlefield in Africa where the American 28-ton M-3 tanks were tested in actual combat.

The "General Grants" delivered a surprise "punch" to the enemy in the early days of the Libyan fighting but, consequently, when the British suffered reverses, the reports as to the tanks were not so favorable.

As a layman, without actual information as to the manufacture of tanks and without the technical information necessary to pass judgment upon them, we must rely upon the testimony of those who know.

Referring to the 88-mm. German gun, which was credited with scoring an outstanding success in the African engagement, the General says that it is out-matched by high velocity 75-mm. gun in the M-3 tanks "far and away outrange the best the Germans have."

The General took up machine-guns and asserted that American guns will out-function any enemy guns under the most adverse circumstances.

MR. MAY'S FOOLISH PREDICTION

The prediction of the Hon. Andrew J. May, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, that the war will end "probably in 1942 and certainly in 1943" represents Congressional intelligence at its worst.

Mr. May, who may possess information not available to ordinary citizens, bases his statement upon his knowledge of a "military secret." This makes his amazing prediction more reprehensible because its weight will be increased by his official position.

If some "military secret" is to give us victory, there would seem to be good reason to keep quiet about the matter in order that it may surprise an unsuspecting foe. If the forecast is based upon nothing but Mr. May's opinion, which may be accepted by the unsuspecting, the national will to win may be softened, which would be dangerous if not disastrous.

We have no idea that the Kentuckian has any secret dope about the strength of our enemies. There are few "talkers" in Germany and Japan at this time when it comes to matters dealing with the present war.

IDEAS ABOUT TANK WARFARE

The way not to attack tanks is with other tanks, says Major General Charles L. Scott, U. S. armored force veteran, who is now in Egypt with an excellent opportunity to learn something about tank warfare.

Gen. Scott says that the tank is meant to attack infantry, to break up land communications and, if possible, strike at the nerve center of the enemy, his high command. Like bombers, on a mission, which avoid enemy fighter planes, tanks, headed for proper objectives, should avoid tank battles.

The best way to knock out tanks is with high-velocity anti-tank guns, according to the general, or by infantry raiders operating at night with bombs.

Tanks, infantry and artillery, working together, make an unbeatable team according to this veteran, who quickly points out that if they are separated each is vulnerable. Tanks may be beaten by artillery, artillery may be an easy prey to infantry and infantry may be decimated by tanks. The cooperation, now so heavily stressed in battle tactics, of these various units represents the way to victory.

GANDHI'S SILLIER THAN EVER

Mohandas M. Gandhi, Indian Nationalist leader, changes his tune about British and American armed forces in India, saying that "foreign troops are necessary for the defense of India" and that they are welcome provided they leave as soon as the crisis is over.

The lion-clothed apostle of non-violence has not yet progressed to the abandonment of nonsense. He advocates Indian ambassadors to Rome, Berlin and Tokyo, "not to beg peace but to show them (Axis Powers) the futility of war." This idea is about as practical as his advocacy of the spinning wheel and abandonment of modern textile machinery.

Like many religious fanatics and spiritual ignoramuses, Gandhi is not able to harmonize spiritual and material worlds. There is no greater mistake than to stubbornly apply the rules of spiritual growth to the development of mundane matters. A physicist, in the same stage of silliness, would attempt to harmonize the properties of ice and red-hot steel.

How Your Old Rubber Aids the Army

STATISTICS COMPILED BY UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY

Illustrations showing rubber products and their military uses: 2 OLD TIRES EQUAL 1 JEEP TIRE, 3 RUBBERS EQUAL 1 ARMY OVERSHOE, 1 HOT WATER BOTTLE EQUALS 2 YARDS OF HOSPITAL SHEETING, 2 INNER TUBES EQUAL 1 HEAVY ARMY GAS MASK, 1 50FT. LENGTH OF GARDEN HOSE EQUALS 1 PNEUMATIC LIFE-SAVING RAFT.

LOUISA'S LETTER: Dear Louisa: I met a boy several weeks ago who is stationed in a camp nearby. We fell very much in love. He is very handsome and generous and we are planning to get married before he leaves.

THE OFFICE CAT: "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men" Horses, Horses, Horses! After winning a few good-sized bets on a horse that was enjoying a winning streak, Isaac tried to buy the nag for \$12,000 but the owner refused to sell.

AS I SEE IT: BY Horace Sentsz. There's plenty of guys who can criticize, and plenty who'll shirk all the dirty work. But the fellows, few that it will be to do, the job that they're able to handle. There's lots of goofs to shout from the roofs, a million wet snacks to make dirty cracks.

Always Open Season: Joe—"Ever go deer hunting, John?" John—"Joe, I'm looking for a couple of bucks right now." No Use to Him: "Well, you have already good protection against fire," conceded the persistent insurance salesman, "but how about a little hail insurance?"

Query & Answer Column

- N. O.—When and where was Alan Seeger, author of "I Have a Rendezvous With Death," killed?
Ans.—The poet was killed at Bellefleur-Santerre, in the Battle of the Somme in 1918.
F. T.—How far can a lion jump from a crouching position?
Ans.—Big game hunters report that a lion usually takes a short run and his leap with the run is from twenty to twenty-five feet. In the big cat acts, the lion has been known to leap twelve feet from a crouch without much effort.

White Rainbow Seen: A "white rainbow," which is caused by the moon and is a rare sight anywhere in the world, was seen recently shortly before sunrise at Singapore, Malaya, and lasted nearly 15 minutes.

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