

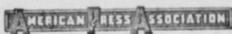
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EDITORIAL

As soldiers of production we must not fail the men in the front lines.

If you haven't purchased a War Bond in August, we remind you that the month is about to end.

Up to this time we have never heard of a man, woman or child who has been injured through the reading of the Bible.

Farmers who happen to find themselves with spare coin, are advised to pay outstanding debts before seeking "investments."

Preparations for a battle are somewhat like preparations for a prize fight. The fight itself may last two minutes but the preparations take weeks and weeks.

Here's how Bill Knudsen puts it: "We have taken a little bounding around, but I think we are going to have a little surprise for Hitler."

If this war is a punishment for the sins of the United Nations, we wonder what will be devised for the correction of the aggressor nations.

Some Americans are getting a funny idea about what freedom means. They seem to think it gives them the right to do anything they like, regardless of what other people prefer.

November 1st is the deadline for acceptance by postoffices of parcels for Christmas delivery to members of units overseas, according to an announcement which says that no food should be included in packages. Parcels should be sturdy and not weigh more than eleven pounds.

Strange as it seems, both the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers are for increasing taxation to avoid inflation. Significantly, they urge a sales tax of ten and eight per cent respectively. It requires no fortune telling to realize that such a levy would make it unnecessary to place heavy taxes on business.

IS ITALY IN THE WAR?

While we cannot subscribe to the widely advocated plan to beat the Axis by invading Italy, the weakest member, we are constantly amazed at the reluctance of many Americans to conclude that the Italians are at war with the United States. Last week the Rome Foreign Office recounted the success of an Italian submarine, operating off the coast of the United States. A few days later American bombers paid their respects to Italian cruisers, with good effect.

The Italians, except in Africa, have been strangely ignored in the present warfare. It might be a good idea, along with the bombing of German industries, to pay some attention to the Italian war plant.

AWAKE MY SOUL! That is America's need—the awakening of the soul. That also is what Germany most fears and what her dupes and hirelings are fighting hardest to prevent. Man's strength is as the strength of ten when his soul is moved.

America's soul is awakening—she is stretching every nerve and pressing on with vigor but it seems so slow, when we think of the task ahead... the task of our National salvation.

We are going forth like the African hunter into the den of wild beasts and the stiffening of every sinew is the only safeguard against such beasts of prey as now are rampant against every ideal and hope of civilized society.

A gun held listlessly is poor defense against that in the hands of a man with every nerve and muscle tense.

America, awake! Awake and you are invincible! Awake and you are lost!

Half asleep and you are in fearful danger. Awake, therefore! Shake off dull sloth, and with a soul in tumult press with vigor on!

Woe to the man who blocks the way! Death to the traitor and the alien spy! Awake, Oh, my soul! Cursed be the miserable cowards who, in self-pity and treacherous selfishness, seek to escape their duty.

Let them plunge to their inevitable destruction. Down with every semblance of weakness—with every thought of self!

Wave on high the banner of denial and sacrifice of self. The nation is all in all.

Consecrate to her the all of us that she may not perish from the earth. Pity the lukewarm and, if need be, purge them by fire—they are cancerous!

Silence the mouth of villainous seditious! Forget the things that are behind and press onward toward the prize of the calling of an awakened nation.

One cause, one hope, one victory... America, our home.

CONVOY SAVES 1,796 OF 1,800 SHIPS

When submarine sinkings along the East coast were alarming, we pointed out, several times, that the answer to the U-boat had been discovered, developed and perfected during the first World War and that the convoy system was the defense that would win the campaign.

Short of ships, especially destroyers and patrol types, the Navy, giving everything it had to the safeguarding of convoys en route to distant battle areas, took a "beating" on the East coast. While the public grumbled the Navy stuck to its judgment and our boys and materiel have been safely transported abroad.

Hanson W. Baldwin, New York Times military "expert," has spent some time recently along the Eastern seaboard. He reports that the convoy system was begun May 14 in Atlantic coastal waters and, to the end of June, only four ships out of almost 1,800 have been sunk.

This is a good record. "Sinkings have fallen off so greatly since the bad days of January, February, March and April that a ship sunk or damaged by mine or torpedo within this area is now a rarity," is his conclusion, which seems to establish the success of the convoy system.

In the Caribbean the convoy system was started "on a limited scale" July 1 and is "already showing results."

He admits that submarine sinkings may mount again and adds that in the Gulf, off northern South America, in mid-Atlantic and other areas world sinkings "are still dangerously high." Many areas are not adequately protected by planes and "the convoy system has not yet been extended to all critical regions."

BOMBS THAT HURT HITLER

The admission, from the lips of Reich Propaganda Minister Goebbels, that Germany is receiving "bitter wounds" from the sustained aerial attack upon its industrial centers contrasts strangely with the bombastic boasts, when the war began, that not a single bomb would fall upon the industrial region of the Ruhr.

When enthusiastic Germans spoke of the "colossal" destruction at Coventry in November, 1940, when the Luftwaffe dropped 299 tons of bombs in a single night, they little thought that in less than two years the British R. A. F. would be landing 450 tons of bombs in routine attacks.

The British Air Ministry reveals that in June and July 13,000 tons of bombs were loosed upon German targets. In the thirty days following June 12th thirteen attacks were launched, with only one using less than 100 planes, ten using between 200 and 400 bombers.

In one recent bombing, at Osnabrueck, 200 bombers planted 450 tons of explosives, including forty 2-ton bombs and eighty 1-ton missiles. This devastating attack is blasting harbor installations, freight yards, factories and transportation facilities. It is surely weakening German production for war.

Now, the news from Great Britain indicates clearly that the American Air Force is about ready to join in the aerial assault. Soon the giant bombers of both nations will multiply the number of bombs that drop regularly upon their military targets. Even Hitler will be able to understand that the war, so far as Germany is concerned, is not yet over and, in fact, is just getting underway.

BRUTALITY TO BE PUNISHED

The wrecking of a train near Rotterdam early in August has been followed by the execution of hostages seized by the German army of occupation.

The Dutch government in exile properly denounces these executions as murder and warns that those responsible will pay with their lives once the war is won and the government reestablished on Netherlands territory.

The attitude of the government in exile is eminently correct. The Nazi system of executing innocent men, in an effort to break the hostility of conquered peoples, is absolute brutality, which should be punished if there is any justice remaining in the world when the war is over.

The killing of innocent men in the Netherlands is without accurate tally. The same observation applies to every part of Europe overrun by the Hitlerites. While we cannot count the dead we can recognize their killing as a part of a program, deliberately designed to butcher the opposition.

This policy is official with the Nazis. Consequently, the crime is that of those who direct Germany, rather than that of the soldiers who execute the brutal orders. The punishment should visit the smug officials who lay down the rules. They should not escape responsibility for their brutality because of official positions.

FRAUDS AGAINST GOVERNMENT

As a part of the national defense program, in 1940, the government entered into a contract to reconstruct the idle Cramp Shipyards at Philadelphia, to build naval vessels.

A contractor was engaged to do the work on a cost-plus fixed fee basis. What happened? Well, the Federal Trade Commission charges collusion and fraudulent bidding for electrical and construction material used in the work. It alleges that fictitious bids were submitted and that competition was eliminated on certain materials.

Another case of the same type comes from Philadelphia, where the grand jury is investigating charges that a manufacturing firm, supposed to make uniforms for the Army, received the government cloth, already cut, to be processed, and that it withheld parts of the stock for its own use.

There has been comparatively little publicity given these two instances, both arising in the City of Brotherly Love. For some reason the manifestations of business do not seem to be

THE OFFICE CAT "A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men" Pass 'Em All, Please Teacher—"Sammy, name the four seasons." Sammy—"Salt, mustard, vinegar and pepper."

Valuable Dog When a certain citizen saw his new neighbor enter his gate, he expected trouble. And he was right. "I've come about that dog of yours," said the newcomer, curtly. "Well, I know he's a playful little fellow," replied our friend, "Playful! Why he's bitten my mother-in-law three times."

Trustfulness An old farmer wrote a mail order house: "Please send me one of them gasoline engines which you advertise on page 785, and if it is any good I'll send you a check for it." The following reply was promptly received: "Send us the check and if it is any good we will send you the engine."

Waddaya Mean, Advice? Wife—"Darling, I want your advice. What do you think would be a good thing for you to buy me for my birthday?"

Maybe He's Right A teacher was giving her class a test in geography and one little boy became quite mixed. One question was: "Name the zones." His answer was: "There are two zones, masculine and feminine. The masculine is divided into the temperate and intemperate; the feminine into the frigid and torrid."

Stop Your Kidding Farmer—"If things get too bad, we can eat our forest preserves." City Man—"You've nothing on us. We can eat our traffic jams."

Poor Time to Argue Nothing escapes change—even the lettering on the doors of those little rooms that started out simply as "FOR MEN" and "FOR WOMEN." Next it became a bit high hat with "Gentlemen" and "Ladies." Then in the night clubs they broke out with "King" and "Queen," "His" and "Her," and other variations.

Complications set in, however, at a new night club in the modern Spanish village design, that used "Hombre" and "Senorita." A worried looking man approached the manager and asked directions. "Don't you know what Hombre means?" asked the manager. "No, I don't," replied the worried looking man, "and this is one helluva time to be giving me Spanish lessons."

Rolled Into Town A Kansas farmer stopped at the bank to see if he could get a loan on his farm. "It might be arranged," said the banker, "I'll drive out with you and appraise it." "You won't need to bother," said the farmer, noticing a huge cloud of dust rolling up the road, "there it comes now."

They Asked For It A small boy was leading a donkey passed an Army camp. A couple of soldiers wanted to have some fun with the lad. "What are you holding on to your brother so tight for, sonny?" asked one of them. "So he won't join the Army," the youngster replied, without blinking an eye.

Strong Evidence Judge—"How do you know he was drunk?" Wife—"Well, he shook the clothes tree and then started to feel around the floor for some apples."

Poor Plumber She—"Yesterday while I was taking a bath the plumber walked in on me." Her—"You should have thrown water in his face." She—"I did when he fainted."

Miracle She was an old Irish woman on her way back to Dublin from the States. The customs man fished out a bottle from his customary sanctuary in the old lady's night dress. "And what's this?" he demanded. "Shure, and it's holy water," said the woman, clutching for it. The customs man had his suspicions, pulled out the cork and sniffed. "This is whiskey," he said sternly. Up went the old woman's hands in amazement. "Glory be, a miracle."

What For? (From a recent news story) "As a result of the accident, police authorities suggest that a stop sign be placed at the west end of the bridge."

They Should The cute customer approached the handsome floorwalker and asked: "Do you have notions on this floor?" The floorwalker leered and simpered. "Yes, madam, but we must suppress them during business hours."

Familiar Touch Outside the storm raged. The thunder rolled and the lightning flashed almost continuously. Presently a bolt struck Mr. Jones and knocked him out of bed. He arose, yawning, rubbed his eyes and mumbled, "All right, dear, I'll get up."

At Least a Postcard The hardboiled captain had knocked one of his sailors overboard. "Help! Help!" yelled the seaman. "I can't swim. Drop me a line." The captain leaned over the rail and smiled sweetly. "Oh, yes, dear, and you write me something, too."

The Way About It "Better plead guilty," said Sam's lawyer. "The judge will give you only two years at the outside." "Yaaa," replied the colored individual, dubiously, "de trouble is, dem two years at de outside will be on de inside."

She Didn't Oblige Dr. Hugh Hampton Young, eminent surgeon, attended the unveiling of a bust of himself at the University of Virginia. After the ceremonies a young woman came up to him. "I hope you appreciate," she said, "that I have come 50 miles to see your bust, unweilded."

Telephone Tattle An angry subscriber, having trouble with the telephone, bellowed at an operator, "Am I crazy, or are you?" "I'm sorry, sir," she replied in her sweetest institutional voice, "but we do not have that information."

Slightly Hazardous It is just being told that one of our local attorneys got a letter last Memorial Day from an out of town source which read: "You are invited to be one of the speakers at our Memorial Day meeting. The program will include a talk by a minister, recitation of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech by a school pupil, your talk and then the firing squad."

That's all, folks. The trouble with a girl with a nice carriage is that the boys want to see what makes the wheels go round. —SUA1.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: Every magazine I read tells us to write gay, cheerful letters to the boys in the service instead of bemoaning the fact that we are separated from each other. Well, I just want to say that I don't agree with them.

As long as I wrote my husband and filled up my letters with how much I missed him and how lonely I was without him, I got cheerful letters from him. But when I tried to do what the magazine said and told him about the good times I was having and not to worry about me, I got this awful letter back saying that I was forgetting him and didn't care anything for him, and accusing me of having dates with other people.

Now, what do you think of that? MARY B.—Conn.

Answer: I don't think you get the idea in the magazine articles, Mary. What these writers want us to do is to keep on telling our husbands and sons how much we miss them and love them, but to let them know we are being brave about it and not going into a decline. We don't have to tell them that we are having a gay and giddy time to cheer them up.

As you know, this would not only make a man feel hurt and disappointed, not to say downright jealous. We can tell him all of the little happenings during the day—not the row we had with his sister, however—but amusing incidents and homey things that he might like to hear about. We can tell him the news about the folks in the community and the different people who asked about him, etc.

Leave out the part about the baby crying all night, and the loss of sleep making you look like a hag. You can also skip how hard it is not to have new fall clothes now that he is making so much less money than he was before. After all, he has plenty to worry about besides that. Also leave out the fact that you dreamed last night that you saw him lying out on the battlefield. That won't help his peace of mind, either.

Just use a little common sense. Let him think that you are comfortable and as happy as it is possible to be without him.

LOUISA.

AS I SEE IT BY Horace Sentyz

The Ration Board has new ideas, about more ways it can displease; they soon will launch a brand new phase of rationing with meatless days. So friend if you're a carnivore, you're due to feel the pinch of war, as you eat less of chops and steaks, and on your appetite put brakes. Instead of that prime roast of beef, you'll munch upon a lettuce leaf, and chortle with new kinds of glee, as you absorb vitamin B. No more hot dogs or hamburger cakes, or big thick juicy T bone steaks; no more fine roasts of standing rib or thick brown gravy on the bib. All this might sound like words of gloom, that predict gastronomic doom. Instead there is a cherry note; that's why this jungle has been wrote. You see there's more to meatless days, than just a nasty ration phase. It gives each opportunity, to sacrifice for victory. We can't all fight in battle heat, but we can all do without meat. So that our boys can have three squares, each one at home his gladly shares. If meatless days will win the war, then meatless days we're rootin' for. To win we'll even shout our praise, for meatless sweet-less EATLESS days.

STORMSTOWN CLUB HOLDS MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

A mother and daughter banquet, was held recently by the Stormstown 4-H Home Economics Girls Club, at the Ariene Wilson home. The decoration color scheme of red, white and blue, was used in the flowers, candle, napkins, members' place cards, etc. Supper consisted of corn chowder, toasted crackers, country salad, cheese biscuits, cup cake, cup custard and beausage. The supper was prepared and served by the girls, three acting as hostesses and three as waitresses.

The mothers were entertained with instrumental music and songs, slides and a business meeting. Those present were as follows: Phyllis Lutz, Charlotte Lutz, Immeida Sigel, Phyllis Sigel, Lois Ann Waite, Elsie Turner, Lois Peters, Mary Jane Lippard, Laura Peters, Ariene Wilson, Frances Waring, Joan Tomco, Mrs. Harry Fisher, Mrs. Ed Waring, Mrs. George Peters, Mrs. Maud Wilson, Mrs. Clarence Peters, Mrs. Gilbert Waite, Mrs. Dale Turner, Miss Ruth Waring, Miss Helen Butler.

After thanks by the mothers to the girls and by the girls to the mothers for the club opportunities, the meeting was adjourned.

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Query & Answer Column

L. R. E.—Is it harmful to sit with one's legs crossed? Ans.—The main harm in sitting with the legs crossed is that it impairs the circulation.

E. N. B.—What is the nickname of the State of Arkansas? Ans.—The older popular nickname is Bear State. However by act of the legislature the new nickname is Wonder State.

M. M.—How long did Blackstone practice law? Ans.—After seven years' practice he considered himself a failure as a lawyer. His prospects were so poor that he retired to Oxford and began to give public lectures which led to his eventual wide renown.

L. R. B.—Who made the fastest trip around the world? Ans.—In 1933, Howard Hughes with four technical assistants flew around the world from New York City via Paris, Moscow, Omsk, Yakutsk, Fairbanks, and Minneapolis in 3 days, 19 hours, 8 minutes and 10 seconds. The distance was 14,824 miles.

W. H.—What are the words represented by the abbreviation, e. g.? Ans.—The letters stand for the Latin word "exempli gratia," for example.

P. D. O.—How long do tattoo marks last? Ans.—The shortest time in which tattoo marks will disappear is about ten years.

W. T. H.—Do wild animals generally die natural deaths? Ans.—It is believed that 15% wild animals die of old age. Most frequent causes of death are food shortage, accidental injuries and natural enemies.

N. S.—Has the date of the Crucifixion ever been definitely fixed? Ans.—Professor Olmstead of the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, fixes the date as Friday, April 7, 30 A. D.

M. G. A.—Who is the youngest governor in the United States? Ans.—It is Governor Harold Edward Stassen of Minnesota, who was born April 13, 1907.

N. M.—How is an elephant taught to stand on its head? Ans.—Its hind parts are harnessed and pulled upwards with a pulley and team of horses. Some small little elephants will cooperate after a few trials, while others will be slow to comprehend. There was a female elephant with Ringling circus that was hoisted 5000 times before she caught on. After that she solved all doubts by doing her one trick. One night the elephant car was derailed. It was a new experience for Queen so when she was liberated from the wreckage she dashed into a nearby cornfield where her keepers found her standing on her head.

W. B. L.—How many congressmen are serving in the Army? Ans.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge is the only member of the United States Senate who has served in the present war. The following members of the House of Representatives are now in the Army: Lyndon Johnson, Eugene Worley, Albert L. Vreeland, Frank C. Osmer, Francis Walter (now returned), V. F. Harrington, and M. J. Maas.

P. R. D.—What President said that the Government should not support the people? Ans.—In vetoing the Texas Seed Bill, February 16, 1887, Grover Cleveland said, "Though the people supported the Government, the Government should not support the people."

O. D.—How far can thunder be heard? Ans.—Thunder may be heard at a distance of ten miles under the most favorable conditions. It is occasionally heard a distance of twenty or even thirty miles.

N. J.—When will the Supreme Court of the United States reconvene? Ans.—The Supreme Court convenes at noon on the first Monday in October.

W. A. P.—How long did it take to build the Suez Canal? Ans.—Construction was begun in 1854 and fifteen years later the canal was opened for traffic. It is 101 miles long, has no locks, and is at one level throughout its entire length.

S. P.—What was the Old Guard? Ans.—The Old Guard was the original imperial guard established by Napoleon in 1804. It made the final French charge in the battle of Waterloo in 1815.

C. R.—What kind of gun was used by John Wilkes Booth to assassinate Lincoln? Ans.—A small silver-mounted derringer.

W. K.—Do bees customarily build nests hanging from trees like those of hornets? Ans.—No; but sometimes they do when they fail to find a cavity in which to build their nests.

P. A. M.—How many signers of the Declaration of Independence were born in Ireland? Ans.—Matthew Thornton of New Hampshire, James Smith of Pennsylvania, and George Taylor of Pennsylvania. Six others were born in this country of Irish parents.

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT ON TRAINING PROGRAM

Bellefonte, State College and Lewisburg fire departments will provide equipment for training purposes again this year at the fourth annual Pennsylvania Firemen's Training Conference to be held at the Pennsylvania State College August 31 to September 5. The conference is sponsored annually by the Public Service Institute of the State Department of Public Instruction in cooperation with the College extension services.

This year's conference, which is expected to attract a record-breaking group of 400 firemen from more than 100 towns and cities of Pennsylvania and neighboring states, will mark the fourth year in a row that these departments have offered use of their equipment for this purpose.

On the week-long program, which will give increased attention this year to problems created by the war, will be a section devoted to training of fire police. Harold D. Cowher, police justice of Bellefonte, will assist Harold W. Pierce, head of the Police School of the Public Service Institute in the conduct of this section.

When newspapers, or newspaper men, print war news without regard to expert opinion as to its effect upon our own fighting men, they should be controlled.

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