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EDITORIAL

We wonder if some Congressmen will oppose the fortification of Guam after the war is over.

Inflation blows up everything a worker has to buy, but leaves his pay envelope as flat as ever.

The stabilization of wages and farm product prices is much cheaper, in the long run, than inflation.

The ban on the sale of new automobiles is costing the Federal Government about \$19,000,000 a month in lost taxes.

Horrible as the thought may be, there is only one way to win the war. It involves the killing of Japs and Germans until enough of them are dead.

The man who hasn't enough at stake to fight for the United States should be deported from our country in order to find something worth fighting for.

LOWER DRAFT AGE EXPECTED
The draft ages, now between twenty and forty-four inclusive, will be extended to include an estimated 3,000,000 youths in the 18 and 19 year classification.

While there is no way to foretell when Congress will lower the draft age, such a step seems to be certain if the war continues into next year.

WILLKIE'S TRIP AHEAD
Explaining that Wendell L. Willkie will make a trip to Russia and the Near East as his personal representative, the President says that Mr. Willkie will tell the truth about America's war effort and explain to neutrals what an Axis victory would mean to their future.

The journey will require about a month, Mr. Willkie will be back sometime in October, ready to participate in the election campaigns. He has indicated that he will support only those Republican candidates who have been for an "international" foreign policy as contrasted with an "isolationist" view.

THE BRIGHT SIDE

There has been so much talk about what is wrong with the war effort of the United States that it is refreshing to read an account of some of the things that are right.

Roscoe Drummond, writing in the Christian Science Monitor, recently took occasion to point out that a truer perspective is needed and that we should have a realization of the things that have been "signally well." He lists among them:

The clarity of leadership, under the President, in recognizing the nature and threat of Axis militarism, from Munich to Pearl Harbor.

The "greatest political conception of the war," the lend-lease act which cut through the jungle path of neutrality stumps and prevented Germany from picking off her victims one by one.

The peace-time conscription act, the fairest, most democratic statute "with which a free nation ever called its citizens to arms."

The start, in 1940, to build up our puny and long-neglected army into a force that is now 4,000,000 strong, trained and already on the war front.

The leadership of Leahy, Marshall, King and Roosevelt, in war matters, calling them cool and courageous, a strong and determined combination.

The war production program, with merchant shipping moving ahead and raw materials short only because production has come so fast.

The Office of Price Administration which "is doing ten times as much to control inflation as was done in World War I."

The solid, effective, unbreakable national unity that means victory for a nation at war.

Mr. Drummond emphasizes that the mistakes of democracy are continuously in the open and look twice as bad as they are, while those of a dictatorship are continually concealed. He concludes that "American democracy has little to apologize for in its conduct of the war and that the mistakes made in the open are corrected in the open.

FORCE TO DETERMINE TERMS

There are repeated references to a German peace offer that will be forthcoming in the near future, with the Nazis offering the United States and Great Britain "peace" provided they give her a free hand against Russia.

That such a proposal will be official, despite its underground dissemination, is accepted by competent observers. That Hitler and his stooges have the imagination to attempt to fool the Anglo-American nations again is astounding.

Certainly, neither government will stoop to any negotiations with Germany, except upon the basis of absolute surrender by the Nazis. To do anything else would be utterly folly because, no matter what Germany says, no sensible individual can trust the word of the Nazi government.

Even if we could trust Hitler, and his gang, there is nothing to be gained by an armed truce while Germany and Japan crush Russia. Such a truce would only permit our enemies to strengthen themselves for another assault upon us.

Germany has once more said that force, and force alone, shall decide whether justice and peace shall reign in the affairs of men, whether right as America conceives it, or dominion as she conceives it, shall determine the destinies of mankind.

"That is, therefore, but one response possible from us: Force, force to the uttermost, force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right of the law of the world and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust."

NOT NEW BUT THE FACTS

This is nothing new; it's been printed in these columns three or four times before but, just in case, we present the information again.

Capt. Leland P. Lovette, director of public relations for the Navy, reports that not more than five ships out of 2,000 convoyed in Atlantic coastal zones have been lost since May 14.

For the first time since January and February, when U-boats began intense activity off our coast, shipyards in July turned out more ships than were lost.

Capt. Lovett doubts that U-boats receive fuel in the Western Hemisphere, pointing out that modern submarines have a cruising radius of 14,000 miles. He says that the U-boats which operate off our shoreline were based mostly in ports in occupied France.

Telling about the counter-warfare of the Navy, Capt. Lovette says that the greatest part of the anti-submarine campaign must be left largely to destroyers. The U-boats travel faster than most small craft, which are unable to carry sufficient arms for an even fight on the surface.

THOSE NOT FOR US ARE AGAINST US

Many Americans, who have admired the people of Finland for years, will regret the closing of American consulates in the United States.

It seems that the Finnish refused official recognition of an American vice-consul, which was in violation of a commercial treaty with this country. Generally, it is thought that the Finnish stand was due to German pressure.

Despite our admiration for the Finns, their struggle to retain independence and their faithful payment of previous war debts, the friends of Finland in this country cannot escape the conclusion that the Finnish Government has cast its lot with the Nazis. This automatically places them in the category of an enemy of this country.

The struggle now going on in the world, involving the efforts of conflicting civilizations to control the world, indicates definitely that there is no middle ground. More than ever, it is a question of friend and foe; there is little neutrality possible. Those not for us are against us.

PRESS "PLAYS UP" LABOR TROUBLE

The President renews his criticism of the press for its publication of news on strikes and other work stoppages, saying that the news has been so handled as to make outside countries think that strikes and stoppages of production were the rule rather than the exception.

There can be little doubt as to the correctness of the President's criticism of the American press. For many months it has overemphasized news of strikes and labor disturbances, assailing in the creation of a public misconception as to the extent of labor difficulties.

While some newspapers may play-up this kind of news in order to attract labor-hating business men, we doubt if most of them have any idea that they might assist the Axis in thus creating the impression that war production has practically ceased.

AIR CONTROL IN CHINA

A member of the American Volunteer Group, which fought so well against Japanese airplanes in China, thinks that the United States could wipe out Japanese air power in China by maintaining a force of 100 fighters and fifty bombers in that country.

If this is all that it takes, the medicine ought to be rushed to the Chinese. We are afraid of the estimate, however, because the Japanese can easily reinforce their air fleets operating in China when necessary.

The Flying Tiger also disagreed with those who think that Japan has extended herself too much in Far Eastern operations. He thinks the Japanese mistake was in stopping when they did.

His advice to Americans is: "Don't kid yourself—they had the power and they still have it."

A lady in Iowa, it seems, is doing her worrying early. A news dispatch from Sydney, Australia, reports her plea to an Australian newspaper, asking it to do all possible to "prevent marriages between United States soldiers and Australian girls."

The basis of the plea is that "already thousands of American girls face spinsterhood and lives of loneliness because of a shortage of marriageable men occasioned by the war." This letter is entitled to first prize in any contest that seeks to discover the world's best and earliest worrier.

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

Fan Mail
The following letter received last week has kept the Office Cat purring so loudly he is disturbing the neighborhood. Just listen to this:



To the Office Cat of The Centre Democrat, Dear Puss: It's about time some one was singing your praises. By gum, you rip off some good ones now and then. For instance that one last week from Corney Corners. Do you know that one has already found its way to India, to the Flying Air Corps there. Your fame is becoming world wide.

Yup, you've guessed it—Molasses. Gull darn, holy gee but we'd miss you if you didn't show up every week. But say do you know who discovered the fuzzi on peaches? If you do you are ready for the Flying Cadet Board Exam.

Next week maybe we will send the sixty-two dollar question. Yours 'till the axis craxis. A CALIFORNIA FAN.

Twelve Bottles of Whiskey

In case you've missed this one before, here's a repeater:

"I had twelve bottles of whiskey in my cellar and when my wife discovered them, she told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink or ELSE!! So I told her I would and proceeded with the unpleasant task.

"I placed the box with the twelve bottles on the drainboard, withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass, which I drank. I then took the cork off the third bottle and poured the whiskey down the sink with the exception of one glass which I drank.

"I then pulled the bottle from the fourth, and poured the drink down the glass, with the exception of one sink which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fifth bottle, and drank one sink out of it, and threw the rest down the bottle. (Hic) I then withdrew the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork from the bottle, excepting one sixth, which I drank.

"Then (Hic) I corked the sink with the glass, boddied the drink and drank the pour. When I got the sink empty, I staidied the housh with one hand, counted the boddies, corks, glasses, and shinks with the other hand, and found there were sixty-two. Then as the housh came by (Hic) I counted them again, and then . . . event . . . finally had all the houshes and boddies, and corks, and glashes, and shinks counted, with the exception of one souce and one boddie which I drank.

He Asked For It

The guy we have in mind was charged with striking a woman on one of the buses and the justice before whom he was taken asked him what excuse he could offer.

"Well, Squire, it was like this," replied the culprit. "She got in the bus and sat down. Then she opened her bag, took out her purse, closed her bag, opened her purse, and took out a dime. Then she noticed the driver going to the other end of the bus, so she opened her bag, took out her purse, closed her purse, opened her purse, put in her dime, closed her purse, opened her bag, put in her purse, and closed her bag. Then she saw the driver coming her way again, so she opened her bag, took out her purse, closed her bag, opened her purse, took out a dime, and closed her bag."

How True

A friend postcards us the following: "God made the world, Then he rested; God made man, Then he rested; And since then— No one has rested."

Our Private Quiz Program

(No coaching, please)
Question—When is the best time to refuse to kiss a beautiful blonde? Answer—Never.

Question—What did the three Russians say after dinner? Answer—So-ye-et.

Question—If a gorgeous red-head in a pink, light-fitting dress is riding in a train, what would you call her? Answer—A passenger, of course.

Question—What did the mousetrap say to the piece of cheese? Answer—Between you and me, I smell a rat.

Thankful

Corporal (at dance)—"Do you see that old buzzard over there? He's the meanest officer I ever saw."

Girl—"Do you know who I am? I'm that officer's daughter."

Corporal—"Do you know who I am?"

Girl—"No."

Corporal—"Thank God."

All-e Same Sneeze

Draft Official—"What's your name?"

Chinese Draftee—"Me name Sneeze."

Official—"Is that your Chinese name?"

Draftee—"No, Melican name."

Official—"Then let's have your native name."

Draftee—"Ah Choo."

Fresh Guys

"See that girl up in the stands?"

"Well, what about her?"

"Well, she's fresh from the country and it's up to us to show her the difference between right and wrong."

"O. K., pal, you teach her what's right."

It Back-Fired

Alkali Ike played one joke too many. He stuck his head into a room where the boys were playing poker and yelled "Fire." They did.

A Better Business

We know a doctor who had so much credit on his books that he gave up his practice and started a collection agency.

A Little Flat

Policeman (knocking at door)—"Lady, your dog has just been run over by a steam roller."

Lady—"Okay, slide him under the door."

Coming Next

We suppose it won't be long before we'll have a flying motorcycle cop saying, "Pull over to the cloud."

Stocking Up

Salesman (at backwoods farmhouse)—"Could I interest you in any toilet articles, madam?"

Farmer's Wife—"No, but you might leave your catalogue."

That's all, folks. Many girls have been taken in when they thought they were just being taken out. —SCAT.

LOUISA'S LETTER

O. from Texas wishes to know if it is alright to talk with soldiers before being introduced. I think that if she happens to be at a town entertainment or dance given for boys in service, an introduction is not necessary. I would even go so far as to say that if a boy happened to sit near you in some public place and started a conversation in a respectful manner, there would be no harm in talking to him as he would probably be just lonely from being away from home.

If he shouted at me on the street, or sounded disrespectfully, I most certainly would let him alone. If you picked him up, he would probably get a wrong idea of the kind of girl you are. LOUISA.

W. D. of Alabama, who is a high school boy of eighteen, says that the mother of the girl he is going with refuses to let her have any dates. They have been slipping off, but do not like this kind of thing. They are considering getting married because that is the only way they can see each other. He asks for advice.

This girl's mother is making the mistake that so many parents make. Instead of giving her daughter a certain amount of freedom and welcoming her friends to the home, she is being too strict. This sometimes causes the very thing that parents wish to avoid. The girls and boys go to the other extreme and do very foolish things. Of course, it would be a tragedy if this eighteen-year old boy and sixteen-year old girl would run off and get married.

By next year this time, their taste in companions might be entirely different from what it is now. They might find that what they thought was real love was only a passing infatuation, and there they would be tied down to a home and its responsibilities when they would prefer being out with the crowd having a good time. They would be paying a high price for the privilege of being together.

Be patient, W. D. Perhaps if you will talk to your friend's mother and assure her that her daughter is safe with you and that you will let her know where you are going, she will let her daughter have a little more freedom. If she refuses to do this, put marriage out of your mind. It doesn't take long for the years to pass, and the girl will soon be old enough to date when she pleases. LOUISA.

D. K. KELLER HONORED

BY PROGRESS GRANGE
Fifty years association with Progress Grange of Centre Hall, were recognized last week when David K. Keller of Centre Hall, was presented with a gold sash in honor of his half century with the Grange. Presentation was made at the regular meeting. Mr. Keller is the third member of Progress to receive the honor, the other two being Mrs. May Rhone Dunlap and Mrs. Florence Rhone Dunlap.

\$100 DAMAGE AS NEAR COLLIDED NEAR COBURN

When cars driven by Lawrence Albert, of Spring Mills, and J. M. Blauser, of Spring Mills, R. D., collided on the Georges Valley road between Potters Mills and Coburn at 5:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, no one was injured but damage was placed at \$100.

The cars were traveling in opposite directions and met on a curve. Damage to the Albright car was estimated at \$75.

Reminiscences at 101

Phillipsburg area's oldest resident, Daniel Barnett of Olanta, who last Wednesday, quietly observed his 101st birthday, states that his area was known as the unsettled north-west territory when he was born and the homespun, buckskin clothing, log cabins and Indians were as commonplace as the virgin pines and hemlocks. Born back in 1841 when John Tyler was president, Mr. Barnett has lived under 22 of the nation's 32 presidents. He fought under President Lincoln during the Civil War.

Arm Badly Hurt

Donald Gearhart, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gearhart, of Lewisburg, is a patient in the Evangelical Hospital recovering from a distressing accident in which several tendons in the right forearm were torn. According to the reports of the accident, the lad had climbed the flagpole at the East Buffalo Township Consolidated School, and while sliding down his arm was caught on a protruding hook, inflicting a deep gash.

Salona Youth Dies of Burns

(Continued from page one) about the hands in attempting to put out the fire. Both were taken to the hospital by William Berry, a neighbor.

Surviving are his parents, three brothers, George, Jr., William, Robert, two sisters, Jesse and Anna May, all at home; half-brother, Byron Kramer, Salona, R. D.; grandmother, Mrs. William Kramer, Lock Haven; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Stover, Woodward, R. D.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday, at the home with the Rev. Robert Kramer, District pastor at Flemington, officiating. Interment was made in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Query & Answer Column

C. R. S.—What is the weight of the U. S. infantryman's field pack? Ans.—45 pounds.

F. M.—What can be used to water-proof fishing lines? Ans.—Mix two parts of boiled linseed oil with one part of gold size by placing them in a bottle and shaking well. Apply the solution to the line with a piece of flannel, expose the line to the air and allow it to dry. After using the line several times, it should have another coat of the solution and the application should be repeated whenever necessary.

B. W.—What is the effect of an unbalanced wheel on an automobile? Ans.—An unbalanced wheel and tire assembly causes tramp and shimmy, owing to the centrifugal force of the heavy portion. The centrifugal force thus produced increases as the amount of out-of-balance increases, and increases very much (varies as the square) as the r.p.m. of the wheel increases. The force may amount to many pounds, and in first lifting the wheel, then turning it inward, then forcing it down, then turning it outward, during each revolution, it produces a marked tendency to wheel tramp and shimmy.

M. T.—What is the diameter of the sun? Ans.—It is 864,100 miles or more than 109 times the mean diameter of the earth.

G. T.—In granting sugar for canning purposes, do local rationing boards consider any factors other than the number of quarts of fruit the person requesting the sugar wishes to can? Ans.—Yes. The local boards also consider the amount of fruit that the person normally cans and also the number of jars that the consumer has left over from the year before.

P. F. B.—Is there an organization in Australia similar to the USO in the United States? Ans.—Yes. It is the Australia Comforts Fund, and operates under the Minister of National Defense, Melbourne, Australia.

R. L.—On what date did the United Kingdom go off the gold standard? Ans.—September 21, 1931.

K. A.—Please give me a recipe for a fishing bait called dough balls. Ans.—A tough paste may be made of moistened bean, wheat, or any other flour, thoroughly mixed with a little sugar, or preferably honey. To give the paste greater tenacity, cotton batting or wool should be stirred in. Ground or mashed white meat such as veal or pork, or any ground meat may be added, but this must be fresh and kept untainted. Dough balls may also be made by boiling rye to a consistency of paste, then sprinkling with corn flour and rolling into a ball.

M. M.—Is suction a push or pull? Ans.—Suction is the condition in which a partial vacuum is created in a space by the surrounding air pressure. It is commonly supposed that suction is pulling a material into a space, while in reality the material is pushed. Once any quantity of air is removed from a space, the surrounding air pressure tends to move into that space to equalize the pressure, and if another material, such as water, is between the space and the atmosphere, it will be pushed into it.

A. D. D.—Please give a list of articles whose manufacture has been discontinued for the duration. Ans.—These include oil burners, mechanical refrigerators, washing machines and ironers, electrical appliances, electric ranges, electric fans, fishing tackle, golf clubs, lawn mowers, metal household furniture, metal signs, musical instruments, outboard motors, radios, toys, vacuum cleaners, vending machines and automatic phonographs.

W. W.—How many physicians belong to the American Medical Association? Ans.—The association includes more than 121,000 physicians.

W. K. G.—In what year was the greatest number of immigrants admitted to the United States? Ans.—Peak immigration to the United States occurred in 1907, when the total number of aliens admitted was 1,285,349.

M. W.—How long does it take an average person to read the Constitution? Ans.—It takes about half an hour to read the Constitution proper, and about fifteen minutes to read the Amendments.

D. Y.—How many telephone calls are received at the United States Capitol every day? Ans.—Forty-seven operators are now handling 58,000 calls daily. Of this number about 500 are long distance calls.

A. B. T.—What is the lowest body of water in the world? Ans.—The Dead Sea in Palestine. It lies 1290 feet below sea level.

C. F. N.—Who is the outstanding orator in Congress at the present time? Ans.—Since the death of Senator Borah of Idaho there has been no man in either House to equal him. In the Senate there are several men who are often eloquent but are more logicians than orators, such as Bailey of North Carolina, George of Georgia, and Brooks of Illinois. In the House Wadsworth has high attainments and is always listened to attentively. Dirksen from the Peoria District of Illinois is a young member who nearly always gives an interesting twist to his remarks.

A. D. N.—Who was the famous pioneer who traveled the Oregon Trail by wagon, automobile and airplane? Ans.—Erza Meeker left Ohio in 1851 with his bride in a covered wagon and crossed to the West Coast over the Oregon Trail. Sixty-three years later he made the journey by automobile and seventy-two years later by airplane. He was the founder of the Oregon Trail Memorial Association.

Boy Badly Burned procured a bottle of gasoline from Norwood Lowry, 11, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Lowry, of Lewisburg, suffered burns about the right side, and when the flames came in contact with the fluid the fumes while building a campfire in a vacant lot with other boys. The lad lusted. He is confined to his bed.

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