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EDITORIAL

Home gardens and poultry flocks are going to be fashionable if the war lasts into 1944.

Herr Hitler may fool the German people but he isn't fooling many people in this country, any

The Japanese are now beginning to wonder whether a flying start will be enough to win a prolonged race.

Around Stalingrad, we understand from news-

paper reports there were no non-combatants, except the dead. It was total war. The younger generation, that was the subject

of so much discussion a few years ago, is out to save the civilization of the world for the benefit of the older generation.

Many of our people are worrying about whether they will have enough fuel oil this winter. Other peoples, in conquered lands, wonder if they will get anything to eat.

During this gasoline-rationing period many members of families are spending the weekends together, becoming acquainted and finding one another rather likable persons.

Every man, woman and child can do something to help the nation's war effort. Make yourself a committee of one to see that all scrap around your home and place of business is turned in for war use.

Announcement that the highway to Alaska will be open to traffic around December 1st is gratifying, because of the military emergency that demands a route for the transport of men and material to

4,500 GOOD IDEAS

The Inventors' Council, headed by Dr. Charles F. Kettering, of General Motors, has received more than 104,430 inventive suggestions.

The ideas of individuals, who think that their devices may win the war, have been carefully studied and considered by Army, Navy and other officials. More than 4,500 inventions were "worthy of serious consideration."

Dr. Kettering reports that the invention most often submitted as a war-winning device is the same for this war as in the last war—a net or screen to protect ships from torpedoes. Thousands of variations do not meet the problem and none has received the approval of the Navy Department or the Mer-

The Inventors' Council was established by Harry Hopkins, when he was Secretary of Commerce. It serves as a clearing house for ideas submitted by any individual, giving assurance that the submitted will not be stolen if it is practical.

AXIS REPORTS ARE PROPAGANDA

The people of this country should not pay much attention to war news that originates in Berlin, Tokyo or Rome. While there is no censorship to prevent these broadcasts from reaching the United States, the record of past events has shown them to be entirely untrustworthy.

An example is the recent broadcast from Berlin, asserting that 38 out of 45 ships in a convoy to Russia were sunk and that six naval vessels were destroyed at the same time. London admits that an undisclosed number of vessels was sunk.

The British are handicapped because they will not give out the complete details of the engagement. This helps the enemy but the British Admiralty says that Berlin's claims about the convoy were "even more exaggerated" than usual.

The same observation applies to communiques broadcast from Tokyo. The Japanese have repeatedly claimed the destruction of the United States fleet, even pronouncing Coral Sea and Midway as Japanese ese victories. It would be a foolish American to believe what the Japanese claim.

Undoubtedly, the purpose of these enemy broadcasts is to worry and alarm the people of enemy countries. By persistently claiming great victories and reporting "enormous losses" for enemies, the Axis hopes to create doubt in the minds of the Allied people and to cause them to wonder whether their governments are telling the truth.

Aside from the necessary delay which must accompany admission of losses, the communiques issued by the Navy Department have been correct and there is every reason to believe that official statements made in London are based upon the truth. Even Soviet Russia has a good record in regard to the war with Germany.

Every American can assist in maintaining national morale by disregarding exaggerated reports from enemy sources. There is no need to worry about what Tokyo and Berlin say; if there is any truth in their claims, the United Nations will, at the proper time, reveal the facts.

EAKER SAYS BOMBERS WILL WIN

Brigadier-General Ira C. Eaker, Chief of the U. S. Bomber Command in Great Britain, believes that Germany can be destroyed from the air and says that there will soon be enough airdromes in Britain to undertake the job.

The General explains his theory by pointing out that the destruction of the enemy's aircraft factories will eventually wipe out his air force, the bombing of his munitions plants and transportation centers will stop his armies and, by destroying his shipyards, it will be impossible for him to build new sub-

This is certainly a sensible view of the functions of the bomber command. It recognizes the nature of the present war which involves a coordination of production and transportation with the fighting

"There is nothing that can be destroyed by a gun that cannot be destroyed by bombs," says General Eaker. He says that in the next few months the British and Americans, operating by night and by day, will carry destruction to all parts of Germany.

The German U-boat campaign throughout the war has been an attack upon the transportation facilities of the United Nations. It has seriously interfered with the Allied war effort. Germany is not vulnerable to submarine attack but a thorough bombing campaign can inflict great damage on Germany's transportation facilities.

In bombing aircraft factories, port facilities and other industrial areas, the bombers are striking at the backbone of a modern army. Every bomb that explodes cuts down the productive output and in time, weakens the fighting strength of the Army it-

'SHOOTING OFF HIS MOUTH'

Theodore Dreiser, United States novelist, has been banned from making speeches in Canada and news dispatches originating in Ottawa indicate that the American has been "shooting off his mouth" in careless fashion

Canadian sources declare that Dreiser said that he would rather see the Germans in England than the "aristocratic, horse-riding snobs" who are running Britain. He added, it is said, that if Russia was defeated, he hoped the Germans would invade England and asserted that Britain had done nothing in the war except borrow money, planes and men from the United States.

A direct quotation reads; "Churchill has no intention of opening a second front. He is afraid the Communists will rule the world, so he does nothing except send thousands of Canadians to be slaughtered at Dieppe. He didn't send the English, they

stayed at home and did nothing. It is hard to understand how an American, visiting in Canada as a guest, could be guilty of such bad taste. Nobody cares what Mr. Dreiser thinks about the Germans or the English, but his bad manners can be very objectionable. Moreover, he displays a carelessness with the truth which is not entirely explainable by the latitude allowed speakers and writers who have the urge to say shocking things.

WAR OUTLOOK IMPROVED

The idea that the war outlook is better for the United Nations is all right provided it is understood that there is heavy fighting to be done before the Axis powers are licked.

Before this month there was, at least, an outside possibility that Germany might knock the Russians out of the war and that Japan might be able to score another great advance in the Far East.

The Russian stand at Stalingrad has halted Hit-

ler's advance. The United Nations, for the first time, can look forward to victory with reasonable certainty but before the triumph arrives the Axis nations

must be beaten on the field of battle. Victory for Germany and her allies is further away today than it has been; victory for us is closer than it was. That is the war situation. If we fail, if

we falter, the outlook can change and our prospect can become dismal. In the Far East the Japs have been halted. They may strike again but their initial advantages have been overcome by the brilliant campaign of attrition

that has gradually reduced their striking power. It is necessary, however, that conquered areas be recaptured. This means fighting and plenty of it

but the prospect of victory, as a result of sacrifice and courage, grows brighter.

U. S. SUBS HURT JAPS

American submarines have inflicted serious losses upon the Japanese fleet, sinking seventeen warships up to September 21, and damaging twenty additional vessels. In addition, our submarines, in the same period, sunk fifty-six Japanese merchant ships and damaged sixteen others.

The significance of these losses becomes apparent when we consider that Japan is an island country, dependent upon shipping for her existence. Even food for the Japanese people must be imported and, in addition, the raw materials for her industries come largely in the holds of cargo ships.

American submarine warfare against Japan is just getting underway, with new submarines joining in the operations that cover the waters of the Far East. So far, two of our submarines have been lost but the threat they make against the Japanese is probably more dangerous than that of the German U-boats against Anglo-American shipping,

The good work of our submarines since Pearl Harbor has been supplemented by the destruction caused by our aircraft. American planes have vigorously attacked Japanese shipping, inflicting losses which seriously interfere with Tokyo's consolidation of territorial gains in the Far East.

Donald M. Nelson, while warning that we must do a better job, says that "our 1942 war production promises to exceed by a considerable margin that of Axis Europe. Studies indicate that our rate of production already has caught up with and passed that of Axis Europe, although the Axis had the benefit of a big headstart.



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

Twice Told Tale

Chintook, the Esquimaux, was telling a story while sitting on a cake He finished. "Well my tale is told," he lisped as he rose and walked to a nearby fire.

. . . According to Emily Post

Inquirer-"What would be the proper thing to say if, in carrying the duck, it should skid off the platter and into your neighbor's lap?

Answer-Be very courteous, Say, "May I trouble you for that duck?" Hey! Listen

at the top leaned over and shouted down to his mate; "Hey, Jake, come

Two fellows were working on a very tall building. Suddenly the one

here a minute and listen. Minutes passed as Jake toiled slowly up a series of ladders. At last, panting, he reached the top.

"I can't hear anything," he said, after listening intently. "No," the other agreed. "Ain't it quiet?"

What Zat? What Zat?

Classified ad in a recent issue of Penn State Daily Collegian: WANTED-Study and bedroom combination for two men with running water. 123 W. Nittany.

Who's Looney? A drunk fellow, trying to drive a nail in the wall head first, turned to dred miles away near a big city. the second drunk and said, "The man was crazy who made this nail. He put the head on the wrong end?'

goes on that wail on the other side." . . . Easier to Shoot, Too

The second drunk replied: "You're the one that's grazy. That nail

A reader of the Office Cat (poor fellow) asks: "If a bear and a bull had you cornered in a fence corner, which would you shoot first, the bear or the bull? Without giving us time to consider the question he adds: "You would

shoot the bear; you can shoot the bull anytime?" . . .

Do You Get It?

Here's one for our Quiz Kids sent in by a reader: "Three soldiers paid ten dollars apiece for a room, making a total of that you can do in the city near

\$30. The rooming house owner's wife made her husband send back five your husband's camp. That would dollars with the bellboy, but on the way the boy kept two dollars and re- give you something to do while he turned three dollars to the men. To arrive at the cost of the room, the bellboy did the following figur- getting lonely and homesick. It

ing, but couldn't account for one dollar. Can you help him out? Here's his problem: Three men at \$10 each, makes a total of \$30. \$3 the bellboy returned to the men leaves \$27. Adding the \$2 kept by the beliboy gives a total of \$29. What became of the dollar lost in the transaction?

Unpolitical

Barber-"Wet or dry?" Customer-"Just comb my hair and don't mind about my politics."

So He Couldn't Take It (From the Houghton, Ia., News)

"A house-to-house peddler unloaded a supposedly good quality groom room. Do you think this is a whole-(broom) off on Miss Elbra Cowles Monday morning but by noon the some thing? bristles were coming out. Now, Elbra wants her money back and the peddler has vanished." . . .

Arms For Allah

(From Westport, Idaho, Times) "Miss Alleran, Oriental Hugs (Rugs). 1000 W. 24th St. Open evenings,"

Problem in Etiquette

If it's no military secret, answer us this: How is a man going to their ideals, or older girls and womanswer his wife "yes" or "no" if she trots up to him and says, "Say, do en. You are fortunate if the teachyou think I'm as silly as I look?"

. . . Results of a Big Bender

Right here is about as good a time as any to tell about Horace Waters' uncle, who drank too much giggle soup and when under the potent influence married a widow. Finally he woke up in strange surround-

"Who are you?" he confusedly inquired of a lady present. "I'm your wife. You married me when you were intoxicated." Just then five small children filed into the room. "Goshamighty!" exclaimed Horace's uncle, "how long have I been

That's all, folks. Ever hear about the Scotchman who drank tea for That's all, folks. Ever hear about the Scotting leaves were out.

---"SCAT."

All For One, and One For All, Is the Way We Do It!

There's a textile mill in Pennsylvania with an employe roll that's a perfect example of our melting pot Democracy.

Sorting is done by an American. Carding is done by an Italian. Spinning is done by a Swede. Drawing is done by a Scot. Weaving is done by a Belgian

Inspection is done by a French-Scouring is done by an Albanian. Dyeing is done by a Turk.

Pressing is done by a Pole Supervision is done by an Irish-And what do they make? American Flags

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I am a bride and am thinking of going to the town where my husband is stationed. As long as he was in the camp near my home town I stayed with my parents and he came in on the weekend and several My parents object to my going because they think I will be so lonely with him away most of the time. Another problem will be finances as he doesn't make much money and I understand that the living expenses are so high in the city. But he keeps on begging me to come and I just don't know what to do. What would you advise? RUBY T .- Mich.

If you are prepared to hold down s job of any kind, it seems to me that the simplest solution of your problem is to try and get some work was away-thus keeping you from would also help out your income and keep you both from worrying about the wolf at your door.

There are so many jobs waiting to be done that it is not as hard to get work now as it usually is. You will also feel that you are helping your country win the war by working instead of being idle. Good luck. LOUISA.

Dear Louisa: My daughter adores her teacher. She tries to dress and act like her. She also keeps her picture in her

MOTHER-Wis

All girls and boys go through a period of hero or heroine worship. It does them no harm and it serves a good purpose if the object of their affection happens to be a fine per-

er your daughter adores is a nice,

LOUISA.

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Query & Answer Column

A. F. L.-Is Il Duce, as applied to Mussolini, an official title? Ans.—This title meaning The Leader was given Mussolini as a tri-

bute to his ability. It is not official. M. T .- How do our expenditures in earlier wars compare with the

cost of the present war? Ans.—The cost of our six major wars was about 59 billion dollars. The cost of the present war by the end of 1943 will be over 112 billion

S. B. I.-When was a plane first landed on a ship?

dollars according to estimates.

of admiral in the Navy?

permanently harmless?

Ans.-In 1910 a plane was first flown from a naval vessel. On January 18, 1911, Eugene Ely made the first landing of a plane on a ship,

G. N .- Who first produced the Golden Delicious apple? Ans.-It was developed by Paul Stark. Since this was in the days

before plants patents, the inventor had to enclose his tree in an iron cage to keep persons from taking shoots for grafting.

C. N.-When was George Washington first called the Father of his

Ans.—The earliest known use of this term occurred in a German aimanac, Nord Americanische Kalender, printed at Lancaster in 1779. T. W .- How many stripes are worn by officers in the different grades

Ans .- A full admiral wears one very wide gold stripe below three

narrow ones; a vice admiral wears one wide stripe below two narrow ones, and a rear admiral wears a wide gold stripe with one narrow one P. L. D .- What duties are performed by water tenders in the Navy? Ans.-They take charge of the fireroom when the ship is underway;

are responsible for efficient boiler operation, and must maintain repair and overhaul the boiler system, and handle condensers, evaporators, feed water pumps and blowers. R. C .- Should a worker keep the wage statements received from his

Ans.-It is not compulsory but it is the best evidence that a worker can present to prove his right to wage credits, and to check his social security account kept by the Social Security Board.

W. M .- What is the Overseas Highway?

Ans .- A roadway extending from Miami to Key West, Fla., a distance of 170 miles, over swamps, islands and ocean. It was built upon the foundation of the Florida East Coast Railway which was destroyed by the hurricane of 1935. The Overseas Highway was dedicated in July, 1938, and cost \$57,000,000.

W. R. E .- Where is the mountain named in honor of Edith Cavell, the English nurse executed by the Germans in the first World War? Ans.-It is in Jasper Park, Alberta, Canada.

S. N.—What is meant by "stepping into the bucket" in baseball slang? Ans.—The baseball slang "stepping into the bucket" or "foot in the bucket" means the batter instead of moving his foot that is closest to the pitcher forward when he starts to swing draws it back as though it were in a bucket.

W. F.—How can a precious stone be recognized?

Ans.-The best way to tell a precious stone is by the index of refraction. This cannot be done without proper training and instruments, nor can the ordinary person tell a precious stone without such training. S. N .- How many kinds of trees are there in the United States that

Ans.-There are 1177 varieties of trees which produce wood. B. Y .- Was the Bible originally divided into chapters and verses? Ans .- For many years the division into chapters and verses was at-

tributed to Lanfranc. Archbishop of Canterbury, in the reign of William I. However, it is now believed to have been the work of Cardinal Hugo de Sancto-Caro of France, in 1226. J. D .- If the poison fangs of a snake are removed, does it become

Ans.-The poison fangs are simply modified teeth, and since the teeth of snakes are shed and replaced throughout life, removing the fangs does not render the snake permanently harmless. S. T. W .-- How many banks were closed when President Roosevelt de-

clared the bank holiday? Ans.-A survey indicated that approximately 19,296 banking institutions were closed on March 6, 1933. At least 15,600 re-opened after the banking holiday

W. F. W .- Is the republic of Colombia named for Christopher Col-Ans.-Colombia is the only nation named in honor of Christopher

Columbus. The Spanish form of his name is Cristobal Colon. C. L. H .- How did the London Times get its nickname The Thun-Ans.-The accepted story is that a member of the staff, Captain Sterl-

ing, once wrote an apology in reference to an erroneous assertion and used the phrase, "We thundered out." This caught the public fancy, hence the name.

J. N .- Why should the Flag not be flown at night? Ans.-The theory is that the Flag cannot be protected at night. F. M .- Does a railway worker, who leaves his job for one in another

industry, lose his right to receive a railroad pension? Ans.-No. His benefits are based on years of service and credited compensation for employes under the Railroad Retirement Act. When a times during the week. But now he former railroad worker reaches age 65, he would be entitled to an an-

Ans .- The Japanese annexed Korea in 1909 by treaty, after long alter-

has been transferred about five hun- nuity based on the wages he received while employed by the railroads. R. V .- How long has Japan owned Korea (Chosen)?

> cations over ownership with the Chinese and Koreans. G. A. L .- When the first census of the United States was taken, what ionality was predominant? How many Germans were here? Ans.-In the first census the analysis by nationality was taken from the names and indicated that English stock composed 83.5 per cent of all the white population. If the Scotch and Irish were added, the British

> stock represented a little more than 90 per cent. The Germans contributed slightly less than 6 per cent. P. M .- How early should Christmas packages be mailed to men in the

> U. S. Armed Forces outside of the United States? Ans.-The post office suggests that such packages be mailed during the period Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. A package may be 18 inches long or 42 inches in combined length and girth, and may weigh not more than 11 pounds

Centre Co. Soldiers And Nurses In Service At Home or Abroad

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