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

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.

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 victories.

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.

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 air force eventually will 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 submarines.

'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.

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 Hitler's advance. The United Nations, for the first time, can look forward to victory with reasonable certainty by the time the triumph arrives. The Axis nations must be beaten on the field of battle.

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.

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 Merchant Marine.



THE OFFICE CAT
A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men
Twice Told Tale
Chintook, the Eskimaux, was telling a story while sitting on a cake of ice.

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 times during the week.

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

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 \$30. The rooming house owner's wife made her husband send back five dollars with the bellboy, but on the way the boy kept two dollars and returned three dollars to the men."

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

So He Couldn't Take It
(Arms For Allah)
Problem in Etiquette
Results of a Big Bender

LAZY LIVER
Lieber's Laxative Tablets
Are a purely vegetable combination, which if taken according to directions, stimulates the Liver and generally produces a good laxative effect.

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 tribute 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 56 billion dollars. The cost of the present war by the end of 1943 will be over 112 billion dollars according to estimates.

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 produce wood?
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 attributed 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.

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In Service At Home or Abroad
(Write Plainly—Mail or Bring to The Centre Democrat)
Name..... Age.....
Home Address.....
City..... State.....
Name of Parents.....
Their Address..... City.....
State..... Phone No.....
Date of Enlistment.....
Date of Induction.....
Branch of Service: Army..... Navy.....
(Check One) Marines..... Coast Guard.....
Name of Unit or Ship.....
Present Location (If outside territorial U. S., write Foreign Service).....
Any Previous Military Service.....
Present Rank..... Promotions.....
since entering service, dates, if possible:.....