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EDITORIAL

The complaint of Adolf Hitler, in brief, is that his enemies do not know that he has won the war.

The year 1942 is one for fervent thanksgivingthat the Red army held and gave us time to defend the United States.

The British probably wonder what has become of the American expert who said no nation could match Germany in the skies.

Everybody in Centre county can help in the scrap collection campaign. You need not wait on any organization or committee-just get your scrap and

Any American who is unwilling to accept hardships, on account of the war, should be sent into the front-line trenches to discover what hardships really mean.

Without professing to know very much about the set up of a proper tax measure, it seems to us that some form of compulsory savings is desirable. This will provide the nation with the current money for war purposes, sharply reduce the spending surplus and set up a reserve spending force which will assist in the transition period, when our national economy must be changed from a war to a peace basis.

Concern for the fate of small business establishments continues to be expressed in Administration circles, with one solution advanced being to arrange an equitable distribution of surplus stocks, so that the small retailer will be protected in replenishing his inventory. Large companies with adequate reserves, it is feared, might secure a disproportionate share of available consumer goods,

GERMANS TO EAT IF OTHERS STARVE Herman Goering, Nazi No. 2, furnishes the people

of Occupied countries with the inside tip-off as to where they stand. Goering warns that "if there is hunger, it will be, in no event, in Germany."

Frankly, the Nazi leader says that his people will be fed this winter at the expense of the rest of Europe. If other populations suffer, it will "be due to measures by the enemy.""

Of course, Goering's policy does not mean that Germans will get plenty to eat. Moreover, he frankly tells them that the German air force is so busy in Russia that it cannot get around to the British challenge in the air. He asks the Germans to stand up under British bombing with patience, promising a day of retaliation.

Altogether, it is something of a feeble utterance by one of the chiefs of Hitler's New Order. Despite all that the Germany Army has accomplished, the second Nazi admits that Europe will be without acc-quate food this Winter, that the war in Russia will continue into 1943 and that there is no defense to protect German cities and industrial cities from Anglo-American bombing.

TALKATIVE CONGRESSMEN AND CENSORSHIP

(An editorial from the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, (Republican), Oct. 6, 1942).

Byron Price, censorship director, recently praised the co-operation of the nation's newspapers in voluntarily refraining from publishing information restricted by the code which his office has issued. But the newspapers have failed, Mr. Price added, to inform the public properly as to why certain information is withheld.

Herewith, like an Aesop fable, with a moral, is a little story about self-imposed censorship which may be the sort of thing Mr. Price suggests should be given an airing. It occurred at a small convention in Pittsburgh last week.

The main speaker at this convention was a wellknown Western Pennsylvania Congressman, James E. VanZandt of Altoona. A former national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the naval reserve, he is presumed to know something about the war effort and the Navy's part in it. As a member of Congress, his hearers probably took it for granted that he had access to "inside" information on production.

Mr. VanZandt wanted to convince his audience that despite the tremendous effort already expended in the war, the nation is far from victory and the Second Front is not an immediate probability. He set about proving his point by citing what he indicated were reliable figures.

To any reporter, the Congressman's figures were big news. They were new figures-figures never be-

The Post-Gazette story on the meeting and on Mr. VanZandt's speech, however, contained none of this information. It was innocuous, but it could have been Page 1-Must.

The moral of the tale is not that the Post-Gazette expects praise for voluntarily withholding information that might be of value to the enemy. Had it done otherwise it would have deserved reader condemmation as well as a rebuke from the Office of Censorship-even though a member of Congress may be deemed a "competent source."

No-the moral is that if newspapers, without exception, have the judgment to pass up information of this type, then congressmen and other officials should refrain from blabbing vital facts and figures at a hotel banquet where any one is free to walk in

Mr. VanZandt asked reporters present to treat the figures he recited as "off the record." The request was unnecessary but you can't talk "off the record" to a hundred people. Military information doesn't have to be printed to leak out.

Here are a few samples of closely guarded figures which the congressman purported to reveal that

The strength of the force which made the Dieppe raid and the approximate percentage of casualties. His figures did not jibe with those of Winston Churchill, but VanZandt assured his audience that

they were from "reliable sources."

The number of divisions England has poised to send into a Second Front offensive, and the number

of American divisions on hand in England for the same purpose. The number of divisions this country can equip and train each month.

The ship-sinking situation in the Atlantic as compared to ship launchings. The number of warships now under construction

in a specific number of shipyards. The number of 10,000 ton merchant ships under construction in a specific number of shipyards. The number of new war plants constructed by the RFC, and the number of existing plants expand-

ed by the same agency. "This is serious war," the Altoona congressman repeatedly cautioned his listeners. He himself apparently does not take certain aspects of the war effort very seriously-particularly the campaign against obing war statistics which the enemy would like

RECTIFYING ANOTHER JAMES BLUNDER

From Harrisburg comes the announcement that the Army has leased the \$3,000,000 Butler Sanitarium which the James administration has refused to equip and operate.

The Army will use the plant as a 1500-bed hospital for convalescent soldiers and will pay the State \$160,000 a year to cover carrying charges.

By this action, the national Government again bailed out the "economy minded" James administra-

The hospital was completed in 1937, designated for the care for at least 550 tuberculosis patients. Many more than that number were awaiting admission, but Governor James blocked every effort to appropriate money for it. He continued this policy despite criticism by health authorities and even vetoed a measure providing funds to set up a cancer hospital and research station in the sanitarium.

And to think, General Martin would be satisfied to be half as efficient as Governor James.

COME IN MR. ROSS, PENNSYLVANIA NEEDS YOU

(From Philadelphia Record) To the Editor:

Telephone calls were made to all State liquor stores by liquor store supervisors, advising the personnel that they would be relieved of their duties should they cause a work stoppage in the stores.

I think it is about time Mr. James was informed that this is still America and that if he wants to put his dictatorial tactics in effect he should join the Axis clan. Mr. James, do you sleep well? If you do, you

have no concept for personal liberty. And to you, Mr. Pew, are you satisfied with your experiment? Mr. Ross will change your formula after his election. That will be the greatest day in the history of Penn-Come in, Mr. Ross, Pennsylvania needs you.

A BROAD-MINDED REPUBLICAN.

STALIN FOR A SECOND FRONT, NOW!

We yield to no one in our admiration of the accomplishments of the Red Army of Soviet Russia. In fact, we suspect that the reason that the people of the Soviet fight for their land is to be found in the improvements that have come to them under the Communist regime.

Just the same, it is interesting to observe that Joseph Stalin says that a Second Front occupies "a place of great importance." This attitude is understandable in view of the hard fighting that Russia has experienced, but to keep the record straight, Stalin was not in favor of a Second Front when Germany attacked Poland.

There has been a lot of loose thinking about the "Second Front" idea. Certainly, neither Great Britain nor the United States is obligated to undertake any foolhardy offensive just because Russia needs, and is entitled to, relief.

The opening of a land invasion in Western Europe is a matter which must be left solely to the decision of competent military leaders. There is little to be gained through a public discussion of the advisability of a Second Front and much to be lost through any widespread conviction that this country is obligated to "save" the Russians.

The only basis for American activity in the present war is the defense of the United States. The same statement applies to Great Britain and Russia. Great Britain declared war upon Germany because, at last, the British statesmen understood the issue involved submission to Hitler or war. The Sovlet and the United States, despite their understand-

ing of some of the fundamental issues involved, preferred to sit on the side lines until attacked. That loose talk about a Second Front may create some friction between the Russians and their Allies is apparent. For this reason, the matter should be left to the military leaders of the United Nations. In this respect, both Mr. Willkie and Mr. Stalin

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Here's a Bee-Line

The Queen Bee is a hardy soul-She thumbs her nose at birth control; Which is the reason, beyond a doubt, They're so many sons of bees about.

. . . A Stewed Mouse

One day a mouse fell into an open barrel of whisky and began swimming around, calling for help.

A nearby cat heard the call and offered to save the mouse if it would promise to do anything the cat requested. The mouse at first refused, but becoming desperate it finally promised. It was rescued by the cat and scampered into a hole in the floor.

The next day the cat came around and yelled in the hole; "Hey, come on out." The mouse replied that it would not. "Remember, you promised to do anything I asked," persisted the cat.

"I know," replied the mouse, "but I was too drunk yesterday to know what I was saying."

You're Darn Tootin'

Fritz Fenderbender says fellows who drive with one hand are usually when they are young in years, and headed for a church aisle.

Some will walk and some will be carried down it.

A Serious Threat

Dugan and Hennessy were working side by side on top of a high build- to keep herself attractive for a ing being erected. Suddenly Dugan's foot slipped, he grabbed Hennessy it. It is a mistake for an older wom-

On the way down the point of Hennessy's pick caught on a window fore his tastes are formed. Give him edge and while he hung by its handle, Dugan hung to Hennessy's ankles. time to look around, and if he re-Looking down, Hennessy shouted: "Dugan, let go me ankles." Dugan tightened his grip and hung on.

"Dugan," 'yelled Hennessy again, "for the second time, let go me ankles or I'll hit ye with this pick."

Out of the Draft

Do you know what the little rabbit said as he rushed out of the surning forest? "I've been deferred."

. . . Strictly Personal

The bride and groom were on their honeymoon traveling south on a enlistment as apprentice seaman will rallroad that ran through Florida. As the train neared the station, a por- now be taken. ter lingered in the wash room, where the groom was shaving. "Yo' all is just married, ain't yo'?" queried the colored attendant

with a grin. "Yes, my dear fellow," answered the groom, nervously cutting his lip with the razor. "My wife and I plan to honeymoon here in Florida." "Is yo' all goin' to Tampa with her?" further inquired the porter.

The groom bristled. "You're dam' tootin'; but what the nellizzit to duty.

Slips That Pass in the News (Contributed)

"For about two weeks before her wedding, a girl spends a lot of time getting her torso (trousseau) ready.'

. . . A Dark Episode

She-"Really, John, you mustn't." He-"Don't hand me that stuff-I know what I'm doing." She-"But if someone should see us, John."

He-"Shut up. This old road hasn't been used in ten years." somebody might see us." She-"But I can't take a chance, honey-everybody knows us and

He-"Well, of all the dumb-bells and flat tires I ever knew-you're the worst. Blah-Biah."

She-"John, you fool-don't talk like that to me." He-"Well, listen to me-if you'll shut up while I clean just one more dustrial firms and in 1929 was selecvine, we'll have enough of these wild grapes to make five gallons—and be- ted as the most useful man in his sides-nobody's going to see us."

Improving the View

Gus Gassaver, forced to hold his speed down to thirty-five miles an has announced the engagement of hour, says that on a trip in the country these days the fence pickets look her sister. Dorothy E. Auman, of like telephone poles. . . .

Right in Style

The wife came home breathlessly after a hard day of shopping. "Look, darling," she told her husband happily, "I've got one of those in 1937. Mr. Hunsberger, son of Dr new hats without a crown, and a dress without a back, and shoes without toes."

"You think that's somethin'," grunted her husband. "Look at this pilot at the Pre-Flight School, Avia suit of mine; it has pockets without money." . . .

No Substitute

can't think of anything to substitute for them. That's All Right Out in Kansas they are rationing doctors on the basis of one of

coffee, too much meat, etc., maybe we can get along on that basis. . . .

them for each 1,500 civilians. If we don't get too much sugar, too much

Love and Kisses He-"I always kiss the stamps on your letters, because I know that our lips have touched them." She-"You're wrong there. I moisten the stamp on Fido's nose. It's

always wet."

That's all, folks. No man's opinion is entirely worthless. Even a watch which won't run is right twice a day.

LOUISA'S LETTER

A reader who signs herself "Maryland," says that she has been staying in her sister's home since she finished school. She says her sister was very nice to her when she first came, but now she fusses at her and makes fun of her. She is anxious to finish college so that she can help her parents, but she is awfully tired of staying with her sister. She has a boy friend who wishes to marry her She is in a state of confusion and

doesn't know what to do. Well, Maryland, my first bit of advice is not to jump into marriage seventh cousins. because of disagreeable domestic troubles. You will find that you are

And then, if I were you, I should 1941 take stock of myself and see if I were not at fault in some way for my treatment of me. You know, of course, that an extra person in a home is not only an expense, but the cause of a great deal of extra work unless they are very careful to carry their part of the load. Do you keep your room nicely, do you help Academy? with the house work, and do other thoughtful things to help out? Or raid the ice box every night, leave wet glasses on the tables, say up all hours of the night, and leave the lights burning?

Why don't you have a talk with your sister and tell her how happy her house. Ask her why she has without court action? changed, and if there are things you do that get on her nerves. Refuse court declare the missing spouse to be legally dead, or to get a divorce. to have your feelings hurt if she tells you of some things that annoy her but seem trivial to you. After all, it is her house, and as long as you are staying with her you should try to please her and make yourself agreeable. I do hope that you can Red Cross get together and be happy and contented once more.

LOUISA

PUZZLED-Texas.

Dear Louisa: Please advise me on a certain matter. Do you think seven years' difference is too great between two persons who are thinking about the steel-making nations. marriage later on. What is your opinion on the scale of ages?

I think the success of such a mar- eign countries? riage depends on several things. If the man is older than the girl, there should be a good chance of happiness unless she is entirely too young to marry anyone. If the man is younger than the woman but is mature and steady, and very much in on love, there is still a chance for happiness if the girl is young for her age. As you know, there are some people who seem old and sober even marriage will not necessarily be a ly greater than that of copper failure. She will have to work hard insects which occasionally infest homes. young husband, but he may be worth an to marry a very young boy bemains true after he has matured. then will be time enough to accept LOUISA

COAST GUARD ACCEPTING ENLISTMENTS AT HAZLETON

The United States Coast Guard Coffee Rationing Recruiting sub-station, located at 205-206 Markle Bank Building, Hazleton, announces that recruiting has resumed and that application for

The age limit is 17 to 55. meet the physical and educational requirements.

Men accepted, will be placed on an the best of the coffee they get. inactive status, and called to active For further information apply in the better."

office at Hazleton.

MEREDITH MEYERS NAMED CLEARING HOUSE HEAD

Meredith Meyers, former State Democratic chairman and a director of the Russell National Bank at Lewistown, has been elected president of the Mifflin County Clearing House Association.

The bank of which Meyers is director is the largest in the county The clearing house represents eight member banks in Mifflin County. Meyers, 57, comes from a family of publishers. He is president of the Lewistown Sentinel daily newspaper and also publishes four weeklies. He also is president of several incounty.

Mrs. Ralph Rossman of Millheim Norristown, to Aviation Cadet Byron

Engagement Announced

H. Hunsberger, also of Norristown Miss Auman, daughter of Frank Auman of Coburn, was graduated from East Penns Valley High School and Mrs. Byron K. Hunsberger of Norristown, is training to become tion Cadet Center, San Antonio Texas. He is a 1935 graduate of Norristown High School. Before enlistment, he studied engineering at the Although Hard-Boiled Harry admits women are fools to marry, he University of New Hampshire. No date has been set for the wedding

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Query & Answer Column

M. A. C.—Is the Kremlin a single building?

Ans.-In some old Russian cities the central portion was surrounded by strong walls with towers and battlements, and sometimes by embankments and moats. Kremlin is the name given to these enclosures, which really were fortresses and usually were located on an elevation dominating the surrounding territory. The Moscow Kremlin is probably the best preserved of these structures. It is in the center of the city and is snaped like an isosceles triangle, one side being parallel with the Moskva River. It has huge pyramidal walls of pale pink brick which are pierced by live gates. Within the Kremlin the residences of the former court officials have been converted into government offices and residential suites for high 80v-

R. T.—Is President Roosevelt related to Prime Minister Winston

Ans.—Conklin Mann, a genealogist, recently disclosed that they are

B. S .- What is the average family income in the United States? jumping out of the frying pan into of average family income had risen to \$1,540, compared with \$1,480 in

F. G.-Which organizations constitute the U. S. O.?

Ans,-YMCA, National Catholic Community Service, Jewish Weifare sister to have changed so in her Board, Salvation Army, and National Travelers' Aid Association P. W.-Has Anne Lindbergh any brothers or sisters? Ans.—She has a brother, Dwight Whitney Morrow, and a sister, Con-

stance Cutter (Mrs. Aubrey Niel Morgan). A second sister, Elizabeth Reeve (formerly Mrs. Aubrey Niel Morgan) is deceased. L. T .- What is the maximum age for entrance in the U. S. Naval Ans.—Candidates may not be less than 17 nor more than 21 years of

age on April 1 of the calendar year they enter. If their twenty-first birthdo you bring your friends in and day falls on April 1 of the calenda; year, they are ineligible. C. B.—How bright is the sun?

Ans.—At zenith, the sun has a brightness of 600,000 candlepower per square inch of light surface. For comparison, the crater of a carbon arc has a brightness of 200,000 candlepower per square inch.

T. O. R.—If a husband or wife has been missing for seven years, does you were when you first came to that constitute automatic divorce? Can the remaining spouse remarry Ans.-The answer is no to both questions. It is necessary to have a

> C. G. F .- How large is the Caruso memorial candie? Ans.—The candle is 16 feet high, 5 feet in circumference at the base, and weighs one ton. It is burned only on All Saints Day each year and at

> C. K. E.—What is the name of the ship operated by the International Ans.-It is the S. S. Caritas I. This is the first ship of the International Red Cross and flies the Swiss flag.

> E. V.—Which bird is the strongest flier? Ans.—The hummingbird. It has the largest wing muscles in proportion to the size of its body of any animal that flies. S. F .- How does Japan rank in production of steel?

Ans.—According to the best available reports Japan ranks sixth among

this rate is expected to last eighteen centuries

C. M.—Why is porcelain often referred to as china? Ans.-Porcelain is often called chinaware because it was formerly obtained from China where it was originally produced.

F. R. L.-What is the official title of the envoy of the Pope in for-Ans.-Nuncio. The Papal Nuncio is automatically the dean of the dip-

lomatic corps in Catholic countries. F. W .- Are "daddy-long-legs" harmless to man? Ans.-Yes, and they are beneficial in destroying some of the small B. W.-How many communities in the United States depend entirely

motor vehicles for transportation? Ans.-Fifty-four thousand. L. A. B .- Name the metals that are good conductors of electricity in

the order of their efficiency. Ans.-The following are listed in the order of their electrical convice versa. So, if a woman who is ductivity: Silver, copper, gold, aluminum, magnesium, tungsten, molyyoung in ways and looks marries a bdenum, zinc, cadmium, nickel, and platinum. The electrical conductivity man who is younger than she, the of silver is about six times greater than that of platinum and only slight-

B T. S .- Do all birds walk? Ans.-The hummingbird cannot place one foot before the other in walking. Its feet can be used only for perching. It can move only by mov-

M. D .- When did England and the United States sign the peace treaty ending the Revolutionary War? Ans.—On Sept. 3, 1783. A provisional agreement for peace had been signed Nov. 30, 1782.

I. R.—What is the difference between a thermal and a hot spring? Ans.-A spring is thermal when its waters have a temperature above 70 degrees Fahrenheit and hot, when the temperature is above 98 degrees.

Watch the amount of coffee you use in the sugar from now on-in-

stead of vice versa. cants must be citizens of the United that coffee, just like sugar, soon will More trade circles are predicting be rationed but they have suggestions for housewives on how to make

to have coffee rationing—the sooner person or by mail to the recruiting Here is a four-point program for waste.

> modity research bureau: 1. Do not hoard coffee. This will of slim, dwindling or exhausted aggravate the situation if and when stocks in independent groceries and rationing is started, in all liklihood chain stores.

consumers will have to report their

Soon to Appear 2. Cut down consumption as much as possible—that is, until the shipping situation is cleared up, or you have the go ahead from government authorities. 3. Make each cup carefully, measuring the amount of coffee used

dividual taste. On the other hand don't reduce the amount so that the beverage tastes entirely too wes:-Said one expert: "If we're going better not drink it at all. 4. Make only as much as is need-

and including only enough for in-

ed. Right now coffee is too good to housewives from George Gordon Shortage difficulties were brought Paton, vice president of the com- plainly into focus several days ago

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