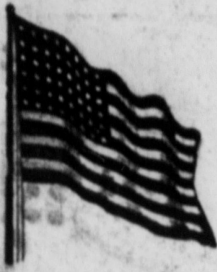


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EDITORIAL

Food becomes very important when it becomes scarce.

Have you done your duty to our fighting men in connection with the scrap collection campaign.

Judging from press reports some of our best journalists are in Congress and the best Congressmen are in the Army.

Our own idea is that if the Japs use their main feet around the Solomon Islands, they will need some more warships around Japan.

The demand for gasoline and motor oils during August, as measured by refinery sales, dropped twenty-one per cent below the same period of last year.

Who would have imagined, ten years ago, that U. S. aircraft would be operated in Africa, Asia, Europe and from a source of island bases, all over the world?

The standard of living, once the proudest boast of Americans, will take a tumble next year and everybody will be just about as contented as they were before.

Elmer Davis, Director of the Office of War Information, does not believe that Hitler will bomb America because it would lead to a more intensive war effort here.

Joseph Goebbels, German propagandist, remarks: "We are now partly occupied with digesting that which we have swallowed." And what a spell of indigestion somebody is going to have.

In former wars, the man who fought was the man who won. Nowadays, it is the man who produces who enables the man to fight; and before long, it will be the farmer who provides the food to enable the worker and the fighter to go.

Of course there will be a species of death bed repentance when the armed forces of the United Nations shatter the myth of German and Japanese superiority. The frightened peoples of both countries will be eager to denounce the leaders they now enthusiastically approve. They will fall over themselves to establish a "democratic" front in order to avoid the just deserts of their villainy. It is up to the people of this country, and other United Nations, to reject such blandishments and to insist upon the stern requirements of justice, including proper retaliation for the misdeeds that have been, and will be, committed by the Japanese and German forces. This war will have been fought in vain unless the military nations are taught that war does not pay.

RUSSIAN SECRECY ABOUT THE WAR

The second front debate would be easily solved, perhaps, if the public had any accurate and dependable information as to the losses suffered by the German and Russian armies in the bitter fighting that has marked the 1942 campaign.

Nobody knows whether the Nazis have been "bled white" as some highly placed officials seem to believe. We have no knowledge of the condition of the Russian army itself and cannot know whether it is in condition to wage a real winter campaign.

It is not our fault that we do not have this information. While there is considerable justification for secrecy regarding military and naval affairs, in time of war, the Soviet government has not permitted anyone to tell the full story of the epochal campaigns which have topped the blitzkrieg.

The possibility exists that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have been thoroughly informed by the Soviet government but, so far as we are aware, no observers have been permitted to check-up on the Moscow appraisal of the battle situation.

Obviously, an offensive in western Europe, or in some other vital Nazi area, is expected as soon as Anglo-British military experts feel that it will succeed. Even without this assurance it would be launched, we believe, if the Red army faced destruction or if the Germans were in such a plight as to invite a knockout blow.

The Russians have chosen to fight their war their own way, which is undoubtedly their right. It might have been better, and productive of greater cooperation, if Moscow had permitted British and American army experts to get the facts at first hand. To demand a second front, without giving allied nations full access to all facts about the war in Russia, is a bit unreasonable.

Present War Trend is Better

At this time it is apparent that, on the surface, the trend of the war is favorable to the United Nations. Neither Germany nor Japan accomplished the objectives of their 1942 campaign and neither has managed to make certain that the gains made will be retained.

Despite punishing blows and the loss of much territory the strength of the United Nations is gradually overcoming that of the Axis. The hold-on-to-gain-time stage has passed and there is many indications of increased confidence in regard to the war with Germany, as well as that with Japan.

Americans must not forget that this nation, with Great Britain, is in two wars. While the overthrow of Hitler may be the first task and the biggest job, the defeat of Japan is just as necessary to the peace of the world. In this latter phase of the world war the Soviet government is not cooperating and, so far as the public knows, has not committed herself to any future course of action against Japan.

FAITH AND PATRIOTISM

"Religion and patriotism support, strengthen and complement each other. In the storm that has struck America, the ship of state will be held firm by these two anchors."—from "The Road to Victory," by the Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

It is seldom that a Roman Catholic prelate writes for dissemination through the public market, as Archbishop Spellman has written "The Road to Victory," published by Scribner's. In it he speaks to all people, not merely his own.

His writing will appeal to all good citizens who have held the same views that Hearst newspapers, which for years have sought to implant, he now clearly states—that religion and patriotism are, indeed, the anchors of the ship of state, in peace as well as in war.

Consider what he says of the "enemies within," those who shout "Democracy" even as they plan and strive to destroy it:

"Are our God-given rights endangered by enemies within our borders? They most certainly are. Our freedoms are abused in the very name of freedom."

"There are those who plausibly shout 'Censorship' if they are not permitted freely to exercise their venal, venomous, diabolical debauching of the minds and bodies of our boys and girls."

"If these false freedoms come, America's God-given rights will go and America's liberty, the most precious of our possessions, dearer to us than life, will succumb to tyranny and America will die."

America will die! Those are not the words of a man given to "alarms and excursions." They come from the inner compulsions of an American churchman, a man deeply moved and gravely concerned for the safety of his country.

And then: "If we oppose atheistic Communists, Nazis, Fascists and all tyrants it is because we believe every man has an immortal soul made by God and, as a sovereign person, should not be completely submerged nor enslaved by the totalitarian shackles of any class, race or nation."

"Religion believes in liberty, teaches liberty and suffers for liberty. It does not define liberty as 'freedom to do what one pleases,' as anarchists do."

To that every true American, mindful of the fact that he is his brother's keeper, can and must subscribe—because the loss of either of those anchors—religion or patriotism—will truly mean the loss of America—not only the land but its people, also—and darkness will again cover the face of the earth.

TRUTH ADVANCES SLOWLY

About thirty years ago, Elizabeth Kenny, a nurse in the backwoods of Australia, was compelled to treat several cases of infantile paralysis without the benefit of expert medical training. Without going into the details of her treatment, it is sufficient to state that the world today recognizes that the Australian woman has perfected a superior method of combating some forms of infantile paralysis.

Only ten years ago, a "Royal Commission" of Australian doctors failed to approve her method of treatment although it was securing twice as many recoveries as the accepted methods.

A few years later Miss Kenny came to the United States where, after many disappointments, she managed to secure \$5,000 for a hospital, and went to work to demonstrate the efficacy of her method of treatment.

The experience of this woman illustrates the difficulty that confronts us in the search for truth. New ideas are accepted very slowly, not only in the medical profession but in all social groups. Gradually, however, the truth will make its way if served confidently and courageously by individuals who have found it.

TAXES TO AFFECT EVERYBODY

The people of the United States have a good idea of what their tax bill will be next year. Senate passage of the revenue measure, while not indicative of the terms of the completed bill, reveals that heavier taxes will be borne by every American.

There is no doubt whatever that the income tax will reach the pocketbooks of many Americans who have not yet paid such a tax. It will have a tendency to compel families to retrench. It is impossible to pay heavier taxes without using the money that would be otherwise expended.

It will be time enough to discuss the rates of the bill when the two houses of Congress compose their differences. Consequently, there is no immediate purpose to be gained by calculating what must be paid. The public understands that the money must flow into the war effort and that, whatever the terms of the measure, there will be need for greater contributions to finance mounting expenditures.

Centre county must not forget to buy its full share of War Bonds. While it is quite true that money will not win the war, it will make the war easier for our fighting men to win.



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

This Way Out The housewife was showing her new maid through the upstairs rooms. Finally, they came down to a staircase leading to the garden. "Now, Mary," said the housewife, stepping onto the landing, "when you wish to pass down to the garden, go down this way."

No Temptations, Please A little Bellefonte boy was trying to save pennies for War Stamps, but was finding the task extremely difficult. One night he was saying his prayers, when his mother overheard him plead earnestly: "Lord, please help me save my money—and don't let any ice cream man come down this street."

So That's It? Jerry—"How'd you get along with your wife in that fight the other night?" Gerald—"Oh, she came crawling to me on her knees."

Hungry Two very weary soldiers were hiking the long, long road back to camp. It was a lovely evening and presently one paused to admire the sunset and the view. "Isn't it lovely?" he exclaimed. "It makes me feel like the poet. O' for the wings of a dove, you know."

Think of That The youthful heir of a certain Bellefonte family looked at his mother the other evening and asked: "What do people say when they get married, Mummy?" "They promise to love and be kind to each other," replied the mother.

He Passed A fellow wearing thick-lensed glasses was examined by the draft board and rated fit for service. "But my eyes are very bad," he demurred. "Yeah," said the medical examiner. "Listen, brother, I've passed a stone-blind man as I-A."

Broken Records At a woman's meeting the theory of prenatal influence was being discussed, when a newcomer to the neighborhood arrived and was introduced. For several minutes she listened intently and then spoke up.

Easy to See Mrs. Lapidus went into a photographer's and said: "I have here a photograph of my late departed husband. I'd like to get an enlargement made. But do you think you can remove that awful hat he has on?"

Some Game A stranger driving along a road stopped to watch a baseball game between two colored teams. He asked one of the boys what the score was. "We're behind, 18 to nothing."

He Saw a Miracle A city youngster visiting in the country saw for the first time a blacksmith shoeing a horse. He rushed to his mother and said: "I've seen a man who makes horses. He had one nearly finished when I saw him. He was just nailing on its back feet."

It Might Be So The wrist watch was invented by a Scotchman, we are told. A Scotchman always hates to take anything out of his pocket. "Comb to me," said I to the barber's daughter, trying to scissor hand. But she cut me short, and told me to go to town, and brushed me away. So we parted and I'll lather alone from now on.

That's Too Much Girl (soliciting magazine subscriptions)—"I'll take something off if you'll take it for two years." Him—"I'll take it for fifteen."

ASK HUNTERS TO PROTECT PHONE LINES FROM DAMAGE

Hunters are requested to be doubly cautious this season when in the vicinity of telephone lines as gunshots may accidentally damage vital telephone equipment which must be kept working full time in the interest of the war effort.

Jesse H. Caum, manager for the Bell Telephone Company, said: "It is especially important that every line be kept in service at all times because the armed forces and war industries are depending so much on telephone communications."

To do this, it is essential to keep the equipment free of damage. Shots fired near telephone wires or cables may miss their mark and accidentally cut a wire, damage the sheath of a cable or shatter an insulator. The damage might put a number of telephones out of service, and, possibly, interfere with an important war call."

Mr. Caum said that caution against accidental damage to telephone facilities is another of the simple but vitally important ways in which civilians can help assure the best possible telephone service for the calls of war.

LOUISA'S LETTER

In answer to "Worried," of Virginia, you seem to have made an awful mess of your life. Of course it never pays to marry any one for any reason but love. It just doesn't pay and every one finds that out in time. But if you do marry for other reasons, then it is only fair for you to do everything in your power to make a go of it and make your partner happy.

You say you met the man you love a year after you were married. Well, it certainly would have been more honorable to have gotten a divorce then and married the other man than to have carried on an affair with him all these years, while living under your husband's roof.

From your description, I haven't much opinion of the man you love. He doesn't seem to have much backbone. If he loved you so much, why didn't he get you to marry him when he was free? Instead of that he marries someone else and then comes to you with that line about not caring anything for her. He wants you to leave your husband. Well, in my opinion, you are liable to be left high and dry without either one if you do, for your friend will probably explain that his wife won't give him a divorce after you have taken the final step.

My advice to you, if you have no children and feel that you can care nothing for your husband, is to leave and go somewhere else and get a job. Try to put this other man out of your mind by becoming interested in other things and other people. If you have children, give this other man up and try to make a honorable, respectable home for them and your husband.

If you continue to let this other unworthy man occupy your thoughts you are heading straight for disaster. BLUE EYES

Dear Louisa: I read your advice in the papers and learn lots from them. I would like to know what an engaged couple can give each other for Christmas and other occasions. I am, thanking you in advance. TEXAS

Answer: It all depends on how much you have to spend. For a man, anything from a nice box of handkerchiefs to a piece of luggage would be proper. A watch chain, a collar and tie set, or a belt is always good. For a girl, any kind of jewelry, a small radio, a dresser set, or a box of hose is nice. Outside of hose or gloves, wearing apparel for gifts is not in the best taste. LOUISA

Random Items

(Continued from page one) held it so as not to interfere with the investigation. Publication of the story, it is claimed, resulted in the higher-ups being tipped off. They unloaded incriminating evidence and the whole probe has gone sour. It is reported that the OPA official, it appears, was quite indiscreet. He practically named the person from whom investigators got the first tip on the gas coupon ring! Nice going!

SOLUTION: Air-raid blackouts are not all bad, by a long shot. The surprise blackout Monday night put to a complete halt for a half hour the devilments of Halloweeners. Youngsters who seem to recognize no other laws scurried off the streets with the first foot of the blackout whistles.

Direct Relief Report Direct Relief funds distributed in Centre county during the past week totaled \$566.40, according to G. Harold Wagner, State Treasurer. This amount was paid to 144 cases. Last week, 144 cases received a total of \$541.80. Payments aggregating \$30,816.69 were mailed to the twenty counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania served by the Treasury Regional Office in Scranton during the current week. This amount was paid to 6,341 cases.

ACHES AND PAINS

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Query & Answer Column

S. S. M.—Was the Suez Canal attacked in the first World War? Ans.—The only attack on the Suez Canal during the first World War was unsuccessful. It took place February 2 and 3, 1915.

O. E. G.—How often can a record be played before it wears out? Ans.—This depends largely on how carefully the record is handled. It should stand fifty playings before the quality of its music deteriorates to any great degree.

D. N.—What nationality is Leon Henderson? Ans.—Mr. Henderson is an American of Scotch-Swedish extraction, his family having resided in this country since the Revolution. He was born in Millville, a glass manufacturing town in southern New Jersey.

S. McG.—What is the origin of the hammock? Ans.—It is said to be derived from the fact that the natives of Brazil used the bark of the hammock tree to form nets suspended from trees to which they slept.

E. B.—How many stations transmit television? Ans.—By the end of 1941, eight telecasting stations had received commercial licenses, and thirty-four experimental licenses.

M. McG.—Is it true that most great works of music were written during the composer's middle life? Ans.—With a few exceptions, the world's greatest works of music were written by composers in their 40's or 50's. Bach, Beethoven, Wagner and Verdi are among the notable exceptions.

J. L.—What is the length of the Army step? Ans.—The Army step is 30 inches in length, measured from the heel of the back foot to the toe of the front foot.

T. R.—Is it a fact that the tails of thoroughbred dogs are bitten off? Ans.—This is an old legend without any basis of fact. The real truth is that when the puppies are three days old a string is tied tightly about the tail and the tail is cut. There is no suggestion of pain and the puppies never whimper.

S. F. R.—How did Pennsylvania come to be the Keystone State? Ans.—It is not definitely known when the nickname was first used. Before Georgetown became a part of Washington a bridge was erected to connect the two. There were thirteen stones on the face of the arch bearing the abbreviated names of the thirteen original states. On the keystone of the arch were the letters "Pa."

E. N. G.—At what temperature does iron reach white heat? Ans.—Iron comes to a white heat at around 2700 degrees Fahrenheit.

E. N. B.—Is the making of wine an ancient practice? Ans.—A will, written on papyrus, and prepared about B. C. 2500 in Egypt is the oldest one known. By its terms a priest left his property to a fellow priest. Both Greece and Rome had manuscript wills. In the seventh century wills in parts of Europe were written on bark.

E. A. B.—What keeps the sun and the planets in their places? Ans.—The sun, earth and other planets and their satellites are held in their positions by the fine adjustment of speed and gravitational attraction.

T. H.—How high is the Holy Cross Mountain in Colorado? Ans.—It is 13,978 feet high. The peak is named for the Greek cross formed on its slopes by snow-filled ravines.

S. T.—What does a band around the fuselage of a fighter plane indicate? Ans.—That the pilot is a section leader in the squadron.

W. G.—Who is the Republican leader of the U. S. Senate? Ans.—Sen. Charles L. McNary of Oregon.

F. K.—How much candy has the U. S. been consuming annually? Ans.—The per capita consumption reached an all time high of 16.9 pounds in 1940. In 1939 it was 15.7 pounds per capita.

M. B.—Under how many Presidents did Andrew W. Mellon serve as Secretary of the Treasury? Ans.—He served under Harding, Coolidge and Hoover.

K. W.—What is the origin of the proverb, "Nothing is sure but death and taxes"? Ans.—It is from a letter by Benjamin Franklin to M. Leroy, 1789.

I. M.—Please name the chief commanding officers in the Navy. Ans.—Admiral Ernest J. King is commander in chief and chief of naval operations. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief, Pacific Fleet; Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, commander in chief, Atlantic Fleet; Admiral Harold R. Stark, commander, Naval Forces in Europe; Vice Admiral Herbert E. Leary, commander U. S. Naval Forces, Southwest Pacific; Vice Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Southeast Pacific.

R. W.—Does the Government provide burial for deceased veterans? Ans.—Yes; the amount not to exceed \$100. Claim for reimbursement for burial must be made within 2 years of the burial of the veteran.

C. H.—What percentage of the steel output of the United States is going into direct war use? Ans.—More than 75 per cent. The remainder is going into such essential industries as railroads, machinery manufacture, and similar uses.

P. O. R.—To what army unit did Sgt. Alvin C. York belong when stationed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., in World War I? Ans.—Company G, 328th Infantry.

M. T.—Do cattle perspire? Ans.—In cattle the sweat glands are most completely developed on the muzzle, and they will sweat freely on the nose. Perspiration on their bodies is usually slight, almost imperceptible.

S. T.—Where was Marian Anderson, the Negro contralto, born? Ans.—She was born in Philadelphia. In 1941 she received the Bok Award, given annually for noteworthy achievement in art of science and significant contribution to the city's prestige.

S. P. E.—Is the United States ever without a President? Ans.—There is never an interval when the United States is without a President. The Constitution provides that the term of the President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January. The new President's term begins immediately even if he does not actually take an oath of office for a few minutes.

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