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EDITORIAL

OUR RELIGIOUS DUTY

Easter Sunday, observed again in the shadow of a great war, found the American people increasing appreciation of their religious institutions, and increasingly attentive to their religious duties.

In our own wonderful land, where freedom of religion is enjoyed, the war has given us new understanding of religious faith.

Indifference to religion is a great mistake, on the part of people and of nations.

It causes much of the unhappiness in the world, and many wars. It brings about a relaxation of private and public morals.

It is responsible for discrimination and intolerance, for selfishness and greed, and for oppression and tyranny.

Americans understand this better than many peoples of the world, and abide by their understanding better than most.

Still, Americans have risked more to religious indifference than they should.

In peaceful years they were content to HAVE religious freedom without meeting the responsibility of safeguarding the institutions and observing the principles which made them free.

They became careless about their attendance in their churches, and even their support of the churches.

They were careless about the religious instruction of their children. As a consequence, many children attained adult life without the wholesome background of religious and Biblical history and inspiration.

And accordingly, skepticism and contempt for religion came to be a part of our American life—not a ruling part, fortunately, but an ominous part.

Skepticism and contempt for religion are not the natural attitudes of Americans, or even the conscious attitudes.

Children properly taught the inspiring story of Jesus, and the especially beautiful story of Easter, do not find refutation of what they are taught in their later life or become indifferent to it or purposely blasphemous about it.

The Easter story should be told and explained to every American child, in every American home.

All of the beautiful and wholesome stories of the Bible should be related FIRST in the intimacy of the home, where confidence and faith are founded on affection and trust.

It is the FIRST DUTY of the American home to thus inculcate spiritual understanding in children—a very important duty to the nation, and to civilization.

After that the school and the church can increase understanding and expand knowledge, but the first and continuing duty is in the home.

It is for this reason that our American observance of Easter this year brightens the prospect of our future years. With millions of our people renewing their personal associations with the church, there will be a greater spiritual strength in the land and a higher moral purpose and an infinitely better people.

The Easter outpouring of earnest people conforming to the eternal teachings and example of Jesus, was a wonderful thing in this year of war. It attests our reliance upon the ideals of the fathers of our country, and our own dedication to the task of preserving the free American institutions upon which the future world depends for freedom and peace and justice.

"MORE THAN HOLDING OUR OWN"

Prime Minister Winston Churchill asserted in the House of Commons that the United Nations are "more than holding their own" in the Atlantic battle with the U-boats.

In Washington, Secretary Knox admitted that the Prime Minister was "quite right" and explained that when he recently spoke of an increasingly bad submarine situation, he was alluding only to March, "If," he said, "you take an average over the last six months, we are more than holding our own."

You can buy War Bonds any month; just because the April drive was a success does not mean that the nation does not need additional money from its citizens.

War workers, who now enjoy abnormal incomes, should save some of their cash for the years ahead; nobody knows what will happen when millions of fighting men are demobilized.

HATE, AND ITS TWIN, REVENGE

The problem of hate, and of a national conscience so deeply offended that it can be appeased only by an act of revenge as gruesome as it is just will have to be faced in our world after the war, writes Hendrik Willem van Loon in the May Reader's Digest in a condensation from Liberty.

After the last war, he writes, the Dutch opened their homes and hearts to the starving children of Germany who lived for years in Holland. But when the Nazis invaded this peaceful land, the attack was led by those selfsame boys, now grown to manhood.

That these victimized people are dreaming of a terrible revenge van Loon finds exemplified in a story they tell when they meet at night in what remains of their homes. They tell of the end of the war and Hitler's capture and imprisonment at Amsterdam. Burning at the stake is considered the most fitting punishment for him.

On the day of the great auto da fe gaping crowds filled the avenue through which the fuse ran. Crowds that burst into the national anthem and into shouts of hate as they watched the fatal spark creep close to an ash-grey Hitler, clad in a long yellow shirt and furtively straining at the chains that bound him to his funeral pyre.

When the spark was only a few inches away from the pyre, a wizened little man wriggled through the line of soldiers and deliberately stamped out the fuse that was to accomplish the thing most desired by all the watchers.

Van Loon writes in the Digest that he shuddered when he heard this story, "for a hatred that will give birth to such a story is the most terrible thing in the world."

Two Held In Jail Here For Robbery

said that he was out but had been in earlier and had changed clothes. A search of the clothes he had taken off disclosed the driver's license and receipts taken from the stolen billfold—a sheepskin zipper case.

The victim's glasses and hat were recovered near the boat house but the money taken by the two was not found.

Luzler stated that he had the money to send to the Warren hospital to pay for his wife's treatment. She is a patient at the hospital.

Although it was brought out at the hearing that McLaughlin did not strike Luzler, he was held on the same charge as he was with Pike both before, during and after the crime was committed.

HOLTS HOLLOW

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watson of Milesburg, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Reese and daughters of Gum Stump, Orvis Watson and three children, were Sunday callers at the J. T. Watson home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Howell and children of Runville, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Watson and family spent Sunday evening at the Roy Sheesley home at Howard.

Marjorie Leathers of Milesburg, spent the weekend with home folks. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burd and Mrs. Edith Burd were Bellefonte shoppers on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Runkle and three children of Mt. Eagle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Butler and children of Monument, were Sunday guests at the Leathers home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Possinger of Coleville, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burd called on Mrs. Edith Burd on Sunday.

Mrs. Olive Rhoads and daughter, Mrs. Lee Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Al Franco and daughter spent Saturday afternoon in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Lucas of Marsh Creek, were Sunday visitors at the Charles Lucas home.

People who refuse to believe what American officials assert, have been known to swallow every kind of propaganda from foreign sources.

If every international conference is opened to the press, there will be fewer international conferences, if you get what we mean.

The economy of any nation is unsound when a racket, a scheme or a merger can make more money than some service to society.

AMERICAN HEROES



Maj. John I. Smith of the U. S. Marines has 19 Jap planes to his credit—Have you as many Jap Bonds? Show all our American boys that you're doing your part on the home front to win the war. You've done your bit; now do your best—Buy more War Bonds.

Query & Answer Column

M. H. D.—How many times have President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill met for consultation since the beginning of the war?

N. G. E.—Had any nations experimented with the use of parachutes before the war started?

R. G. S.—What makes a mouse waltz?

M. M.—What causes a harelip?

T. L.—Who made the first wallpaper in the United States?

C. F. Y.—Where was the first city high school in the United States?

E. Y.—When did Ethiopia become a part of Italy?

W. L.—What is a Panzer Division?

C. D.—Are bridge laws changed every year?

B. L. W.—Name a pale metal, aside from platinum, which is rarer than gold.

T. R.—Why has the U. S. Post Office abandoned attempts to get mail through to Switzerland?

S. M.—How many ration points will a person save by using the produce from a Victory Garden measuring 25x50 feet?

G. G.—What new development has taken place in the manufacture of optical goods for the U. S. Army?

S. T. H.—How many amendments to the Constitution have been proposed?

C. N. S.—What is the elevation of Stalingrad?

C. H. W.—How did the adjutant bird get his name?

A. C. L.—Is it correct to say anything is most unique?

L. S. Y.—At what rate does the heart beat?

C. R. T.—At what time during the month do the highest tides occur?

R. V.—What is meant by Fourteen Hundred with reference to the London Stock Exchange?

We're Rolling Tonight

There's a tang in the air around barracks and tents, A thing you can't tell of but something you sense, There's a snap in our step, in our eyes a new light For the word's passed around that we're rolling tonight.

For months 'round the Post we heard nothing but kicks, 'Til the rumor came through via "seat number six," Then the beeping fell off and our spirits took flight On the wings of the news that we're rolling tonight.

Give a gambler his dice and a horseman his nag, Give a boozier his bottle, a smoker his fag, Give a gold-digger money, a maiden her knight, Give a soldier the news that he's rolling tonight.

We have been here too long and the scenery is stale. The Post's like a prison, the town's like a jail. But off in the distance the horizon's bright And the open road calls us—we're rolling tonight.

Our legs and equipment lie out on the ground, The cooks and K. P.'s are all hustling around. The stum-gullion's ready, the world is all right, And we're writing the folks that we're rolling tonight.

When I've hiked my last mile and old Gabriel blows taps, When I cash in my chips and the devil throws craps, When I greet my new hostess—an angel in white, Don't waste your tears, brother—I'm rolling tonight.

—Camp Pickett News.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa: I am in the Army and I am engaged to the finest girl in the world. I had a good job when I enlisted and I will have it again as soon as this war is over.

ANSWER: If these were normal times and you were at home, making good money and expected to be married, your request might be a very reasonable one, but under the circumstances your attitude seems to me to be a very selfish one.

So write to your sweetheart and encourage her to go on with her course. In the meantime, she can be learning home-making from her mother.

World of Religion

dent and dread disease. Doctors believe that by the proper segregation of sufferers from the disease, it can be entirely wiped out of the world in a few decades.

The fifth Sunday after Easter has since the fourth century been observed as Rogation Day in the Christian church, and has been considered a day of emphasizing the spiritual values of rural life.

The Church Committee for China Relief, and United China Relief have appropriated a total of \$913,000 to be used for disaster relief in Honan Province, and in nearby stricken areas of China.

"Thousands upon thousands of refugees are passing through this city continually," writes Rev. Frederick Bankhardt, of Cleveland, Ohio, Methodist missionary in Yenching, China.

RHEUMATIC PAINS

It is the present theory that many Rheumatic Conditions are caused by Bacteria or Toxins in the system. Possible relief from some of the excruciating pain may be obtained with LUEBERT'S NOX 'EM TABLETS.

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

Wrong Answer. A private stationed at the Army Air Force Basic Training Center was ordered to wash and clean an officer's inner sanctum.

A Little Higher. The young ensign was showing the sweet young thing over the ship on Visitor's Day.

Service. Judge—"One year and fifty dollars fine." Prisoner's Lawyer—"Your Honor, I beg the sentence be reversed."

Family Reunion. Saw a newsworld where a father and seven sons are in the Navy. Every time they have a meal they "pause for relation identification."

Whiskers and All. Joe—"So you don't believe in advertising?" Moe—"No."

Hogs Don't Believe Him. "Is Uncle Lem a liar?" "Well, I wouldn't exactly call him a liar but I do know this much about him.

Needed One. Young Mother—"Oh, I wish I knew what to do for my baby. I don't know what's wrong with it."

Proved. Pat—"The Lakes of Killarney, sir, have no bottom." Tourist—"What makes you say that?"

Make It Two. An income tax collector had died and a subscription was raised in a business office for a wreath. The boss promised \$5.

Lucky Rip. Rip Van Winkle slept for twenty years, but of course, his neighbors didn't have a radio.

Amen. Popular hymns frequently prove disconcerting after the translator has done his worst. A missionary once set a Hindu student to render "Rock of Ages" into the native dialect.

Why He Was Tired. The tired-looking man sat facing the lawyer. "So you want a divorce from your wife," said the latter.

Heard But Not Seen. Aunt Nellie—"Well, Bobby, did you see Santa Claus on Christmas?" Bobby—"No, Auntie. It was too dark to see him, but I heard what he said when he knocked his toe against the bedpost."

Recent Weddings

Ellis—Moore. Mrs. Mary Moore of State College, and Randall P. Ellis of Turbotville, were married in the Methodist parsonage, State College, at 6:30 p. m.

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