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EDITORIAL

TWICE AS MANY WARSHIPS

The strength of the Navy in combatant ships has been doubled since the first of the year, according to Secretary Frank Knox, who reports that 419 warships have been added to the fleet.

This does not include auxiliaries, mine, patrol and landing craft. It includes forty aircraft carriers of all types, some of them being converted merchantmen. Apparently it counts more than 200 destroyer-escorts and around forty submarines.

What else is in the 1,000,000 tons of warships can be guessed but some battleships, cruisers and destroyers have certainly been added to the fleet, which has lost twenty-one warships since January 1st. These, says Mr. Knox, will be replaced by additional ships that will be delivered between now and the first of the year.

GERMANS THREATS ARE IDLE

German officials threaten to "pay England back" with interest and double interest and their boasts may ease the strain on Germans who have suffered under the terrific aerial blows that have blasted the Reich.

It is interesting to speculate upon the methods that the Nazis can use to get the British. Rocket guns are mentioned with intimation that they will be set up in France for a long-range bombardment of the British Isles.

There is always the prospect that the Germans will resort to poison gas and the threat cannot be dismissed. The Nazi leaders are apt to become desperate and lose their reasoning under the impact of losing the war they thought they had won.

While poison gas can undoubtedly injure the British there is nothing in it for the Nazis because overwhelming aerial superiority will enable the United Nations to dump it on German soil faster than the Luftwaffe can deposit it anywhere else.

Like earlier stories of secret weapons there is probably little or nothing to the Nazi threats. If the Germans could get a new weapon they would use it, of course. They have not failed to employ every technique of terror in the past and they would not shrink now.

The fact that no such terrible weapon is being used by the Nazi is the best possible proof that no such weapon exists.

BOMBING OF BERLIN APPALLING

The bombing of Berlin is appalling if you think behind the news reports and realize the impossibility of dropping thousands of tons of high explosives upon a densely populated place without killing women, children and other non-combatants.

Even dispatches from London indicate that the British people express sorrow over the suffering of helpless people in the enemy capital. The London folks know what a bombing does and they have seen and smelt the flesh of burned persons.

How, then, is it that free peoples throughout the world approve and applaud the hideous slaughter that visits German cities? Is it merely that they seek revenge for the horrors that are perpetrated upon the innocent victims of Nazi aggression earlier in the war?

We think not. The only justification of the bombing offensive against the Germans is that it is necessary to win the war and to prevent the Germans from creating an aerial machine to repeat the earlier campaign of terror that was inaugurated into modern warfare by the Axis militarists.

Either the German cities must be bombed unmercifully or we must sit idly by and permit the Nazi leaders to plan new devilment against our Allied peoples. It is strictly a case of bomb first or get bombed later, and the British are proving to the world that they can dish it out as well as take it.

The United States, we should understand, is not absolved of the killing of non-combatant people when our planes drop their heavy bombs. It is a matter of regret but, also, of necessity. The enemy asked for it and they are getting it. It is up to them to say when they have had enough.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I love a boy and he loves me, so he says. I had been going with him and then he quit and didn't come back for two weeks. Afterwards I saw him at a meeting and treated him kind of coldly because he broke those dates. Now I see him every day and he doesn't have a girl friend. I know from the way he acts, he wants to come back but can't face to ask me. Will you please tell me how to go about getting his friendship back?

BLUE EYES—Caro.

Answer:

I can't blame you for treating him coldly after breaking two dates with you and not giving any explanation for his absence. Of course, he may have had a very good reason for not coming but it does seem that he could have, at least, written you a card. It might have been better to give him a chance to explain before you acted as you did.

I think it would be very simple, if you see him every day and are really anxious to make up with him, to speak to him and ask him why he did not come to see you when he said he would—that is, if you really think he is so shy.

On the other hand, I find that a great many girls think that boys are in love with them when they are not. I have never seen a boy, who was really in love, who was too timid to let the girl know about it. Your friend may be tired of coming to see you so regularly and may think he was getting too involved. It is possible that he was afraid your friendship was becoming too serious.

Lots of girls run off their boy friends by becoming too possessive to soon. Good luck, LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

My husband is at camp and I am undecided whether to join him or not. My husband is not an officer and we have a baby six months old. It is very hard for us to be apart but when I stay in my home town my living expenses are very low and my Mother helps with the baby. My husband can usually get home every Saturday night. What would you advise me to do.

WIFE—Okla.

Answer:

Stay where you are. I know it is awfully hard to be separated from your husband but at least you can see him once a week, and under very good circumstances.

To begin with, if you should move near the camp, you would find it very hard to get rooms and the rents are terribly high. On a private's pay I don't see how you could possibly manage. Lots of girls who follow their husbands to camp get jobs to help out with expenses but, in your case, that would be impossible as you would have the baby to care for as well as your home.

Perhaps your mother will keep the baby for a few days, so that you can visit him every once in a while. LOUISA.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

The Chinese have been warning the Allies that the Japanese have been starting plagues in China by dropping bombs of deadly disease germs. For example, in an article published in a medical journal, it is stated by Dr. Robert Lim, head of the Chinese Red Cross and the army training services that this is the case.

Said Dr. Lim, "I do not expect Americans, British and others to believe that the Japs are resorting to bacteriological warfare today; as they did not believe for a long time the stories that the Japs were using gas in China."

However, there are some American, British and other experts. Dr. Thomas Farran, surgeon general of U. S. public health services, warned recently that the enemy has planned and, in his opinion, will use bacteriological warfare wherever possible. Such tactics, he said, could be as deadly as mustard gas or explosives.

There was an outbreak of bubonic plague in Changteh, China, which was attributed to Jap fliers who dropped infected fleas in that city. The city was raided by a single low-flying Japanese plane. It scattered rice grains mixed with cotton rags. Samples saved for examination were found to be swarming with the bacilli of bubonic plague.

In less than a week a number of people developed the plague. All who took it died within 36 hours. Autopsies confirmed the diagnosis.

There had been no plague in Changteh for five hundred years, more than ten generations, and the nearest epidemic region is more than five hundred miles distant. The victims were not transients or refugees but residents. This horrible outbreak was stopped by a sudden cold spell which set in shortly thereafter.

This is not the only instance that has happened in China.

A similar mysterious raid occurred in Chekiang province under almost identical circumstances. Several low-flying planes flew over and dropped infected fleas in little bunches of rice. These were intended to attract rats.

Sure enough, in a week, the plague broke out. Other outbreaks occurred where the fleas had been scattered. Cold weather came and checked the disease again, but the rats had been infected and there were many deaths of human beings on the return of spring.

All infected houses are being burned and air raid workers of China have been instructed to destroy all articles dropped by Japanese planes. In China, anti-bubonic plague vaccine is kept on hand for distribution.

Allies, beware. There is no limit to the diabolical scheme to which the Japanese will resort in order to win this war.

Query & Answer Column

G. B.—How much is a milliard? Ans.—It is a thousand millions. The American equivalent is a billion.

L. N. O.—In what year was the Merchant Marine of the United States equal to that of the British Empire? Ans.—The merchant tonnage of the United States in 1860 was greater than that of Great Britain and nearly equal to that of the British Empire.

I. B. N.—How many fingerprints of criminals are there in the Department of Justice? Ans.—Of the 65 million sets of fingerprints in the archives of the F. B. I. almost six million are those of criminals.

H. G. M.—What is a binnacle? Ans.—A binnacle is a framework or case on the deck of a ship, in front of the steerman, and also in various other positions, containing a nautical compass, and, fitted with lights by which the compass can be read at night.

P. N. E.—What city is known as the Queen of the West? Ans.—Bret Harte in "Chicago" referred to the city as "Queen of the West" by some enchanter taught, to lift the glory of Aladdin's court."

J. W. H.—Why is the expression half mast used so often when it should be half staff? Ans.—The use of the term half mast in preference to half staff is undoubtedly due to the fact that it was originally a nautical observance. Captain Smith's Seaman's Grammar as early as 1627 makes reference to the flying of a flag at half mast as a sign of mourning.

H. L.—Do butterflies have a fragrance? Ans.—Many specimens are without odor, while others have a fragrance resembling that of sweet grass, jasmine, syringa, mignonette, orange blossoms or balsam.

L. D.—How many people speak the English, German and Japanese languages? Ans.—The English language is spoken by 270,000,000 people; German by 78,947,000; Japanese by 97,700,000.

L. W.—The source of what strategic metal taken by the Nazis from Norway was recently bombed by planes of the U. S. Air Force? Ans.—Molybdenum, used in hardening steel.

J. R.—To what conquered country has Russia pledged aid? Ans.—Belgium; the Reds have promised to help restore her independence.

C. S.—What aircraft carrier was recently commissioned? Ans.—The Bataan, launched in the Delaware River.

J. C. D.—What is the best oil to use in oiling a watch? Ans.—Mihlan in his "Time and Timekeepers" says that fish oil is considered the best, and that taken from the jaw of a particular species of porpoise, known as the black fish, is considered the very best. A small drop is more than enough to oil an entire watch.

R. S. N.—What was the greatest cavalry battle of the Civil War? Ans.—The greatest battle fought by cavalry exclusively was that of Trevilian, Va., June 11 and 12, 1864. It took place between Gordonsville and Louisa Courthouse and about 13,000 men were engaged.

J. W. E.—What can be done to protect trees from rabbits in the winter? Ans.—The Bureau of Plant Industry says that whitewashing and then wrapping with burlap is a good plan for the protection of trees. It is especially in winter when much of their food is snow covered that rabbits attack the bark of trees.

N. B. S.—In what year did the most strikes occur? Ans.—An all-time peak since 1881 was recorded in the year 1937 when 4740 strikes occurred, involving 1,860,621 workers.

L. B.—What does the Army use in jungle areas to purify water? Ans.—The War Department says that calcium hypochloride is used by the Army for this purpose in all areas.

L. B.—What is the cost of starting and stopping a passenger train? Ans.—The cost has been estimated from 84 cents to \$2.80.

W. B. C.—Is Josef Stalin a large man? Ans.—Stalin is described as being of average height and weight.

J. C. B.—How far can a bomber travel without refueling? Ans.—The Civil Aeronautics Administration says that a bomber with a range of 10,000 miles could go 48 hours without refueling if it maintained a speed of 200 miles per hour.

W. B. E.—At what age do wisdom teeth appear? Ans.—They may be cut anywhere between the ages of 12 to 40. About 40 per cent of the people never have them at all.

W. G. N.—What amount of money is paid out daily as life insurance? Ans.—The Institute of Life Insurance reports that American families received \$6,582,000 a day in life insurance payments in 1942.

D. L.—What is the Pilsnol mark? Ans.—This is a mark painting on the side of a vessel designating the depth to which the vessel may under the maritime laws, be loaded in different bodies of water during various seasons of the year.

M. D.—What is the derivation of the surname Jones? Ans.—It derives from the Christian name John which is of Hebrew origin and means, "Grace of the Lord."

C. H.—What is the religion of China? Ans.—China has all the important religions of the world but none of its own. Confucianism and Taoism are considered by the Chinese not as religions, but as political philosophies and teachings. Buddhism was introduced from India and has the most followers, though its influence is declining. Mohammedans have more than 42,000 mosques and 48,000,000 members. There are 2,624,166 Catholics and 618,600 Protestants.

C. C. N.—Please quote the proverb which mentions the four things from which there is no recall. Ans.—The Arab proverb is as follows: For four things, there is no recall, the spoiled word, the arrow sped from the bow, the march of fate, and time that is past.

G. C.—When was the Vatican City established? Ans.—The papal state known as Vatican City was founded as the result of the Lateran treaty, signed February 11, 1929, between the representatives of the Pope and the representatives of the King of Italy. It was signed by the King May 27 and became effective June 7 by exchange of ratification of the Vatican. All powers, executive, legislative and judicial are vested in the Supreme Pontiff. The State of Vatican City has an area of 108.7 acres.

L. E. M.—Why is the yardarm of a ship called by this name? Ans.—The name recalls the fact that the yard was measured by the arm of King Henry I of England.

M. C. F.—Please compare the present size of Turkey with one of our states. Ans.—Turkey is only a little larger than Texas. It has about 3,000,000 more people than the State of New York.

S. C. C.—How many words did Chief Justice White's will contain? Ans.—Often quoted as a classic example of brevity, this will contained but 51 words. Calvin Coolidge's will was even shorter, worded as follows: "Not unmindful of my son John, I give all my estate both real and personal to my wife Grace Coolidge, in fee simple." Other wills ran to hundreds of words like those of Napoleon and Florence Nightingale.

N. E. G.—How much fat should there be in the diet? Ans.—Scientists state that human beings have become accustomed to diets in which the fat content provides about 25 per cent of the total caloric intake. Fats require a longer time for digestion than carbohydrates or proteins and for this reason delay the feeling of hunger.

A. M.—What is the smallest State capital? Ans.—Carson City, the capitol of Nevada, with a population of only 2478.

SCOTIA

Of all the deer hunting in this section the past week and the amount of hunters we have seen in the woods, we have heard of only two deer shot in this section, one by William Saxton, Jr., and one by John Ghaner. Of course this includes the writer who, with all the rest in this vicinity, have been out almost every day, but when we do get one we sure will let you know it. At the end of the season we will give you a list of names of all hunters who did shoot deer.

The Remley Bible class held their Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lutz. The Lutz family live at the former William Furst property, there being twenty members present. The next meeting will be held on January 6th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Meek of State College.

Mrs. Nellie Behrer closed her home and has gone to Pine Grove Mills to stay with Miss Sara Danner. Well it looks as if Henry Stover has made a good job of building his house and has it finished before winter set in. He has moved into it and it looks very attractive. Henry is one of those fellows when he starts something he always finishes it. We will have to congratulate him on his job, taking into consideration that he never had any experience in building.

The first day of deer season a small party started out and hadn't gone far when a nice sized buck jumped up. All took a crack at him, including one hunter who fired five shots at him, and still no buck. But he hadn't gone far over the hill until the Myers men who were raising a few potatoes that were left in the patch, brought him down with one crack of the rifle.

HOW WORMS DO DAMAGE Worms impair full utilization of feed, irritate the digestive tract, pour poisons into the body of chickens, and lower their resistance to disease. Neck molts often can be traced to worm infestation.

For Victory: Buy Bonds.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Centre County Commissioners, to A. C. Confer, of Spring Mills, tract in Penn Twp., \$18.

Robert F. Pecht, et ux, to M. Irene Workman, of Mingoville, tract in Walker Twp., \$1.

John Lipke, to Mrs. Adena Hein, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$1.

John Lipke, to Mrs. Wanda Franzel, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$1.

John Lipke, to Mrs. Olga Krebs, of Phillipsburg, tract in Rush Twp., \$1.

Ida R. Holmes, to Paul S. Hironimus, et ux, of Oak Hall, tract in Marion Twp., \$1.

O. Hamill Bathgate, et ux, to Elmer C. Harpster, of Ferguson Twp., tract in College Twp., \$1.

W. Henry Ennis, et ux, to Ira B. Vieldorfer, of Snow Shoe, tract in Burnside Twp., \$100.

Mary Hassinger Marsh, to Clarence Pierce Bldker, et ux, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$2,252.61.

Citizens' Building and Loan Association, to Charlotte P. Bryan, et bar, of Osceola Mills, tract in Rush Twp., \$400.

Andrew J. Shively, Jr., trustee, to Walter R. Eberhart, et ux, of Bellefonte, tract in Spring Twp., \$320.

George W. Smith, et ux, to Roy C. Rider, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D., tract in Spring Twp., \$1.

Tracey Elizabeth Foust, et bar, to William H. Noll, et al, of Spring Twp., tract in Spring Twp., \$126.

Harry P. Huber, execr, et al, to William B. Musser, et ux, of Spring Mills, R. D. 2, tract in Gregg Twp., \$1,005.

John K. Swartz, by heirs, to William Reakes, et ux, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., tract in Liberty Twp., \$1.

Phillipsburg Borough, to Karl S. Cowher, of Phillipsburg, tract in South Phillipsburg, \$350.

Virginia L. Tillinghast, et ux, to Joseph Dann, of Waverly, Mass., tract in Bellefonte, \$1.

Emma Cartwright, to Irene Cartwright, of Tyrone, tract in Rush Twp., \$1.

William F. Berg, to Elmer Reed, et ux, of South Phillipsburg, tract in South Phillipsburg, \$1.

Orrie Mothersbaugh, to William Woomer, of Tyrone, tract in Taylor Twp., \$100.

William Woomer to Alfred Holmes, et ux, of Snyder Twp., tract in Taylor Twp., \$550.

Sarah McClennahan, to H. C. McClennahan, et al, of Centre Hall, R. D., tract in Potter Twp., \$1.

William Summers, to Rose Baumbarger, of Winquet, tract in Boggs Twp., \$50.

Ira G. Hall, et ux, to Snow Shoe Fire Co., of Snow Shoe, tract in Snow Shoe Twp., \$1.

Celia Brungart, to Charles G. Auman, et al, of Rebersburg, tract in Miles Twp., \$1.

Mary E. Stover, et al, to Norman E. Hazel, et ux, of Aaronsburg, tract in Haines Twp., \$225.

Max Herr, to William Summers, of Milesburg, tract in Boggs Twp., \$1.

Centre County Treasurer, to Centre County Commissioners, tract in Port Matilda, \$320.33.

Centre County Commissioners, to W. L. Weaver, et ux, of Taylor Twp., tract in Port Matilda, \$125.

George E. Rothrock, to James E. Gray, et ux, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, \$1.

Alice Merryman to James H. Musser, of Aaronsburg, tract in Haines Twp., \$430.

J. Warren Bower, by executors, to James H. Musser, et ux, of Aaronsburg, tract in Haines Twp., \$20.

Harvey S. Lingle, et al, to Rosalie M. Stein, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$1.

First National Bank of Phillipsburg, to Rosalie M. Stein, of Phillipsburg, tract in Rush Twp., \$1.

S. Alice Betz, et al, to Whitecock Quarries, of Bellefonte, tract in Marion Twp., \$3,900.

Fidelity Trust Company, to Russell W. Adair, et ux, of State College, tract in State College; \$25,000.

John Gallagher, et al, to James D. Gallagher, et al, of Milesburg, tract in Milesburg, \$1.

Herbert S. Schenck, et ux, to Herbert S. Schenck, et ux, of Howard, tract in Howard Twp., \$1.

Harold G. Bell, et al, to Mary Duzik, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg; \$8150.

Carrie B. Hibshman by attorney-in-fact, to Roy Buck, et ux, of Warriors Mark, tract in State College; \$1.

How To Stop Worm Trouble To coax infested birds back into laying condition and prevent others from going out to production, it is considered wise to give the flock a reliable and effective treatment to remove the worms that are in the intestinal tract. Frequent changing of litter, thorough disinfecting of the poultry house, and the addition of sand or gravel around the house will go a long way in reducing the danger of reinfection.

WOMAN KILLS BUCK Mrs. Louise Koch of Milton, while hunting with her father, Harold Peterman, of Cherry Street, shot an eight-point buck in the vicinity of their cabin in North Mountain.

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

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, Grandpa in a speedy car, Opened the throttle a bit too far, Music by the G. A. R.

Jehosophat—You're Drafted Draft Board Clerk—"What's your name?" Drafee—"My father took one look at me and said 'Great Jumpin' Jehosophat'."

Clerk—"G. J. Jehosophat. Place of birth?" Drafee—"Well, I'm not quite sure. My father and mother were ramblin' around from pillar to post and—"

Clerk—"Born between pillar and post, age?" Drafee—"I'd be twenty in October if it hadn't been my father and mother weren't speaking to each other the morning I was born on the 17th of February."

Clerk—"Twenty—approximately. Now prepare for Intelligence Test No. 1. First question: Cats are useful animals because (one) they catch mice; (two) they are gentle; (three) they are afraid of dogs. QUICK, Jehosophat, which is correct, one, two or three?"

Drafee—"Well, as a matter of fact, cats ain't useful. They're the worst pests in the world. Once I had a mocking bird—"

Clerk—"Jehosophat, I want you to understand we're trying to find out whether you've got sense enough to be a soldier."

Drafee—"Let science decide. I knew a scientist once who said you shouldn't eat the skin on knockwurst. He said—"

Clerk—"Problem two: If you fell into a river and couldn't swim, would you (one) yell for help and try to scramble out; (two) dive to the bottom and crawl out; (three) lie on your back and float until help came?"

Drafee—"How deep is the river?" Clerk—"You're walking on thin ice, Jehosophat. I'm trying to find out if you're crazy. Now why is wheat better for food than—"

Drafee—"Oh, I know what you're doing. You're playing riddles, ain't you?" "I'm good at that. Me and my daddy used to play 'em. Here's one: If a hen and a half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will three hens lay in one day? QUICK. One, two, three, four, five—give up? Sure you do, takes a quick mind to answer that. Well, a hen lays only one egg, anyhow, so the answer is three eggs, that is, if they're three good hens. Here's another one. On your toes. If two snakes get hold of each other's tail and started swallowing, how would they wind up?"

Clerk—"How would they wind up? How would they wind up? Nuts, that's how, Jehosophat, you're turned down!" Drafee—"What do you mean? You can't turn me down, no, no, I want to join up. I want to help end this war. I got to go—I—"

Clerk—"Jehosophat, you're in." (To himself:) Crazy or not, he's our man. But I wonder what would happen to them two snakes.

He Figured It Out. Jones was waiting for a bus when a stranger approached and asked the time. Jones ignored him. The stranger repeated the request. Jones continued to ignore him.

When the stranger finally walked away, another passenger said curiously: "That was a perfectly reasonable request. Why didn't you tell him what time it was?"

"Why," said Jones, "Listen, I'm standing there minding my own business, and this guy wants to know what time it is. So maybe I tell him what time it is. Then what? We get to talking and this guy says, 'How about a drink?' So we have a drink. Then we have some more drinks. So after a while I say, 'How about coming up to my house for a bite to eat?' So we go up to my house and we're eating ham and cheese in the kitchen when my daughter comes in, and my daughter's a darn good looking girl. So she falls for this guy and he falls for her. Then they get married, and any guy that can't afford a watch I don't want in my family."

Very Sudden and Sad "I shall die," throbbed the sutor, "unless you consent to marry me." "I'm sorry," said the maiden kindly but firmly, "but I will not marry you."

So the fellow went out west and after 67 years, three months, and a day, became suddenly ill and died.

Experienced In an Army Camp paper appears the following advertisement, quote: "Girl wants work in mess. Has been in one before." Unquote.

The Little Men Who Won't Be There. "My son," said the properly indoctrinated Japanese father, "we know how many things are not true. They tell us that American airplanes can fly over our Nippon. It is untrue when we hear that their bombs can start fires. We know this, do we not? But, my son, when we hear those planes that are not there, when you see the bombs that cannot fall, when you feel the flames that cannot start, forget the truth and untruth and fetch the water pails and sand buckets. Otherwise we shall be living in a house that is not there. Do you understand?"

Spoke Too Soon. The top sergeant sang out just before the company was dismissed: "All those fons of music, step two paces forward."

With visions of a soft job in the regimental band, half a dozen men stepped out.