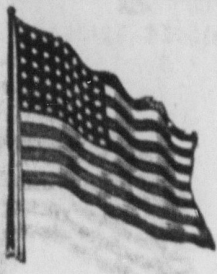


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THE ROCKET GUN JITTERS

The correspondent seems to have the jitters about the rocket guns that the Germans are supposed to have on the coast of France.

The other day, when German guns shelled the Channel and the coast of England, there was a news dispatch, telling about the "first use" of the new-fangled weapons.

Then, the day the Allies switched their air attacks to Nazi installations in northern France, the attack was promptly labelled an effort to destroy the foundation of the rocket guns.

If the news of the war, which comes to us, is based upon such conjectures and conclusions, there is no wonder that the people find it difficult to understand the nature of the struggle.

BERLIN'S FOOLISH THREAT

Evidently the aerial offensive is hurting Germany more than some people think. This seems clear from the "Huns of the air" epithet hurled at British and American aviators by Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels.

The threat of the Berlin radio that military courts will deal with Anglo-American prisoners "who are guilty of a serious breach of international law" indicates some cracking of German morale.

While it is extremely improbable that the Germans will invite retaliation there is always the possibility that the Nazis will take vengeance upon those within their power.

If, unfortunately, the Germans adopt the Japanese conception of aviators, and execute American and British fliers, it will be up to the United Nations to exact a terrible penalty. We prefer not to think of such a scourge but, if it becomes necessary, we should not hesitate.

NEW NEGOTIABLE BOND

Another war bond campaign will begin on January 18th, with a goal of \$14,000,000,000 from non-banking sources.

This represents a difficult assignment. It will be necessary for wage earners and all individuals enjoying increased incomes to purchase bonds liberally, or the campaign will fail.

In this connection, it might be a good idea to recall that General Eisenhower, in predicting victory in 1944, said that the only thing needed "is for every man and woman, all the way from the front line to the remotest hamlet of our countries, to do his or her full duty."

It is impossible for many Americans to actively participate in the defense of this country. It is given to some individuals on the home front to render services invaluable to the war. It is the privilege of every American to support the war effort by the purchase of war bonds, without which the nation cannot give proper support to its fighting men.

We understand that a new form of war bond will be made available to the general public. It will be transferable, thus subject to sale, or use as collateral. This represents a departure from the Treasury's opposition to a negotiable bond, similar to those issued during the first World War.

Many Americans will recall that the Victory Issues of 1917 and 1918, which were negotiable, were thrown on the market at such a rate that shrewd folk bought them at discounts as great as fifteen per cent. In brief, the eagerness of the general public to cash the bonds and spend the money permitted smart people to make fortunes through the purchase of these bonds.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, has heretofore staunchly opposed a negotiable bond. He has insisted upon the Series E War Bond, non-transferable, which is backed by the promise of the Government to redeem at not less than the full purchase price.

From the above, every individual can decide whether to buy the Series E bonds or the new issue of negotiable bonds. The important thing is for every loyal American to disregard the slanders, grumblers and profit-seekers, who would discourage them, and make a determined effort, even at some inconvenience, to support the financing of the war.

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders From The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Turkeys Suffer—Cold rains, wet snow, and sleet cause turkeys to suffer, explain poultry specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. Rains wet the feathers, causing them to lose their insulating value.

Grow Small Fruits—For home use the small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, and grapes, are much more suitable to grow than tree fruits, say fruit specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. The present demand is for quick production and the small fruits will bear crops in a year or two.

Select Oat Varieties—Because of the seed shortage of good standard Pennsylvania oats, such as Patterson and Cornellian, farmers are urged to consider the new varieties, Vieland, Boone and Tama, say extension agronomists of the Pennsylvania State College. The varieties are resistant to smut and lodging.

Farm Groups Meet—Eighteen Pennsylvania farm groups and state agricultural associations will meet in Harrisburg, January 18, 19, and 20, under the sponsorship of the State Farm Products Show Commission. Because of the war, there will be no Farm Show.

Avoid Wet Litter—Very little trouble will be experienced with wet litter under electric hovers if the litter is stirred daily and heating and ventilation are right, say Penn State poultry specialists.

Short Courses Given—Penn State short courses are general agriculture, January 5 to February 2, and

animal husbandry and dairy farming, February 2 to March 1.

MORE MEAT IN 1944 PREDICTED FOR U. S.

A six per cent increase in meat production over this year's record output was predicted for 1944 by T. Henry Foster, board chairman of the American Meat Institute, who, however, added that civilians would get only about a pound more per person since requirements of the armed forces are expected to be 90 per cent greater than in 1942.

Poster, in a year-end review of meat situation, declared that "a new record for cash paid to farmers for livestock slaughtered under federal inspection—\$4,040,839,000—was set this year, representing an increase of \$581,537,000 over last year. "This year's meat production record was 12 1/2 per cent greater than that of 1942 and the institute estimates that in 1944 another meat production record will be achieved, with production about 25,600,000,000 pounds or six per cent greater than the year just closing."

Registers Complaint C. H. Vandervoort, former vice-president in charge of the Moline Automobile company of Moline, Ill., which has been out of business since 1922, received a card from a Stanton, Calif., woman, reporting that her car, purchased in 1913, was having carburetor trouble.

Husky Youngster A son weighing 18 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces was born at General Hospital at Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. George Eslinger of Knoxville. The 26-year-old mother and the baby, who looks "all of six months old" according to one hospital nurse, were reported to be doing fine.

LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I am a married woman, 18 years of age. I am married to a man seventeen years older than I am.

He wants us to have a child but somehow I don't particularly want one. But I think an awful lot of children, in fact, I have taken care of them. The reason he wants me to have one so soon is because he wants it to be growing up while he can help bring it up and care for it.

It will make him happy. We love each other very much and get along fine. He treats me wonderful. What would you advise?

"YOUNG WIFE"—Va.

Answer:

By all means go on and have your baby. You will find that you never realized how much happiness a little one of your own can give you.

People who never have children, unfortunately, do not realize what they miss. Of course there are times and circumstances when it is unwise to bring a little one into this world but there is certainly no reason for you to hesitate.

You have a loving husband who takes good care of you and is anxious for a child. So it seems to me that you have no problem at all.

Good luck, LOUISA.

Another letter from Virginia comes from a school girl who wants to know what to do about a boy who writes a while and stops, then starts again and has now stopped for over a month.

She says he never came to her home but met her at the home of a friend.

Of course I do not know how old "Schoolgirl" is or why she didn't ask the boy to her home. Was he too old or did you think your parents would not approve of him?

You were the last one to write, so he is probably careless and just likes you as a friend.

If you have any idea that your letter was lost or that he got offended over something you did, you could write him another note. But don't tell him for not writing for there are some boys who just delight in showing a girl's letters around and bragging on how the girls run after them.

Never write anything that you would regret having shown to other people. It is lots safer to talk sweet nothings than to put them down on paper.

LOUISA.

To "Worried and Broken Hearted," Athens, Ga.:

If your husband wants to join the Army, it seems to me that under the circumstances, it would be the best thing he could do for everybody concerned.

You say that he drinks, goes out with other women and doesn't give you any money, to speak of. That you have to work, take care of your child and that the little fellow is aware of how his father is behaving.

This keeps you upset, has a bad effect on the child and you haven't even the saving grace of being financially supported.

If your husband were in the Army, you would at least get the government allotment for you and the child and you would also have ample opportunity to try and teach your little boy the better ways of life, as you say you would like to do.

Encourage your husband to join the Army. If he really loves you and is sorry for the way he behaves, as he says, he can better your condition a great deal by signing up with Uncle Sam.

LOUISA.

To "Worried" in Vermont. I am sorry I couldn't answer your letter sooner, but there were so many before yours that I have just opened it. Perhaps you are already married, but I hope not.

You say that the boy you are going with drinks and has broken his promise to you about it several times, but that your parents say that all boys are like that. Also you are not sure you love him.

Well, my child, you are very young to get married and there is no reason to be in a hurry about it when you are only seventeen. Wait until you find some one that you feel you can't bear to live without before you tie yourself up for life.

Does the boy just take an occasional drink or does he go about it in a big way? There are some people who can take a drink occasionally and it doesn't seem to bother them, but there are others to whom it is poison and ruinous.

The safest thing, particularly for young people, is to let it alone for you can't be sure until it is too late, which group you belong to.

Certainly if you are not crazy about this boy, pass him up as he doesn't sound like such a good prospect to tie up with for life.

LOUISA.

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Query & Answer Column

A. H.—What is the relationship between the children of first cousins?

Ans.—The children of first cousins are second cousins.

T. E. R.—What is the divorce rate in this Country?

Ans.—In 1940 the rate was 17 per 100 marriages.

E. N.—Why is a cat said to have nine lives?

Ans.—An ancient Egyptian supposition is the basis for this belief. The cat-headed goddess Pasht was said to have had nine lives. She was called the mother cat of the witches and was believed by the Egyptians to possess the number of lives now attributed to the modern cat.

F. L.—How accurate are the clocks at Grand Coulee Dam?

Ans.—The large master clock is checked at regular intervals through Naval Observatory time and the signals are said to be accurate to a small fraction of a second, as exact as man is able to gauge time. Homes and industries in the Pacific Northwest regulate their clocks by these signals.

C. E. N.—What is the total seating capacity of the railroads?

Ans.—In 1941 the Class I steam railroads had 27,682 passenger cars in operation, including Pullmans. Their aggregate seating capacity was 1,662,411.

M. C. O.—How many mints are there?

Ans.—Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco have coinage mints. There are assay offices at New York and Seattle. The New Orleans Mint operates as an assay office. A depository at Fort Knox, Ky., has safekeeping of the Nation's gold, while a silver bullion depository at West Point is operated as an auxiliary of the New York assay office.

M. R. B.—Under whose control is the production of pencils in present?

Ans.—Since the laboratory stage, the production of this drug has been under the control of the War Production Board which allocates it to the Army, Navy and civilians.

S. R.—Please name some of the odd occupations disclosed by the last census.

Ans.—These included fishworm rancher, whistle-lester, ham-sniffer, and egg-breaker.

M. F.—Are the ashes from burned leaves beneficial to the garden or lawn?

Ans.—The Bureau of Plant Industry says that the ashes from burned leaves have value as a fertilizer because of their potash content.

S. E. B.—In what direction should a dog house face?

Ans.—An outside dog house should face south or east, and have a storm lobby so that the draft does not blow directly upon the dog.

L. D. K.—When did Russia and Japan sign their non-aggression pact?

Ans.—The two nations signed a five-year pact of non-aggression and neutrality at Moscow, April 13, 1941.

L. W.—What are the women's divisions serving with the armed forces of Canada?

Ans.—The Canadian Legation says that the women's divisions in the Canadian armed forces include the following: Royal Canadian Air Force (Women's Division), Canadian Women's Army Corps, Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service.

H. S. B.—What is the origin of the style of dress worn by cowboys?

Ans.—The costume was selected for utility. The chaperjos (chaps) protect the legs against thorns, goring cattle and falling horses; high heels prevent entanglement in the stirrup and furnish anchorage when throwing the lariat aloft. The neckerchief can be drawn across the mouth and nose to make breathing possible in stifling dust.

M. B. S.—Is it possible for a homing pigeon to carry messages two ways?

Ans.—The Signal Corps of the Army now has pigeons that will actually carry messages two ways. How the two-way pigeons are trained is a military secret.

L. C. H.—Is there an estimate of the least amount of water required by a shipwrecked man in an open boat?

Ans.—A study has revealed that a man can exist for three weeks on six gallons of water.

J. E.—In what state are there most men in proportion to women?

Ans.—Nevada leads the list with 124 men for every 100 women. In Massachusetts there are but 94 men for every 100 women.

L. M. E.—What is the average speed of military airplanes?

Ans.—The average speed of planes associated with the military service is about 400 miles per hour.

S. L.—Please give the title and author of the poem which says that great men toiled upward in the night while their companions slept.

Ans.—The lines are from Longfellow's poem, "The Ladder of St. Augustine." "The heights by great men reached and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight. But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night."

S. S. B.—What colony received the greatest variety of immigrants?

Ans.—No other colony had so many immigrants of different races and religions as Pennsylvania. There were Dutch, Swedes, English, Germans, Welsh and Irish. There were Quakers, Presbyterians, Catholics, Lutherans, Mennonites and Moravians.

N. I. C.—Are any races of people exempt from tuberculosis?

Ans.—No race is exempt, but some races appear to be more resistant than others.

E. E.—What is the area of the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C.?

Ans.—The total area occupied by the world's largest printing plant is 33 1/2 acres. In 1942 this office produced 365,456,048 publications of all classes including nearly 10 million copies of the Congressional Record.

P. H.—In making tea what is the correct proportion of tea to water?

Ans.—Experts say that two-thirds of an ounce of tea to a quart of water is the correct amount. Infusion of leaves should take place from three to five minutes. The teapot should be warmed.

D. F.—Where was the Liberty Bell cast originally?

Ans.—The Liberty Bell was cast in the foundry of Mears and Stainback in Whitechapel, London. This firm claims to be the oldest existing business in the city, the first bells turned out bearing the date 1570.

O. B. H.—How does the heating value of apple wood compare with that of coal?

Ans.—When dry and well-seasoned, one cord of apple wood equals one short ton (2000 pounds) of coal.

C. N. C.—Has a blue-eyed baby healthier eyes than a brown-eyed one?

Ans.—The Better Vision Institute says to its knowledge, there is no relationship between the color of eyes and the health of eyes. As far as color is concerned, all babies are born with blue eyes. These gradually change with age.

F. E. G.—Have the animals been removed from the London Zoo?

Ans.—The animals have not been removed and are unharmed by the war.

R. E.—Was there really a person named Jehoshaphat?

Ans.—In the Old Testament, Jehoshaphat was one of the kings of Judah.

R. E. F.—Are Mohammedans allowed to have more than one wife?

Ans.—Although the Mohammedan had by the law of the Koran the right to take four wives there were comparatively few households which availed themselves of this costly privilege. Since about 1910 monogamy has been accepted as the rule among the cultured class.

N. F.—How far from the sea is the port of Hamburg?

Ans.—The great German port lies 75 miles from the sea. The river Elbe has been deepened by dredging.

J. E. R.—How do men learn to train dogs for the blind?

Ans.—The usual practice is for the prospective trainer to be a blind man for a month, that is, to wear a mask over his eyes so that he may experience to the full the problems that have to be met. When actual work with the dog begins the learner must still act the part of a blind man even though the mask has been discarded. It takes about four years to train a trainer.

I. M. E.—Where does Lake Superior get its supply of water?

Ans.—The main source of supply is the ground water that lies close to the surface of this region. Few rivers of any size flow into the Great Lakes.

C. P.—How much money was raised in the Third War Loan?

Ans.—The Third War Loan drive ended with total sales of \$18,943,000,000, the largest single financial operation ever accomplished by any government in the world.

E. F. H.—When and where was the first old-age pension established?

Ans.—The first old age pension legislation was enacted in Germany in 1889, and in Great Britain in 1925. Federal old-age pension laws were first enacted in the United States in 1935.

S. I. G.—How can aviators distinguish their own from enemy tanks from the air?

Ans.—Tanks are distinguished by vari-colored smoke puffs, brilliant enough to be visible two miles aloft. These puffs last for three minutes.

W. H.—Are there any fish whose bite is poisonous?

Ans.—No fish is known to have a venomous bite. There are, however, many with external spines or barbs, that secrete poisons to make the wounds they inflict more serious.

T. H.—In the last 100 years has a Republican President been elected without carrying the state of New York?

Ans.—During the last 100 years no Republican President has been elected without carrying New York State.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

CHILDREN'S COLDS

"Doctor, please come to see the baby, she has had a dreadful cold for several days and has high fever now," said a distressed voice over the phone.

"Where did the little one acquire his cold?" queried the physician, when he saw that six-year-old Mary's nose was running and she was hovering over the helpless infant kissing him.

"Oh, I don't know, the rest of the children had them first, but they were not so sick as the baby. The servant let the cold wind blow on baby, and he caught an awful cold."

A cold is always an infection. A baby has acquired no immunity as have adults. When children are born, they are entirely free from bacteria, which are found in the noses and throats of sufferers from colds. If they were kept away from these germs, they would never develop colds.

The Eskimos of the Arctic were strong, healthy people, who did not know what colds were until the white men invaded their territory, and carried their various infections, including the cold germs. Their physical resistance was lowered, many of them died from the effects of colds, and other diseases carried by the traders. Denmark for years did not allow outsiders to enter Greenland, in order to prevent the entrance of diseases, from which the natives were free.

The cold organism is so small that it will pass through the finest filter. Once the cold is established, many dangerous forms of bacteria can be demonstrated by the microscope in the secretions.

Often the apparently innocent cold develops dangerous symptoms, due to the presence of pus and poison forming germs, such as the pneumococci and streptococci. It is a common occurrence, for the child to develop sinus or middle ear infections, which may cause serious and far-reaching effects. Even pneumonia, meningitis and other ill-trend upon the heels of a cold.

Remember, the small child catches cold very readily through being kissed, fondled or otherwise exposed at close range to one who is suffering from a cold.

If your child wakes up in the morning with a cold, do not bundle him off to the kindergarten, where he will infect other children. Keep him at home and give him proper treatment; his recovery will be hastened and he will avoid complications.

See that your child spends the requisite number of hours in sleep. Give him a well proportioned and body-building diet. Do not keep the rooms hot and close. Give him a proper amount of sunshine and fresh air. Keep the little ones away from picture shows. Then first and last guard against infection.

YOUR HEALTH

Chickenpox is the mildest of the infectious diseases of childhood. In 1553, Giovanni Filippo Ingrassia, a Sicilian physician, first noted the difference between chickenpox and smallpox.

Richard Morton, an English physician, gave the name, chickenpox to medical literature about 1690.

Most children, sooner or later, have an attack of chickenpox. While it usually appears in epidemics, individual cases do occur. Sometimes, chickenpox develops in adults who escaped it when young and they may then become very ill.

The period of incubation, or that period between the "catching" of the disease and its first symptoms, is about 14 days.

The beginning of chickenpox is usually marked with eruptions which appear first on the trunk, then on the face and the rest of the body.

Eruptions come in various crops, the first being succeeded in a few hours by a second development and others for a period of 3 or 4 days.

These vesicles appear, break, and crust with rapidity. There is no special treatment for chickenpox.

The disease ordinarily runs its own course uneventfully. The chickenpox patient is kept in bed.

Children should be watched to prevent their scratching the scabs which usually itch a great deal. Infection by scratching may result in a scar.

DO YOU KNOW?

Because of the intense heat along the west coast of Africa on the Red Sea, sea water, led into shallow basins, quickly dried up leaving deposits of crystallized salt. Much of Japan's raw salt needs were formerly met by Italian Eritrea and a fleet of specially-built salt steamers was maintained by the Japanese for this important cargo.

Testing airplane motors has always been a noisy operation, chiefly damaging to hearing. With the new type airplane engines of greatly increased horsepower, physicians are concerned with possible vibrational effects on other parts of the body besides the ears, and careful examinations are now being given to detect possible injury.

Dog Tags Good Until March 1

The 1943 dog tags are valid until March 1, 1944, according to word received from the Department of Revenue. According to the communication, the Prison Labor Division is confronted with a serious problem of securing dies to make the dog tags. This is due to the fact that die manufacturers have had government contracts which took priority over state work.

Don Gingery Returns

Regional Coal Mines Administrator Don Gingery was back at his post last week after an absence of nearly two months. Mr. Gingery suffered a heart attack early in November and has been recuperating ever since.

The Japanese, at the appointed time, will know when their goose has been cooked.

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

A Burning Question A rich man in his years of toil Burnt barrels and barrels of midnight oil; His son now keeps his memory green By burning midnight gasoline.

Subtract Two, One Left A certain wife was always antagonized by her husband going out at night. His departing words, which especially angered her, were always, "Good night, mother of three."