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THE CROWNING TRAGEDY

After the unprecedented agony, bloodshed and destruction of this war, the crowning tragedy would be an inconclusive ending, a peace which settled nothing, a peace which made this tumult of suffering a futile sacrifice.

Every commitment made by Allied leaders is against that. Yet, there is an undercurrent of fear observed in some quarters that such an inconclusive ending, a negotiated peace, may result.

The need, of course, for crushing Germany is no less great. There is an organized movement afoot in this country aimed at a negotiated peace, although it is undoubtedly an insignificant group.

"Peace Now" is the name of the group. It is led by a Dr. George Hartman, who said recently, "We think we are doing pretty well. Some senators and some representatives are with us, but they are waiting to see how big we get before they take any action themselves."

In this connection, Henry J. Taylor, a reporter just back from a trip to many parts of the world said Germany knew she was losing the war but it is out to stall and operate defensive armies while trying to create new political conditions to allow her "once more to escape."

Sigrid Schultz, a former Berlin correspondent for a Chicago newspaper, declares Kaiser Wilhelm was deposed after the last war to give Germany a "breathing spell" and that Nazi generals today "would be willing to sacrifice Hitler for the same reason."

Germany and Japan both have based their concept of world domination upon long term programs. Alternative plans call for a negotiated peace in which they would try to bring the best terms possible out of the "soft democracies".

MIDDLE-HEADED AMERICANS

The Chief of Staff of the United States Army, Gen. George C. Marshall, reports that he has received "vehement protests" from the public because flame throwers have been used against the Japanese.

This is amazing. In view of the atrocities committed against our soldiers by the Japanese, who seem devoid of elemental human traits, no American, worthy of the name, has any right to protest against the use of any weapon to prevent the sacrifice of additional Americans.

The tragedy of our situation is that there are numerous middle-headed Americans, who have the idea that, regardless of what our enemies do, we must obey the Golden Rule.

The pacifism of some Americans is more responsible for the mess in which this nation finds itself than any other single factor. Many of the religious leaders of the nation go in for pacifism in a big way, holding to the view that Christianity forbids one to defend oneself or one's nation.

The simple-minded zealots are perfectly willing to accept the benefits that our civilization guarantees them but they are unwilling to protect that civilization against a treacherous and murderous assault. They do not deserve the serious consideration of sensible people.

It would be a mistake, however, to assume that pacifists have disappeared in the United States. Like the isolationists, they are merely hibernating. As soon as the war is over, they will come out of their nests and attempt to create public sentiment for the Japanese and the Germans.

Let us hope that the advice of these brothers will be thrown into the waste-basket where it belongs. Our sons are now fighting a battle that could have been avoided if this nation had armed itself for adequate defense and if we listen to the pacifists and professional religionists our grandsons will have another war to fight in the present century.

McCORMICK'S "INVASION"

Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, comes forward with the assertion that the American general staff feared a British invasion of the United States after the first World War.

The colonel is an isolationist, well known for his ability to see spooks under the bed whenever anything foreign gets into the conversation. He embellishes his tale by declaring that there was "tremendous tension" between the English speaking nations over "American naval building plans before the treaty limiting our navy was adopted."

This is stuff and nonsense. The naval building plans were instigated by President Wilson in 1916, when Great Britain was desperately fighting the Germans. After the war ended, the Harding administration, with Secretary of State Hughes, went in for naval limitation and economy.

There was some talk in this country of a naval parity with Great Britain and the principle was accepted by the British in the treaty signed in 1922. Just how much the principle mattered in the United States is apparent from the fact that we never built up to parity after it was accorded.

The Chicago colonel says the tension was so great that our general staff feared an army of 300,000 regulars, then in England, would be landed in Canada and marched against this country, "which had completely demobilized." What a yarn! If this is the kind of stuff the isolationists believe there is more ignorance in the country than we suspect.

Why VICKS Is So Good For Relieving Miseries of Childrens Colds

More than two generations ago—in grandmother's day—mothers first discovered Vicks VapoRub. Today it is the most widely used home-remedy for relieving miseries of children's colds.

SCHENCKVILLE

Mrs. Herbert Schenck spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Homler of Lock Haven.

On Wednesday the Fairview Ladies Aid met all day at the home of Mrs. Irene Fletcher to quilt.

Mrs. Harry Masden spent Thursday with Mrs. Mabel Smith and daughter Pearl.

Mrs. Lewis Plecher and daughter, Mrs. George Whitcraft, Sylvia and son Thomas, spent Saturday afternoon and evening in Lock Haven.

A birthday surprise party was held for Irvin Schenck on Feb. 11. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Plecher, Mrs. Rose Schenck, Clifford Holter of Howard, and Mrs. Charles Wenzel, Herbert Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. Laird Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tice and children, Arlene and Lloyd, Mrs. Ellen Bechler and sons, Harold and Richard, Mr. Schenck received many nice gifts.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Hunter Run M. E. church elected officers for the year 1944 as follows: president, Mrs. Harry Confer; vice president, Mrs. Maude Bechler; secretary, Mrs. Harry Masden; assistant secretary, Mrs. Laird Schenck; treasurer, Mrs. Ellis Plecher; secretary of local church activities, Mrs. Herbert Schenck; assistant, Mrs. Earl Confer; secretary of mission education, Mrs. Ellen Bechler; sick and flower committee appointed by president, Mrs. Ruth Kline and Mrs. Charles Mayes.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schenck were their granddaughter, Miss Mary Ann Homler of Lock Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robb of Beech Creek.

Mrs. Ruth Kline and daughter Sara, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chapman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Walker, son Ralph and daughter Sandra, Ellen, spent Sunday afternoon and evening with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Masden.

Quite a few of the people of our community attended the funeral of MLO Leitch at Howard, Sunday afternoon.

Harry Confer, who had an attack of flu about two weeks ago, is able to be around some but not able to do his work. We hope he soon recovers.

MOSHANNON

Leslie Walker, died at the Homer Quick home, Sunday.

A business meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Leroy Lewis Wednesday evening by the reader class. Those present were Margaret Beales, Violet and Betty Berger and Marjorie Holt.

William Williams, a former resident of Moshannon, died in Pittsburgh on Monday and was buried here in the Akeley cemetery Thursday.

Edward and Marsha Skripek spent Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt.

A farewell party was held at the Andy Cingle home in honor of Mrs. Cingle's brother, Steve, who has enlisted in the Navy. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nagy and children, Barbara and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Edwards of Westland, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krosky and daughters Connie and Retta, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Skripek, John Skripek, Sr., Steve and Agnes Skripek of Moshannon, Marlan and Anna Fronek and Kathryn Gavlock of Clarence.

Anyone wishing good home-made ice cream, call at Jacob Hazard's, Sold for the benefit of the Methodist church.

RUNVILLE

Sunday school next Sunday morning at 9:30. Christ Endeavor at 7 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt, 7:45. Miss Elizabeth Sheetz of Milesburg will be here to speak at the evening service. Everybody welcome to these services.

Doyle Walker of Fort Monroe, Va., was home last week for a short visit.

The new ones came on Friday that Charles Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell of Chestnut Grove, was killed in action somewhere in Italy. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. Rosie Walker went to Baltimore last week to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lee Meyers who is reported ill.

Mrs. Faye Hackenberg and son Donald, visited with her sister, Miss Sara Reele at Elmira, N. Y., a few days last week.

Mrs. Marie Gumsallus celebrated her 35th birthday on Sunday. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Bennett, was a dinner guest at the Gumsallus home. Walter Herral is having an addition put to his house. The work is being done by John Furl.

Mrs. Sallie Priel is still bedfast. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Baking Cakes

To keep a cake that sticks to the pan, from breaking to pieces when taken out, turn the pan upside down and lay on the bottom of it a cloth wrung out of water. In a few minutes the cake can be removed without crumbling.

Shade Springs

If the spring of the window shade is weak and the shade will not roll properly, rewind it without taking off. Roll the shade up as far as possible and pass the lower end over the top of the roller from the front several times, or until sufficiently tight.

Query & Answer Column

P. L. G.—Did Andrew Jackson actually see service in the Revolutionary War?

Ans.—At the age of 13 Andrew Jackson participated in the Battle of Hanging Rock, August 1, 1780, and in the following year he and his next older brother joined their neighbors in trying to capture a body of British troops at Waxmah church. The attempt, however, failed, and the boys were taken prisoners.

F. F.—What produces a rich deep green color in the foliage of trees? Ans.—The richness of green color in foliage is influenced particularly by the nitrogen content of the soil.

B. L. B.—Was the place in Chesapeake Bay where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written once marked by a buoy?

Ans.—The red, white and blue buoy in Chesapeake Bay which formerly marked the spot where "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key is no longer there, having been removed on November 2, 1914.

H. H.—What is the total assessed valuation of all the States and the District of Columbia?

Ans.—The latest figure available for the 48 States and the District of Columbia is \$180,000,000,000. This includes all property, real and personal, tangible and intangible which was placed on the assessment roll by the assessing officer.

R. E.—What causes a plane flying in the stratosphere to leave behind it a white line?

Ans.—This white line is called a vapor trail and is due to the condensation of moisture in the air disturbed by the plane as it passes through space. The exhaust may have something to do with the condition.

D. P.—Please give some information about the Fleet Marine Force. Ans.—The headquarters of the Marine Corps says that Fleet Marine Force is composed of trained combat units which perform all the duties that fighting marines are required to do.

D. M. Q.—When were intoxicating drinks first made?

Ans.—Intoxicating drinks made from honey, barley and grapes were known at least 1000 years B. C. and they may have been known 5000 or 10,000 years B. C.

A. L. C.—What is the difference between the words specie and species? Ans.—Specie refers to gold, silver, or other metal money, bearing the official stamp of the country issuing it. Species is a classificatory term subordinate to a genus distinguishing a particular group of animals or plants.

W. L.—Are women fighting on the Russian front?

Ans.—Some are fighting as regular soldiers or aviators and in guerrilla units. Ma. Valentina S. Grizobubova, hero of the Soviet Union, is famous as a bomber pilot and Lieut. Ludmilla Pavlichenka as a sniper. Thousands of women were in the front line trenches in the siege of Leningrad.

O. E. P.—What is the correct pronunciation of safari, meaning a trip into a jungle to hunt game?

Ans.—It is pronounced sa-fa-ree with accent on the first syllable or sa-fa-re, broad 'a' and accent on second syllable.

R. E. E.—What is the speed with which the earth travels around the sun?

Ans.—The rate of revolution is 72,000 miles an hour. Inhabitants of the earth are not conscious of the motion because it is so constant and the orbit is so vast that no centrifugal effect is felt.

M. C. W.—Are the ears any indication that a dog is a good watchdog?

Ans.—Generally speaking the best watchdogs are the ones with upright ears.

Tallest Man—Joseph R. Siphon (aged 11), of 3224 Beredith Pl., Cincinnati, Ohio, contributes further information concerning a recent question: "Who was the world's tallest man?" Joseph writes as follows: In your query and answer column of the Feb. 3, 1944, edition, one of your questions was: Who was the tallest man known? Your answer was: Daniel Cajihas, a Swede who when exhibited in London in 1742 was over nine feet tall. I do not agree with this because a number of years ago two trappers in Finland found the bones of a man 13 feet tall. I am sure this is true because it only happened not long ago, and was not found in a book of legends.

M. C. L.—How does the public debt compare with the amount of money collected in taxes?

Ans.—On December 15, 1943, the gross public debt of the United States amounted to \$165,765,195,277.50. It is estimated that \$32,182,000,000 was collected by Federal, State, county and municipal taxes during the fiscal year 1943.

P. A. D.—What two towns in Mississippi were married?

Ans.—The adjacent towns of Pittsburg and Tullahoma. To settle a hot dispute over names a clergymen married the towns represented by a young man and woman, at a barbecue on July 4, 1836. Thereafter they became the town of Grenada.

L. M. G.—Can a man beat a horse in a bona-fide race?

Ans.—Several men have beaten horses in 100-yard dashes from standing starts. No man has ever beaten a horse in a longer race.

O. R.—What method of walking is used in long distance hikes?

Ans.—Long distance walkers generally use the heel and the toe method, that is, they land on the heel and quickly bounce to the toe for the next step. This system makes for high speed and enables the pedestrian to cover great distances without suffering too much fatigue.

E. E. S.—How large a mass is a gram of radium?

Ans.—A gram of radium is about twice the size of an ordinary match head.

TO THE HONORABLE IVAN WALKER, JUDGE OF THE SEVERAL COURTS OF CENTRE COUNTY:

The undersigned Auditor appointed by the said Court to audit the accounts of the Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer, and Orphans' Court, the Register of Wills, and the Recorder of Deeds, pursuant to his appointment, secured from the various officials whose accounts were to be audited, sworn statements of their accounts which said accounts were checked and audited by me with the following results:

Account of HARRY A. CORMAN, Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court for 1943:

Table with columns for Gross receipts from fees for 1943, EXPENDITURES, and Amount due Centre County for 1943.

Account of LEAMER R. WOODRING, Recorder of Deeds for 1943:

Table with columns for Net returns 1728 Writs, Sheriff's Returns, 17 Justice of the Peace Commissions @ \$4.50, 380 Mortgages Satisfied @ \$.30, Fees from Centre County, 3% Tax returned to Centre County, Harry A. Corman, Bonds and Commissions, Bond C. White, Bonds and Commissions, John Galalida, Bonds and Commissions, Charles Sheekler, Bonds and Commissions, L. R. Woodring, Bonds and Commissions, and EXPENDITURES.

Table with columns for Salaries, Compensation Insurance, Surety Bonds, Office Supplies, Withholding tax, and Amount due Centre County for 1943.

Account of BOND C. WHITE, Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer, and the Juvenile Court, Sessions of the Peace, Court of Oyer and Terminer and the Juvenile Court, In the Court of Common Pleas.

Table with columns for Salaries, Withholding Tax, Compensation Insurance, Prothonotaries Association, Bonds and Commissions, Tax Paid to Commonwealth of Penna., and Amount due Centre County for 1943.

S. H. HOY, Auditor, February 2nd, 1944.

HISTORY OF SCOTIA

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area was surveyed again and the survey showed that the original survey was correct. On Nov. 1, 1882 the Carnegie Company was granted the right to extend railroad tracks on all the land that the Edgar Thompson Steel Company had leased. This included the right to build stations, warehouses, offices, engine-houses, water or signal stations, and all other necessary buildings.

On Dec. 7, 1882, the Carnegie Steel Company sold to the Lewistown and Tyrone Railroad the railroad and all right-of-way from Fairbrook to Scotia, a distance of 27,410 feet or over five miles. After the railroad company had purchased this road they extended a branch up to Tow Hill mines. This branch left off at the Junata Junction. After the railroad company bought this line they built a station and freight house, also a Y at the rear of the station, and also a water plug up at the ore washers. We have a picture of two small railroad engines equipped with diamond stacks, standing near the boiler room at Scotia. Also No. 1 dinky engine sitting on the trestle overhead. This picture is dated 1883 and was taken in the winter for on each engine is a snow plow and also the ground is covered with snow.

Some five or six years ago while we lived in Bellefonte, in conversation with Joseph Kelleher of South Spring street we were talking about this picture and he told me that he was a brakeman on the Scotia branch many years ago and had made many trips out to Scotia for ore trains. He related that he could tell me the numbers of the engines that were used at that time out on that branch. I said, "O. K. Joe, what are they?" and he replied one was No. 289, the other 291. An examination of the picture showed those were the right numbers. He showed an excellent memory after being away from those two engines for so many years, and being a brakeman and freight conductor for years and coming in contact with many other engine numbers.

We often wondered how River got its name. Well, here is how it was told to me. A man named Hill built himself a shanty west of the old boarding house and he lived in the shanty for quite some time. I am informed that he was a tar burner and also an ore miner. There was a tar pit about a fourth-mile west of River Hill in the hollow below where the Scotia school house stood, just where the Grays Dale mud dam now is. Some of the old timers worked at that job, such as Hill and Daniel McKivison, grandfather of John W. McKivison. That was how Grays Dale first received the name of Tar Hollow. We may also state that there was a spring where Hill lived and we are told that he named it River Hill.

Iron mining in Patton township began at an early date for the rich ore fields naturally attracted many as soon as the iron workers of Centre county began operation. The localities known as Scotia, Celtic and Lambourn were called upon in the pioneer era to furnish supplies for Centre Furnace, Curtins, McCoy's and many others. William B. Henderson and William Hunter were among the first and earliest miners in the township, and they continued at the work for a number of years as employes of various iron manufacturers. The Milesburg Iron Works mined ore in this section as early as 1860.

Jacob Baker, an iron master from Philadelphia, came into this section about the year 1786 and bought up and also took up a lot of land, sixteen tracts in all or about 7,000 acres. He became "land poor" and got some others interested, and afterwards these men saw a good chance for their investment. Mr. Baker saw his mistake and bought the land back, and these men charged him a much higher price than they had paid for it, which left him in very poor circumstances.

Families of men in the service should not fail to express themselves when they come in contact with profiteers and chiselers.

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Nuts From Poet Tree The night was dry and hot, and so was Willie, Until that whiskey knocked him silly; But now he occupies a cello, For having too much in his—stomach.

Were Her Cheeks Red The WAC was hot looking and hot, and she came upon a lake hidden behind some trees that lined the road. There being no one in sight and it being a lonely spot, she decided that maybe a nice cool dip would be just the thing.

Claws and Effect A fellow went into a restaurant and ordered a lobster. The waiter brought him one that had a single claw. "What happened to this lobster?" he asked. "Must have been in a fight with another lobster and lost his claw," the waiter replied.

So Big She was one of those super-dreadnaught variety of dames who crash her way through life, being well equipped with heavy bumpers. She got on a crowded bus and made large, loud, rude noises about the shortage of seats.

Tale of a Cat Someone asked the wife of the minister if her husband wasn't getting a little deaf. "A little?" the wife replied. "Last night he led family prayers kneeling on the cat."

The Father the Better One of the dads they induced recently wore glasses as thick as a steak. "But, doctor," he protested, "my eyes are real bad and I ain't kidding." "Look, pal," said the eye doctor, "why should you complain? I just passed a man who was stone blind." "Blind!" cried the father. "You don't mean there's a blind man in the army." "Well, not exactly," admitted the doc. "My colleague had to turn him down. His Seeing-Eye dog had flat feet."

Got Him Wrong A young man had been calling on a gal for a couple of years. One night the father popped the question: "Now look here, young man, you've been accourt'ing my daughter for a long time—what are your intentions. Honorable or otherwise?" The young man's face lit up. "You mean I got a choice?" he said.

So That's How It Is We've often wondered how that average American householder can tell whether her goldfish is a boy or girl. We've just been informed: "To the water in the goldfish bowl add one-half bottle bottle of sulphuric acid. If he comes floating to the top, it's a boy; and if she comes floating to the top, it's a girl."

How Could He They say the trouble with Wendell Willkie is that he's trying to be both Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Hoot Money The latest Scotch story tells of a big kilted Highlander who stalked into a bar in London, banged on the bar, and boomed: "Step up, me lads, and or-r-r-r-der! When Sandy dr-r-rinks, ever-rybody dr-r-r-rinks!"

Income Question No. 1 Question: Is there anyone in America who doesn't have to fill out a form? Answer: Yes, Kate Smith.

Income Question No. 2 Question: How would I answer the question: "Single, or married and not living with husband or wife?" I'm married, my wife is suing me for divorce and I'm deeply in love with another man's wife. My wife's going around with a single man and the husband of the woman I may marry is suing my wife's boy friend for alienation of affections. In addition, I love another girl and am engaged to still another girl. What do you advise? Answer: You don't want a tax expert; you want vitamin pills and a good lawyer.

That's all, folks. Women take to good-natured men. Also from: "SCAT."

"Hats off to Studebaker for cars that stand up in wartime" SAYS W. M. Byrd, engineer on a U. S. Navy job at Bay City, Michigan: "My hat's off to Studebaker. You're certainly right when you say the Studebaker Champion is engineered to save an owner money and built to withstand hard punishment. I know. I've owned three Champions. The one I'm now driving, a 1941 model, has 31,000 miles on it and its tires look good for 30,000 miles more. My two previous Champions gave me remarkable mileage over rugged West Virginia mountain roads. On the three Champions, my total maintenance bills, outside of proper servicing, did not exceed \$40. Mr. Byrd's experience, after two years of war, is matched by that of many other Studebaker owners." S. H. POORMAN GARAGE S. Water St. Bellefonte