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Knocking on Wood with JOHN H. HARWOOD

THE REAL BASIS A law, of itself, doesn't mean a thing. No statute is worth the paper it's printed on if the people don't stand behind it.

The Important Point During National Newspaper Week, then, we needn't have been

President Wilson's Experiment I ran across a chapter dealing with the period just before President Wilson went to Versailles.

Law Still on Books All the while, of course, the Constitution gave a level of speech and if you had asked anyone about that great principle, he would probably have said: "Free speech is what made this country."

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner CHAS. B. CHARMATZ, P. S. A., Editor

"AGE DEFIANT," by I. A. Berger, of Detroit, whose photographs have brought him national recognition.

Today's guest in "Camera Corner" is another local boy, who has made good, photographically speaking. We introduce I. A. Berger of Detroit, and formerly of Birmingham, who during his spare time (also in his spare time) has become a professional photographer.

School Population Declines

Due to the low birth rate between 1930 and 1938 the nation's school enrollment is expected to show a decline this season of more than 50,000 pupils.

Experience has shown that the low birth rate is common to those who would be expected to provide for their children in the best manner.

Society would be much better organized if children were proportionately distributed among the families. This would give many children a much better chance in life.

German Losses In Russia

An interesting dispatch, published in the Chicago Daily News and other newspapers, reports that in seven days recently a Hamburg newspaper printed 32 death notices.

The population of Hamburg is more than a million, or about one-eighth of the modern Reich. If the same percentage holds true elsewhere the notices imply a death rate of about 6,500 a week, or 85,000 for the 13 weeks fighting against Russia.

Military experts guess that losses of officers aggregate around 15 per cent of the total casualties. Applying this ratio to the Hamburg notices, reveals that the Reich lost 26,000 a week for 13 weeks, or 1,100,000 during the three months of the eastern campaign.

Nebula Moving Toward Earth

The astronomers report that a nebula is speeding 333,000 miles an hour in the general direction of the earth.

This may be important news but not to those living on this globe. The nebula is so far away that its light requires 10,000 years to reach the good earth and light, as readers recall, travels 186,000 miles per second.

IN WASHINGTON the boys and girls who run the government are divided upon the subject of various price controls, while most of them agree on preventing further rise in the cost of many items, yet the farmers and the labor leaders do not want any barriers placed in their way for additional increases.

WHILE THE WHOLE WORLD, from an aviation standpoint, always will owe Charles A. Lindbergh respect for his being the first to fly to Europe, when it comes to the field of international relations, "Lindy" can do plenty of tap-dancing. We respect his right to speak his mind, but we can't follow him in his artistic belief that final European victory is his.

IRVING BERLIN'S SONG, "Any Bonds Today," is the number one record on the juke boxes in the Detroit area. This pleases Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau very much.

PERSONALLY, we can't get thrilled about the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to the U. S. A. The Duke abdicated his throne some time when his country faced great peril.

Celebrating Columbus Day

About five hundred years ago in the busy harbor of Genoa, Italy, a small boy of great vision gazed out at the calm sea.

Realizing that the earth was round, Columbus became convinced that the shortest route to India would be to sail west, rather than go around the continent of Africa.

But, finally, with the aid of a simple mind, the two men, Columbus and Isabella of Spain to help him in fitting out an expedition. His crew was made up of criminals who agreed to make this dangerous voyage as an alternative to the Spanish dungeons.

Before the three days were up, however, land was sighted. It was San Salvador, in the Bahamas. That day, October 12, 1492, became a historical landmark, Columbus had discovered America!

Today, Columbus Day takes a new meaning. The English, Russian and Chinese people, and the people in conquered territories, can celebrate October the 12th as the day that Columbus discovered "the arsenal" that is now dedicated to end totalitarian aggression.

Printed Errors Whenever a mistake occurs in a newspaper, the proofreader is generally the one blamed for it.

Editor VAS WOODWARD has designated this "Tune Up Week" in Michigan. He suggests it's a fine idea, but only we also suggest that people write their clearest official checks in a while, so why not designate a special week for that purpose, also?

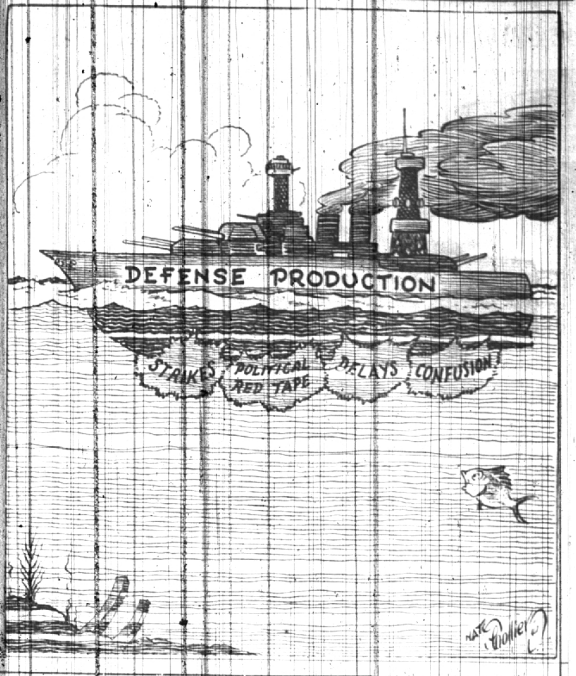
Tips to Brides No matter what love may be able to do for you, it takes more than that to make a small party go on smoothly.

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Strape Off Those Barnacles!



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Who's Right? I've read in the wrong column, but I don't care. I'm not a politician, but I'm a citizen.

What, then, is the answer? Mr. Chapman seems perfectly competent to do the job. We are no more than a bunch of people in the field; that is, we have no quick, easy, simple solution. We are no more than a bunch of people in the field; that is, we have no quick, easy, simple solution.

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