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A BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
MAKE GOD YOUR CONSTANT COMPANION AND FRIEND AND YOU WILL FIND UTTER PEACE: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14:27.

Weighing Pact's Value--In Milligrams

A lot of very sagacious-sounding pieces have been written to weigh the worth of the recent agreement between Russia and Japan.

What's needed to weigh the worth of such a pact in Europe or Asia nowadays is a jeweler's balances, with nice calculations in milligrams.

Judging by the recent use of the "solemn pact" and the pledged word of those in authority, they are more like bits of propaganda and contributions to the war of words than solemn pledges to be adhered to.

Is it worth, for instance, as much as the pact of friendship signed between Hungary and Yugoslavia only four months before Horthy's armies fell on a prostrate Yugoslavia much as Mussolini's columns leaped upon a prostrate France?

Is it worth as much as the non-aggression treaty Russia had with Poland, running until 1945, which did not prevent Russia's carving off her share of Poland after Hitler had struck with Russia's blessing?

Is it worth as much as the Japanese agreement to the Five-Power Treaty which guaranteed the territorial integrity of China?

Is it worth as much as the German non-aggression treaty with Denmark signed May 31, 1939?

Is it worth as much as the anti-Comintern agreement signed by Germany, Italy and Japan in 1936?

In short, is it worth anything at all?

Suppose Germany and Russia found themselves at war with one another; that Russia had lost the Ukraine and its Black Sea outlet, and was hard-pressed? Do you, or does anyone in Russia, or in Japan, seriously think Japan would turn down that golden opportunity to settle with Russia because of the treaty? Suppose Japan overreached herself southward, and, getting into trouble with Britain, the Netherlands, and possibly the United States, began to disintegrate? Do you, or does anyone in Russia or Japan believe that Russia would restrain its natural inclination to settle Manchurian matters without regard to this treaty?

Treaties are worth what past performance indicates that they may be worth. The record of the past four or five years in Europe and Asia suggests that they are worth about a dime a dozen.

That is probably what Angus Macdonald, Canadian naval minister, meant when he said, "We took up arms with great reluctance. We shall bear them with even greater firmness. We shall not lay them down until honor walks the earth again."

We are still in an era of cynicism ushered in by Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg of Germany, who, in 1914, could not believe that Britain proposed literally to come to the aid of invaded Belgium according to its treaty obligations. "What!" cried incredulous Bethmann-Hollweg. "For a scrap of paper?"

A Trade Balance Shifts

The whole picture of South American trade with the United States has shifted, largely, no doubt, as a result of the war in Europe, but also partly because of a conscious effort to stimulate it.

The United States always used to sell more to Latin America than it bought from there. Today, that has been reversed. In February the U. S. exported \$62,000,000 worth of goods to Latin America, while it imported \$82,000,000 worth. That gave Latin America a favorable balance of \$20,000,000.

That means that the chronic shortage of American dollars in Latin America is being relieved, and suggests that the way is being paved for increased trade in the future. In fact, the total of February trade both ways was \$15,000,000 greater than the month before.

As in local trade, so in international trade, volume counts. The United States stands for increasing, not decreasing, the volume of such trade. Within such limits as the war leaves open, it's being done.

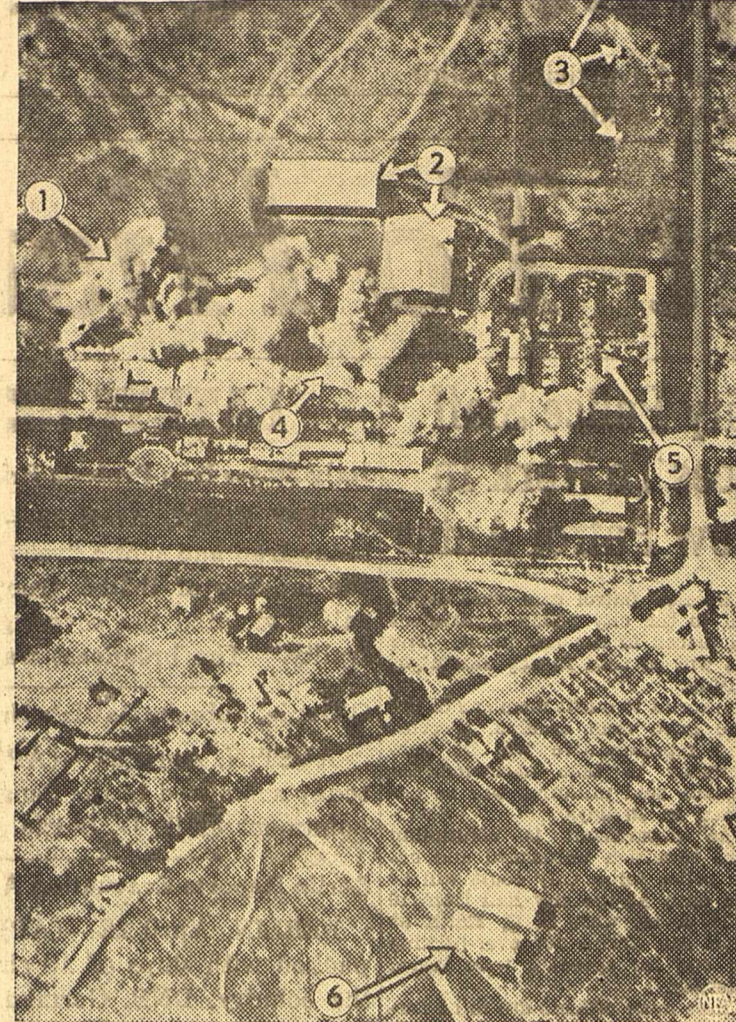
Uniform Respect For The Uniform

Sooner or later some boiled shirt who is also a stuffed shirt was bound to do this. A soldier bearing sergeant's chevrons appeared in the so-very-smart cafe of a fashionable Washington hotel the other day with his best girl, and the boiled-stuffed shirt refused to serve him.

One would have thought that this lesson had been learned during the World War: that no place is to good for the wearers of Uncle Sam's khaki. Even the German army has learned that lesson. Prussian distinctions between officers and men in public civilian places have been eliminated in Germany long ago. Yet apparently a few lingering out-of-daters have not learned it. Happily, this soldier's commanding general, learning of the discrimination against the uniform, went down to the hotel and raised Cain, obtaining an apology and a promise never to do it again.

Today's armies are citizens' armies. Our soldiers are a cross-section of our people. And we hope that this lone case remains alone—that never again do we hear of any public place arrogating to itself the phony "right" to discriminate against men in uniform, officers or enlisted men.

Bombs for Italy From Britain



Almost all pictures taken from attacking planes show only indistinct blurs for what is claimed to be bomb damage. This photo, just released by the British Air Ministry, is therefore unusual because it clearly shows what is happening to a military objective purported to be the great Caproni workshops at Mari Edaga, Italy. 1—bombs bursting on field and buildings. 2—hangars. 3—parts of damaged planes. 4—direct hits on Caproni workshops. 5—demolished stores buildings. 6—ammunition dumps damaged in previous attacks.

Calvary Baptist WMU Groups Hold Sessions In Homes

Circles of the Calvary Baptist WMU met in the homes of members, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Wingo was hostess to the Carrie Sarge Circle for a Bible study session.

Present were: Mmes. A. C. Baker, Jerry Padgett, M. J. Grubbs, J. E. Harwell, Fred McPherson, Olie Morrie, C. P. Chastine, the hostess, and four visitors, Mmes. John Klatt, H. A. Edwards, W. E. Brown, and Ben Barron.

Sarah Thornton Circle
One new member, Mrs. C. J. Baker, and the following members were present at the meeting of Sarah Thornton Circle with Mrs. T. S. Dunn, 1005 S Fort Worth: Mmes. J. W. Jamison, Alice Paddock, Sarah Thornton, C. E. Bishop, Barney Hightower, C. M. Tunnell. Visitors were Mrs. Howard Brooks and Mrs. W. W. Richmond.

Mmes. Thornton, Paddock and Jamison had parts on the program. Katherine Shelburne Circle
Mrs. Via Maione was hostess to the Katherine Shelburne Circle. A program of Bible stories was presented.

Present were: Mmes. C. R. Scrivner, Gene Shelburne, Fred Ausburn, Walter Smith, Katherine Shelburne, W. G. Flournoy, J. A. Forrester, and the hostess.

The new circle met with Mrs. J. Williams with the following attending: Mmes. R. C. Frazier, T. A. Devore, E. B. Bush, O. C. Hamlin, Myrtle Wood, B. F. Ward, F. B. Sutherland, Andy Brooks, A. A. Bryant, J. C. Alexander, J. R. Kuykendall, the hostess, and a visitor, Mrs. Morris Snider.

Experts Invent New Freezing Unit Type

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Two University of Texas refrigeration experts have patented an economical "flash-freezing" unit which may speed the day when consumers generally can afford to buy frozen food.

Luis H. Bartlett, university engineer, designed and built the mechanism under the supervision of W. R. Woolrich, engineering dean and refrigeration authority.

The unit cost \$1,500 to construct, less than one-fifth as much as most frozen-food devices of similar capacity now are being sold, the inventors said. It is 5 by 5 by 8 feet in dimensions, and weighs only half as much as the most advanced quick-freezing now on the market, they added.

Bartlett and Woolrich, who obtained patents in the name of the university, said flash-freezing by immersion in a special fluid medium had been accomplished with their machinery in three minutes, whereas other processes take as much as an hour.

MAJOR HOBBS VISITS PARENTS

Major Frank J. Hobbs, Mrs. Hobbs and their two small children, John Franklin and Laura Jean, spent the weekend here as guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hobbs. Major Hobbs is stationed at Camp Bowie at Brownwood but during this month is in Camp Barkeley at Abilene.

Watch for True Value Week

Hale Boys Take Stock To Market

KANSAS CITY, April 22—(AP)—Approximately 400 lambs, owned by members of the 4-H Club at Plainview, Tex., brought top prices at the market today after arriving on a stock train so ultra modern it was even pulled by a Diesel engine.

Spring lambs brought their young owners \$10.50, and woolskins \$10.25. Calves go on the market tomorrow.

All the animals were exhibited at the Plainview Fat Stock Show last week.

Today the Texans were the guests of a packing company at a luncheon and tonight they will be entertained by the Kansas City Livestock Exchange.

The trip was arranged by C. B. Martin, Hale County agriculture agent, who said the youths paid their own expenses out of the proceeds of their sales.

Court Will Consider Appeal For Henderson

CRANE, April 22—(Special)—The Paul Henderson slaying case, scheduled last week in the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, has been reset for May 7, John J. Watts, district attorney, said. Delay was caused by the death of Judge Geo. B. Christian on the court commission.

Henderson was refused a new trial after being given a two-year sentence by a Peecos district court last January. The defendant was charged in the pistol slaying of Woodrow (Blackie) Padgett in a Crane tavern Feb. 4, 1940.

U. S. Lands Many Men On Philippine Islands

MANILA, April 22—(AP)—Movement to the Philippines of United States army forces—principally coast artillery, air corps and infantry detachments—was heavily increased today with the arrival of the transport Republic from Fort Mason, Calif.

The transport, making its first call at Manila in nine years, landed more than 2,000 soldiers. Among them were 1,400 coast artillerymen to be stationed at Fort Mills on Corregidor Island, most distant outpost under the American flag.

The troops, from every state in the union, represented the largest single American force ever landed in the islands.

CLASSIFIEDS—SMALL COST—BIG RESULTS

Winant Declares U. S. Will Assist By Action

LONDON, April 22—(AP)—The United States Ambassador to London, John G. Winant, told the American Chamber of Commerce today that "we are not concerned with words—we are determined to help (Britain) by action to insure total victory over totalitarian aggression."

He said that between Americans and "the free and unconquerable people of this island" there existed "a bond of common sympathy and understanding, of common purpose and devotion which will live on long after Nazi tyranny has been broken and destroyed."

Crane County Officials Re-Decorate Courthouse

CRANE, April 22—(Special)—A white coat of stucco will complete redecorating of the Crane County courthouse. Halls have been repainted inside and some venetian blinds will be put in offices.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

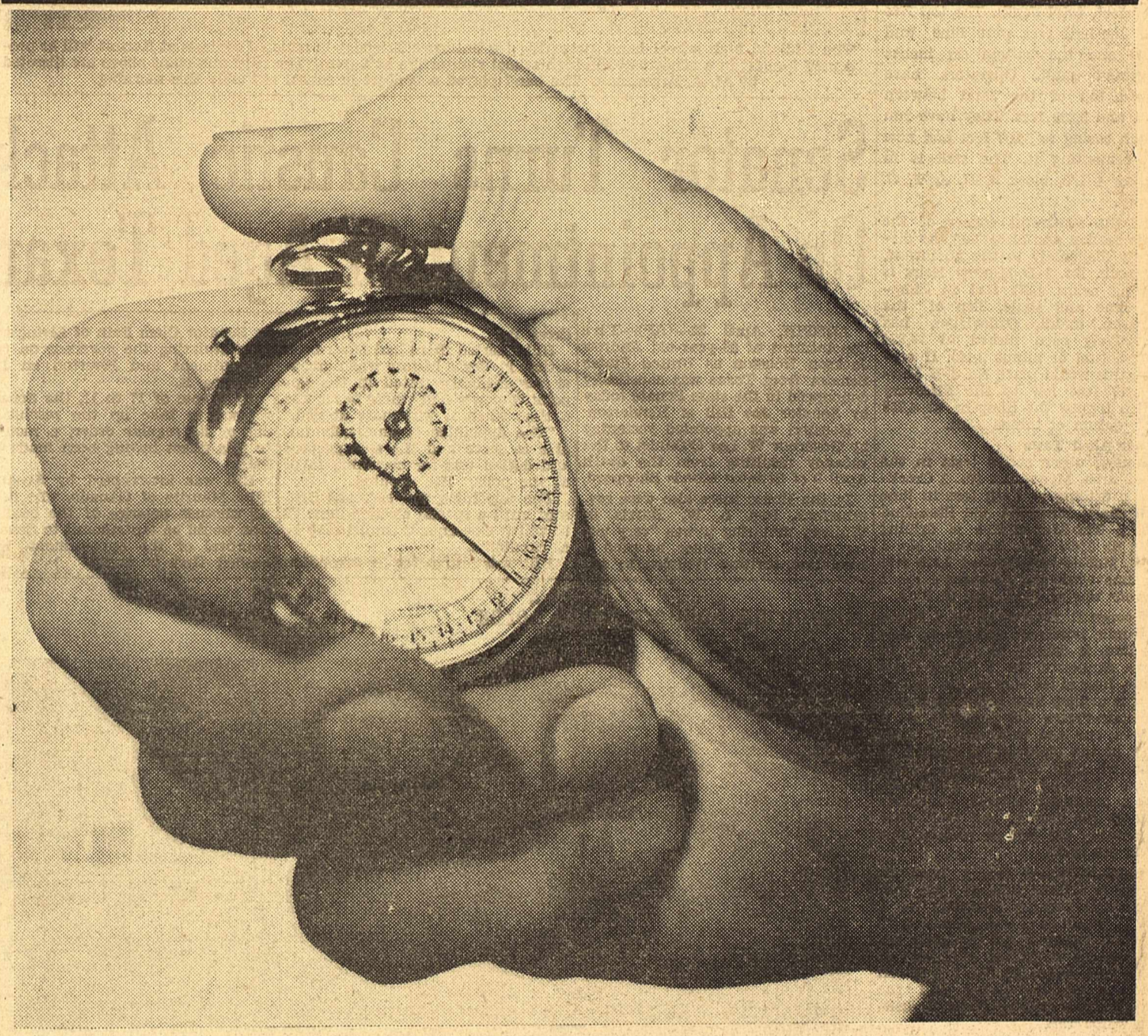
History is made in April, it seems, as another eventful month of that name draws to a close. Let loose your April showers of knowledge on these questions about our fourth month.

1. What four nations were invaded by Hitler in April, and in what years?
2. What European king abdicated in April, 10 years ago?
3. What U. S. president was assassinated in April?
4. Name four of the five major wars that the U. S. entered in April.
5. What international bad man was born in April?

Answers on Classified Page

Usherettes Hold Kiss Night
DURANGO, Colo. (UP)—A theater did a rush business one night when it offered every male person a free kiss from his favorite usherette or cashier. The theater manager said the idea originated among the usherettes.

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