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Cock-a-Doodie-Do!

Notoriously the poorest soldiers in the world, the Chinese are putting up an astonishingly valiant and successful resistance around Shanghai.

Prize gets below a fall, we are told, yet this low opinion of the Jap fighters is men of a piece with H. H. Mendon's hypothesis, previously re-mentioned here, that the Japs might or might not be first-rate scappers but that they had never had to prove it against a first-rate adversary.

Straining at Gnats

One way for the occupants of a building to get the fire insurance inspectors in a great state of agitation is to store ten gallons or so of gasoline on or about the premises.

There She Is

It is curious, as we have remarked from time to time, how in any table of the 48 States in the order of their health, wealth, behavior and general all-round culture, North Carolina is to be found in 42nd place or close by.

The average North Carolinian carries \$466.76 insurance on his life. For all our heralded progress, for our boasted ambition and well-being, for our first in the manufacture of cigarettes, towels and wooden bedroom furniture, for leading the country in the production of feed-pigs, mice and kashin claws, \$466.76 is the average man's stake.

Other States beat us all, however. The average New York State man has \$1,891.27. And New York, \$1,444.41, which puts it in second place.

LET'S KEEP ON WRITING

NEW YORK CITY.—The policy of Secretary Hull in these unrelaxed wars and defiant violations of what might now be laughingly called international law is to protect every outrage and keep this country's position clear on the side of international decency.

These notes are not like Woodrow Wilson's protests to Germany which all contained a veiled "or else" tucked away somewhere in the writing. There were no "or else" before the war.

That was possible. There was a place in France to fight, enough protected transportation to get there, and at least a fair chance of winning after we arrived. Mr. Hull's problem is different.

WORKS BOTH WAYS Seven thousand miles of sea-water is a great protection for the "little Japs" as we used fondly to call the admiral pests when they were fighting Russia.

That Extra Something City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter went to Boston last week to attend a convention of the Municipal Finance Officers, and while up in that neck of the woods he decided to get a little extra something.

Not That! Of course, we could cut Japan off from all shipments of American goods, including cotton—and when you say that, smile. Mr. Wallace's farm policy has already deprived the South of cotton.

A Great Convenience (Herald News-Topic) Now that the State Highway Patrolmen have been given radios, they will not have to stop in country filling stations to listen to the ditto.

Visiting Around (Cliffside Hill, Forest City Courier) We have this in a champion cotton picker in Alexander.

Early Training (Raleigh News-Record) Bennie told me about a conductor who would write such long messages that the dispatcher told him to be more brief.

THE TEST (Meridian Virginian-Pilot) Although the rain beat down on his face during his speech at the outdoor reception to Mussolini, Hitler finished it without a change in expression.

Skeptical Of A Census By Post Cards

He's Afraid That Five Millions More Are To Be Spent For No Practical Purpose. Dear Sir: JOHN D. BIGGERS, who has been appointed to conduct a census of the unemployed in the United States between now and December 1 speaks in contradiction.

"We do not intend to allow thoroughness," he says. Then he says, "The Post Office Department will handle the distribution, collection and preliminary check of registration cards to be mailed to 21,000,000 families."

To Paste in Your Hat (Baltimore Evening Sun) In his Knoxville Daily press yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt made a passing reference to a subject which though dull is important.

Hunters and Trappers (Forest City Courier) "I don't like this hunting season coming on," said one of our farmer friends the other day—says the Gaffney Ledger.

A Little Wink in the Base Section, Though (Rutherford County News) One change is growing in membership and our singing is improving.

No Need to Explain Why She Likes That Taylor (Fayetteville Observer) Inquiring Reporter, Western Carolina Tribune Question: Who are your favorite movie actors?

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