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One Department, Not Three

Almost certainly a contributing factor, beyond any doubt an item admitting reproach, in connection with the Pearl Harbor disaster was the officially disclosed failure of army and navy commanders on Oahu to consult together on security measures in the ten days preceding the attack of December 7, 1941. The president's investigating committee reported that Adm. Kimmel and Gen. Short did meet four times in that period "in an effort to compose certain differences of view" as to a proposal that marines be withdrawn from Wake and Midway islands and replaced by army units. But, says the report, on and after November 27 the two commanders "independently took such action as each deemed appropriate to the existing situation. Neither informed the other specifically of the action he was taking, and neither inquired of the other whether or not any action had been taken, nor did they consult as to the appropriateness of the actions taken by them respectively?"

Better teamwork, judging from results, has since then been achieved. Yet it has been the impression of most civilians that the services did not get along well in peacetime; that generals and admirals were involved in rivalry no less keen, though more polite, than sometimes existed when groups of enlisted men of the two services met off duty. Rivalry between the services in peacetime is indeed inevitable, since the war and navy departments are entirely separate and answerable only to the president.

Also, dating back to the Billy Mitchell affair, there was a feeling that infantry-minded generals and battleship-minded admirals were throttling the development of aviation; and though wartime experience and necessity have brought about improvement, there has been continued demand for such organizational reforms as would insure the air forces due consideration. The solution most often proposed has been a separate air branch, such as Great Britain has.

It does not seem logical to assume that there would be better teamwork among three wholly separate services than existed in peacetime between two. Therefore there appears to be good logic in the proposal of Adm. H. E. Yarnell, retired, that instead of three branches there be only one-a war department with three subdepartments of army, navy and air, under one secretary of war. Most likely it sounds like heresy to army and navy men "of the old school," but it makes sense to the public. The national defense is just one single problem; there should be just one agency, not two or three rival agencies, entrusted with that problem's solution.

"Coldest weather of winter grips east and midwest," says the headline, and we're almost willing to risk gloating a bit over the contrast here. Trouble is, it looked a bit like snow weather only a few days ago and the time when anything can happen isn't past. So far-knock, knock-it has been a mild winter compared to the last two.

Another of those estimates showing Marion county's population down almost 3000 from the 1940 census figure has come out of Washington, DC. It should be kept handy to show to house-hunters. If the county has lost that many people, surely there must be a lot of vacant

Interpreting The War News

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The Pskov gate on the Russian-Estonian border through which nazi forces broke more than two years ago to lay siege to Leningrad bids fair to reverse its war role and slam shut behind the largest segment of the German army in the east yet caught in a Russian trap.

That main transportation hub between Russia and the Baltic states is the sole supply or escape route still open to all nazi troops holding the Lovat front from Staraya Russia southeastward to Novosokolniki, a stretch of 150 miles or so.

Half a dozen railroads spoke out east and west of the Pskov hub, just south of the Peipus lake chain to make it the most important and critical transportation center in Russia still in German hands. And the cutting edge of a fast-paced drive by the Russian Leningrad army down the Narva-Pskov rail and highway system east of Lake Peipus is less than 40 miles away.

Just how many nazi divisions are in the vast and dangerous Lovat bulge is not indicated. There has been no military activity on the Lovat front for months although a powerful Russian army is known to have been deployed there biding its time.

Staraya Russia, just south of Lake Ilman and west of the lower Lovat, lies 150 miles east of Pskov or the Riga rail lateral connecting with the Moscow-Leningrad main line above the Valdai hills. To the northwest the Germans still hold the lower rim of Lake Ilmen through Shimsk junction and a curving irregular front from there to south of Russian captured Polna, 48-odd miles above Pskov and near the eastern shores of Lake Peipus. That front obviously is named, however, by battered remnants of German armies routed from Lenin-

grad and the Volkhov and Luga river fronts. It seems clear that the Russian Leningrad and Volkhov armies now have linked arms south of the Luga river and the town of that name for a converging drive on Pskov.

Its fall before the nazi garrison on the Lovat flank from Staraya Russia south to Novosokolniki can make its escape would mean possible Russian entrapment of hundreds of thousands of German

To heighten the threat, Russian forces centering in the Novosokolniki-Nevel area appear to be pushing northwestward to cut southern approaches to Pskov. Advance elements of that Russian army were last reported about 80 miles southeast of

Very likely, the final nazi crisis in Russia is oming to a head in the north and south simul-

Victory Gardens in '44

Victory gardeners had so much fun, and got such a thrill out of growing things, and saved so much on their food bills, and felt so much better both on account of the outdoor exercise and because they ate more vegetables and less of other things harder to digest, that it may be taken for granted all who had this experience in 1943 will need no urging to do it again.

Leaders in the Victory garden movement from six western states, holding conference in Portland the last few days, agreed that the need for home gardening would be greater this year than last. For one thing, unless crops are of last year's "bumper" volume, which cannot be expected every year, food will be a more vital problem in 1944. For another, the commercial truck gardeners have learned, somewhat to their amazement, that amateurs not only can raise vegetables in great quantities, but will if properly encouraged. So truck gardeners in the Willamette valley aren't going to produce vegetables to the extent that they did last year. Therefore the Victory gardeners will have to raise their own. Don't be alarmed about the truck gardeners' livelihood. They will shift to other salable crops; neither they nor their land will be idle.

The Victory garden conferees set as a goal, an increase of 10 per cent in the number-not necessarily the total acreage of gardens-forhome-consumption this year. In Salem where virtually every back yard and some front yards and parking strips, and most vacant lots, were cultivated as Victory gardens last year, such an increase may seem difficult. The solution for such conditions suggested at the conference, was the development of more community plots.

That, as a number of Salem gardeners can testify, is an especially enjoyable program. For all of gardening's joys, it can be in some instances a bit lonely when practiced in the back yard, if the neighbors aren't doing the same; but the community plot gardeners usually have a lot of company and frequent discussions in which ideas and knowledge are

It may be trusted that Victory gardeners in Salem and vicinity will profit by last year's experience in many ways-among them, avoidance of that over-enthusiasm in the early spring which caused many to start too early and lose the value of their first plowing and planting due to heavy rains. Yes, most gardeners will be veterans this year, and will know just how to do it.

News Behind The News

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WASHINGTON, February 14 - No lives were lost in the senate contest over banning Mr. Roosevelt's food subsidies. The administration senators, who were supposed

to exude anger in defense of the president, took their continuous setbacks with a yawn. The voting likewise

showed a surprisingly strong and daring anti - White House lineup. The reason was that some in-

ner fixing has been done which, in effect postpones the issue. Farm Bloc Sen. Bankhead agreed to include in his bill an extension of the time limit on subsidies until June 30, saying they could not reasonably be

stopped before. The administration expects, therefore, to continue to pay the middle-man a bonus for holding down prices for four months more. It is getting its money out of the RFC revolving grabbag, so it does not require congressional appropriations.

On that very date, the president's whole price regulation power also will expire. He will have to seek its renewal from congress, after his forthcoming action on Phillip Murray's steel wage increase appeal, which will spread the whole wage-price question again wide open.

Therefore, this current subsidy fight is a sham battle, or at least a field maneuver in preparation for the real struggle. If, as expected, Mr. Roosevelt vetoes the current ban and the house sustains his veto, the farm bloc will re-enact the struggle on the OPA legislation, and the whole fight will be staged over again within 60 to 90 days.

Only politics could justify a presidential veto of the tax bill. Two of Mr. Roosevelt's own top associates quietly made it clear that the contract renegotiation provisions—the bill's central idea he had originally criticized so severely-were satisfactory and workable, before the president had a chance to take action on the measure.

Adm. Land, chairman of the maritime commis-sion, in a side remark to a senate committee, said the government agencies got 99 per cent of what they wanted from congress. War Under Secretary Patterson publicly congratulated congress on doing a constructive job.

The new dealing crowd nevertheless seemed to want the president to go shead and kill the bill. One nocratic representative (Johnson of Texas) renewed the old song that it would make a lot of war nillionaires despite the testimony of Patterson

Politics has guided the final considerations on the soldier vote bill. Some of the administration senators are acting as if they thought a greater advantage might be gained by dragging out the fight over methods as long as possible, rather than accepting a compromise solution. They know Mr. Roosevelt has obtained more favorable publicity on this than on any other pending subject, and therefore do not want to hurry the final enactment.

Also Mr. Roosevelt's endorsement of the civilian draft bill (Austin-Wadsworth), which seemed mystifying to me at first in view of the satisfactory manpower situation, now also can be clearly recognized as a political move. The endorsement of such a stringent action (which congress will not take) will thus safely add to Mr. Roosevelt's pop-ularity among the soldiers and sallors who already have been drafted for military duty.

In short, if there is any Washington news you ment maneuvers now taking shape. The bulk of will justify your interpretation of it as politics. No other motive for doing anything exists here in a campaign year.



Right Up Hitler's Alley

Today's Radio Programs

KSLM-TUESDAY-1390 Ec. 00-News :05-Marion Farm & Home :15-Rise n' Shin.e. 7:36—News. 7:45—Morning Moods. 8:00—Cherry City News. 8:05—Program Parade. 8:10-Music. 8:30-Tango Time 9:00—Pastor's Cail 9:15—It's the Truth. 9:30—Cliff Edwards, 9:45-Orchestra 30-Music. 100-News 1:05-Song and Dance. 1:30-Music. 00—News. 05—KSLM Presents 30—Hits of Yesteryear :00-Organalities. 15—News 30—Hillbilly Serenade. Lum 'n' Abner. 1:15-Music. 1 45—Spotlight on Rhythm 2 00—Isle of Paradise. 2 115—US Navy

2:30—Four Novelettes. 2:45—Broadway Band Wagos 3:80—Concert Hour. 4:30—Mexican Marlmba. 4:15—News. 4:30—Teatime Tunes. 5:00—Homespun Trio. 5:15—Todd Grant. 5:30—Russian Balalaika. 5:00—Tonignt's Headlines. Evening Serenade. 1:00—News. 1:05—Texas Jim Lewis. -War Fronts in Review. 8:10—Music. 8:30—Mustangs 8:45—Excursions

9:45_Arthur Wilson

KGW-NBC-TUESDAY-600 RG.

10:30-News.

4:00—Dawn Patro: 5:55—Labor News 6:00—Mirth and Madness. 30-News Parade. 8:55—Labor News. 7:00—Journal of Living. 7:15—News Readlines & 7:30—News Resolines as aligning of 1:30—Music.
7:45—Sam Bayes
8:00—Stars of Today.
8:15—James Abbe Covers the News.
8:35—David Harum
9:00—Personality Hour. 10:00—Music. 10:00—Music.
10:15—Ruth Forbes.
10:20—Glenn Howard.
10:45—Art Baker's Notebook
11:00—The Guiding Light.
11:15—Today's Children.
11:20—Light of the World.
11:45—Hymns of All Church
12:00—Women of America.
12:15—Ma Perkins
12:30—Pepper Young's Family.
12:45—Right to Happiness.
1:00—Backstage Wife.
1:15—Stella Dallas.
1:30—Loranzo Jones.
1:45—Young Widder Brown.
1:00—When a Girl Marries.
1:15—Portis Faces Life. 2:00—When a Girl Marries
2:15—Portia Faces Life.
2:25—Front Page Farreil
3:00—Road of Life.
3:15—Vic and Sade.
3:30—B. Boynton.
3:35—Rambling Reader.
4:00—Dr Kate.
4:15—News of the World.
4:20—Music.
4:15—H. V Kaitenborn.
5:00—OK for Release.
5:15—How Do You Do It?
5:26—A Date with Judy.
6:30—Fibber McGee and Molly.
7:00—Bob Hope
7:30—Red Skelton.
8:30—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time
8:15—Commentator. 8:15—Commentator.
8:20—Johnny Presents.
9:00—Salute to Youth.
9:20—Hollywood Theatre.
10:20—News Flashes
10:15—Hometown News.
10:25—Labor News.
10:25—Labor News.
10:25—Voice of A Nation.
11:20—Music.
11:30—War News Roundup
11:45—News.
12:200-2 a. m.—Swing Shift.

KEX-BN-TUESDAT-1290 Re. 8:45 - Western Ageing and 7:00—Missic
7:05—Top of the Morning.
7:15—News.
7:20—News.
7:45—The Humbard Family.
8:00—Breakfast Club.
9:00—My True Story.
8:20—Breakfast of Sardi's.
10:00—News.
10:15—Sweet River. 130—News 1:15—Sweet River. 1:30—Ed Jorgenson 1:45—Baby Institu 1:00—Bankhage Fa

3:30 Ozark Ramblers.
4:00 Awake at the Switch.
4:30 Hop Harrigan.
4:45 The Sea Hound.
5:00 Terry and the Pirates.
5:15 Dick Tracy.
5:30 Jack Armstrong.
5:45 Captain Midnight.
6:00 Three Romeos.
6:15 News.
6:30 Spotlight Rands
6:55 Sports.
7:00 Swing.

7:00—Swing. 7:15—News.

8:00—News. 8:15—Lum and Abner. 8:30 Duffy s. 9:00 Music. 9:15 Say It With Flowers 9:30-News. 9:45-Art Baker 10:30 Orchestra 11:00 Concert Hour.

KOIN-CBS-TUESDAY-970 Ec 6:00-Northwest Farm Reporter 6:15-Breakfast Bulletin. 6:20-Texas Rangera 6:45-KOIN Klock. 7:30—News. 7:30—News. 7:45—Nelson Pringle, News. 8:00—Consumer News. 8:15—Valiant Lady.

SHAMS

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this program to Salem for the bond wind-up. People have little conception of the work and expense involved in transferring a whole program from one point to another, or how reluctant a radio station is to shift a presentation from its own studios. The expense alone runs into the thousands of dollars, just for this change. Technicians have to work well in advance of the program to secure the proper pickup of voices and instruments. Everything must be laid out with minute accuracy so the program will move along without a hitch. The performers must be brought to Salem, instructed in the program lay-out, and then returned to their Portland homes. KOIN is doing all this at its own cost, as one of its public service offerings to the constituency it

Principal owner of KOIN is C. W. Meyers, one of the pioneers in radio in Portland. The Portland Journal holds a minority interest, but the station is directly managed by Mr. Meyers with the assistance of a very capable staff which he has selected: Henry Swartwood, program manager, Luke Roberts, educational programs, also those who are coming to run off this program, Johnny Carpenter and Chet Duncan,-and don't forget Art Kirkham, veteran announ-

The "Million Dollar club" was a KOIN idea to help boost the sale of war bonds. Those who have sold a million dollars worth of bonds are inducted as members. But the program itself is a snappy radio presentation which has become quite popular. Those who can't get to the high school tonight should listen in over KOIN for the program.

The fourth war loan is going through to a smashing success in Marion county, thanks to the fine organization headed by Jesse Gard, Arthur Smither, Roy Rice, Mrs. Winnie Pettijohn, Mrs. David Wright and scores of others. But in the last analysis the real credit goes to the people themselves who have bought the bonds. They have backed the at-

8:30—Stories America Loves, 8:45—Aunt Jenny, 9:00—Kate Smith Speaks, 9:15—Big Sister, 9:30—Romance of Heien Trent, 9:45—Our Gal Sunday, 10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful, 10:15—Ma Perkins 0 13—Ma Perkins
0 30—Bernadine Flynn,
0 45—The Goldbergs
1:00—Young Dr Malone,
1:15—Joyce Jordan,
1:30—We Love and Learn,
1:45—News,
1:00—Neighbors, 12:15—Open Door. 12:35—William Winter, News 12:45—Bachelor's Children. 1:00—Broadway Matinee. 1:25—Air-Flo of the Air. -Mary Marlin. :00—News. 3:55—Chet Huntley, 4:00—Stars of Today, 4:15—News. 4:30—American Melody Hour 5:00—Galen Drake. 5:45—News. 5:55—Bill Henry. 6:00—Burns & Allen. 6:30—Report to the Nation. 7:00—Romance. 7:00—Romance.
7:30—Congress Speaks.
7:45—Hello Soldier.
8:00—I Love A Mystery.
8:15—Harry James Orchest
8:30—Big Town
9:00—Judy Canova. 9:25-News. 9:30-Million Dollar Club. 30—Five Star Final. :15—Wartime Women. :20—Horace Heidt Orchestra :30—Edwin C. Hill. 10:45 Orchestra. 11:00 Al Donahue Orchestra 1:30—Manny Strand. 1:45—Dale Jones Orchestra. 1:55—News. 12:30-6:00 a.m.-Music and News.

KALE-MBS-TURSDAY-1230 Ke 6:45-Dave West. 7:00-News 7:15-Texas 8'45-Wax Shop. 8:55-Strictly Personal. 9:00-Boake Carter. 9:15-Woman's Side of to 9:30—Buyer's Parade. 9:45—Learn to Dance. 10.00—News. 10:15—Stars of Today. 10:30—This and That. 11:00—Cedric Foster. 11:15—Marketing. 11:45—Melody Rendezvous.
12:15—Concert.
12:45—On the Farm Front,
12:50—Melody Time.
1:00—Walter Compton.
1:15—All-Star Parade.
1:30—Full Speed Ahead.
2:00—Ray Dady.
2:15—Texas Rangers.
2:30—Yours for A Song.
2:45—Wartime Women. :50-News 3:15—Treasury 3:30—Lean Bac 3:45—Johnson 230-Music. 2:45-News. 5:00-Learn to Dance 5:15-Superman. 5:30-Show Time. 6:45-Gordon Burke. 6:00-Gabriel Heatter. 6:15-Believe It or Not. 1:45—Hasten the Day. 9:15—Rex Miller. 1:30—Manhaller. 9:45—Fulton Lewis. 10:00—Orchestra. 10:15—Orchestra. :45 Education for Freedo :00 Yankee House Party. :30 Simfonietta. EOAC-TURSDAY-850 E.

11:30—Schotz Time. 11:15—Waltz Time. 11:30—Concert Hall.

Three Time Loser on Luck

Tough luck comes by threes, some people insist. That may be only superstition but it has worked out that way for Gene Halley, deputy warden at the state penitentiary.

He and Mrs. Halley went to Oakland, Calif., to bring back Mrs. Myrtle Garner, wanted here to complete serving her four - year sentence for cattle theft. Extradition was granted, but Mrs. Garner invoked habeas corpus proceedings and Halley is still there awaiting the hearings on that issue.

Since he left for the south, t has been discovered that burglars entered Halley's beach home north of Oceanlake and stole an electric range, four radios and other valuable household equip-

To top it off, Halley's pet dog died last week at the prison.

165 Tons Waste Paper Is Collected

Though some shipments to the paper mills already had been made, the loading dock at the Reid Murdoch plant was heaped with an imposing array of waste paper late Sunday when final collection in the Salem vicinity had been completed. Gardner Knapp, Marion county salvage committee chairman, estimated that for the county as a whole 165 tons had been collected. The waste paper campaign closed Sunday night.

Persons who still have waste paper on hand are advised to hold it until the next drive, probably Gen. Thomas E. Rilea is no longer in October.

Trucks participating in the collection Sunday had 125 calls to make in response to householders' quarters. telephone calls to the civilian defense office, and more than 100 persons made their own deliver- duct as men in the Australian ies, so the loading dock was a sectors where they have been stabusy place until late Sunday, tioned, and are in high favor with Floyd Bowers, Salem salvage committee chairman, had made

arrangements for the collection. in general would be aided gratly be shipped out.

Today's Garden

By LILLIE MADSEN

S. A. H. asks for the name of the "flat little yellow flower which is now in bloom. I happened to see some at a tea I attended this past week. The flowers, single ones, grew up and down reed-like stems. I couldn't make out whether they were hothouse plants or not. I am a quainted with Oregon gardening but I am very interested. We came from a section of the country where we grew a few vegetables, geraniums as houseplants and only a few flowers out of doors in the summer. Usually we set out asters, petunias, clarkias and a few other plants which we started indoors during our 'winter' in March and stretching even up to April. I think I am going to enjoy your country here where gardening seems to be a year around venture."

Answer: While I cannot be sure, I would venture that she was referring to the yellow jasmine which is now in bloom, and has been in bloom since late December. Mine is almost finished blooming. This is one of our winter blooming vines. The flowers needed here. are attractive, but it is a vine which is difficult to keep looking neat. Not because it grows too rapidly, but because it seems to be unable to make up its mind just how it does want to grow. strings reaching nakedly above. If one decides to try to make a sort of tall, slim shrub out of it by staking it up, then it may decide to vine and throw out huge, long runners. I frequentdecide its own method of growth \$227,500. without much help from me. Be- Specifications for a \$43,000 recause of its winter bloom, I mo can't quite spare it.

Col. Maison Reports 41st In Fine Shape

Veteran of two campaigns in New Guinea, the Buna and Salamaua conquests, Lt. Col. H. G. "Fod" Maison is home on leave following a special tour of duty in Hawaii as an instructor. He expects to return shortly to join his outfit, the old 41st division, where he is executive officer in one of the regiments. Thin and bronzed and fit as a fiddle, Col. Maison is thoroughly enjoying a brief stay in the homeland, the first in nearly two years. The plan for rotating furloughs for men long overseas was announced after he left the southwest Pacific, but he hopes that the other men will get an early opportunity for a visit

The 41st, which left the states nearly two years ago for the southwest Pacific, is now at a rest camp following the victories in the Salamaua area on New Guinea. They are in fine shape and in good spirits. They undergo training of about six hours daily for the job ahead, Maison says. After a short stay in a rest area the men become anxious to move forward again, they know what the job ahead of them is, and they want to finish it up so they can come home, he reported.

Maison had high praise for the 41st troops as soldiers. In spite of the terrible climate and jungle terrain on New Guinea, the men fought well, and their losses have been light. They have not found the Japs super-soldiers, and often noted that the Japs didn't exploit their defensive situations as well as they might have. The division is under command of Maj. Gen. Fuller. Brig. with the division but has a very responsible assignment in the service of supply at base head-

Soldiers of the 41st have gained a fine reputation for their conthe local populations.

Col. Maison saw part of the massing of the armada which Knapp said salvage operations moved into the central Pacific and was much impressed by its if a warehouse convenient to rail magnitude. He also got to see his transportation could be provided, son, Mack, who was graduated He pointed out that six tens of from Annapolis last June. He is tin cans which have been on hand now on duty on an aircraft carfor some time have had to be rier in the Pacific. Mrs. Maison moved once and may have to be met Col. Maison in California and transported again before they can accompanied him to Salem. Before leaving for military service with the national guard in 1940, Col. Maison was assistant superintendent of the state police.

Portland **Hospitals Get** Priorities

PORTLAND, Feb.14-(AP)-Portland was assured of long-delayed stranger here and am not ac- war production board (WPB) priorities today to complete Providence and the isolation hospitals -but the nurse shortage still remained acute.

The lack of hospital beds brought sharply home Saturday by the death of a 14-year-old boy whose treatment for severe burns was delayed by failure to find a hospital which could admit himstems partly from a lack of nurses, Mrs. L. M. Laird said.

The executive secretary of the Oregon State Nurses association said an entire floor of 40 beds at Hahnemann hospital could be opened immediately if six nurses could be obtained. "Most other hospitals are faced with the same critical shortage," she said, adding that 100 nurses are urgently

R. W. Nelson, president of the Portland council of hospitals, earlier criticized the WPB for failing to give priorities to expand Portland hospitals. He said Providence If one trains it as a vine, it for WPB approval, Portland Sanimay refuse to grow and will for WPB approval, Portland Sanitorium, which tried to circumvent hospital had been waiting months the bed shortage by placing beds in the halls, was threatened with revokation of its license by the state board of health, he said. Plans and specifications for the

completion of Providence hospital ly go out to look at mine in per- will be submitted to contractors fect despair. Finally I tack it up tomorrow. The government will against a back wall and let it furnish \$134,300 and the hospital

delling job in Isolation hospital will be released tomorrow.

