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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

France observed their Fourth of July, Bastille Day, in "thought and meditation," with no flags, no parades, and a minimum of festivity. Some of the thinking, it is hoped, was devoted to thinking what they will do to the politicians who betrayed them. At least three of the lot deserve cells in exile with Herr Hitler. Still another, if he gets his deserts, will serve the rest of his days as the personal servant of Mussolini.

A great boon to mankind has been announced in New York. It is the silent auto horn that will not sound when a car is standing still, or travelling less than three miles per hour. The discovery has caused editorial raptures far and wide. It is almost as wonderful as a horn capable of emitting nothing but the silence of the frozen north.

"It is beginning to look as if civilization will have to be called pretty soon on account of darkness."—Olin Miller in the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune.—Mr. Miller, you have ejaculated a large and potent mouthful.

WAR IS WAR
(Charleston (S.C.) Post)

"Charleston will be introduced to the latest military fashion note next fall and winter when the army nurses at the Starck general hospital doff their new two-tone blue covert cloth uniforms."

The postmaster is astounded, he says, by impromptu artists, who pencil mustaches and whiskers on the "Miss Liberty" adorning government posters. If there was a genius among the vandals, he would mark a pair of shorts on the lady.

"WANTED"—Woman to take orders in home. Ph. 375-J.—(Coos Bay Times)—Some husband getting smart.

A European rumor reports Field Marshal Goring, chief of the Nazi air force, is in disgrace. This is the gent's normal state, but it may be more so than usual.

Mrs. J. Cochran Robin chaperoned 30 of the Junior Birds to the Griffin Creek area Tues. where they lunched and attended a social session of the Anti-Airgun society. On the way home they saw the most adorable scare-crow in a cornpatch. He wore a World War army coat, with sergeant stripes, and was charming. Several of the girls flew home in the dark they lingered so long.

PRODIGAL DAUGHTER
(Mineral Wells (Tex.) Index)

"Mrs. Smith was the former Miss Emma Stone, who before her marriage was one of the city's most prominent young matrons of the civic and social circles. She still has a host of former friends here."

The current hot spell has produced no rumors of a cold wave. The need is for a rumor that will freeze citizens in their tracks, without doing anything to the pears.

"A far-flung extension of daylight saving" is now proposed to save electricity for defense production. There is no use plowing under the clocks in an effort to regain the time lost by 187 industrial strikes since January 1.

Chicken Dinners Stolen
Dallas, Tex.—(UP) J. A. Morgan didn't mind the loss of the \$8.50 investment so much. It was the fact that the money was invested in 17 contemplated chicken dinners—five prize blue-colored hens and 12 large blue-colored hens.

Is the War Nearly Over?

GENERAL IRONSIDE (NOT a Gilbert & Sullivan character!) says this war is going to end sooner than anyone expects.

Coming from the British General in command in France, that means, of course, with a smashing British victory.

Well, perhaps the general is right. At any rate this much is certain. Not since the Germans crashed into Poland has the allied cause looked as bright as it does today.

The worm may not have finally and definitely turned. But our guess is ex-Corporal Adolf Hitler is nearer a nervous breakdown at the present time than at any period since the Nazi purge.

CERTAINLY something is seriously wrong with his Nazi blitzkrieg in Russia. The alibi that communications and supplies had to be restored before the second smash could begin no longer holds. The time limit on that has expired. So it looks very much as though Der Reichsfuehrer had really got hold of a bear's tail and couldn't let go, with a quick German triumph "OUT" and a Nazi defeat not impossible.

Germany meanwhile is getting a nice dressing down from the air on the western front, offering no formidable air defense whatever. The U-boat and air bomber attack on British shipping is slowing up remarkably with some reason to believe the problem, as a serious menace to British survival, has been solved.

ONLY a short time ago, most military experts felt Britain would be swept out of the Mediterranean, with the Nazis in control of Crete and Libya.

Today not only is Britain in complete command over that "Mare Nostrum" but the totalitarian threat to the Suez canal and Iraq oil has been completely removed.

Fully as important, the Free French forces, with British assistance, have conquered Syria, and the Petain government has suffered a body blow from which it may never recover. In fact, the resignation of the present Vichy government would now surprise no one.

AND finally comes the fall of the Kenoye government in Japan.

As this is written there has been no official explanation, but it seems almost certain the cause for such drastic action is the dark picture of Japan's future in the totalitarian triumvirate, and the unpopularity of more active involvement against England and the United States in World War No. 2.

BUT even more important than these considerations,—which we grant may have been interpreted with excessive optimism,—is the unquestioned fact that when Nazi Germany once DOES become convinced the worm has turned, and that a decisive victory over the allied forces is impossible,—LOOK OUT!

The collapse, in all likelihood, will be more sudden than any military debacle in history.

That German "Morale"

BEFORE we are again accused of "wishful thinking" let it be emphasized the above prediction is General Ironside's, not ours.

The situation, we grant, never did look more encouraging from the allied standpoint than it does today; but our own belief is this war will be a long, not a short one.

This is not due to any doubt that the German moral stamina under defeat would be far inferior to that of the allies. It would be, and furthermore we believe that fact at long last will decide this second world war.

But because in the first place Hitler has such a tremendous head-start; and in the second place while the German people are far from a unit behind him, until there is a conviction that ultimate victory is impossible, the tendency in Germany will be to back up the status quo as the lesser of two evils.

For the alternative, in their opinion, would be a disaster so deep and devastating as to be akin to national dissolution.

THAT fear, the fear of what will happen to Germany in the event of another allied victory is, we believe, the strongest cohesive force in the Nazi realm today, and we therefore believe Prime Minister Churchill showed his customary shrewd wisdom when in his "fighting speech" yesterday he drew a sharp distinction between Hitler and the German people,—declaring that the best of all possible solutions would be for the Germans themselves to throw the Nazi gangsters into the Rhine.

The only trouble with that angle, of course, is the fact that a similar distinction was made a couple of decades ago between the German people and the Kaiser,—the Kaiser WAS kicked out, but the Versailles treaty remained!

IN other words, German psychology in this war is naturally conditioned very largely by the experience in world war No. 1, and while there is no doubt that the "morale" element in the German army, well trained and equipped as it is, is far inferior to the same element in the British, that fear of what will happen in the event of surrender undoubtedly will keep the people of Germany fighting far longer and more stubbornly than was the case in the fall of 1918.

Largely because of this fact, while the allied prospects of eventual victory never have looked brighter than they do today, we still fear that General Ironside is overly optimistic when he predicts a sudden ending. Our own prediction would be war of at least two years more.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

FEET, FLOORS FOOT WEAR AND FITNESS

Answering an inquiry recently from the conductor of this column advised that the longer the young



infant goes barefoot or with only stockings or socks or soft moccasins or sandals, the better for the child's health and the development of the feet. In other words the child should have no stiff-soled or stiff-upper shoes until wear and tear on the bare feet makes some such protection necessary.

Such advice, a reader tells me, when applied to an urban child is little short of disastrous. It might be all right as a country doctor's advice to rural people, but the hardwood floors and concrete pavements in cities, the reader thinks, are responsible for a great deal of foot trouble, falling arches, weak ankles, if children are not properly protected by shoes that support the arches.

That notion is too commonly accepted by parents, in city or country. It is akin to a popular fallacy that some sort of corset must be applied to the growing girl in order to "mold" her form or figure. Happily mothers who have had fair physical education no longer cherish that quaint idea.

Ordinarily shoes should be as soft and free from rigidity or stiffness as possible, with due regard for wear and protection against rough or sharp surfaces. If any prop, brace, support or other corrective appliance is built in or worn with the shoes it should be only as prescribed by the physician and worn under the physician's supervision.

There can be no justification whatever for putting such appliances, built in or not, on the feet of infants, growing children or adults without individual medical advice and care. It is a grave mistake to take the attitude that the infant, growing child or youth requires any such brace, crutch, splint or supporter for normal growth and development. The parent, guardian or teacher who conceives the idea that a child or youth needs any artificial support and fails to give the child or youth the benefit of proper medical attention

ness, in furniture, and for increasing the toughness of steel required for military purposes.

Owing to the rough terrain, with its high mountains, deep valleys, timber and rocks, the chief handicap in getting out chromite in Josephine and Curry counties is a lack of roads. Government officials have made a sketchy survey of the chromite deposits and a forest service official has indicated necessary roads. Bureau of mines reports roads on Coffee mountain in Young's valley; in Doe flat on lower Briggs creek, and Signal butte, among other places.

A particularly rich deposit, owned by an Oregon resident, is in Alaska and an offer has been made to put the ore f. o. b. that territory. Owing to the weather conditions and various other hazards, the owner refused to deliver the ore at Tacoma; that risk had to be assumed by the purchaser. Negotiations on this are still in progress.

THE general public likes to think that the federal government is a machine which clicks along in perfect harmony. Definitely it does not. Soon to be decided is a location for an aluminum fabricating plant or rolling mills in the Pacific northwest. There is sharp disagreement as to where the rolling mills should be. Again there is a strong pull being made for Tacoma and it would please Administrator Raver to see the plant on the Washington shore of the Columbia at Longview or, preferably, at Vancouver. However strong the drag is for Washington, Oregon is not entirely overlooked. Within the administration and in a potent position is an official who is favorable to Portland, or the lands north of Portland.

Of course, an aluminum fabricating plant is an industry to fight for and the competition to obtain it is keen. Once established, it will furnish a large amount of employment for many years after the war and during the depression which is ahead.

The situation looks a bit brighter for Portland having a smelter to handle zinc. Some of the zinc consultants who were dickering with a refinery company with a view to helping Tacoma have not agreed that the Willamette valley deposits have merit. A proposition has been submitted to RFC for that agency to underwrite the cost of a smelter and the plant would be placed somewhere

down the Willamette river in Portland suburbs.

WITH an appropriation of \$25,000 a senate committee has been appointed to make a survey of the Townsend plan. Members of Townsend clubs in Oregon and Washington have been sending in postcards expressing their thanks for the investigation. As soon as the committee is organized public hearings will be scheduled and the probabilities are that a favorable recommendation will be made, at least by a majority of the committee.



By Frank Jenkins

BERLIN today (Tuesday) says the Russian armies are DIS-SOLVING and that Nazi operations are progressing steadily. Moscow reports the launching of a major offensive by the red armies on the central front, asserting they crossed the Dnepr (pronounced Neper) river FROM THE EAST and hurled the Germans back 10 miles.

NOTE this statement that red armies crossed the Dnepr from the east and counter-attacked the Germans.

If true, it would be highly important. If the Germans have the Russians squeezed between their advancing columns and the river, they have a good chance to annihilate them at this point. If, on the other hand, the Russians are drawn up in good order BEHIND the river and have the strength and the morale to counter-attack the Germans on the other side, it is another story.

THE Syrian armistice is finally and definitely signed—at Acre, where the British whipped Napoleon near the end of his ill-starred Egyptian campaign.

Of the armistice Churchill says today: "It extricates our forces (including the Free French) from very great dangers by which they were encompassed in Crete."

SHIPPING losses in July are announced by the British admiralty as 79 ships, totaling \$29,296 tons—the smallest for any month since July, 1940, with the exception of December and January.

That is to say, Hitler isn't doing so well as he was in the battle of the Atlantic.

The admiralty adds that for the present no more detailed monthly reports of losses will be given out, as they tend to aid the enemy.

THE Russian navy declares the main water zones facing the Japan sea dangerous for navigation and designates free routes for ships bound for Vladivostok. That is, they have mined these waters, leaving a route open to Vladivostok—presumably to enable American supplies to reach them.

Asked, after this announcement, for a statement as to Japan's neutrality pact with Russia, the spokesman for the Japanese cabinet "board of information" says: "It still stands."

In other words, Japan isn't ready to start shooting.

REVERTING momentarily to Churchill.

Writing to General de Gaulle on Bastille Day, July 14 (the French Fourth of July), he says: "The spirit of the French people will rise again, purified and rejuvenated by what it has undergone. The soul of France can never die."

Britain, you see, is still handling the French with kid gloves.

ON July 14, 1789, the French people rose in revolution against the absolute monarchy of France, stormed the grim prison of the Bastille, took it and started cutting off heads. Within a month the ancient and decayed aristocratic order had collapsed.

Followed, over a period of four or five years, the bloody Jacobins and their bloody leaders, Robespierre, Danton and Marat, and the steady chop-chop of the guillotine cutting off heads. Then Charlotte Corday and the murder of Marat.

After that, in slow course of time, came Napoleon and the

French conquest of practically all of Europe.

THE old aristocratic, autocratic order in France died in 1789 because it was rotten at the core. France died again in June, 1940, because its government was rotten at the core.

But you never can tell about the French people. They may rise again in their majesty—if they find a leader.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

When our plane program gets going we will have half a million persons working in plane factories, persons apt to feel the first shock of the passing of the emergency, because when we started this defense business the plane industry employed only 30,000. Someone should study the possibility of developing cheap types of airplanes that could be sold by mass production methods, like automobiles. He points out that after the last war, Henry Ford pulled the country out of the depression by making a low-priced automobile. If it cannot be done this time with low-priced planes, how about something else, a lot of other things, television, cooling systems, perhaps even a new low-priced car.

EDSEL FORD is supposed to be working now in some secrecy upon a new really low-priced automobile that would sell for \$500. Anyone who can make a better car for less money after this defense boom is over will find a pent-up demand that will keep his line of business out of any depression.

Another line of production which should be studied very carefully is chemicals. The fields of plastics and synthetics has only been touched.

Rebuilding the railroads is another possibility. Anyone who tries to sleep in an upper berth on most of the roadbeds these days will appreciate fully that the snake-winding systems are as obsolete as horse and buggy roads. Sooner or later they will have to be straightened out and graded like the new modern express highways. The time to plan it is now and the time to do it is the moment the defense boom slackens.

The utilities might spend \$2,000,000,000 a year for five years in an expansion program after the war. What factories will need rebuilding?

THESE are just the beginnings of the ideas of one very able man. The problem needs the attention of all the able men. Congress is bestirring itself to conduct an investigation which may offer some incentive. Business men themselves could do much more effective investigating of their own problem on their own accounts.

The government has been neglecting the matter. Many bureaus are working on it, the army industrial college, national planning board, bureau of labor statistics, department of agriculture, social security board, but there is no coordinated effort. No central clearing house for thought has been furnished. A special commission appointed by the president and composed not only of congressmen and government experts but with a full representation of forward thinking outsiders would help.

UNFORTUNATELY some things being done by the government are aggravating the confusion. The rise in prices is one development which might throw this defense boom so high that no one could cushion its fall later. Yet the government has been encouraging wage increases which cause higher prices, and in many cases in forcing prices up (government purchasing units bidding against each other for materials, higher agriculture prices arbitrarily hiked by the agriculture department.)

If the solution of the post-war depression is left to the new dealers, you are apt to get the same remedies that failed to cure the last depression—WPA, PWA, shorter hours without reduction in pay, farm bounties, NRA, or something such. Government economists always tend to favor politically pacifying solutions which are, therefore, seldom real economic pacifiers.

Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 16, 1931
(It was Friday)
Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon to start world flight tonight.

Grand jury to probe local agitation centering around county health unit and Mrs. Lyda King.

World powers confer in Paris and London on saving Germany's finances.

Claim Applegate fish are endangered by irrigation ditch screens.

Mercury rises to 98 degrees, but 20 years ago this date it was 110.

Valley swept by wave of wild rumors and charges.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 16, 1921
(It was Sunday)
Search for Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, dentist wanted for murder-for-insurance unavailing.

Texas mob tars and feathers woman who had been married three times. Church deacon also assaulted by members of "secret organizations."

Babe Ruth blasts out 36th homer of season.

Congress asks to approve 2.75 per cent beer to help out the farmers.

Board sidewalks around the Lincoln school are replaced with cement walks.

All cottages at the Lake O' Woods now occupied.

High temperature 91, low 52. Continued fair.

Tax on Corn-Planters.

London—(AP)—Customs and excise has ruled that the British purchase tax must be paid on corn-plasters but not on first-aid dressings.

WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE—

Without Calomel—And You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning Rarin' to Go

The liver should pour 2 pints of bile down into your bowels every day. If this bile is not flowing freely, your food may not digest. It may just decay in the bowels. Then gas builds up your stomach. You get constipated. You feel sour, sick and the world looks punk.

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