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How About Kiev?

TRUE to form, the Russians emphatically deny the German claim Kiev has fallen. According to Moscow the struggle for the Soviet's third largest city is still going on, with over 200,000 casualties suffered by the hard-pressed Nazis, and sanguinary street fighting proceeding with the final result still in doubt.

Once more the innocent bystander wonders, which side is telling the truth!

WELL judging the present by the past neither side is, but the Germans have the better of it.

If you doubt this, follow the venerable Al Smith procedure, and "look at the record."

Riga, Grodno, Novgorod, Minsk and Smolensk, in each and every case the German high command announced capture, the Soviet press bureau issued a prompt and sharp denial.

Also in each and every case, some however more so than others, fighting continued AFTER the Germans claimed capture; and in the case of Smolensk, the city changed hands at least a dozen times, before the Red forces finally quit and withdrew, MANY WEEKS after the Nazis' original victorious announcement.

JUDGING the present by the past, therefore, it is a fairly safe guess, German forces HAVE captured Kiev, but severe street fighting is still going on as a part of the mopping-up process. And more important, the stronghold still MAY, be retaken by a Russian counter-attack.

It MAY be.

On the other hand, judging the present by the past, ULTIMATELY the hard fighting Russians, will be forced to call it a day and retire, probably to positions of defense prepared for them, many miles back.

OF course this familiar and consistent pattern may be changed in this particular instance.

Germany may have definitely broken the red lines, and not only taken Kiev but a large section of Marshal Budenny's army, with an open road to the Don, or—

The Red army may not only retake Kiev, in a counter-attack, but KEEP it.

ANYTHING can happen in modern war, particularly in this German-Russian conflict.

But regarding the situation in the light of its PROBABILITIES fighting in Kiev and around it undoubtedly will continue for many days, then at long last, it will be added, like Minsk and Smolensk to Hitler's scalp belt, and the Nazi dragon, puffing heavily and bleeding from many wounds, will slowly but relentlessly plod on, toward its Caucasus objective.

The German Casualty Lists

YES everything is relative. There was a time, for example, when a million dollars loomed pretty large in the imagination of the average hard-working mortal.

But not today,—at least not if aforesaid mortal ever reads the U. S. Treasury reports.

A million dollars is mere loose change,—in auditing Uncle Sam's accounts such a puny sum is hardly noticed—and might at any time in computing the budget, be entirely overlooked.

THE same with war casualties.

There was a time when ten thousand killed gave any army,—or any nation—a considerable jolt. Line up ten thousand men on Haymarket Square, and you would think practically the entire male population of Oregon had assembled,—ten thousand men ARE an army in itself.

But with the millions and millions of casualties in World War No. 1, and the daily slaughter in the present Russo-German conflict going ahead by leaps and bounds, what do ten thousand killed amount to?

Very little we fear except to those directly affected,—with ten or 15 million soldiers engaged on a 2000 mile front, it's merely one bloody drop in a bucket.

THIS fact probably accounts for the disappointment over the official German figures of casualties in the Russian conflict, and the cries of disgust and disbelief from London and Moscow.

We don't mean the German figures are correct. One might be safe in increasing the totals by 30%—even 50%.

But we DO mean,—even taking these figures as correct, the German people, and the world in general, would be shocked by such a record of death and destruction, had any sort of normal perspective regarding the value of human life not been lost.

FOR what does the German high command admit? Read these figures over,—casualties in the army in only 60 days, totalling in round numbers 400,000, with over 84,000 dead and approximately 20,000 captured!

In other words since this Russian campaign started, German army casualties have averaged nearly 7000 a day,—day in and day out,—and this isn't what Moscow claims but what Berlin ADMITS.

THE official and acknowledged air force casualties are even more impressive.

German casualties in the air force in the same 60 days total approximately 7000,—with 3000 airmen completely wiped out,—dead or captured,—and about 4000 wounded, with undoubtedly a large portion of

these unable to resume the exacting service of the fighting air force.

WE repeat these figures may be,—undoubtedly are,—far below the truth, but take them as they are.

And what a picture of wholesale slaughter they present! What a lethal blow the clumsy muscle-bound Russian giant, (regarded in high command quarters in Berlin, three months ago, as such a push-over), has been able to deliver!

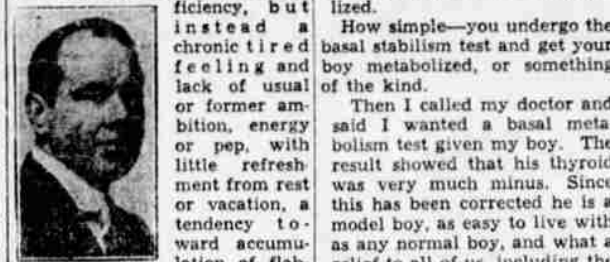
Personal Health Service

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.

WHEN THEY MOPE IN THEIR TEENS

Adults may not show goitre, as so many growing children do, as a manifestation of iodine deficiency, but instead a chronic tired feeling and lack of usual or former ambition, energy or pep, with little refreshment from rest or vacation, a tendency toward accumulation of flab by excess



weight (slack flesh), depression of spirits sometimes approaching melancholia, a change of temperament or disposition which children, relatives and friends cannot understand, premature aging, graying and falling of hair, poor circulation (cold hands and feet), mental torpor or slowness to see the point as compared with the individual's former wit.

Although many children from 10 to 15 years of age have simple goitre due to deficient intake of iodine in one form or another, some of them present also constitutional manifestations of iodine deficiency, and these constitutional manifestations are often not correctly interpreted, especially when the associated goitre or thyroid gland enlargement is so slight that it escapes notice.

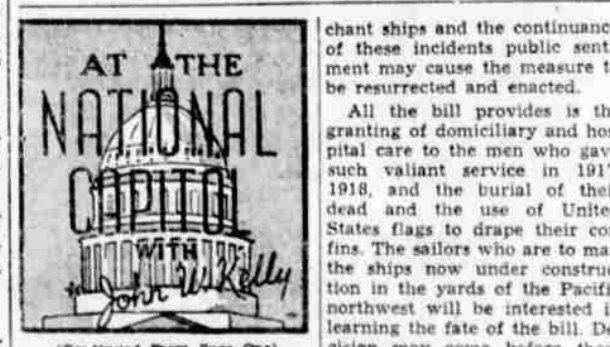
Darn it, I hoped to cite two illustrative cases today, but the best I can do now is to cite one.

Dear Doctor:

When my boy was 13 I took him to one doctor after another, complaining that he was high strung, irritable, hard to live with and did not do good school work. I had to live with him and I knew it was not normal for a boy to feel and behave as he did. But all the doctors told me that the boy was "all right."

By the time he had reached the age of 17 the boy had been branded as an irresponsible braggart and a dullard in school. Then I heard of another boy who had been given a basal metabolism test.

Oh, oh, again I'm afraid there won't be room to apologize for the metabolism test—if you have a real doctor within reach. In this instance, however, the machinery served to show the ineptitude in diagnosis which such machinery contributes to modern medicine.



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the islands of Wake, Midway, etc., are still in process of construction although a few planes have been dispatched to these stations.

IT has been denied, but there is reason to believe that overtures have been made to President Roosevelt by the Japanese ambassador. The story goes that the terms laid down by the administration are so severe that the Japanese are not likely to accept them. One item was that, if Japan agrees, it will receive all the raw materials it desires and requires to make that nation self-sustaining. With its large population of Japanese, the Pacific coast is probably more concerned with the eastern question and its settlement than with shooting on the Atlantic, as Japan has been such a highly important factor in the development of commerce in west coast ports.

HR 3318 has been introduced by Rep. R. J. Healey of Massachusetts to give a belated recognition to the sailors who served in the first world war on freighters. The bill has been in cold storage for months, but with the recent attacks on mer-

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

ONE of the interesting new developments of the East is the Pennsylvania Turnpike, running from Pittsburgh on the west to Harrisburg on the east, following an abandoned railroad right-of-way, tunneling under the low Alleghenies and so following an almost level grade, with long, easy curves.

It is four lanes wide. It is a "freeway"—that is to say, there are no intersecting roads, all such being bridged over it. Incoming traffic is admitted only from the right and at infrequent intervals, by means of "merging" lanes, meaning that such traffic comes in at a long angle and gradually merges with the traffic on the freeway.

Traffic leaves it, also, at infrequent intervals and only on the right, by similar devices.

It is a toll road, the charge for using it being one cent per mile.

Upon entering the Turnpike, you are given a ticket showing the point of entry. You pay upon leaving.

What you pay is based upon the number of miles traveled.

USE of the Turnpike is strictly a voluntary choice, as there are free roads practically paralleling it all the way.

This fact is immediately apparent.

The toll turnpike is heavily used. The paralleling free roads are relatively vacant.

That seems to indicate that people regard it as a good bargain.

THIS indication is further buttressed by the fact that trucks and busses use it heavily. Such vehicles are obviously not paying the toll merely as a novelty or as a legal opportunity for a burst of speed.

The natural conclusion is that they use it because it is cheaper, everything considered, than using the free roads beside it.

AS to speed, the limit on the Turnpike is 70 miles, and except for the tunnel zones there is no point where a speed of 70 miles cannot be safely maintained by a reasonably experienced and expert driver with a car in good condition.

Through the tunnels there are only two lanes. There the speed limit is about 30 miles, depending on the particular tunnel.

The four lanes of the open highway are divided in the center, two lanes on each side of the division,—thus removing the hazard of an oncoming car getting over the center line.

It might seem a natural conclusion that the Turnpike, with its cent-a-mile toll charge, would be used principally by speed fiends, eager to get away from the congested free roads and get a thrill out of pushing the throttle to the floor.

As a matter of fact, this writer's car, traveling at normal Western open-road speeds, was passed only 13 times in the 130 miles between Pittsburgh and Carlisle. The bulk of the traffic moved at speeds well under the 70-mile limit. There was no sign anywhere of "nut" speeding.

AA offices and other travel agencies advise using the Turnpike as a time-saving device. They say that at a conservative estimate two hours can be saved between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg—a distance of 165 miles.

The estimate is quite conservative. These eastern roads are to a Far Westerner unbelievably congested. From Fort Wayne, Ind., eastward, they are crooked. Considering the traffic they carry, they are narrow.

The approaches to important cities are not widened to four lanes, as is rather general in the West. Even with by-pass routes, which are practically universal, towns and cities delay the through traveler seriously.

The Turnpike saves all this delay.

THE Pennsylvania Turnpike, it appears to this writer, is a sort of transportation guinea pig, whose purpose is to find out what Eastern people want in the way of highways and what they are willing to pay to use them.

If the admittedly sketchy and casual observation involved in driving over it once is accurate, one would say unhesitatingly that the cent-a-mile toll is no deterrent.

Heavy travel on the Turnpike and relatively light travel on the free roads going in the

same direction and to the same points seem to prove that.

WPA and RFC put 30-odd millions into the Turnpike venture. The state of Pennsylvania put in the rest. If the cent a mile pays out satisfactorily, it seems likely that the toll turnpike system will be greatly extended in the East.

It is, of course, an institution well suited to the needs of the congested East and not at all suited to the open West.

The War Today

(This daily feature, conducted by DeWitt MacKenzie, is written today by Fred Vander Schmidt.)

The Ukrainian breakthrough which the Germans appear to have accomplished at the close of three months of warfare may or may not be the Red army's Sedan; it will take but a little time to show whether the Russians' special genius for resistance can stop and smother the German columns now reaching for the Donets and Don basins, or whether the defending armies will scatter like autumn leaves before the wind, as did the armies of France.

To get this great military movement roughly in American geographic perspective, one can turn the map of the United States counter-clockwise until the Pacific ocean rests on the bottom, the Atlantic on top. The active front runs from Detroit to the western Nebraska border.

Thus the Canadian border becomes roughly the reich frontier; Detroit becomes Leningrad; St. Louis is Moscow.

Now one finds that Omaha (Kiev) has been stormed and entered by the invader after a two months' siege; moreover, and more important, the enemy has broken through on both sides of Omaha, fording the Platte and Missouri rivers and is advancing on a 75-mile front deep into Kansas, its panzer columns groping at Wichita (Kharkov).

From here the invading armies may branch, one plunging on into the rich states of Oklahoma and Texas, the other turning to outflank St. Louis (Moscow). All this while industrial Detroit (Leningrad), besieged by land and lake, under constant fire of the invaders' cannon.

That is about as far as this crude comparison can be carried. On the actual map of Russia, the main threat is to the vital industries of the Donets and Don basins, to the Caucasus, even to the supply route from Persia, over which the western lands hope to send the material which Russia needs to replace the sinews she has lost.

It is not fair, however, to assume at this time that the Germans will be able to continue the sweep eastward and one cannot even accept as a fact the German contention that the four Red armies surrounded east of Kiev are immobilized.

Winter, too, is very near; for Germans, yet another winter in which their soldiers will die far away from the homes to which they are bound by all the ties of Germanic tradition.

It is perhaps significant that the German high command issued its first casualty figures only when it had a cascade of success reports to cover them up.

TRAGEDY

Portland, Sept. 20.—(P)—Four-month-old Francis Edward Singleton suffocated in his crib last night when his mother, Mrs. Frank Singleton, Portland, was absent for five minutes at a neighbor's house. Physicians said a heavy cold contributed to the tragedy.

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Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

September 21, 1931

(It was Monday)

Hugh Hume, noted editor of Portland "Spectator" passes.

Sen. Brookhart of Iowa urges public works to relieve unemployment. Democrats oppose, claiming nation is becoming "relief conscious."

Col. Lindbergh and wife to visit China interior despite war alarms.

Oregon State beats Williamette, 76 to 0, in first football game; Ashland high defeats Weed, 21 to 0, in opening game. State college shows enough "power to be Rose Bowl contender."

German fliers, missing a week in Atlantic flight, found on Newfoundland coast.

Great Britain suspends gold standard and closes stock exchange in money crisis.

Hunter shoots brother for deer in Tillamook hills.

Democrats urge light wines and beer in 1932 platform.

Fair and clear with high of 72, and low of 39 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 21, 1921

(It was Wednesday)

Explosion in Oppau, Germany industrial city on the Rhine, kills a thousand and wipes out town.

Gen. John J. Pershing, army commander-in-chief during the world war, lands in France of return visit.

San Francisco high school girls vote against wearing "peek-a-boo" waists.

Whereabouts of Roy Gardner, escaped mail bandit from McNeill's Island, still a mystery to police and public.

Summer regulations for water users lifted.

County W.C.T.U. passes resolution attacking lax prohibition enforcement.

Espee freight agent estimated 1,114 cars of fruit will be shipped from valley.

Indian summer arrives with a high of 78, and a low of 64 degrees.

12 British Warships Now in U. S. Harbors

Washington, Sept. 20.—(P)—The navy department announced today that 12 British warships, including the battleship Warspite, were now in United States ports for repairs, provisioning, or other purposes.

In addition to these, the department disclosed under a new publicity policy, there were several other British craft also in American harbors but it was not deemed feasible to make public any information concerning them at this time.

The Warspite was reported by the navy to be at Bremerton, Wash.

ASSESSORS ELECT

Klamath Falls, Sept. 20.—(P)—Oregon assessors went into the final day of their convention here today after electing Welby Stevens of Lane county president for next year and naming Eugene the convention city. Tom Watson, Portland, was elected vice-president and D. W. Davis, Pendleton, was re-elected secretary.

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