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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The rain came, the roofs leaked, West Main Street was a boiling torrent, and basements were flooded, reminding many again, the city needs a storm sewer system more than a scenic road to the top of Roxy Ann to see the moon come up, and roast a social welnwurst.

Old Marshal Petain of France was up to his current sanctimonious cussedness back in 1918, and would have betrayed the Allies then, had not General Foch had his way, and squelched the alleged Hero of Verdun, according to an analysis of foreign affairs by Pertinax, one of the better commentators. It was Petain's notion to put the British troops in the hole in the Peronne sector, while he concentrated his own reserves, and bullheadedly refused to listen to reason. Instructions the old fellow issued his generals aroused suspicions, and they nipped his trickery. Gen. Weyand, recently deposed as North African commander, kept a diary covering these events, from which he will write his memoirs. They should be interesting readings, when published, for those angered by a recent news photograph of Nazi nabobs refusing to shake hands with "Old" Petain.

EXCUSE, PLEASE!
(Sheridan, Ore., Sun)

"In reporting a social item last week an error in casting the line got by the proof reader and read 'Mr. and Mrs. Nicol McIntyre,' when it should have read only 'Mr. McIntyre.' Mr. McIntyre is not married and resents being placed in the columns of the Beneditus. We are sorry the error occurred and offer our apology to all concerned."

Sen. McNary brands the New Deal price control bill, as passed by the House as "toothless and timorous." The esteemed Capital-Journal lauds the senior statesman for hitting the nail on the head. The paper adds the same phrase describes the administration labor policy, which is also whacking the nail where it will do the most good.

The first batch of All-American football probabilities have been picked. It includes one F. Albert of Stanford. The honor must have been accorded because the gent, against California last Saturday, from all accounts and a few pictures, spent as much time seated as up-right.

A citizen showed up yes, after six weeks in the hills, and was mistaken for a stray third baseman from a House of David team.

The Pacific crisis "is still being weighed," Tokyo and Washington dispatches say. At times it looks like a fine Italian hand, was on the scales.

The Nazi armies are fleeing from Rostov, "the spigot of Russia," as if they were hit in the head with the bungstarter. This is hailed as the most momentous event since France swooned, by pre-arrangement. This, the nation is warned, should not be viewed with too much optimism. Germany is only getting the hell licked out of her pride, so why be cheerful. The people should patiently wait for another batch of pessimistic propaganda, and swallow it whole and bravely.

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War End Within Twelve Months Is Cautious Prediction, If U. S. Reaches Munitions Output Goal

By DeWitt Mackenzie
Wide World War Analyst

There seems to be a cautious but growing feeling that the European war may be finished in another twelve months, the latest to venture this thought being New York's mayor La Guardia, who told the senate naval affairs committee yesterday that he expected the war day that he expected the war to attain production goals and saw that supplies were delivered where needed.

Such a prediction is too happy a day to pass by in these days of worry. Also it is both pleasing and encouraging for this column to have the support of such a personage as the head-man of the world's tallest city. We ventured the view long ago, and have repeated it, that the trend of events indicated the possibility of peace some time next year—though we emphasized that this obviously wasn't any certainty.

Roosevelt Also Cited As Hopeful

As a matter of fact I suspect that one even higher than his honor gave us a lead on this subject last Saturday night. I refer to President Roosevelt's "little silent prayer" during his belated Thanksgiving dinner at the Georgia Warm Springs foundation. Referring to the folk of the countries at war he said:

"I think we can offer up a little silent prayer that these people will be able to hold next year a Thanksgiving more like an American Thanksgiving. That is something to dream about, perhaps."

Now I don't know exactly what was in the chief executive's mind, but some thought he was holding out at least a glimmer of hope for an early peace. True, in almost the same breath he said "it is always possible that our boys in the military and naval academies (he had been talking about football) may be fighting for the defense of these American institutions of ours." However, it's good to believe that he was thinking of peace and that his qualification was merely the action of a wise man to emphasize that no categorical prediction could be made regarding the length of the war.

Resources Play Main War Role

This isn't a war of tanks and bombers alone. The terrific power of the Nazi fighting machine as it has crushed and ground countries beneath its overwhelming weight has rather blinded us to other factors, and no wonder. Battle fields must play their awful part in the solution, but this war fundamentally is one of resources.

We have a Germany in the heart of a continent which is bottled up—almost wholly cut off from the outside world. Continental Europe isn't self-contained, as this column more than once has stressed, and in itself is unable to support a total war such as Herr Hitler is waging.

The strength with which he started is steadily lessening, for lack of replacements. The resources of those continental countries about him are rapidly disappearing, or have almost altogether vanished. Meantime Britain and her allies, and the United States with its all-out aid, are growing in striking power by leaps and bounds.

If two and two make four, then the fuhrer must break out of his encirclement to fresh resources. The crimson flash of great guns and the roar of exploding bombs may distract our attention from that fact, but they cannot altogether alter it.

Germany's Big Five in Far East Trying To Gain China Peace

Manila, P. I., Dec. 3.—(P)—Adolf Hitler's five key leaders in the far east are getting together at Shanghai to stimulate their offensive aiming at peace between Japan and China, according to foreign intelligence reports.

The Germans are reported here to be anxious to patch up an understanding so that Japan's resources in men and weapons may be turned elsewhere against Germany's enemies.

The five nazi representatives involved in the conferences are reported to be Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, former consul general at San Francisco who has taken up a similar post at Tientsin; Christian Zinsser, acting consul general at Shanghai; Ernst Wendler, minister at Bangkok, Thailand; Maj. Gen. Eugen Ott, ambassador in Tokyo, and Heinrich Georg Stahmer, formerly a special envoy to Tokyo who is now the ambassador to Japan's puppet regime at Nanking.

Weather
Northern California: Clearing and much cooler tonight, with fog in low prices; Thursday fair; strong northwest wind, decreasing tonight off coast.

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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.

THEY DON'T CONTROL THE EXHALATION

How do singers control the exhalation? (asks a correspondent) I have your pamphlet on



Belly Breathing, but have trouble controlling my breath in singing (I am a student of voice). I wonder if you can tell me exactly what happens. If, as you say, you merely let the diaphragm go back naturally, there isn't much CONTROL and breath rushes right out of the lungs when you sing. How much depends on how tightly the vocal cords are stretched? Perhaps the control is in these small muscles around the vocal cords?

I don't expect you to be a vocal expert, Doctor, but you must understand the physiology of breathing and you probably know that SINGING IS DONE BY BREATHING UNNATURALLY. There seems to be endless confusion about this in the minds of vocal experts, and little light on it in books on voice.

If I take a good even deep breath in the way you describe and then sing I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO CONCENTRATE SO THE BREATH WILL NOT RUSH OUT TOO QUICKLY FOR GOOD PHRASING.

Recently I bought a book by a man named... who teaches just the opposite to your BELLY BREATHING—he puts all emphasis on exhaling and pays no attention at all to inhaling. Funny world. (A. K.)

Although I (O! Doc Brady) am not a voice expert and never even sing in the bathtub—for that matter I have no use at all for bathtubs—I imagine control of exhalation is of vital importance to a singer.

Whether that is so or not, there can be no question that a fundamental knowledge of the physiology of breathing is indispensable in the training of a singer, and such knowledge should be based on anatomy.

It stands to reason that one who has learned to breathe naturally (as the untutored savage or the animal breathes), or one who has unlearned bad breathing habits by faithful practice of Belly Breathing exercise, is more apt a pupil than is a novice with the customary faulty breathing habit who wishes to learn to sing.

BELLY BREATHING exercise (instructions on request if

Do growing children and adults as well as infants get as much benefit from canned milk as from fresh milk?—Mrs. N. C.

Answer—I prefer fresh milk, either Certified raw or Grade A raw from tuberculin tested and Bang-tested cows.

Cooking in Paper.
Tying foods in (a special kind of paper) before cooking is said to preserve valuable minerals and vitamins. Do you recommend it?—Mrs. D. R. F.

Answer—It prevents some loss of vitamins and minerals which are dissolved in the water or juices and thrown away in cooking water. For example, Yes, I recommend such cooking, especially if it gives improved flavor.

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No one has proved exactly how radical Mr. Henderson is at present, but a large majority in congress is suspicious about giving him control of the nation's business. Long in circulation have been the whispers that he was at least once a fellow traveler. Old also are the stories that his division is filled with assistants whose arm-in-arm fellowship with left wing ideals is more evident. Whatever degree of truth lies in these congressional murmurings, Mr. Roosevelt's price control effort was lost in the house primarily because he did not offer someone with an economic reputation like Baruch to lead it.

This situation inspired the second circumstance: In order to get any bill through on the subject, the administration had to accept foolish or divergent opposition amendments, openly saying the senate would correct these later.

THERE is no reason to expect much from the senate, unless those citizens who want to avoid the national destruction of inflation (Mr. Roosevelt said it would ruin the defense program) bring more pressure than was evident in the house. Inflationist Senator Elmer Thomas, for instance, is talking about an amendment which would bring 30 to 40 cent cotton. The Republicans are still split. Although prices and the cost of living to the average man are rising every day, there is to be no hurry. The leaders say the bill is not to come to the floor until after January 1. And the senators distrust Henderson's economic tendencies as much as does the house.

PHONEST of all defense-era legislation is the one passed by the house, still laughingly called a "price control bill." It fooled no one, least of all the political pressure groups which sponsored it (the cotton bloc and the inflationists). They readily confessed it would not accomplish its only purpose and stop inflation.

Such a legal hodge-podge would never have passed the house, however, if two peculiar background circumstances had not arisen. One was the political personality of Leon Henderson, price control man for Mr. Roosevelt, who expects to head the new setup in one way or another. The real fight against a good bill, was made on him, and largely in the cloakrooms.

KILLED ON CROSSING
Dallas, Ore., Dec. 3.—(P)—Lynn Palanuk, 3, daughter of Mrs. Eloise Palanuk of Sheridan, was killed last night when a car driven by Robert Lewis, William, collided with a logging train two miles west of Dallas. Lewis was seriously injured.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Veteran Pension Before Senate

Soldier Travel Pay Is Sought

La Guardia Faces Styrmie on Funds

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Having passed the house of representatives with little or no attention being attracted, the senate has for consideration two bills which will add another five billion dollars to the veterans of world war No. 1 and their dependants. In the past 22 years the government has paid out to the veteran groups almost eight billion dollars in pensions and bonuses. Veterans now residing in the Pacific northwest number approximately 100,000. Under one of these two measures every veteran would receive \$40 a month on reaching the age of 65, automatically. This would represent in pensions in the northwest \$4,000,000 a year, which is not a bad payroll.

Criticism of the proposed legislation has been almost nil, although one objector speaking for the American Veterans association, organized 10 years ago, declared that the A.V.A. while strongly championing increased pensions for veterans with service connected disabilities and dependants of those who have died of war wounds or service connected causes, opposes pensions for veterans who passed through the war without injury.

AMERICAN Legion legislative lobbyist and Veterans of Foreign Wars are urging enactment of the two measures, with the assertion that care of veterans and their dependants is part of national defense. Vocal opponents assert that the proposal is "the Townsend plan in uniform."

Veterans administration reports casualties of the first war as: Killed in action 35,931, died of wounds 14,785, wounded 205,890, deaths due to other causes 122,558; total 173,274. Living beneficiaries: Service connected veterans 349,285, dependants 97,489; non-service connected veterans 69,425, dependants 89,970; total 536,724.

Under H. R. 4, a widow of a veteran would have her pension increased from \$12 to \$56 a month. Under this proposal a girl not born until after the war could marry a 90-day veteran and become a widow before she was 20 years old and draw \$56 a month for the rest of her life.

Surviving veterans and their dependants probably number 18,000,000 by this time all of them eligible, eventually, for federal assistance under the two proposals. Later there will be pensions proposed for the men now in service (at present more than 2,000,000 in army, navy and marine corps), and this number is expected by insiders at the national capital to reach at least ten million in uniform before the duration is over and the time comes for settling up.

One argument for the legislation is that the increasing cost of living amounts to a reduction in the pensions now paid and there should be an adjustment to meet this situation. The house approved the bill without hesitation, having a wholesome respect for the veteran vote. Senate may take the same view. Estimate has been made that pensions will be paid to World War No. 1 veterans until 1990; dependants until the year 2000.

RESPONDING to a demand from parents, a bill has been offered to have the government furnish travel pay for soldiers who will have a furlough during the holidays. It will probably be killed. A surprising number of parents in Washington and Oregon have written in support of the measure and, incidentally, several hundred boys from the northwest are in outfits in the east.

The holiday movement is expected to place the heaviest strain on the carriers in the past 20-odd years and army officers and railroad officials are now working on plans to take the boys home and back again. The

18 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



entire movement will require one month and it is estimated that more than 50 per cent of the 1,000,000 soldiers will be granted the privilege of returning home for a few days.

FUNDS for air raid defense in northwest communities will be distributed by Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war, if the recommendation of the military committee of the house is adopted. This would be a turn down for Florella H. La Guardia, who has been placed in charge of civilian defense by the president. La Guardia applied to the committee for a substantial appropriation for this work and the committee agreed, only instead of giving \$100,000,000 to La Guardia (formerly a member of the house to which he was once elected as a socialist) the committee decided the secretary of war, a Republican, should handle the money. Some of the appropriation will be used to pay salaries to members of La Guardia's organization.

Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 3, 1931
(It was Thursday)
Sens. Borah and Norris, independents, open war on Sen. Moses for calling them "sons of the wild jackass."

Six veterans to report for first basketball practice at high school. Two were George Harrington and Wilton White.

Sheriff office files murder charges against Albert W. Reed, Paul McQuade and Lee Jackson for murder of Ashland policeman. None of the trio are under arrest.

Cloudy weather. High 53, low 37 degrees.

Bill Morgan, former high school star, only Oregon player to be named on all-coast conference team.

Clarence Pankey forges to front in Elks billiard tournament.

Virgil Earl, New York economist, "fears great boom in business early next year."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 3, 1921
(It was Saturday)
Fights at Nat draw small crowd that shows no enthusiasm.

"Buy-a-brick-a-week" for the building of new church started by Baptists.

Trigonia oil drilling resumes, and traces of paraffine are found.

George Porter, Raymond Reed, Ralph Bardwell and Dr. C. T. Sweeney are initiated into Shrine at Ashland ceremonial.

Porter J. Neff to deliver memorial address at Elks services tomorrow.

Rain predicted. High 57, low 29 degrees.

E-Kaiser in exile to wed widow of officer killed in war.

Jury in case of Roscoe Arbuckle, movie comedian, unable to agree and is discharged. Woman member claims she was intimidated.

MORE AUTOS
Salem, Dec. 3.—(P)—About 450,000 vehicles will be registered in Oregon during 1942. Secretary of State Earl Snell said today. The 1941 registration was 437,000. Snell said 1942 license plates are being mailed immediately on receipt of applications. The new plates may be used beginning December 15.

Winter Pears Grow On Artificial Trees At Big Food Shows

Seattle—(Spl.)—Roy Webster's famous December-bearing pear trees are at the important business of amusing easterners again, this time at Cincinnati's Hotel Gibson, where a local chain of independent grocers is putting on a food show. Webster, eastern manager for the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau, believes in a bit of humor (plus western scenery) so he ties fresh pears on artificial trees for pear bureau food show booths. After attracting the crowd with western beauty, he applies the pear slicer to a fine, ripe Bosc pear and passes out juicy, fragrant, flavorful samples of winter pears to thousands.

"Some of these eastern grocers don't know a pear from a sweet potato," reports Webster to E. R. Pooley, president-manager of the pear bureau, "so we had attractive signs painted, naming pear variety, and season when most plentiful, and hung these over boxes of Bosc, Anjou, Comice and Forelles."

A special glove developed by the quartermaster corps combines two gloves, one of knitted wool which fits inside a leather glove.

The modern Betsy Ross still sews at the Philadelphia quartermaster depot, where all the flags used by the United States army are made.

Although a wool shortage is not expected, the quartermaster corps is experimenting with cloth containing various percentages of rayon and reworked wool.

The world's shortest railroad, a 25-foot stretch of track in Wyoming over which trains never run, is used to instruct quartermaster corps trainees in safe driving.

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