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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Today America is at war with Japan, whose armed forces in a surprise attack early Sunday poured death and destruction upon Hawaii, even as their envoys professed a desire for peace in what now can be recognized as false negotiations. Professions of good-will were a mask for treachery. Nothing else matters now but final victory, full and complete, in a bloody task we did not seek, and tried to avoid. In their treachery the Tokyo militarists were schooled by Berlin, and they were willing anxious pupils. As members of the Axis with Italy and Germany, Japan must pay with them for their folly, when the might of the democracies unleashed in righteous and courageous wrath batters them into national helplessness, and pleading for the justice, they ignored in their lust for world domination. The world cannot get along with the ruthless and unholly trio. So the world would set as its goal, a solemn covenant to get along without them when the fury subsides. They should be reduced to the status of vassal and criminal states, forever disarmed and living under the rules and regulations of their conquerors. War is terrible and atrocious. The next peace terms should be built along the same lines for the aggressors. At the peace tables this time, let there be no need paid to idealistic whippers about a brotherhood of man, and a dream world ruled by sentiment. Peace terms as terrible and atrocious as war, as civilization's guarantee in another twenty years it will be engaged in World War Three.

Portland police have launched a drive against juvenile autoists whose vehicles are heir to all the ills that can beset a mechanical device. The objective is driving safety. The offenses and the offenders are many, but as yet no youth has been caught walking to school.

The anguished wails emanating from California sports commentators, in disgust over the selection by OSC of Duke as their Rose Bowl opponent, indicates the classic should be rechristened the Crab Apple Bowl.

POWER OF SUGGESTION

NY, Herald-Tribune)

"In walked Weiss and they offered him a sandwich," he said.

Judge Taylor cleared his throat.

"That reminds me, Mr. Turkus," he said. "The court will recess for lunch."

Texas lambasted Oregon 71 to 7, and it was one of the most excruciating and flabbergasting catastrophes on the gridiron since the sinking of the Maine, and Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in a Chicago barn in 1873. Nothing—not even a New Deal notion—ever made such a pathetic fizzle.

It is odd but true, according to the census, that there are more men with wives in the United States than there are women with husbands. The explanation is that many male immigrants have wives who do not accompany them to this country.

Total state government debt rose from \$270 million in 1902 to \$3,505 million in 1940, according to the census bureau.

Paper towels produced in American factories last year weighed 129,105 tons.

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It's War to the Death!

So it's war,—a SHOOTING war!—a war to the death!

And instead of in the Atlantic, it's the Pacific,—a sudden air bombing attack on Manila and Honolulu by Japan.

It was a poker game all right. But Japan wasn't bluffing. If Uncle Sam was bluffing, he has been called.

So the fat is in the fire for keeps,—not only war but probably a long one, and a costly one both in lives and treasure.

TO the country at large this sudden attack came like a bolt from the blue,—should it now prove to be another Orson Welles broadcast,—that mythical invasion from Mars,—we doubt if the rank and file would be greatly surprised.

For this is unbelievable, incredible, such a thing just couldn't happen. War might come EVENTUALLY, but an air attack by Japan on Pearl Harbor,—according to all reports that couldn't be done,—it just wasn't in the cards.

ONLY a week ago, the present writer was in Washington, talking with a certain high official in the government and the question of war with Japan came up.

Not only did that official doubt that Japan would ever allow war with this country to come about, but he declared most emphatically, that Japan could never bomb Honolulu, except via airplane carrier, and a Japanese carrier couldn't live for 60 minutes within gun range of Hawaii.

He also declared,—and his statement presumably was based upon the best American military and naval authority,—that Japan far from being a first rate naval power, was second or third, her gunnery poor, her air force pathetically weak, while her island was so vulnerable to sea and air attack, that Britain and the United States could blow her out of the water within six weeks.

WE don't maintain, that view was the official army, navy or even administration view, but we do know this:

For the past few years we have been in Washington frequently, have talked with navy and army officials, and have heard the Pacific problem discussed several times by President Roosevelt in his press conferences, and from these discussions, we gained a very similar impression namely:

That the weakness of the Japanese air fleet and the distance of Japanese air bases, made any air attack on Hawaii practically out of the question, while the island was so far from Japanese sea bases, that the Nippon fleet would never dare come within shooting distance of Honolulu, as long as the American and British fleets were intact.

SO it is difficult for us to believe the report from Washington that this attack on Honolulu was expected, and had been expected for a week.

We do not doubt, the fleet and the army in Hawaii, were PREPARED for an undeclared war by Japan,—that has been the Japanese technique for two generations,—and it would be the obvious duty of both general staffs to be ready for such an eventuality and such an attack, but,—

We can hardly believe that the attack from the air coming as it did, when it did, did not have for the general staffs as well as for the people of the country, the element of surprise,—and a shocking one.

THE reports of the situation, as this is written, are too meagre and fragmentary, to justify any conclusions, one way or the other, as to just how the first conflict between this country and the yellow race is going.

There is, however, no doubt whatever, as far as this department is concerned as to the ultimate outcome. We have no doubt the war will be a long one, probably far longer than most American experts predict, but as we see it, Japan CAN'T win,—she simply hasn't got what it takes.

Meanwhile as the shooting war BEGINS, we welcome with relief and rejoicing the END of certain regrettable phenomena in our daily life,—namely:

The end of Lindbergh speeches.
The end of Messrs. Wheeler, Nye, Clark, et al.
The end of "America First."
The end of make-believe, pretense and hypocrisy.

The end of having one foot in the war and the other out.

The end of national confusion and disunity.

The beginning of national harmony, solidarity and a firm, uncompromising concentration upon OFFENSE!



PASSINGEST PASSER—In "civvie" after a strenuous gridiron season, Wilson "Bud" Schwenk, halfback at Washington national college record for pass completions. His mark for the season was 103, and that's a lot of passes for the book. A senior, Schwenk measures 6'1" and tips the scales at 195 pounds.

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.

INJURY OF KNEE CARTILAGE

Loose cartilage in the knee attacks occur the only chance of cure is operation. Locking of the knee, despite common belief, occurs in only one case out of three.

The age of 29 years seems to be the average age in most cases of injury of knee cartilage. Most patients are somewhat overweight, undermuscular, wide-shouldered. Drs. Cravener and MacElroy found that injuries of the semilunar cartilage occurred in nearly 50 percent of the women students in a popular college of physical education.

Most common symptoms are knee pain, instability, swelling, pain on rotation of bent knee, tenderness over joint, limitation of motion in knee, pain on side-wise motion of knee, presence of a palpable mass, whether movable or not.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Postcard Received
I request a pamphlet on "Head Noises and Deafness." (M. S.)
Answer—For the pamphlet send a stamped envelope bearing your address. I will furnish the information or advice. You pay the freight.
Whooping Cough
How long after contact with a person having the whooping-cough does it take to develop? (C.W.N.)
Answer—From a week to ten days. If it develops you should see the person who gave it to you. A few drops of whooping-cough vaccine ("vaccine") even after infection may moderate the severity of the attack. Children and others who receive the vaccine before they are exposed to infection may escape the attack or have only a mild attack.Gain Weight
Please repeat the information about dried powdered egg yolk for putting on weight. (H. J.)
Answer—You will find that and other suggestions in the pamphlet "How to Gain Weight"—for copy send a stamped envelope bearing your address.Vitamin E
What is vitamin E and what foods contain it? (Mrs. J. R.)
Answer—It is a vitamin present in the oil of fat of wheat germ and in corn embryo. The oil obtained by cold-pressing the germ. Corn oil and cottonseed oil contain vitamin E. Cod liver oil contains none. Leafy green vegetables contain plenty. Vitamin E probably promotes fertility in animals. It is unknown whether it has any essential function in human nutrition, the some physicians believe it may help to prevent miscarriage, and it possibly helps to arrest or benefit amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (spinal cord degeneration with paralysis) in young persons.(Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.)
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THE Jap threat to go into Thailand failed to arouse highly authoritative shudders here from the beginning of the Kurusu-Roosevelt conversations. Mr. Roosevelt's military men saw the venture as a hazardous undertaking from the Tokyo standpoint and could not believe the Japs would be foolish enough to try it—or would win if they did.

To sustain such an invasion, the Japs would have to maintain a ship supply line past the British stronghold at Hongkong and near a substantial concentration of American bombers at the Philippine island of Luzon. The only ultimate objective of the invasion was to bring the Japs closer to the Burma road, but they have long been within bombing range in Indo-China. For some publicly unexplained reason, however, they have not taken full advantage of their position. The truth was they have been short of gasoline and have been trying to accumulate enough to make their Indo-China position worth while.

Land action would be focused upon two Thailand points. One column would move from Hanoi up the river straight for the Burma road. The other would drive toward Bangkok from Saigon. The southern drive would bring the Japs within range of British bombers from Singapore.

THAILAND has 80,000 regulars and 300,000 reserves, ill-equipped by even Japanese standards, and could not hold long. But if Thailand gave the British lend-lease rights to the Bangkok airfield, the Japs would meet chesty opposition. The northern drive might get close enough to hang a Japanese lantern on the Burma road, and possibly even cut that line, but Chiang Kai Shek has had plenty of opportunity to protect it with anti-aircraft fire and planes. Also he has been developing other outlets to the world. Loss of the road would not be decisive now.

THE latest official inside check on the Jap army gives it only about 2,000,000 men trained and equipped, with another 2,000,000 trained but not equipped. This stacks up grimly against our own plans

for an immediate army of 1,800,000, but the Japs are already facing an awe-inspiring number of Chinese.

SENATORS have been astonished to receive letters from some local union officials out in their states praising the courage of the house in enacting a strong defense against strikes. Names are not to be used by the senators, for fear of embarrassing the officials, but the approval from this unexpected quarter is having an effect.

The National A. F. of L. and C. I. O. legislative men, however, have been working on the other side of the senate fence, and a modified senate bill is in prospect. The final form of the legislation will be written later in conference between the two houses, and no one can yet guess what that will be.

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In senate and house office buildings and in the corridors groups of labor lobbyists have been buttonholing legislators and telling them in no uncertain terms what labor does not want. They leave the member with the information that an election is coming next year and that labor will remember those who vote for restrictions. These tactics were successful once before, when CIO boasted, in its publication, that the organization had defeated unfriendly legislation.

What will govern public sentiment, according to the congressmen, is the matter of taxes. Some think the new deal will tax itself out of office; that voters will resent the heavy levies and will display their resentment at the first opportunity—the 1942 primaries and election.

Full impact of the income taxes will not be realized by the average citizen until March 15. In Oregon the primaries will be two months later; in Washington next summer, when the taxes will be worse than in March. Immediately after the new year the ways and means committee will take up plans for a new tax measure, applying to 1942 incomes. President Roosevelt wishes the committee to whip the new bill into shape, have it passed and start the new year with a whale of a tax. This he has discussed with committee men, who have been hanging back because they wished to learn the reaction to the 1941 taxes.

IN addition to the tax to be paid next March, congressmen are wondering what northwest constituents will think of the various government restrictions imposed by federal agencies. The lumber business, normally the largest in that region, is flat on its back because of a "ceiling" on dwellings and office buildings and this has resulted in idleness in many sawmill communities. Ships have been taken away by the maritime commission, thereby dislocating the shipping business from long-shoremen to farmers. The hardware stores can not buy new stocks; the several hundred metal-working plants are on their last legs because they can not obtain subcontracts of defense orders. Automobile dealers, financing companies, dealers in washing machines and vacuum cleaners are being injured by curtailment of supplies; credit is being held to a minimum. Women must pay more for beauty treatments, for cosmetics and things for the home.

All these are items affecting personally thousands of residents of the northwest and the resentment will be reflected at the polls. It is recognized that national defense and the billions for lend-lease can only be paid by taxes, but on top of these income taxes the administration is seeking ways to take money from the people, having the boss take it out of the pay envelope as compulsory savings; take more away by increasing the payroll taxes for old age assistance and unemployment compensation.

4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

"REMEMBER—CANDY FOR SIS"



more attractive than the few dollars a month from SSB. Certain industries which have an age limit (40 years, regardless of the position or how long men have worked for the company) have been forced to revise this practice. The 18 to 30 group is wanted by airplane factories, the navy, the army, the CCC and NYA, the shipyards, the munitions plants. There are not enough of the 18 to 30 group to go around and industry has had to take older men.

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Farmers need "priority ratings" only for purchases of special classes of machinery not ordinarily used for farming, such as heavy duty electric motors.

A naval commission from the Continental Congress to Captain Samuel Nichols of the marines, dated Nov. 28, 1775, was the first issued to any naval officer during the revolution.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 8, 1931

Wyoming university students walk out when during campus dance president peeks in parked autos, who charges an intermission "was taken solely to pet and drink."

Twelve western senators balk at Sen. Moses being named president pro tempe of senate, because he called some of them "sons of the wild jackass."

Williams Creek Grange elects George Fields master. Emmett Nealon is similarly honored by Sams Valley Grange.

Three Democratic candidates for sheriff in field before snow files.

Chamber of commerce fights drastic cut in county library fund by budget committee.

Still cloudy and unsettled. High 44, low 38.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 8, 1921

Government announces it will tolerate no disorder in packing house strike.

Annual sale of Christmas seals starts.

Japan okays 5-53 naval agreement with Britain, France and America.

Submarine S-48 sticks in New York harbor mud during dive and crew is saved.

Cooler weather. High 38, low 25 degrees.

War brutally hearing begun before senate.

Sen. Borah urges re-writing of Versailles treaty to insure world peace.

Drill breaks and Trigonolia oil well work halted again.

Ye Poets Corner

"Our Little Home Boy"

Us kids had a dear, kind brother Our folks had a wonderful son. He was drafted into the army At the age of twenty-one.

I'll never forget the night he left

The time we all had to part

It was awful hard to say good-bye

It almost broke our hearts.

He was always such a "home" boy

He never cared to roam

And I know he's wishing right today

That he was safe at home.

He thought the world of his dear old dad

As he was always such a pal

And he thought a lot of all us kids.

His sweet mother was his gal.

We miss him at home an awful lot

He helped make our home so gay

And I know the dear Lord in Heaven

Will send him back some day.

—By Wilda Beddingfield and dedicated to her brother, Laurel L. Beddingfield.

NOTICE

This is to give notice that we will sell for cash the following described articles which have been stored in our warehouse for more than a year past. The proceeds of said sale to be used to satisfy our claim for storage due on said articles.

1 wooden box household goods and 1 paper carton household goods. All above articles belong to Mrs. Robert Kelly.

Also, 1 trunk, 1 wash tub and contents, 1 wood chest, 2 wooden boxes fruit, 5 paper cartons fruit, 3 paper cartons clothes. All above articles belong to C. J. Baglien.

Also, 2 trunks, 1 cream can, 1 stove, 1 box glassware, 3 boxes cooking utensils, 1 hand tool box, 1 high chair, 1 child rocker, and other miscellaneous articles. All above articles belong to Jack Overstreet.

Also, 5 boxes household goods, 7 chairs, 1 buck saw, 1 lawn mower, 1 bed bedding, 1 barrel tools, 1 red complete, 3 tables, 4 rugs, 1 trunk, 1 dresser, 1 oil heater, 1 wood range, 1 phonograph, 1 wood heater, and other miscellaneous supplies. All above articles belong to Ora L. Barnett.

Sale will be held at our warehouse, corner 4th and Front streets, Medford, Oregon, Tuesday, December 23rd, 1941, at 9 A. M.

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