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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

America is now at war with all the gangster nations—treacherous Germany and Japan, and Italy, if she had the courage and the brains to be. All three begged for it, with insistence and insults. As the President said Tuesday night, in a world broadcast:

"We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows."

Those words carry the grim, firm purpose of the masses. To win the first, and lose the second is a criminal waste of blood and gold. This time public opinion, not the politicians, will dictate the peace terms, and they will be rough and tough and iron-clad. There is not enough room on earth for the savage military cliques of Berlin, Rome, and Tokyo. In the days of their defeat, their snivelling whimpers for mercy will be of no avail. America will "Remember Pearl Harbor"—and, the fruits of the 1919 peace treaty.

To keep up the public morale during black-outs, it is proposed to hold community sings. A male quartette should be kept handy, to aim at an enemy plane in case one flies over.

SUCH CANDORI
(Ogden, Utah, Standard)
"The wedding was one of the most lovely of the season. The six bridesmaids were attired in pastel shades. The bride's flowing gown was blended rose chiffon, and her accessories plain punk."

Many of the Older Girls think, with most everything hay-wire, things would be balanced up a lot if there came enough snow for the "white Christmas." They are always looking for and never getting.

Dewey Hill, the hired man, and Uriah Gordon, both of Prospect, towned Thurs. Both got a Yule shingling.

"But she'd given me an idea. I didn't say much the rest of the way to town. I was figuring. Tshrdluetainshrd luetao etao shrd"—(Coos Bay Times) So what?

Due to the emergency there will be no more weather reports and forecasts. Now everybody can be their own weatherman as they have always been.

"YOUNG MAN AND MISS MARRIED"—(Hillside Chico Enterprise). The right combination.

"Bremerton, Wash., Nov. 22.—(P)—Capt. Wm. J. Giles is located in the 13th naval district.

His wife took 13 swigs with a bottle of champagne before the new seaplane tender, U.S.S. Casco, was officially christened. The bottle had been encased in perforated metal to prevent glass from showering spectators."—(Press Dispatch). Can't miss forever.

Production of textiles and shoes in the United States has been stabilized at near record levels, the department of commerce reports.

France is confronted with a grave industrial crisis because of shortages of raw materials, the department of commerce says.

An electric furnace which generates heat up to 3,632 degrees Fahrenheit is employed by the national bureau of standards, department of commerce.

Use MAIL TRIBUNE want ads.

Is the Airplane Supreme?

Good news! Four Japanese warships are reported sunk off the Philippines.

More good news. The Japanese fleet flees before the advancing U. S. fleet, and escapes in the darkness.

It looks as though the worm might be starting to turn. But let us not,—like the ebullient Mayor La Guardia,—be premature in our optimism.

Far better OVERestimate the enemies' prowess, than UNDERestimate it. The battle for the Philippines still goes on.

HOWEVER, there is one very significant fact clearly revealed in the fighting thus far:

On both sides every outstanding victory has been in the air.

Japan scored her majority victory when the two finest warships in the British navy, the Prince of Wales and the Repulse, were sunk by Nippon dive-bombers.

Now our own major victory has been secured the same way,—not by our SEA, but by our air fleet. And Japan's initial damaging blow delivered at Pearl Harbor, was also an air, not a naval triumph.

Finally the flight of the Japanese fleet can be scored as a moral, perhaps a tactical, victory. But had the U. S. fleet been accompanied by an adequate air force, would the Japanese have been able to get away?

ALL of which INDICATES, if it does not prove, that final victory in this war in the Pacific, is going to be won in the air.

The battle off the Philippines, the battle near Singapore, taken with the battle of Crete last spring, certainly supplies **STRONG EVIDENCE**, that without air control, the strongest fleet in the world, is helpless.

Here within less than a week, at least six,—probably more,—battleships, costing many **MILLIONS** and requiring months to construct, have been destroyed by air bombers, which cost only a few thousand, and can be turned out wholesale, like so many motor cars, on the assembly line.

Sea fleets are necessary of course, just as land armies are.

But the burden of proof certainly rests upon the shoulders of those who **DENY** world war No. 2, will be won **IN THE AIR!**

How All Can Help

WITH typical Axis technique, Japan plunged this nation into war last Sunday when her "war birds" suddenly and ruthlessly bombed Hawaii and other American outposts. Her partners were swift in their endorsement, by words and actions, of this treacherous assault.

America has accepted the challenge. Now all of our energies and resources are pledged to a single cause—winning the war.

WAR these days is a job for **EVERYONE**. An all-out struggle such as this calls for all-out cooperation—from every person in every walk of life. "What can I do to help in this emergency?"

This is the first question of every good American. It is indeed heartening to see increasing numbers of people right here in our own community seeking avenues of service—in military branches, in civilian defense work.

Every single one of us, however, **CAN** help to finance the war. It is a vital part of the nation-wide defense effort. It is a responsibility that "we the people" **MUST** meet, freely and generously.

DEFENSE bonds cost as little as \$18.75, Defense Savings stamps can be purchased for as little as a dime. The bonds may be secured at any post office or bank, the stamps at any local retail store or from Mail Tribune carrier boys.

These war financing securities answer the "how can I help" question of every man, woman and child in this community and in the nation!—H.G.

Newspaper Boys Show the Way

WE are particularly proud of the fact that Mail Tribune carrier boys have volunteered to serve as salesmen for Defense Savings stamps in this community.

These "little merchants" who deliver the Tribune to your door have joined the ranks of many thousands of newspaper boys throughout the nation in this unique new plan for raising much-needed funds for war financing. In taking on this added job, these loyal young Americans are rendering a valuable service to their country. They are setting a fine example for others to follow.

EACH carrier boy is actually an "official U. S. Defense Agent." In enlisting for this service he signs a pledge and receives a badge identifying him as a Defense Stamp salesman. It is a badge of honor, an emblem of real patriotic service.

THESE youthful salesmen offer a free album with the first 10-cent stamp sold. This album, filled with 187 Defense Stamps, may be exchanged (with 5 cents) for a \$25 Defense Bond. An example of the effectiveness of this program may be found in the remarkable record of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. During the first seven weeks of operation, carrier boys of this newspaper sold more than a **MILLION** Defense Stamps!

THE enthusiasm with which these Mail Tribune carrier boys have undertaken their volunteer defense job is highly gratifying to us—and will, we hope prove an inspiration to the entire community.—H.G.

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.

WHO HAS INFLUENCE WITH THE DENTISTS?

Recently a correspondent told us here how he had to join "one of the three letter associations, due to financial depression and old age (45)," expressed her gratitude for the immediate attention she can get from one hospital if she cuts her finger or has any similar emergency, and the thorough examination and excellent treatment, including medicine and if necessary operation she can get from another hospital if she suffers a more serious illness or accident—but when she has a toothache she can get no treatment thru the relief agencies until the tooth is hopelessly damaged and then the first mentioned hospital will extract it.

The correspondent, whose spirit seemed admirable in the face of adversity, went on to describe the tragic plight of a woman of her age minus most of her teeth trying to get or hold a job, especially if one or more front teeth be missing. She just could not afford to have \$3 fillings, she said, and so had been compelled to lose a good many teeth in the past few years. She still hoped to get "back into circulation again in a job, but a woman minus front teeth looks like an old hag—decidedly repellent to people—and this disqualifies her from a good many jobs she might otherwise get and hold."

Of course I have no personal acquaintance with or knowledge of the correspondent. I wonder, tho, what were her circumstances before the "financial depression and old age" overtook her, and more particularly I wonder what her casual or offhand ideas respecting conservation of the teeth were when she was in better circumstances. I suspect she had the common notion of that—the notion that as long as the teeth that "show" are not visibly damaged one need not pay much attention to the condition of the "back" teeth until toothache or other serious manifestation drives one to a dentist. This notion or attitude regarding the care of the teeth is held by an astonishingly large number of people today people who would resent being called anything but intelligent people who can well afford regular care by the dentist and who squander plenty

of money for dentifrices that have no more and no less value than plain toilet soap for preserving the teeth.

The correspondent said she wrote me about her plight in the hope that to improve this situation—that is, the difficulty of getting dental treatment thru the relief agencies that provide such excellent medical and surgical treatment for people who are for the time being unable to pay for it.

I am embarrassed by the irony of the suggestion. My goodness, it would be hard to find a physician, doctor, writer, quack, critic, egotist, pander, know-it-all, pillar of pop, (dentists may insert any other appellation they can think of who has less influence than I have with the dental practitioners of the country. They have a mad-on at me which is likely to last for years and years even if I never say a word against supplying gratuitous services thru such relief agencies they would bestir themselves to do as the doctors do about that.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Painless Surgery

Could the shock of plastic surgery, to correct snub nose, or the pain of it be fatal to a person who is nervous and frightened? (V. G.)

Answer—Such surgery is painless and it is silly to worry about it or to be frightened, for the worst that is likely to happen is merely failure to achieve an ideal result. In proper hands it is always a better bet than doing without it.

Copperas

When I tried to purchase a grain of copper sulfate (copperas) the druggist said I must get a prescription for it. (Mrs. J. McAl.)

Answer—Copper sulfate is not "copperas." "Copperas" is a common name for iron sulfate. The druggist was wise not to sell it to you, since it is evident that you have things confused.

Allergic To Potassium? Every ounce of fat I gain seems to be around my middle. I have a regular grade of it around hips and back even when I get thin elsewhere. (Mrs. J. M. F.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and inclose 25c for booklet "Rules for Reducing." You will find chapter on diet and treatment for hypothyroid obesity. Injections of pituitary hormone by physician will help to redistribute the fat, but reasonable diet and exercises alone will correct the condition in many instances. (Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

Jap transports all through that South China seas area.

If these moves failed to break down the Jap venture, we might have to start fighting our way westward again from Hawaii, as soon as we had acquired the strength to do it, recapturing first Wake, the Guam, and so on through to the Philippines. This might take weeks or months, depending upon the severity of our initial fleet and air losses. (Don't forget it takes three to five years to build a battleship, whereas bombing planes can be replaced more promptly.)

Invasion of Japan seemed out of the question for us, until the full military cooperation of Russia could be worked out. Bombing of Japan from the Aleutians was open to us, however, as the weather generally is clear and cold at this time of the year (impenetrably foggy most of the summer).

The Reds had plenty of our two-engine bombers in Vladivostok on lease-lend consignment. These were the nearest usable allied planes to Tokyo.

Our strategy also called for a Russian and Chinese offensive simultaneously upon the Japanese forces, depleted to some extent for their venture south.

It is too bad the fleet did not have steam up in Pearl Harbor at dawn last Sunday. It would have escaped. But the government in Washington did not have its steam up either. The unpreparedness here was just less noticeable.

All of us apparently got off to a bad start with low steam—the army air corps as well as the navy at Pearl Harbor, the unprepared government here, the surprised citizen in the street. That is a good way to

start. We all needed this kick in the pants, although it need not have been so hard.

NOW let's get the question of this column's place in the war news straight from the start. Truth is the greatest of all weapons for defense. The honorable Japanese schoolboy has been photographing everything in the United States for 20 years. It knows this country from a military standpoint as well as we do, our ships, our gun emplacements—everything up to now.

The government has two obligations on information, both of equal importance. It must keep news of military value from the enemy, but it must also tell its people what is going on.

Naturally, government officials err on the side of secrecy. Military officers, all with superiors hanging on their necks, have an unwritten rule: "Never take a chance."

It is up to the news-man to see that the twin obligations to military secrecy, and to public interest, never get out of balance one way or another. That will be the purpose of this column for the duration of the war.

Appeal Notice Filed On Rogue Dam Edict

Notice of an appeal from the order of the state engineer granting an extension of time to the Pacific-Beaver Cement company, for completion of their hydroelectric plant in Rogue River near Gold Hill was filed yesterday with the county clerk, by the attorney-general, for the state game commission. A petition in equity was also filed.

The game commission asks to have the extension set aside, on the grounds completion of the work will be detrimental to fish life in Rogue river. The cement concern is granted until October 1, 1942, to complete the work.

About ten million trees are tapped for maple sugar in the United States every year.

The names of approximately 3,000 London streets have been changed since 1935.

The only known deposit of cryolite is in Greenland.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Northwest Loses Plywood Chance
Canadian Lumber Gluts U. S. Ports
Continuance Aim

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—While representatives of the wood industry of the northwest have been pestering the federal maritime commission for orders to build boats, a contractor from Louisiana slipped in and captured a coveted cost-plus fixed-fee job which will net him six percent. For months the commission refused to consider using any kind of timber for boat construction; turned down every suggestion, paid no attention to agitator nfor wood ships by Rep. Martin L. Smith of Washington or any other member of the northwest delegation.

Commissioner Howard Vickery informed a representative of Washington - Oregon interests who has been asking for a wood boat contract since last spring, that the commission will build boats of plywood and plastic and that they will be constructed by an expert at New Orleans. When the westerner said to Vickery that the northwest is the capital of the plywood industry, that this type of laminated wood has been developed into a fine art and that there are dozens of plywood factories in the area, the maritime commissioner suggested that his visit was talking through his hat. The New Orleans man had the right idea on plywood and plastics.

What happened is that the Louisiana operator wrote to plywood plants in the northwest and asked for quotations; did a little figuring, saw the maritime commission and landed the contract, and all the while the plywood agent was waiting for an audience with Vickery at New Orleans. Northwest plywood plants will furnish the material for the job down south.

WITH lumber piling up in the yards of the lumber industry, a check last week showed 90 carloads of lumber at Boston, 50 carloads at New Haven and 300 carloads at Newark, N. J. It is stated on reliable authority that this is British Columbia timber. There is a dispute as to whether lease-lend money is being used, for at least one check came from the United States treasury. Another assertion is that the British bought 500 carloads of British Columbia timber from the Canadian control commission and paid for it with English funds.

It is reported that practically all the spruce being sent to England is being bought through McDonald & Gattie, a British outfit. James McDonald is the British consul at Portland, Ore., according to the congressional directory. And this brings up the charge that the American shipping companies are being squeezed out of business while the British are throwing their trade to their own nationals. (National capital stores filled with imported goods, tweeds, overcoats, haberdashery; White Horse" with a new British Jack label announcing "Britain Delivers the Goods.")

THE house of representatives having rejected the warnings of the president, the secretary of state and the department of agriculture to go slow with the sugar bill, is now looking to the senate to pass the house bill. There is a possibility of it being vetoed and there may not be sufficient house votes to override the veto; the senate looks better. Of the 48 states 21 have sugar beet farmers, which gives the bill 42 votes to start with in the senate. This is seven votes short of passing the measure. It is assumed, however, that eight or ten senators with no sugar beet culture in their state will support the 42, making a safe majority. Sugar beet growing is a substantial item in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

TUCKED away in the latest eight billion dollar appropriation bill is an item of \$130,000,000 "to maintain the national guard in federal service throughout the fiscal year 1942." This means that the national guard will be kept in federal service until next June 30. For the fiscal year 1943, beginning next July 1, another appropriation will be required. Northwest guard consist of the units from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, approximately 20,000 men.

RECORD shows that Washington received contract awards from all federal agencies up to October 1 of \$811,000,000, Oregon \$170,200,000, Idaho \$5,000,000.

10 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



Buy Christmas Seals

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 12, 1931

(It was Saturday)
Democratic party to launch "victory fund" drive for coming campaign.

M. Gandhi's garb (a sheet) is held too scanty by Rome.

Silver payment of war debts is proposed to aid relief funds.

Trojans crush Georgia 60 to 0.

E. W. Carlton named on committee to determine medicinal value of pearls.

State Treasurer Holman charges waste of money on state autos.

Jug of moonshine explodes in warm justice court room.

Increasing cloudiness followed by rain or snow predicted. High 42, low 32.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 12, 1921

Jackson County Humane society is organized with Dr. E. H. French as president.

John P. Sousa and his band to give concert here December 21.

Marshal Foch of France, after visit, sail for home.

State highway commission rules "good roads come before big trucks," and orders five-ton trucks off highways.

Still rainy. High 50, low 28 degrees.

Militia called out in Kansas to curb coal mine strike. Union leaders determined from public wrath.

Spring weather prevails in eastern Oregon and residents report volunteer peas and lettuce coming up in their garden plots.

Gift Pear Shipments Under Way in Valley

Shipment of Christmas gift pears is now well underway in the packing plants of the valley. During the past week 13 express cars were dispatched for eastern and middle west points. Peak of the trade will be reached just before Christmas. Between 300 and 500 persons are employed in the work.

The war in the Pacific will hamper shipments such as made in other years, by clipper planes to Honolulu, Manila and Far East points.



SUSPENSE AND SUSPENSION—Only thin air—and you know how thin that is—separates Evelyn Chandler from the floor as she does a "butterfly," one of ice skating's most difficult feats. In New York. She's performing with Ice Follies of 1942.



HEAP BIG INDIANS—Train problems that have nothing to do with spring training occupy Lou Boudreau, 24, new manager of the Cleveland Indians, seen in his campaign, Ill., home with Mrs. Boudreau and their daughter, Barbara Arlene, 2.