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Ye Smudge Pot

Hungary and Rumania, both eastern European lands have both declared war on America.

CHEMEKETANS TO VISIT CALAPOYIA

The Older Girls are still advocating a White Christmas.

Japan's diet is scheduled to convene today.

Blackouts of lightning swiftness are held by army heads as the need of the nation.

WAR TIME CHARADE

"Mexico, Mo.—Said Col. C. R. Stribling of Missouri Military Academy when informed of America's declaration of war.

One of the lighthouse workers is flaunting a pipe built on the lines of a young saxophone.

The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports: "Grants Pass Defeated Worse Than 21-17 Score Would Indicate."

"Anyway, here's hoping we are spared the horrors of liberty cabbage, liberty spaghetti and liberty sukuyaki."

Fashion says its experts, "Is undecided where the hip-line will be located in spring styles for women's dresses."

CAUSE & CURE

Two glasses of beer is as much as a person should take to keep sober.

A drink of liquor on top of two glasses of beer will put a person in a state of irresponsibility.

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War and the Rose Bowl

We grant no one should complain. But it is a bit tough on Oregon State, to win the first Rose Bowl title in its history, and then have it snatched away on the basis of military necessity.

And with that loss goes from \$50,000 to \$60,000 in cash for the athletic treasury, more money than the lads at Corvallis have seen since the first pigskin met a hand pump.

However, there is no appeal from a military decision in time of war, and should be none. And we are quite sure even the college officials who have counted up the fat profit in advance, have registered no complaint.

THERE is also a chance the game with Duke will be staged elsewhere and some of the O.S.C. dreams of sudden affluence may be realized.

The East-West game, scheduled for San Francisco may also be taken elsewhere, so the Shrine hospital will not have to draw too strongly on its reserve at the bank.

HOWEVER, all that may be. If anything were needed to show California is really in the war zone, and no mistake, this ultimatum by General De Witt should certainly supply it.

We don't know what the general told the Rose Bowl committee,—probably the public won't be told for the present at least,—but we do know something of the desire for outside tourist money in sun-kissed Southern Cal., and the general's facts must have been formidable and potent indeed to have resulted in such immediate acquiescence without even ONE hum-dinger protest.

For, as a result of this action, not only will the HOLIDAY tourist business be completely non-existent, but unless there is a sudden and unexpected change in the situation, the entire winter season from the vital standpoint of the tourist crop will be a wash-out.

AND no one in California wants that. Certainly there would have been a few rumblings from California Incorp., and elsewhere before this, had the commanding general not had something on the ball more weighty than surmises, suspicions and the routine maxims of "safety first."

THOSE reconnaissance flights of enemy airplanes around the Golden Gate, in other words must have been authentic, rather than misreading of the detector apparatus, or panic in the department of communications.

Yes, fishy as it sounded at the outset, Jap airplanes MUST have been looking the California coast over at least, and a bombing sortie must be in the category of military possibilities, or the reaction to the general's command would not have been so meekly and completely quiescent.

WAR is what General Sherman called it. But when it comes to accepting a total loss in the California tourist crop, only the belief a real and dire state of emergency exists, could account for the general acceptance of such a widespread economic sacrifice, without even one word of protest.

The people of Oregon, and the rest of the coast, are certainly justified in the assumption that they, too, are next door to, if not actually in, the FIGHTING war zone.

Far better to go TOO FAR in our preparations and precautions, than find tragically and too late, we did not go far enough.

Politics Out the Window

For many years we have received from Charles Michelson, director of publicity of the Democratic National committee, his weekly comments upon the national situation with particular reference to the virtues of the Democratic and the vices of the Republican parties.

Never before have we felt the urge to reprint any of Charley's outpourings, however appealing and convincing they have been.

But the following portion of his December 14th offering is so factual, temperate and so timely,—and more important so non-partisan,—that we feel quotation at some length is justifiable and desirable.

Now that we are actually at war, nothing is of importance except the effort to win the struggle in the shortest possible time.

Politics, like every other non-belligerent element in our system, is out of the window. The votes in the Senate and House of Representatives testify to the unity of our nation. Treacherous Japan has at least rendered us that service for nowhere is there a dissenting voice to the verdict that retribution, swift and total, must be visited on the bandit Asiatic country.

There are no longer among us organized groups, and perhaps not even individuals, of the isolationist, appeaser or compromiser class.

It is interesting to compare the vote that commits us to this final determination of defense with the decisions of Congress precedent to previous wars.

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of her faith and she could not vote for any war at any time or under any circumstance.

THE war in the Pacific was none of our seeking. We were patiently and honestly endeavoring to bring Japan to a reasonable settlement of the differences between the two countries.

Had we been that kind of a nation, we had innumerable opportunities to do on a larger scale what she did to us. The diplomatic officers she sent over here to conduct peace negotiations tell us unofficially that the outrage was a greater shock and surprise to them than to anybody else.

In any event, we may be sure that in the conduct of this war we, too, can be hard-boiled and will do whatever is requisite to bring the struggle to a swift and victorious conclusion.

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.

PHYSIOLOGY SEEMS INCONSISTENT

The somewhat battered and mauled 1935 Webster, who siteth at the right hand of Ol' Doc Brady, has it that a doctor is a teacher, one skilled in a profession or branch of knowledge, a learned man—and no cracks from my friends the dentists, please.



Notwithstanding frequent admonitions or reminders that "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," an unreasonable number of correspondents choose to ignore the rules and submit detailed histories of illnesses, symptoms, their own and others' views on diagnosis and treatment, and then get indignant if Dr. Brady fails to reply promptly with diagnosis or treatment.

I like particularly letters from readers who, without being at all ungracious or unfriendly, say frankly that my teachings seem to contradict the teachings of other doctors or health authorities, or even seem to contradict other teachings of my own, and ask for further elucidation.

For example, R. L. S. writes: "I have learned much to the advantage of my health from your column, but I just do not get your attitude in respect to roughage in the diet."

Can science do anything to prevent or relieve cancer? I suffer outbreaks of them repeatedly in the year and I mean suffer. (R. C. W.) Answer—Take 200 milligrams of nicotinic acid daily.

dealing with communists, naz agents and a few fascists. It is known in the capital that the Japanese have a comprehensive series of photographs of Grand Coulee, Bonneville and every other dam in that region.

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the holiday rush may later be used taking the soldiers to the west coast.

Now that the United States is officially at war, there will be an immediate effort to increase the strength of the army tremendously. The national guard and the selectees will have the same standing as the regulars and marines, and can be sent to any part of the globe.

THIS sudden spurt to expand the armed forces is expected to cause the war department to call for contracts for the various proposed cantonments for which plans have been prepared and options on land taken.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S (Saturday's) particular bright and shining spot in the news:

American's fighting forces have recovered from the first shattering shock of surprise and are fighting doggedly, determinedly and SKILFULLY.

The Philippines they are bearing the brunt of a MAJOR Japanese attack. What happened at Honolulu was a daring, hit-and-run exploit, not (as yet) followed up.

One suspects that American forces there are outnumbered. They are far from sources of reinforcement and supply.

At tiny Guam, Wake and Midway, we know only that small American forces are fighting determinedly and effectively.

THE axis hope of catching us off balance and crippling us before we can get going has been shattered.

IT is still necessary to remember that we are fighting in a WORLD WAR. What happens on ANY front concerns us almost as directly as what is happening on our own particular fighting front.

GERMANY'S early-in-the-week announcement that she is withdrawing her armies in Russia to "new defense positions" for the winter foreshadows something—just what can not yet be said with certainty.

Moscow says Hitler's Russian campaign has been crushed. A Soviet communique today claims 85,000 Nazis have been killed and 23 out of a total of 51 Nazi divisions have been smashed, routed, surrounded or forced to retreat in the Moscow zone since November 16.

OPINION in London is that Hitler is pulling out of Russia in order to hit harder somewhere else.

A "British source" says today that the German air forces reported to be withdrawn from Russia may be thrown full strength at the British Mediterranean fleet which has been preventing reinforcements and supplies from reaching axis forces in Africa.

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8 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT BUY SLIPPERS FOR DAD Buy Christmas Seals

(The British at Singapore say the Jap invasion of upper and middle Malaya has been substantially checked.)

AND in Washington Litvinoff, the new Russian ambassador to the U. S., says: "Japan is the COMMON enemy. The Japanese are axis gangsters."

Wireless perfected that will go through mountains and locate metals.

Prospect

Prospect, Dec. 15.—(Sp.)—Funeral services of Mrs. Mary Clausen, 86, mother of Mrs. Joe B. Dobbey of Cascade Gorge, who died at Raymond, Wash., Dec. 8, were held at Coquille Friday.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. John Hakkerup, at Copco, Thursday.

Due to the epidemic of measles among the school children, Christmas vacation started a week early and classes will be resumed Dec. 29.

Black Out Call

When we hear the black out call from our friendly fire hall: Black out your lights, my neighbor. Black 'em out—Out—Out.

ALBANY FLIER KILLED

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How About the Blackout? To the editor: I can't quite figure this blackout out. The officials in Medford talk over the air and tell how the farmers get up at 4 o'clock in the morning, turn their lights on in the hen house, that they are not only endangering themselves but the whole community.

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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 December 15, 1931 (It was Tuesday) President of China quits.

Experts predict Democrats will find a presidential nominee to back repeal of prohibition, and will win unless prosperity is restored soon.

Fair and cold. High 44, low 16 degrees. It was the coldest day of the year.

Japan sets up puppet government in Manchuria.

City and county leaders believe best way to curb local radicals and their following "is to ignore them."

Wireless perfected that will go through mountains and locate metals.

Luxury liners battle for "luxury trade" flocking to Europe.

Light vote is cast in special election voting bonds for fairgrounds improvements.

Fair and cool. High 60, low 22.5 degrees.

Yankee radicals in Russia in great trouble, and permission to return home is denied.

Ye Poets Corner

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