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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

"Fifth columnist" played a vital though treacherous part in the Japanese attack on Hawaii. Only in Norway was their betrayal more complete.

Folsom prison in California plans a public speaking class for inmates, who will hold debates with outside teams.

Fire chiefs of the Northwest have started issuing the annual warning against lighting the Christmas tree candles too close to Santa Claus' whiskers.

Retention of the 40-hour week for defense workers during the war, brought forth crisp, curt comment from editorial typewriters.

One of the Older Girls announces a house-fly showed up in her kitchen Mon. It looked so lonesome, she did not have the heart to swat it.

Members of the Kodiak, Alaska, Rotary club have made vows to let their beards grow until Nippon is defeated.

SPRIT OF THE TIMES (Pendleton East Oregonian): "FOR SALE—Nalls Place. The best little business in town. Yours for \$7,000.00—going after a Jap."

Snow, alleged by poets to be "beautiful," came this am. apparently in answer to the pleas of the Older Girls for a "white Christmas."

From many cities come word America's entry into the war is dimming interest in Santa Claus, and the public is thinking more of Hitler than the good St. Nick.

Autolists are now permitted to put new license plates on their new cars, or their old ones.

Old Marshal Petain of the Vichy regime of France is again reported out of patience with the Nazis.

L. C. Taylor sported a birthday Sun. He is 20 years older, or 10 years younger than he claims to be.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 16.—(P)—Struck by a snapped cable, Roy Withrow Cheshire was killed at the Brown logging company west of here yesterday.

"It's the Climate!"

WELL, well,—history DOES repeat itself! The present scribe well remembers a couple of decades ago, when Medford awoke to a new world,—a world of ice and snow,—as it did today.

IN the first place the telephone and telegraph wires broke down, which not only cut off the housewife, but the Mail Tribune from all outside communication.

THE next night it cleared and the mercury did a nose dive, unprecedented in all southern Oregon history.

IT doesn't look, at the present writing, as though there would be such a heavy snowfall this time, but it certainly comes next to that of the famous blizzard of the long, long ago.

THE general sigh of relief following the announcement of U. S. losses in the sneak attack on Hawaii, clearly demonstrates the value of giving the people the truth, in this man's war.

EVERYONE knew the government was withholding the truth. As a result the public imagination was allowed full rein, and before the official statement by Secretary Knox yesterday, nine out of ten citizens believed the U. S. Pacific fleet had really been knocked out.

THAT is the way to run a war in a country like this, just as it is the way the war in England is conducted.

THE Roosevelt administration has started out in the shooting phase of world war No. 2, on the right foot.

ONE portion of Secretary Knox's statement, however is somewhat puzzling. "The entire Pacific fleet," he declared, "with its battleships, aircraft carriers, its light cruisers, destroyers and submarines are uninjured and are all at sea seeking contact with the enemy."

IF that is correct, then why are the U. S. bases and possessions left unprotected as far as the fleet is concerned?

FROM Dutch Harbor, in the Aleutian Islands, the navy drew a line to Honolulu; said it would be impossible for an enemy to reach the northwest coast through that barrier.

IF the Philippines, Wake, Midway and Guam, were worth holding and fortifying, aren't they worth defending, with every resource at the government's command?

BUT if the current wire reports are correct, the Pacific fleet is making no effort to reinforce or relieve any of these vital posts in our Pacific defense set up.

THESE points are all left to defend themselves, against Jap invaders, which with the exception of the Philippines, outnumber the U. S. defenders from two to one to ten to one.

There must be some good reason for this. But we have an idea, this department's incomprehension is shared by a large majority of the American people, and it might be wise for the navy department to enlighten them.

WAVES BATTER JHIP: Astoria, Dec. 16.—(P)—Waves battered the wrecked Jaton steamer Mauna Ala into the sands of Clatsop spit today.

beachcombers carried away cargo and parts of wreckage. Among the prizes were hundreds of Christmas trees.

Closing Time for Classified Ads: 5 p. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

Personal Health Service

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.

SO THERE IS AN ANTI-GRAY-HAIR VITAMIN? In nutritional research and animal experimentation it has been recognized for a long time that some entity or factor in the vitamin B complex prevents the hair of animals from turning gray prematurely.



anti-gray-hair factor was heard of, correspondents taking the Iodine Ration (to keep from going stale or from losing interest and capacity to enjoy life) reported now and then that their gray or graying hair seemed to regain its natural color.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: What, Consult a Physician? Is it advisable to see a doctor when there is pus coming from one breast? (L. E. O.)

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL WITH WILLY KELLY: the navy was caught flatfooted; found the air force grounded and the pilots asleep.

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Under SPAB plan many sacrifices will be called for from civilians. The restrictions on materials for heavy consumer goods will be increased, and a proposal to save small industries by making an allocation of two percent of supplies (supposed to be sufficient to keep them operating) is receiving attention.

NO senator from Washington and only one from Oregon voted for the declaration of war against Japan.

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ARMY WORKS ON 2-DAY AIRPORTS FOR LINE SUPPORT

Portable Field Is Seen As Way To Keep Air Force Up With Motorized Units.

By Jack Stinnett

Washington—It takes weeks to build an ordinary all-weather airport, even working large crews night and day.

This is not an accomplished fact yet but it's on its way. In North Carolina, the army aviation engineers recently put down their first portable landing field in 11 days.

Land Everything: In the following days and nights, in rain, shine and inky darkness, army pilots took off and landed practically every type of plane the army uses on that runway and walked off singing its praises.

Prise by Pilots: The pilots who took off and landed on the mat had this to say: that it was less slippery in wet weather than the surfacing used on permanent airport runways.

MOTHER REJOICES: Seattle, Dec. 16.—(P)—Mrs. Herbert Ross Hein rejoiced today over the kind of telegram for which every "Pearl Harbor mother" had prayed.

THE PERFECT MAN: Seattle, Dec. 16.—(P)—The marines laid claim today to "the perfect man," Donald Daniels, 25, handsome Seattle truck driver, was to be inducted after an examination that failed to show a physical defect, not even so much as a filled tooth.

Watchman Forgets: Mattoon, Ill.—(UP)—William Sparks, watchman at a railroad crossing here, for years, posted a sign—"No Watchman on Duty"—as his last official act before leaving for home at the end of the day.

Hunt R. C. A. F. Plane After Plunge in Bay: Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 16.—(CP)—Royal Canadian air force officials and provincial police today resumed an intensive search of Nanosee bay, about 15 miles north of Nanaimo, in the hopes of finding some trace of an R.C.A.F. plane which crashed and sank there last night after developing engine trouble.

Tricycles: Several Sizes to Choose From \$3.95 to \$8.95. Also Wagons, Scooters, Doll Buggies. HANSEN HARDWARE. 35 North Bartlett Phone 2370.

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT. GET A WATCH FOR TOM! Buy Christmas Seals.

NYA IS TRAINING GIRL WORKERS IN DEFENSE PROGRAM

Des Moines, Ia. (U.P)—Girls can tear down an automobile engine, handle a lathe or spot welder with the best of men and there should be a place for them in America's booming defense industries.

MILK BOARD PONDERS: Salem, Dec. 16.—(P)—The state milk control board, after holding a hearing here yesterday, said it would announce about January 1 its decision whether to grant dairymen's pleas for a milk price increase in the Salem area from 12 to 14 cents a quart.

CRASH KILLS TWO: Lebanon, Ore., Dec. 16.—(P)—Head-on collision of an automobile and a logging truck killed two persons on the South Santiam highway near here yesterday.

CRASH KILLS CLERIC: American Falls, Idaho, Dec. 16.—(P)—Injuries received when his automobile overturned here yesterday resulted in the death of the Rt. Rev. Frederick D. Bartlett of Boise, bishop of the Episcopal church missionary district of Idaho.

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Flight o' Time

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY: December 16, 1931. Republican leaders in senate declare "the only brain trust possessed by Democratic heads is to put the country on a dole," and "their only program criticism of President Hoover."

Continued cold with rain or snow predicted. High 40, low 23 degrees.

Early hearing for Fehl libel suit seen.

Another candidate for sheriff shows up, bringing the grand total to 13.

Medford high football team is awarded title trophy.

Heavy snow falls at Fish Lake, cheering irrigators.

Council holds final meeting of year.

Secretary of War Weeks proposed in event war comes again, money and industry be drafted, as well as men.

College students return home for the Yule holidays. Christmas mail shows big increase.

Man arrested in Warsaw, Poland, as man who financed Wall Street bomb plot.

The scent of gas was strong at the Trigonion oil well today, when drilling was resumed.

France desires "only to protect her prestige and honor" in firm stand against Germany's plea for financial aid.

Pitched battle rages in Belfast over peace agreement with England.

NONE ON TROOP TRAIN INJURED IN SMASHUP: Napavine, Wash., Dec. 16.—(P)—A Northern Pacific express train that ploughed into an army troop train north of here yesterday afternoon derailed two carsloads of troops without injuring anyone and only slightly damaged the locomotive and cars.

BIG LUSCIOUS ROGUE RIVER VALLEY COMICE PEARS IN FAMILY SIZE HALF BOXES. 40 to 50 select Pears expressed to any point in the U. S. Phone your list now. Here's the price, per box, plus express. \$1.75. GIFT BOXES. Attractively packed—an ideal gift—appropriate for every name on your gift list.