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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Word that Herr Hitler suffers a nervous breakdown, will cause no great anguish throughout a world, that hopes it would be something more serious. A week ago this paranoiac runt, with the comic mustache, boasted in a speech:

"I am now the head of the strongest military force in the world, of the strongest air force and the most gallant navy."

Now in the seclusion of his impregnable hide-out castle at Berchtesgaden, he is a puny figure of a world conqueror, scared white by Russian victories, with quaking knees, stricken with a plain case of common jitters. All that ails him could be cured by a drink of whiskey, and a swift kick in the right place, from the boot of one of his Generals. He figures he should be rushed by Clipper plane and special train to Mayo Bros. Clinic for scientific medical coddling.

A New Yorker dabbling in defense sub-contracts, admitted to a senate committee, he had done right well by himself. On Nov. 28, 1940 his bank balance was \$12,250, and Dec. 1 last, it was \$74,000. He belongs to the I.G.M. (I Get Mine). In the excitement and the shuffle, the anti-profiteering bill has been misplaced, or something.

The army has called off winter racing at the Santa Anita track in southern California. The money tourists would have lost on slow horses, can now be spent for defense stamps and bonds, in the same old glorious climate.

"MONTAGUE MAN IRED AT JAPS, BLASTS AT THEM WITH POETRY."—(Hillside Sixtyfour News). Add terrorists of the times.

The government starts rationing of tires January 4. This will put a number of people on their feet sooner than expected.

Censorship of war news looms. This does not affect rumor-mongers who make up their own sensational news, and spread it, as they stroll down the street.

YE MIGHTY HUNTER

Beware! Beware! Ye wolf, and bear;

Take care, ye woodland denizen!

I'm starting forth into the north

Hot on the trail of venison.

Now hide, ye minx! Watch out,

ye lynx!

Keep down your head—or lose it.

For Henderson has got a gun

And he don't know how to use it.

So have a care, ye varying hare!

Stay in your nest, ye eagle!

I take my aim at any game,

Whether or not it's legal.

Not wild coyote nor nanny-goat,

Nor rooster, hen or pullet,

Nor sheep nor swine nor porcupine

Can safely chance my bullet.

And so, lay low, ye fawn and doe!

Take heed, ye stumps and trees!

For Henderson will shoot his gun

At anything he sees."

—(Detroit News).

Clothing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—2:30 p. m. Classified 12:30 p. m.

Worse Than Indicated

THE dereliction of duty in high official circles at Honolulu must have been more serious than Secretary Knox's report indicated.

Otherwise Admiral Kimmel and General Short would hardly be deprived of their commands BEFORE, rather than after the investigation.

Secretary Stimson explains this peremptory action has been taken only to "avoid a situation where the officials charged with responsibility for the future security of this vital naval base would otherwise at this critical hour, also be involved in the searching investigation by the president."

Mebbe so.

But why not follow the well established precedent of removing the naval and army heads TEMPORARILY, pending the investigation, and let the facts revealed by that probe, determine the final verdict.

The only answer we can see is that the delinquency was so flagrant that regardless of the exact details that investigation may reveal, confidence in the U. S. command at the time of the Japanese attack, can not be restored.

Somewhat Premature

A "constant reader" calls attention to a prediction in this department a few days after Hitler invaded Poland, that Russia would be the only ultimate winner in the European war.

"Many months later I offered to take your wager at the odds quoted, and expressed belief Germany would drive the Muscovites out of Europe and take over permanently west of the Urals. It looks as though you were right and I was wrong, but don't forget you stipulated no payments in marks or yen, and no reckoning until New Year's day, 1942!"

We appreciate the compliment.

But have to admit that the prediction of 1939, was based upon the belief Russia would stay out of the conflict, and after the rest of Europe had been bled white, would sail in for the kill.

That was not the outcome.

We grant things look bright for the Muscovites just now, but "the bear that walks like a man," has lost a lot of territory and a lot of weight, while the snow-bound route to the German border, is still a "long, long trail."

WE don't deny the result we predicted is still POSSIBLE,—although the reasons we foresaw were never realized. Yes, when the final picture is painted, Stalin as a Communist Czar may rule from Vladivostok to the North Sea,—

But unless we are greatly mistaken, we will be unable to cash in on that bet either this New Year's, or the next, or,—

Well, at least three or four New Years to come.

President Roosevelt has the right idea. Barring greater miracles than have as yet transpired, this is going to be a long war!

How Come?

This department awaits the investigation of the Honolulu disaster with great interest.

We know one thing. The charge of unexpected treachery on the part of Japan, will not serve as an alibi.

No one in high army or naval circles in Washington expected Japan to send out engraved announcements of hostilities and then after a proper interval had elapsed, start shooting.

A WEEK before the smashing blow, it was common talk in Washington that Nippon would undoubtedly strike first and explain afterward. For that was not only the approved Axis technique, it was taught the Axis by Japan.

One heard that expectation expressed on all sides, even when the peaceful Kurushu negotiations were resumed. There wasn't an official in the war or naval departments, that didn't know the Japanese record,—striking without a war declaration against China in the 90's and against Russia in 1904.

Then how could the army and navy command at Honolulu have been taken by surprise by this foul blow?

THE only explanation we can offer is this:

Technically the army and navy commands WERE prepared for a Japanese attack without warning, but actually, such an attack was not expected where it struck at Hawaii. That U. S. possession was too far away from Tokyo and too near the United States.

The U. S. Command at Honolulu went through the motions of being on the alert, but it was only a matter of form. There might be a sudden unexpected assault on the Philippines or Thailand or Singapore, but not on Pearl harbor. The distances were too great. No Japanese air or sea fleet could get within a thousand miles of Hawaii, without giving the alarm.

That may, or may not be near the mark. With the pre-war sentiment what it was at Washington, however, that is the only explanation that to this department at least, makes any sense at all.

Keep Your Eye on Singapore

IF you want to know how this war in the Far East is going, keep your eyes on Singapore.

We don't know precisely why,—but all the experis, army and navy, are agreed on this point:

As long as Britain holds Singapore, she can't be beaten.

When she loses Singapore she can't win.

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.

VIRUS OF THE FLU

It seems probable that what is called influenza, flu or grip is not a specific disease but any one of several distinct kinds of illness, the all are communicable and generally the virus enters thru the lining of nose, throat or breathing passages, in other words it is a respiratory infection. Generally, I say. It is not unreasonable to believe that in exceptional instances the virus or germs of influenza, flu or grip may invade the body thru another route, say thru the lining of the digestive tract, when virus or germs are present in food or drink or when virus or germs contaminate eating and drinking utensils, or the hand or fingers which unconsciously or thoughtlessly one brings unwashed to the mouth—as in moistening a thumb or finger to turn a page. Unwashed, I say. Without being hipped about it, one should always take advantage of an opportunity to wash the hands with soap and water when the facilities are available, especially before eating. It is rare enough to find decent facilities available even in eating and drinking places, soda fountains and the like, that pretend to be "sanitary."

Fifty years ago a German physician found a bacillus in the nasal and bronchial secretions of influenza patients, and this has been recognized as the cause of influenza, under the discoverer's name, Pfeiffer's bacillus. But the flu of the first World war epidemic was probably not the same disease Pfeiffer ascribed to his bacillus. It seems more likely that the flu of 1918 and later was due to a virus. Recent reports indicate that photographs of the virus may have been made with the electron microscope. The virus thus photographed, unlike the known disease germs is not a living organism altho it can reproduce itself when in living tissue. This reproduction or multiplication of the virus seems to be more of a chemical reaction than a sign of life.

If multiplication of the influenza virus in the body is a chemical reaction, that would seem to suggest a reason for the value of quinine both as prophylactic against the flu and as a remedy for the attack of flu or grip. The quinine modifies the chemical reaction and prevents formation of new virus. Whether this is actually the way quinine works against the flu or not, it is the most plausible way to explain it, so far as I know.

The prophylactic dose is one grain of quinine sulfate in pill, tablet or capsule, three times a day for a child weighing 50 pounds, for the duration of the epidemic. For a person weighing 100 pounds, two grains three times a day. A person weighing 150 pounds should take three grains three times a day, as long as the disease is epidemic in the community, whether for a week, a month or longer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Corn and Callus

Controversy here over the correct formula for the remedy for corns and calluses you recommended. One customer of ours insists it is a 30 per cent solution, another says it is 30 grains in the ounce, but we have supplied only what we believe you advised—30 grains of salicylic acid in one-half ounce of flexible collodion. Please check this and bring peace and happiness to this community. (—Druggist)

Your version is correct. Paint corn or callus (or wart) once a day for a week or 10 days. I'd say that is approximately 12 per cent strength—but never trust my arithmetic. I wouldn't trust it myself.

Skim Milk Versus Whole Milk. We can buy four quarts of skim milk for the same price as two quarts of whole milk. Our family are all fond of it. How does it compare in nutritive value, vitamins, minerals? (Mrs. P. L. M.)

Answer—Skim milk yields approximately half the calories or energy value of whole milk. It contains rather less vitamins A and vitamin D, but practically the same amount of B complex and of minerals as whole milk. The price should be rather less than one-half the price of whole milk, in my judgment.

Medicine Cupboard and Family Formulary

I should like to purchase an up-to-date materia medica which gives recipes for remedies for ordinary ailments, at not to exceed \$5 or so. (T. E. C.)

Answer—I know of nothing of the kind worth that price. Send 25c and 1c-stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "The Medicine Cupboard," for booklet "The Family Formulary." The second part of the booklet deals with Family Formulary. (Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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HOW well the Japs were informed by these means at Pearl Harbor is illustrated by certain facts Knox neglected.

Being fully aware of the habits of the dawn air patrol, they chose the precise moment before its return to come in. The time selected also had been set for the arrival of a fleet of our own four motored bombers from California. Thus our men at the listening devices, hearing planes approaching, easily fell into the error of believing they were the returning patrol or the bombers.

THE inexplicable phase of the first fight even now, is not that the Jap aircraft carriers could sink in close enough under cover of peacetime darkness (knowing the habits of our inadequate patrols) but that they were able to escape untouched afterward.

The unvarnished truth is simply this: One of our army planes did pick out one of the scattering Jap planes and attempt to follow him back to spot the carrier. The Japs, however, did not go directly to their landing ship, but assembled at a rendezvous. The lone army pilot was unable to pursue such formidable opposition to its lair, and so many of our planes had been destroyed on the ground, he could not get the help needed to pursue the matter beyond the rendezvous.

The fast Jap carriers had such a head start on our surface ships by that time, we could not overtake them except through the air. Our incoming bombers had to be refueled and refitted for fighting. No other planes were available.

THE stories of suicide bombings seem to have been overdone. The Japs came fairly close to it against the Prince of Wales and Repulse, but not close enough to call it suicide. Cap-

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Coast Dwellers Urge Protection

Air Defense Insufficient

Planes Go To Other Countries

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Appeals by long-distance telephone and by wire to senators and representatives from communities along the coastline of the Pacific northwest for "the truth" about the Pearl Harbor attack, "the true" situation on the Pacific and for additional protection for residents in coast communities have been rolling into the national capital. These inquiries and petitions have disturbed the legislators as they realize the possibility of enemy attack on the comparatively undefended northwest and their own helplessness to do anything. Most of the communications have come from well known citizens, leaders in their communities, personally known to the members.

As for "the truth" about Pearl Harbor, everyone in Washington has been as ignorant as the people on the west coast. Rumors fill the air and spread despite the president's admonition to dismiss rumors as they may originate with enemies. However, in the absence of detailed cold facts, rumors run riot. The theory of withholding information from the public is that it would aid the Japanese, but the Japanese already know what vessels they have destroyed and the number of planes put out of commission.

Legislators and the public are wondering why the administration does not follow the custom of Prime Minister Churchill and frankly advise the people of losses, instead of holding facts as a military or naval secret. Legislators say the American people "can take it" and the facts would cause them, figuratively, to pull in their belts and go to work producing munitions as they have never done before.

DOCUMENTARY evidence has appeared that the state department was given a war map in October showing in detail the Japanese plan against Honolulu, and that the informant, a Korean, was called "a fool." The map had been given to the navy a year ago. It set the date of attack as December, 1941, or not later than February, 1942. Frank Knox' newspaper carried a story from Chungking in which the correspondent reported a code message from Washington was received in the far east three days before the Pearl Harbor attack, warning of that attack.

SAMPLE of the calls for help from the northwest is a message from the mayor of Coos Bay. He begged for aircraft guns, patrol planes and patrol boats to protect the people, jetties, coast highway, bridges; urged that the section base being installed by the navy be taken from the WPA and placed under direct direction of some agency that

5 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

DID YOU GET THAT SURPRISE FOR BOY?

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 18, 1931

(It was Friday)

Citizens urged to cast off depression blues and show old-fashioned Christmas spirit.

"Legs" Diamond, New York gangster, shot to death in rooming house.

Eugene Thorndike is named chairman of Community Chest drive.

Warmer weather with rain forecast. High 57, low 34 degrees.

Republicans back Hoover plan for return of prosperity.

Public hearing for county budget set for December 31.

Haircuts drop to 25 cents.

Earl Fehl libel suit now set for early in February. Turnoff grows in Jackson county along with epidemic of petty thieving.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 18, 1921

(It was Friday)

Special session of legislature is expected to defeat plan to levy \$3,000,000 tax for world's fair in Portland in 1925.

Wall street closely guarded after threat of new bombing received.

British astrologers predict another world war in 1932, with the "great peace" in 1942.

Trace of snow with freezing weather. High 22, low 18.

Road between Prospect and Trail to be finished next year.

The Seattle Oil and Gas company starts drilling for oil in Sams valley.

Christmas rush at postoffice now at height.

Gold Hill I.O.O.F. to Have Program Monday

Gold Hill, Dec. 18.—(Spl)—

The Odd Fellow lodge's annual community Christmas tree and program will be held in I.O.O.F. hall Monday evening, December 22. The program is in charge of a committee from the Rebekah lodge, and all children and their parents, in this community, are invited.

A benefit dance is being sponsored by the Odd Fellows in their hall, on December 20. Local musicians will furnish music for the occasion and arrangements have been completed to accommodate a large crowd.

Machinery Arriving For Prospect Mill

Prospect, Dec. 18.—(Spl)—

The first truck load of machinery was brought into Prospect, Wednesday for the new mill, that will be built in a Rogue River Timber company tract, two miles from town, in the Red Blanket district.

The owners, E. L. Hutchins, and Mrs. Winnifred Roberts, arrived from White Salmon, Wash., December 16. According to Mr. Hutchins, the production will be confined largely to railroad ties.

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