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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Moscow reports Russian soldiers captured enemy troops—Germans, Rumanians, and Italians, while fighting among themselves. The incident is cited as a sample of the hate that racks the retreating Nazi ranks. It is hoped the Russians showed their bringing up, and did not interfere until the foe had finished their internal battle. A cheer for the Russian boys, who went forth into a snowy night, and stole all the cranks from German auto equipment. Thus the invaders were unable to flee, when Red forces arrived in the morning. It was a neat mixing of war and Halloween.

The first snow-white blackbird of the winter is reported hopping around the rural regions of Benton county, and eating with the chickens and the sparrows. This might be the snow-white robin sighted every spring in the southwest part of town.

ADMIRABLE CANDOR

(Binghamton Press)

MEN'S SHIRTS \$1.69—These shirts were bought off-price and just by looking at them you can tell they won't last long. All woven fabrics.

"Every time you take a breath nearly 100 bolts of lightning strike somewhere in the world."—Electrical note. And, come closer to hitting a hired man driving home the cows, than an eminent rascal like Il Duce Mussolini.

Con DeVore of the meathouse reports a snowstorm and his grandson Mike, hit his place on Roxy Ann the first of the week.

The war has knocked considerable zip and zest out of Rose Bowl football games and Santa Claus. It has also removed the wind and starch from any number of premature May primary candidates, throughout the commonwealth.

A LADY SPEAKS UP

(Oregonian)

"To the Editor: Regarding La Guardia's advice to head for the nearest basement in case of an air raid, the 'Little Flower' can crawl back into his 'hot-house' if he wants to, but I grew up in the brush. If it ever seems necessary for me to desert the shelter of my present 'wick-up' I am to split the gentle breeze that blows toward the hills."

There has been a sharp decline in local rumor-mongering. There are just as many rumors, but fewer mongers.

"Sale of liquor to Indians occupied much of Judge Johnson's time Saturday morning."—(Salt Lake Tribune). Don't get caught, your Honor!

The invincible, etc., gray-green legions of A. Hitler are now engaged in a strategic skedaddle towards Berlin "to shorten their lines." Another week of spirited sprinting, and the soldiers will be yelling "Kameradi!", and the world informed "the German people were misled", as in 1918. This time the world has braced itself not to be misled at the peace table worse than the German people.

Mount Mitchell State Park, N. C., boasts the highest peak in the east with Mt. Mitchell rising 6,884 feet above sea level.

Children in Grand Rapids, Mich., primary schools direct their own study periods.

A Topsy Turvy World Gone Mad

The war situation in the Orient looks as dark, as it looks bright in Europe.

What a crazy kaleidoscope this war is anyway, and has been from the start.

ONLY a month ago who would have imagined that Hitler, then within 30 miles of Moscow and well within the suburbs of Leningrad, would be fleeing for his life toward the German border, deserting his Finnish allies as he fled!

And who, would have imagined Nippon, supposedly fighting then for her life against a revived and avenging China, capturing Hongkong, advancing on Singapore and occupying portions of the Philippines!

Anyone predicting such a transformation would have been sent under guard to the nearest padded cell.

YET there you are. And one can only wonder what the future may contain.

What if, one month hence, little Japan should score a knockout in the Far East,—and, the Muscovite hordes enjoy a similar triumph in Europe!

You say it CAN'T happen.

Don't be foolish. In this war ANYTHING can happen.

And in such an event, just how would Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill regard the established policy of continuing all-out aid, in money and arms, to the advancing legions of Comrade Stalin!

A CRAZY world, brethren, a crazy world. And at the moment not only crazy but unpredictable.

The only certain thing about it is,—NOTHING is certain; and as long as the cockeyed ball of dirt continues crashing along at its present insane rate, nothing can be.

Survival of the Fittest?

Among other things the renowned Dr. Goebbels, considerably subdued, predicts an ultimate German victory on the time-honored basis of the survival of the fittest.

Yes, that's the Nazi theory.

Perfect the machinery of cruel and heartless destruction, better than any other race, and the world is yours. (Under Hitler, Germany has probably done that, in spite of the present debacle on the Eastern front.)

BUT the learned doctor is wrong.

The fittest race or nation, in this day and age, is NOT the one that has most highly perfected the science of destruction, and nothing more.

And the present situation in Europe clearly shows it.

MAN for man, and machine for machine the Germans probably still have today the most efficient war machine in Europe.

But how about the spirit BEHIND that machine? And even more important how about the attitude of the human masses of Europe, irrespective of nationality, regarding it?

In short the spiritual imponderables, doctor, the spiritual imponderables.

Aye, there's the rub in your Nazi philosophy, "Kameradi!"

WITH the downfall of France the Nazis firmly believed they had won the Second World War. So did 99% of the military experts in the world.

And they had, on paper. But permanent victories in this world are not won on paper, nor alone with bullets.

There must not only be the superior ability to destroy, but an equal ability to reconstruct.

And that is an ability the Germans have again demonstrated they completely lack.

SO what?

Why with all her efficiency, Nazi Germany today, is precisely where imperialistic Germany was near the close of World War No. 1,—she hasn't a REAL friend in the world.

Only two extremely unreliable elements keep the Axis from collapsing completely,—fear and force.

The cohesive element of all political and social stability in this modern world, GOOD WILL, is conspicuous by its COMPLETE absence.

SO granting that essentially this world STILL IS a world of the survival of the fittest; because of that very fact, Nazi Germany is doomed to defeat.

For no nation however great its capacity to destroy, but with no capacity to conciliate and reconstruct, can, with any true understanding of the term, demonstrate its fitness to survive.

At long last the absence of good will, destroys her!

Those Dragons' Teeth

THE truth of the above conclusion, has been brought into sharp relief, by two items in today's news report.

One, the desertion of Finland, by Germany.

Two, the refusal of Spain to join the Axis, and increasing anti-German sentiment displayed in Denmark.

Imagine, what the feeling toward Germany in Finland must be today! While in Spain and Denmark,—here were two countries, where at the time of downfall of France pro-German sentiment was strongest.

Had the Nazi Germans, NOT displayed not only no capacity for making friends, but a positive

GENIUS for making enemies, both of these countries today would be at least potential allies of the Axis.

But the Nazis, persistently seeking to USE both countries, solely for Germany's benefit, until popular resentment has reached the boiling point, now as in 1918 stand completely isolated in Central Europe.

There is Fascist Italy, of course, but Fascist Italy no longer counts!

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.

KEEPING IT SECRET

Your column interests me and tempts me to write, but not about anything seriously wrong as long as it is so public (writes a woman, as I imagine, but I cannot tell, because the signature gives no clue). When there is anything seriously wrong let me go to a Doctor who can live up to his creed and keep it a secret between us two (she continues). That is not meant as a reflection, on you as a Doctor, you understand, but, well, let us say there are some things that cannot be cured by remote control, so to speak. No doubt many are helped by your advice and teachings, but the best cure for imaginary heart trouble, for instance, is to have a Doctor use the stethoscope and then tell one there is nothing wrong at all. What a wonderful feeling that is. It makes one want to sing and shout. Doesn't it make you glad too when you are able to, calm anyone's fears? I'll bet it does. (W. A.)



The lady writes that bet. I can take all the criticism leveled against me, whether it seems just or unjust, if once in a while some one drops me a line to report any benefit he or she may have obtained from advice or teachings in this column or by private correspondence.

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

(despite the opposition of big oil companies). Rubber tires will not be available. Synthetic rubber will eventually be furnished, but costs much more. Out of our lives will go new radios, typewriters, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, housing facilities. Limited will be the supplies of furniture, furnaces. Prices will continue to rise. Rents will be put under control.

In short the consumer will suffer in every line which demands metals or raw materials from the far east.

THIS country just hit its real defense production gait as the Japs struck at us. By New Year's day we will have spent about \$20,000,000,000 on defense armaments (half the national debt we were worried about). Three-fourths of this represents defense armaments actually produced (the rest being administrative expenses, etc.).

But our stride will widen increasingly from now on. Our old program calls for \$32,000,000,000 next year, \$40,000,000,000 the year following. For the three years this represents roughly a \$90,000,000,000 effort.

The billion dollar figure has been used so loosely in the last few years, it has lost its impressiveness, but you can get a bare suggestion of what it means by recalling that this figure equals what every man, woman and child earned in the U. S. this year.

But this old program is to be extended. The figure of \$150,000,000,000 is being freely used as a goal. That represents a hope still on the astronomical side, but the defense economists can see where \$130,000,000,000 could be spent by the end of 1943. They are measuring available labor, plant expansions, full possible utilization of resources.

Such an expenditure would lift our national income from \$92,000,000,000 this year to about \$125,000,000,000 for 1943. This is nearly \$1,000 average for every man, woman and child in the country.

NO one here is being deterred by any thought of difficulty in raising these unprecedented sums of money—or of paying the interest on the increased debt later. We are moving into an ever rising new plane of income, debt, expenditures. The swelling national income represents an expanding reservoir, from which the treasury may siphon greatly increased sums in taxes and bond issues to pay for its bigger expenditures.

As for servicing the post-war debt burden, the economists foresee a much higher peacetime plane of business for the future which will produce more revenue for government. Opening of foreign markets, after victory, coupled with the deferred demand for the autos and vacuum cleaners you cannot buy now, should be enough to preserve balance.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Japanese Money Tied Up in U. S.

German Concerns in U. S. Also Tied

Weather Reports Military Secret

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19—

Preston Delano, comptroller of currency, has men in the Mitsui offices in Seattle and Portland; in the Japanese specie banks, and has tied up the account of every Japanese national in the United States. Agents of the comptroller moved swiftly and while the country was still rocking back on its heels from the Pearl Harbor disaster Delano's men had frozen every dollar and yen controlled by Japanese in America.

A westerner (although credited by the administration to Massachusetts) Preston Delano came to the national capital in 1933 with the purpose of spending two weeks assisting Russell Hawkins on the HOLC and has been here ever since; now rates \$15,000 a year and has supervision over every bank in the country. Grants Pass, Portland, Seattle were the scenes of his activity before the late Mr. Hawkins, northwest lumberman, was called to the capital with HOLC. Years of living on the west coast gave Mr. Hawkins the Pacific coast slant on the Japanese.

WHEN congress voted a declaration of war against Japan, in nothing flat, the comptroller moved. His agents walked in and assumed charge of every Japanese bank and trading company on the west coast, and the agents are still on the inside and so are the Japanese. Interests of the Japanese, especially on the coast, are immense; their trading companies have massive holdings. The Mitsui operations are extensive throughout the Pacific northwest and the personal fortune of the Japanese imperial family is largely invested in this trading company.

The Japanese fishermen, restaurant proprietors, farmers and business houses almost invariably are depositors in American banks. To all banks the comptroller has issued an order freezing the accounts of these depositors and holding the bank management responsible. Any Japanese can draw sufficient funds for living expenses or to finance some pending deal, such as distilling the mint grown near Salem, but that is all. A check accepted from a Japanese during the war means trouble for the acceptor and dealing with the enemy will not be healthy.

TWO other moves have been made by Delano's agents; they are in control of the important dye and chemical industry and the film factory owned by Germany. The company officials cannot hire or fire anyone, for employees are frozen as well as the assets, and every order shipped out (there is no effort to close the plants) must be approved by these government agents, who handle all the funds. One of these dye plants is believed to be headquarters of the Gestapo in this country.

Italy had a couple of banking institutions and these have been taken over, the doors locked and the agents are preparing to liquidate the assets as rapidly as possible. Action against the German industries and the Italian banks came with the declaration of war against these nations, after Mussolini and Hitler had first announced the existence of a state of war, but all steps in the procedure had been planned weeks ago.

BANK accounts of suspected Germans, naturalized and un-naturalized, and of Italians under suspicion have been "blocked" the same as the Japanese. These will be permitted sufficient to live on but they cannot withdraw funds to smuggle out of the country. Burden of enforcing this order rests with the individual bank, each of which has posted a typewritten list of depositors affected by the order.

Back of the freezing order is the knowledge that the American dollar is the most dependable money in the world and that all nations at war with the United States are anxious to get as many dollars as possible. Armed with American dollars, Hitler would seek to buy agents all over the globe and for this reason deposits of nationals of the conquered countries have also been frozen. Deposits of Finns, Greeks, Hollanders, Austrians, Roumanians cannot be drawn upon. The theory is that these countries are under the domination of Hitler and the depositors are not free, and if permitted to withdraw funds the Gestapo would force them to surrender the money under

threat of reprisal on relatives in the old country.

KNOWLEDGE of weather conditions being vital to air-plane operations, publication of daily forecasts has been forbidden by the weather bureau on orders from the war department. These reports will still be received by American fliers, but in code received at Everett, McChord, Portland, Pendleton and Spokane. As a military secret, weather is thus taking on a new significance on the Pacific coast.

By Frank Jenkins

PORTLAND, Wednesday.

Members of the advisory committee that superintends Oregon's annual expenditure of \$100,000 for promotion of tourist travel to this state voted this afternoon to suspend for the present plans for the advertising to have been done next year.

THE idea of advertising Oregon's vacation advantages is not to be abandoned. It is merely to be held up for the present. The department of the state highway commission that handles the advertising is to be continued and will resume its normal duties as soon as life on the Pacific coast returns to a sufficiently normal basis to permit people to make plans again for such pleasant interludes as vacations.

Oregon people are realistic. They recognize at once that under present conditions there is little time for planning vacations. There is too much else to be done.

THE department handling this advertising consists at present of three persons—a director and two assistants. All three have been commandeered by the governor's office and are working all day and far into the night on state defense activities.

Oregon's state government, you see, is doing what all the rest of us are doing—it is devoting all its energies to meeting the new situation created by America's sudden entrance into the war.

THERE is much talk these days about business as usual. The idea is basically sound. The life of the nation must go on. We must produce as we never have produced before, for modern warfare is unbelievably wasteful and waste can only be made up for by increased production.

But this basically sound idea of business as usual needs some clarification. We can't carry on business AS USUAL, for in time of peace business is the first thought of all normal Americans. It isn't the first thought now. With our country at war, WINNING THE WAR must be first in our thoughts all the time. Everything else must be secondary.

Back of the idea of "business as usual" must be a clear understanding of this fact. We must carry on business as usual only to the extent of keeping up normal production and keeping up normal morale.

We must be prepared all the time to do unusual things whenever called upon. If we don't, no one can say what the consequences will be.

BACK of all these plans for civilian defense is this thought of being ready and prepared to do unusual things. We can't let the unexpected creep up on us and find us unready. That would mean demoralization, and demoralization of the civilian population is the objective that is foremost in the minds of the ambitious gangsters who have upset the world.

We mustn't play into their hands.

THE people of Oregon and the entire population are responding magnificently to the sudden emergency. On every hand, by the hundreds of thousands, they are asking: "What can we do?"

There will be plenty to do in the months to come. But meanwhile, RIGHT NOW, there is something everybody can do. Give, within the limits of our means, to the Red Cross.

Here is something we must keep in mind. We must go ahead and not behind. We will whip Hitler, Mussolini too. And blow Japan plumb into So don't get worried, fret and stew. For Uncle Sam will take care of you.

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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 19, 1931

(It was Saturday)

Schools of city close for Christmas holidays.

Bob Thurman is named president of the Junior high student body.

High school to open quint season tonight with Chiloquin as opponents.

Slayers of veterans during Armistice day celebration at Centralia freed from prison.

Cloudy and unsettled weather; high 57, low 27 degrees.

Five officials of the Empire Holding corporation are indicted. Fraud charged.

Banker warns senate forcing Germany to pay war debts will mean rebellion.

California Oregon Power company building budget for coming years totals \$1,097,394.

Economic survey of valley report ready early in January.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 19, 1921

(It was Monday)

War clouds gathering in Ireland. Peace efforts fail.

Special session of legislature rejects world fair tax levy plan.

Rain mixed with snow falls over valley; high 34, low 29, rain .02 inch.

House to appropriate \$20,000,000 to aid starving Russia.