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**Ye Smudge Pot**  
 By Arthur Perry  
 S. Claus will show up in person Thurs. per schedule. Alderman Tom Bradley had the mayor out to the Elks doing on the 18th, and expects to find a load of wood in his stocking.  
 The hordes of Hitler are running from the Russian hosts. There has not been so much local interest in running since Racin Ray Johnson of the H. S. broke the state record for the 440.  
 The Older Girls are all sure glad the holiday rush is about over. They have been so busy they had no time to swat stray houseflies between Thanksgiving and Christmas.  
 Ginger Rogers, the film queen, shipped near an express car full of valley pears to friends throughout the nation the past week.  
 Air raid patrol shelters have been set up. In case of an emergency a pedestrian can duck into one of them without permission, if he is fleeing from a speed idiot.  
 A dab of snow fell Tues. but vanished before it developed into a civic aggravation. Most of the bald-headed peaks are wearing a mantle of white. The first of the wk. the wind whistled merrily, but no particular tune.  
 Chuck Clay of some place in Calif. is up visiting his boy's grandpaw, who is a hive of pride.  
 There was some fog last week. One day it was as thick as forest fire smoke in August.  
 H. Fiewhor the demon baker, and Mel Hogan have their cotton-baton whiskers all combed and curled for their Yuletide impersonations of Kris Kringle.  
 Herr Hitler of Germany and Signor Mussolini of Italy are still the targets of much cordial hating hereabouts. Several have relaxed and eased their haters by getting mad at Satan and the power barons, like they use to.  
 Hogkilling is scheduled to start on the Applegate right after the Yuletide when the moon will be right. Several have their faces fixed for pig backbones.  
 This is the shortest day of the year, and the birthday of Atty. G. Coddling. Learned counsel refused to divulge his age, on the ground it was irrelevant, immaterial, and might give away a military secret to the enemy.  
 The state is getting ready to collect a tax on cigarettes. Another little tax is just another little tax and won't do any harm to chowers and pipe smokers.  
 Common colds are quite common and not popular.  
 The H. S. bb. team evorited in a jamboree Fri. night and have prospects.  
**PORTLAND LEADS NATION**  
 Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The navy said today its recruiting station at Portland, Ore., led the nation in its ratio of enlistments since July 1.  
**NAZI SHIPPING HIT**  
 Moscow, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Moscow radio announced today that a Russian submarine had sunk three German transports, totaling 25,500 tons, in the Arctic.  
 San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Butter, 92 score 36c; 91 score 35c; 90 score 34½c; 89 score 32½c.  
 One Mail Tribune want ad.

### Will it Be a Long War?

For the first time since World War No. 2 started, the Allies and the Axis are agreed on an important point, namely:  
 This will be a long war.  
 With Dr. Goebbels declaring blitzes are over, reverses are to be expected, and victory is not yet in sight, the verdict becomes UNANIMOUS.  
 Only a few days ago President Roosevelt told his press conference, there was no reasonable chance of a quick triumph. This has been the view of England and Russia for many months.

SO but for one fact, everyone might relax, and proceed to become permanently adjusted to the inevitability of a protracted drawn-out conflict.  
 That one fact is this:  
 From the first, this war has been one of upsets. Not a single prediction concerning it,—particularly from the so-called experts,—has been borne out by subsequent events. It has been a war of surprises from first to last.

THE unanimity of this "long war" opinion, therefore, is suspicious. It suggests ANOTHER expert pronouncement may be due for a swift kick in the seat of the pants.  
 Moreover, certain elements in the world situation support such a hypothesis.  
 And element No. 1, is the undeniable fact that the admission of a long war from Germany, is far more damaging to the Axis cause, than a similar pronouncement coming from the Allies.

FOR the first, as everyone knows, the allies have been the underdogs.  
 From the outset they could see nothing ahead but a long hard struggle, with any sort of decisive victory often in doubt.  
 In fact at the time of Dunkirk, it looked to the hard pressed rank and file of Britain, that nothing but a miracle could stave off a crushing allied defeat.  
 For the allies to grant NOW, that it will be a long war, but that ultimately victory is certain, represents therefore to the allied cause, a tremendous change for the better,—a REAL boost in morale.  
 A sudden transformation from hopelessness to supreme self-confidence.

QUITE the reverse for the Axis, particularly for Hitler and his Nazi gangsters. Many years ahead of the world in war preparations, knocking over their unprepared opponents like so many ninepins, one devastating blitzkrieg after another, this Nazi admission that their dreams of sudden conquest have been knocked into a cocked hat really represents a terrific smash in the solar plexus.  
 So terrific that one wonders, if, considering the circumstances, it might not prove to be a fatal one.

WE grant a sudden German collapse doesn't look probable at this writing. But we are CERTAIN it is POSSIBLE.

For as has been often stated in this department, the Nazis, like all other gangsters are formidable warriors when everything goes their way, but let the tide set in against them, and watch the sudden emergence of the well known yellow-streak. They are great at handing it out, but not worth a tinker's damn when they have to TAKE it.  
 Now this turn-about squawk by Dr. Goebbels removes any doubt that may have existed, that the war worm in Europe has REALLY turned, that the Russian victories on the eastern front, and the British-Italian rout in Libya, are not press agent yarns, but the straight, objective, brass-tack dope.

FOR the first time, in other words, since he marched into Poland Herr Hitler has to stand up, hold his ground, and show he can really take it, or ELSE, . . .  
 If the experts are correct about the duration of the war, he will do just that.  
 And there is some ground to believe he will. Even a rat when cornered, will fight for his life.  
 But it is not going to greatly surprise this department at least, if the table-thumping, platform-strutting boastful-blustering Reichsfuehrer, when the going gets REALLY tough, DOESN'T,—  
 That, no longer puffed up by the specious courage, that a vast superiority in numbers and equipment give, the ex-paper hanger, will show his true colors at last and quit. And with him Nazi Germany.

WE repeat, that isn't PROBABLE. But it is POSSIBLE. And if it does come to pass it will conform EXACTLY to the pattern World war No. 2 has followed from the outset, a war in which nothing that was supposed to happen, ever did.

### NAZI SPIES EYED IN LATIN LANDS

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A congressional report told today of axis infiltration in Latin America, leading Secretary of State Hull to comment that the American republics were united on the guard against subversive activity.  
 The report came from a special house group headed by Representative Nichols (D., Okla.). It said after a survey of 16 nations to the south that seven of them, according to "authoritative sources," were plagued with German, Italian or Japanese spy and propaganda work.

Hull told his press conference that the state department would be glad to cooperate fully with congress in clarifying the situation.

At various inter-American conferences, the secretary added, questions involving transportation throughout the American republics and subversive acts and their eradication, as well as all phases of cooperative hemispheric defense, had been discussed and acted upon.

**BLACKOUT SUCCESS**  
 Milton-Freewater, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Observers on hills above the valley reported the whole area completely blacked out within two minutes of an alarm. A test blackout here recently.

Canada's total forested area exceeds 1,220,000 square miles and occupies 35 per cent of the land area of the Dominion.

### 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.

#### ABSORPTION FROM THE INTESTINE

Quote from Wright's "Applied Physiology":  
 "There is no evidence that the constituents of the digestive secretions or the products of normal digestion produce poisonous effects; nor is there strong evidence, in spite of widely held views to the contrary, that a high protein diet is harmful . . . no experimental evidence that a high protein diet damages the kidneys. . . . The fecal bacteria are extremely numerous, forming 46 per cent of the total nitrogen of the feces. They grow chiefly in the terminal ileum (that is the lowest portion of the small intestine) and in the ascending colon (the cecum or first portion of large intestine), where the feces are liquid enough to form a suitable culture medium, but in the distal colon, owing to drying up of the feces, most of the organisms die. The intestinal flora are fairly constant in make-up, and are probably useful to the host in keeping out harmful bacteria which would otherwise gain a foothold. None of the organisms found in the alimentary tract forms any toxins; few of them undergo dissolution to liberate endotoxins. Furthermore, toxic absorption can occur much more readily from fluid feces than from dried hard material. It seems probable that excessive purgation, by keeping the feces fluid, may be more harmful than the constipation for which it serves as treatment."

A pointed out in earlier articles, mineral oil, so much used as an "intestinal lubricant" actually has no such effect but prevents absorption of water from the feces in the first portion of the large intestine and hence keeps the feces fluid or liquid, instead of semi-solid or formed.  
 According to Starling's "Human Physiology" (1936):  
 "As an absorbing organ the large intestine of man is of little importance. . . . In some cases after the introduction of large enemas into the large intestine, a certain amount may escape backwards into the ileum (lowest portion of small intestine) and may there undergo absorption. The isolated large intestine of man is able to absorb only about six grammes (heaping teaspoon-

ful) of glucose and 80 cc. about two and one-half ounces) of water per hour. If egg albumin or caseinogen (chief protein of milk) solutions be introduced by the rectum, no absorption can be detected after several hours. Feeding by nutrient enemata is thus of little value."  
 After hemorrhage, and in the state of shock (which is similar to that of the patient with condition of circulation and vitality or metabolism in shock) absorption of water from the colon is rapid and one or two quarts of so-called normal salt solution or normal saline (approximately a rounded teaspoonful of common table salt to the pint of boiled water) may be given by enema and retained, and the most of it will be absorbed to restore volume to the blood.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**  
**Nervous Breakdown**  
 Young woman suffered nervous breakdown three years ago. Physical examination then revealed no organic trouble, but she has never felt really well since. Occasionally has attacks of migraine. She finds it difficult to tell her troubles even to members of her family. . . . Would it be wise for her to marry? She is twenty-six. Her prospective husband is 28 and quite well. Could she bear healthy, normal children?  
 Answer—"Nervous breakdown" has no specific meaning—the term may cover innumerable physical impairments and perhaps sometimes mental disease. Wisest course, for future happiness of both, would be for the prospective husband to go with his prospective wife to a good physician or both may know and ask his advice about marriage. This is the solution of the question of fitness for marriage and raising a family in every case. A physician who knows something of the family history is always better qualified to advise about the question of heredity.  
**Nails Improved**  
 Several months ago began taking B complex and D to supplement my diet as you recommended, for thin, splitting, ridged nails that seemed to grow poorly and gave me much annoyance and embarrassment. Now, about seven months later, I write to express my gratitude for your advice. My nails are perfect, and my general health has improved remarkably too.  
 Answer—Mrs. L. supplemented her regular diet with a daily ration of B complex (300 units of B1 etc.) and 1500 units of D. Insufficient daily intake of these essential vitamins is a common cause of ridged, brittle, spooned, thin, poorly growing nails—malnutrition.  
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### News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon  
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merit for their air experience. Gen. Emmons, who is to be in charge, has an army reputation for silent aggressiveness. He never relied on written reports, visited all the air fields in his old combat command and talked to squad leaders. After the greatest of mass bombing flights, the hop of 21 flying fortresses to Hawaii last May, he wired back: "Flight uneventful. All arrived."

Especially colorful is the new Hawaiian air force commander, General Tinker, who sports long side-burns and should be known as "Side-whiskers" although his accepted nickname is "Tink." He is part Osage and was among the best flyers of the army. (Formerly he was pilot for Major General Blanding of the National Guard). Never known to raise his voice, he is pleasant, impatient with routine. He did a bang-up job with the interceptor squad.

The appointments are warnings to Jap flyers.  
 THE new Pacific fleet commander, Admiral Nimitz is a seagoer, too, although he is also considered an expert at personnel and administration. Exceptionally vigorous for his 56 years, he customarily plays three sets of tennis before seeking the showers. Dignified, forceful, imperturbable is the way his associates characterize him.

ONE reason Mr. Roosevelt stepped so fast into censorship is that war department has

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### Kelly's Comment

From Washington  
**Northwest Facing Fuel Shortage**  
**Much Oil Going To Philippines**  
**Lloyd's Refuses Bombing Policy**  
 By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—A serious fuel oil shortage threatens the Pacific northwest. There is not fuel oil enough on hand, according to government survey, to provide for the wants of any one of several industries for one month. Illuminating and cooking gas, manufactured from fuel oil, will be affected unless relief comes, and thousands of homes are dependent upon gas ranges.  
 With the seizure or destruction by Japan of three tankers off the coast (presumed to be carrying fuel oil to Vladivostok) all tankers have been ordered to remain in port. Inasmuch as most of the fuel oil supply for Oregon and Washington is delivered by tankers from California fields, and trucked inland to interior communities, stoppage of these vessels is a serious matter. Unless the tankers are permitted to resume operations within a very short time fuel oil will be rationed. There are railroad tank cars, but of the 148,000 in the United States relatively few are used on the Pacific coast, and if all the tank cars available were used on the west coast they could not meet the demands for fuel oil in the northwestern states.  
 Already the president, by executive order, has established rigid control of non-military navigation on Puget sound, the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the Columbia river and by this order, naturally, the oil tankers are included.

**AVERAGE** consumption of petroleum products in the northwest amounts to 17 quarts a day for a family of four—a little more than one gallon a day for every man, woman and child in Washington and Oregon. Although oil is produced in 23 states, California has a monopoly of the business in its northern neighbors, very little coming by tank cars from Montana. Aside from the need of barrels of fuel oil (42 gallons to the barrel) for logging engines, farm tractors, highway equipment, logging railroads, sawmills and plywood plants, there are 18,000 motorboats on Puget sound requiring the oil and 7,800 in Columbia river. There are also the heating plants in homes, office buildings and industries depending upon an uninterrupted flow of fuel oil.

**SECRETARY** of the Interior Ickes, whose oil scare in the east recently blew up when it was suspected the scare was to promote a pipeline that required enough steel to build a dozen warships, has dumped the oil problem in the lap of his advisory committee and dined off his hands. The oil companies have agreed to pool their resources to meet the situation in the northwest and the further threatened shortage of high octane. War and navy departments are demanding for bombers, interceptors, amphibians, tanks and motorized equipment more high octane than the combined resources of the 560 refineries of the nation can produce unless the standard for gasoline for private cars, trucks and buses is lowered.  
 It is assumed that suspension of state standards would require legislative action and could not be dealt with by governor's proclamation. If the government requisitions all the capacity of high octane and state standards are not abrogated there will be little or no gasoline for private use. In fact, the companies say they cannot produce enough of the high test gasoline for government demands without an increase in their capacity to refine crude oil.

**DESPITE** the activity of the Japanese on the Pacific the government is preparing to send millions of gallons of oil and gasoline to the Philippines from the west coast. It is expected that the enemy will sink or capture a substantial percentage of the tankers, but the deliveries must be made; the Philippine military establishments must

**DAILY** suggestion of what you can do to help win this war: Don't try to buy new tires, get your old ones retreaded. Don't slam on your brakes suddenly or tear around corners. Drive moderately to conserve your automobile and fuel. This is a war of resources. Stop all waste.

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have fuel oil and gasoline for the fliers. It is a voyage of some 7,000 miles. Much nearer the Philippines are the Dutch East Indies with their oil supplies, but the navy says it would be as hazardous to deliver oil from there as from the United States. With the 467 tanks of this country now servicing Iceland and bases in the Atlantic and Caribbean, sending a flotilla to the Philippines will reduce the number available to supply the northwest.

**LLOYD'S** of London, which is willing to insure the Pendleton Roundup against loss by rain, a shipyard against fire or bet that a yard will launch every freighter on contract time, now refuses to make any insurance rate against bombs being dropped in any town from Port Angeles, Wash., to Gold Beach, Ore., or from Gray's Harbor, Wash., to Lewiston, Idaho. Lloyd's, ready to take a chance on almost anything, wants no part of any bombing gamble and refuses to risk a nickel that no enemy air raider will not lay an egg in any part of the northwest. Marine insurance for freighters on the Pacific has jumped to \$4 per \$100, an all-time high.

### ITALIAN REBELS AFTER MUSSOLINI

London, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Russian embassy announced today that a group of militant Italian anti-fascists and communists have formed a secret "committee of action" aimed at overthrowing Mussolini and concluding a separate Italian peace.  
 The announcement, which was issued in the embassy's publication, "Soviet War News," recalled the recent Italian disclosure of a revolutionary movement, including an attempt against the life of Mussolini and extensive sabotage in Italy. (A trial of suspected spies and saboteurs was held at Trieste, Italy, this month).  
 Washington ranks first, and New York second, among the states in apple production.

### 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 21, 1931  
 Will Rogers, famed humorist in Sunday article in most of the leading papers of the land, says "Everybody I met in Medford told me about their wonderful pears, but nobody offered me any."  
 Medford High defeats Chiloquin 34 to 13 in first basketball game of season.  
 Valley turkeys shipped to San Francisco markets.  
 Rain and slightly cooler predicted. High 45, low 38 degrees.  
 Statistics show Jackson county has most autos per capita in the state.  
 Sen. Johnson in senate address declares: "If you want future peace in Europe give back all the spoils of the Versailles treaty."

**TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY**  
 December 21, 1921  
 (It was Wednesday)  
 Fairground improvement project carried by 356 majority, though only four rural precincts voted for it.  
 Elmer Wilson is elected Legion commander.  
 Ellis Deeson of Talent aids an itinerant and is robbed of his Sunday suit.  
 Rain or snow forecast. High 42, low 27, precipitation .04 inch.  
 Special session of legislature still wrangling over bill to provide tax money for Portland World fair in 1925.  
 President Harding calls economy conference for early next year.

J. A. Perry, president of the Medford irrigation district, announces water will be available to farmers next spring.  
 Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Two late to classify 12:30 p. m.

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**They Met in BOMBAY**  
 with PETER LORRE  
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