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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The independent (they seem to be too much so) welders, who have been at loggerheads with the Boilermakers Union, so threaten a nationwide stop-work strike in shipyards and other defense works voted to establish picket lines in the Bay Area. Thus they find themselves at loggerheads also with the army, who announce they will move in and keep the plants open. In these kind of times, the public feels, things should be run by constituted authority, not from a union hall. The recalcitrants won't like welding at soldier's pay.

Premier Mussolini of Italy, a dispatch from Switzerland states, has "resumed demonstrations of his physical stamina." The rascal marched at the head of the infantry. The ability of Il Duce to put one foot in front of the other is largely due to the bum shooting of a well-meaning assassin early last fall.

"Myrtle Remington is slowly gaining."—(Fennimore (Wis.) Times)—Dieting note.

Mr. Willie, the late GOP, presidential nominee, in a broadcast Saturday urged sacrifice by one and all, and remarked in the past nine years much money had been spent that could have been devoted to battleships and planes. He also said "new political experimentation must be eliminated for this emergency." For saving things like that before the distinguished citizen was a moving target for waste-baskets and hen-fruit.

YE ED. TEARS HAIR (Tulsa (Okla.) World) "Through a typographical error the World stated that Mrs. ... pioneer Tulsa church worker, killed in an automobile accident recently, was compelled to borrow from short-time loan companies to procure money on which to 'love.' The word should have been 'live'."

Der fueshrer scored a great victory for the Allies Sunday. He named himself commander in chief of the Nazi armies, and better luck than that could not be.

A solo, "Gesu Bambino," will be sung by Mrs. ... (This paper)—Submarine warfare on a new front.

The Older Girls have completed their Yule package wrapping and mailing, and many have not been so tired since they paped the parlor, all by themselves.

SO POLITE—ONCE! (K. C. Star) "You do not have to be polite to an enemy in war, so those U. S. copyreaders who have had to use the full word, Japanese, to give the touchy oriental the full dignity of his name, now can make their headlines fit and say more by shortening it to 'Japs.'"

"Judas Personified! Once more our turn-coat competitor has reversed himself, a fact which has happened so often it is no longer news... so much bush-waugh!"—(Del Norte (Calif.) Triplicate)—Merry and vitriolic Christmas, you Judas!

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Not So Fast!

How "we the people" do love extremes. It is our strength and our weakness. At the present time, with a war on two fronts, it is definitely the latter. For from the shock and depression caused by the sudden devastating attack on Honolulu two weeks ago, we have proceeded to rush to the other extreme, and judging by the local reports coming to this office, this mans' war will probably be over by Christmas. It is really too bad and might become serious.

THE war in Europe does look better,—definitely so. In fact the situation over there justifies the happiest and most hopeful Christmas in this country, since World War No. 2 started.

But there is nothing as yet in the Far East to cheer about. And from any realistic standpoint, no such exaggerated optimism, as reports to this office indicate, is justified from across the Atlantic.

IN fact far from it. As stated in this department, during the past week-end; on the Russian front Germany has undoubtedly suffered the most serious reverse of the present war,—a reverse that MIGHT result in the long prayed-for break in German resistance.

But we said "MIGHT." We stressed the point it was a possible, NOT a probable outcome. Yet we are in receipt of a communication, apparently inspired by our remarks, which assumes effective German resistance is over, and Hitler is as good as dead and cremated.

Such childish exuberance, if at all prevalent, could not fail but retard and impair, this country's war effort.

FAR be it from this department to discount the reality and far-reaching benefits of the recent victories in Russia and North Africa or waste a drop of the needed stimulus to allied morale.

Everything does look better, we the people are justified in lighting up our Christmas trees and allowing the eagle to emit a lusty scream.

BUT celebrating far-reaching allied victories is one thing; assuming Germany is beaten or even fatally wounded, is quite another.

From the outbreak of the war wishful thinking and an irrepressible optimism, have been the allies besetting sins. Had the strength and the resourcefulness of the German war machine been OVERESTIMATED rather than UNDERESTIMATED, it is exceedingly doubtful, Hitler would ever have overrun the Balkans, captured Crete, or driven the British out of Libya.

A SPIRIT of pessimism or defeatism would be equally injurious, and entirely unwarranted at the present time. But why waste our energies in going to either extreme?

Why not avoid both, stick to the middle of the road where the truth almost invariably lies, keep our powder dry and not shoot in any direction until we see the whites of their eyes.

Will Hitler Lead the Army?

As a postscript to the above, Hitler's discharge of Field Marshal Von Brauchitsch, and assumption of supreme military control himself is very generally interpreted as an indication of imminent German collapse.

It IS good news. It does remove all doubt of the gravity of the German reverses on the Eastern front.

But as this department views the situation, any assumption this means a radical and far-reaching change in Germany's internal set-up, is far from the truth.

THERE HAD to be a sacrificial goat for this Russian debacle, of course. Von Brauchitsch drew the blackball, and obediently placed his neck,—and his impressive collection of war medals,—on the block. That's all there is to it.

That Hitler, COULD THEN, assume supreme command, without getting at least one bomb in the back of the neck, is pretty convincing evidence there is no widespread or radical impairment of the hold Der Fuehrer still has on the rank and file of the German people.

At least that is the way we see it.

MORE than that. There is nothing really new in Der Reichsfuehrer's latest pronouncement. He took practically the same action before the present war even started, proceeding to carry out a far-reaching army readjustment, which came close to being another purge, and placed himself definitely in the driver's seat.

That Hitler could get away with it a second time, instead of demonstrating his weakness, demonstrates the exact reverse,—the strange and potent power he exerts over the German people, and their susceptibility to what can only be described as his baffling hypnotic influence.

MOREOVER this department will be greatly surprised if this means Hitler will assume actual command of the army,—any more of a command at least than he exercised from the start of the war.

Von Brauchitsch will disappear as chief command that's all. After a decent interval we predict some other trained army officer will quietly take his place. Hitler will in all likelihood retain his place in the driver's seat until the final crash.

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.

CALCIUM FOR VIGOROUS YOUTH

Several years ago the Medical Research Council of Great Britain cited Leitch as authority for the statement that the calcium (lime) requirement is greater between the ages of 10 and 18 years than at any other time in life. In this column I have endeavored to impress upon the reader's mind the fact that calcium is no less important a constituent of nerve, blood and gland tissue than it is of bones and teeth, and that even so the diet supplies enough calcium (many authorities think the average American diet does not) the body cannot assimilate or utilize enough unless an adequate daily ration of sunshine vitamin D is supplied at the same time. Foods that are particularly rich in calcium are milk, cheese, egg yolk, peas, beans, greens, nuts, peanuts, many fresh vegetables, some fruits and fruit juices. Few foods universally available supply much vitamin D—fresh milk and cream and butter, egg yolk, fresh or canned salmon, oysters, canned sardines and of course milk or other foods to which vitamin D has been added. Few infants or children can consume enough of these foods to insure an adequate intake of sunshine vitamin D. In the summer time or in climates where exposure is practicable, exposing as much of the naked skin as possible to sunlight, short of sunburn, enables the body to manufacture its own vitamin D, but seldom enough to meet the optimal requirement.

Heretofore it has been estimated by nutrition authorities that the growing child (10 to 18 years of age) requires at least 15 grains of calcium daily, which is approximately the amount present in a quart of milk. More recent studies indicate that only a part of the calcium in milk is assimilated under the most favorable conditions, although probably the calcium of milk, cheese and egg yolk is more readily assimilated than the calcium of vegetables, nuts etc. So the present consensus seems to be that the growing child should have at least as much calcium daily as is present in three pints of milk.

One of the physiological functions of calcium in the body is to prevent neuro-muscular irri-

tabililty, and in popular terms this means it prevents "nervousness" and undue excitability. Calcium tends to prevent various spasmodic states such as asthma, spastic constipation, so-called "mucous colitis" (colon derangement), tetany, migraine, painful cramps in the legs at night (sometimes called "growing pains" in children, but often occurring in mature adults).

Here the importance of an adequate intake of calcium for keeping the teeth sound and free from caries (decay) need not be mentioned—although the growing child who gets plenty of calcium is far more likely to have sound, even teeth in adult life than is the one whose childhood intake of calcium is deficient.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Colchicum A year or so ago you prescribed wine of colchicum for gout. My aged father, who is suffering from gout, our druggist, cannot supply wine of colchicum. From my botany days I remember colchicum has a tuberous root. Is it sold under some other name?—H. A. J.

Answer—Wine of colchicum was formerly official in the U. S. P.—it has been dropped, probably because physicians are gradually coming to realize that it isn't worth a hoot for gout, because there is no such disease as "gout" that is, no disease caused by deposits of uric acid or salts of uric acid in the joints or other tissues, and no medicine that will prevent or remove deposits of mono-sodium-urate (which occur in consequence of some disease conditions, not as a cause) in any circumstance. If wine of colchicum was mentioned at all in this column it certainly was not suggested or advised as a remedy for hypothetical "gout." Whatever your father's trouble may be, give him a break, have a physician's attention.

Spine Trouble Have you a pamphlet on arthritis? My husband has had spine trouble for several months—a sneeze brought it on.—Mrs. S. E. W.

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for pamphlet on "Arthritis." It does not seem likely that the trouble can be arthritis—more likely sprain or sub-luxation.

Child's Head Out of Shape Daughter, six months old, has misshapen head—running to peak at crown, flat at back, flatter on one side than the other. (D. R. H.)

Answer—Baby's head often flattened at back, during first year, from lying too much on back, and oblique from lying too much on one side. These deformities gradually disappear by the third or fourth year.

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medium bombers and interceptors are planned for a half dozen places in Oregon, Washington and Idaho as soon as equipment is available, and that includes cannon and ammunition for the aerial forces.

Whether the northwest will be allocated a powder plant, bag-loading plant or other munitions industry has not been decided. Strategists prefer building the new plants in the midwest, but owing to the threat to the Pacific coast a plant may be established east of the Cascades to have the ammunition readily available. At present the idea is to make the propellants in the east and store them in the igloos at Hermiston for the army; navy has a small stock on Puget sound and its principal depot in California.

IF information available in the national capital is correct the increase in the merchant fleet will mean at least 50 more freighters assigned to the Columbia river and the same number, or more, to the Tacoma-Seattle area. This, naturally will mean employment for thousands of additional shipyard workers and a housing problem. Government housing, despite its extent, will not benefit particularly the lumber industry, and lumberjacks and sawmill mechanics will be drifting to the shipyards; they are generally too old to work in airplane factories, where the deadline has been at 30 years.

And, with the possibility of enemy bombers dropping token

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL WITH JOHN W. KELLY

(Continued From Page One) magnesium plant proposed for Spokane and which has been hanging fire and almost abandoned, may have to be initiated as a government enterprise, using the method evolved by Washington State college at Pullman, instead of the Permanente method experimented with near San Francisco.

With the doubled demand for steel to carry out the war program, the navy and the maritime commission are expected to lower the bars and give contracts for vessels made of wood. Navy has done something in that direction but maritime commission has refused all, except a New Orleans contractor, who is building boats from plywood which he buys in factories of the northwest.

MEN and ships, planes and guns. These are the elements which SPAB knows must win the war, and SPAB is figuring how much of each will be necessary. Present capacity of Boeing plants is insufficient to turn out the required number of flying fortresses. Further expansion will be financed by the government; the government declines to place airplane orders with new firms, although there is on the drafting board of a Portland concern a bomber larger than the flying fortress and it can be used for transporting troops.

Airports are to be doubled, and the 32 air corps groups in the nation will be recruited to full strength, and then to 82 groups. Army strategists actually want 150 of these groups if they can get them. Light and

bombs, or a more energetic attack, on the northwest the War Insurance Corporation (an RFC subsidiary) is prepared to insure property against damage by the Japanese forces, fixing the estimated damage and the premium rate after the destruction.



By Frank Jenkins WITH the entire world at war, there is no dearth of news these days. There will be no dearth of news for months—possibly years—to come.

TODAY'S (Saturday's) immediate hot spot is Hongkong, where a greatly outnumbered British garrison is still holding out against a determined Japanese attack. Domei (Jap news agency) says today: "The expected imminent fall of Hongkong has been staved off by the garrison's stubborn defense."

HONGKONG is an island, separated from the Chinese mainland by a narrow channel. The Japs are attacking from the mainland and have made a landing on the island. Some 20 miles in the rear, the Chinese are attacking them, hoping to lessen their pressure on Hongkong. Thus the situation rests today.

THE Japanese objective is clearly the oil, rubber, tin, etc., of Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, which are guarded by Singapore. If you will get out your map, you will be able to see clearly that the British naval base at Hongkong and the American naval base at Manila are threats to the Jap communication and supply lines.

Hongkong is being heavily attacked first. If Hongkong falls, the attack on Manila will become fiercer.

THE Netherlands news agency reports from Batavia today that Japanese planes bombed and sank the RUSSIAN freighter Perokop on her run between Vladivostok and Surabaya, Java. The Russian flag on the ship is said to have been clearly visible from the air.

There has been some doubt as to Russia's attitude toward Japan. If this bombing of a Russian ship was deliberate, it indicates Japanese belief that war with Russia is inevitable. For that reason, this report from Batavia is extremely interesting. Russia is in a position to do Japan a lot of damage.

THE Russians continue to pound the Germans from Leningrad to the Black Sea. In the face of this pounding, the Germans continue to RETIRE. Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, makes an interesting statement today. In his weekly front page article in the newspaper Das Reich, he says the "changed world picture" makes it necessary to realize that the war will be long and hard, and implies that the chances of further lightning marches are ended.

One looks for the joker, of course. It doesn't sound reasonable for the Germans to be moaning that their offensive power is slipping. Unless the situation is much worse than anybody believes, there will be other German offensives. And they will have plenty of steam behind them.

STILL Napoleon was a blitzer in his time. His amazing success was based largely on hitting FIRST and hitting where the other fellow wasn't looking for it. Napoleon's blitzes ended after his retreat from Moscow.

FROM Cairo comes this dispatch today: "The axis retreat in Libya has turned into a ROUT, with Imperial British forces CHASING General Erwin Rommel's battered army and British air blows taking a staggering new toll of his remaining strength." The axis is trying desperately to rush reinforcements across the Mediterranean to Africa and so far the British fleet seems to be STOPPING them.

est prices in years on eastern markets. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 22, 1921 (It was Thursday) Christmas turkeys moving slowly at .60 cents per pound. Icy glare on streets and walks cause many falls and skids by man and cars. Rain or snow forecast. High 40, low 20 degrees. John P. Sousa's band give concert at the Page. Permit given for opening of cafeteria here. The annual hog weight guessing contest of the Nichols and Ashpole butcher shop is in full swing. Ralph Hand to wrestle Prof. Kanthe at Gold Hill tomorrow night. Dry commissioner announces there will be a Merry Christmas but a dry one. WINS CHEVRONS Camp Berkeley, Abilene, Tex. U.P.—Meet Butch, the youngest master sergeant in the country. Butch is a five-months-old spaniel pup and he won his rating at the age of one month. His headquarters are with the service company of the 158th infantry, 45th division. Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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 22, 1931 (It was Tuesday) Blizzard raging south of the Siskiyou with high wind at Weed. Wave of Christmas shopping sweeps nation. First heavy Christmas mail received at post office. Unsettled with rain. High 50, low 40 degrees. Frank Coleman and family of Portland are visiting kin here. Heavy snow and ice at Lake of The Woods. Pears and apples bring low-

Fluhrer's Christmas comes but once a year. For the well-known cheer let us suggest a few items of importance: Fruit Cakes—An important part of Christmas. Ten kinds of finest fruits and nuts with pure rum and brandy. An ideal gift... and be sure to have plenty for your own enjoyment. ... 85c lb., 2 lbs. \$1.25; 3 lbs. \$1.75. Aged one year, 95c lb., and up. Christmas Cookies—Chocolate coated wafers... many others. Genuine Panatone—A delicious sweet bread made with lots of butter and eggs, and loaded with several kinds of choice candied fruits. Large round loaf... Special price 58c ea. For Goodness Sake!—Cakes—Christmas candy cake, chocolate, white, angel food, and a dozen others. Pies—Tom and Jerry, pumpkin and mince and tarts... Doughnuts—cake, potato, maple bars, sugared and plain. Christmas pastries and cookies. Come in and see our large variety of specialties! Last, but not Least—Dinner Rolls!... We will have a large assortment... Parkerhouse, clover-leaf, butteries and almost every other kind. 10c doz. and up. Fluhrer's entire staff wish each and every one of our customers — A Very Merry Christmas!

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