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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY, EVERYWHERE, SAVE AND EXCEPT, THE BEAST OF BERLIN, THE BUM OF ROME, AND THE TRAMP OF TOKYO. SOON MAY THEY, AND THEIR IDEALS, PERISH FROM THE EARTH!

YULE REVUE

Another Christmas, with Peace far away, good-will at a premium, and enemy U-boats off the coast of California. . . Snow on the cool, and not too distant foothills; the distant war comes closer home. . . Fletch Stout, the pillist, wrapping gifts, and tying better and more artistic bows than the girl clerks; . . . the G. Cleveland Clark twin boys revelling in their first good chance to pull Santa Claus' whiskers; . . . Mike DeVore, the juvenile cyclone, hoping for a tractor, big enough to make Grandpaw Con, run for the barn; . . . Peoria Bill Gates' pipe just a year old, it's stronger than its age; . . . Few service men in uniforms on the streets; . . . it's a shooting war now; . . . a Christmas telegram from Ginger Rogers, the film queen, and her mother; . . . C. Wig Ashpole telling about an old-fashioned Christmas, when he had more fun with an orange and a stick of striped candy, than his boy has with a fancy, modern jimmick; . . . Neither Hitler nor his puppets can keep Medford, Jackson County, and the nation, from having Christmas; . . . Tom and Jerry on their yearly visit; some agog, and some agrog; . . . the departed Elks tomat, missing since June, gets a catnip mouse; . . . and life rolls on amid the roar of cannon, and the toll of war, in Crainville, N. Y., like this:

"Crainville, Nov. 19.—This is a very beautiful morning, after the coldest night we have had. Items are very scarce; maybe there will be some next week."

"Remember, your correspondent has a poem in Street and Smith's, Love Story, this week Saturday."

"I just heard a noise, and there is Dicky Downy making his slow way up the post of the porch, to the mess hall, the first time I have seen him this fall. He never flies to the snout as the other birds do, but begins at the bottom of the post, and taps his way up. That gives him a longer time to anticipate his gastronomic pleasures."

"One cute little chickadee is trying to teach me to speak my words plainer when I sing. He was eating in their little house when I went out on my porch. I sang 'ee-dee-dee-dee-dee,' high and squeaky, for him. He jumped from the suet down to his own little porch, looked right at me, and sang: 'Chicka-dee-dee-dee,' as plainly as you could say it. Bless him."

BRING DEFENSE STAMPS SAYS LETTER TO SANTA

Molalla, Ore., Dec. 24.—(P)—A farm father displayed this letter from his nine-year-old son to Santa Claus today:

"Dear Santa: How are you? I am fine, I am nine years old. Did you know that my brother and sister and I don't want anything for Christmas but defense stamps? It's up to us to lick hell out of the Japs."

Call Tex Forceful

Port Arthur, Tex. (UP)—A middle-aged, well-dressed Port Arthur woman was fined \$50 for deliberately driving her automobile into the side of a liquor store. She told police she crashed into the building in an attempt to induce her husband to leave the cafe next door and return home.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Christmas!

There have been ironical Christmases before, but none quite so much so, as the Yuletide to be celebrated tomorrow.

Think of it!

Not only the Christian world, not only the white race, but the ENTIRE world, from pole to pole and every square mile of its circumference, with every race, white, black, brown and yellow,—all engaged in an incredibly cruel, bitter and relentless fight of wholesale destruction,—literally a fight to the finish,—a fight to the death.

WHEN one comes to think of it, the spectacle simply paralyzes the imagination, leaves the most case-hardened human observer, gasping and mute,—how could it EVER have happened, how in the name of reason and common sense, could it ever have been allowed to come about.

And as the murderous, inhuman slaughter continues, the civilians of the Christian world pause for a moment, to commemorate the birth of their Saviour, in the name of their abiding faith in the sanctity of human brotherhood, and in the spirit of:

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN!

AND WHY all this?

WHY, on one hand, a renewal of our faith in peace, good will, humility, kindness, and,—

On the other, the denial of every fundamental principle of that faith a mad rush to join in the dance of universal destruction and death?

The cause,—at least the only cause most of us poor benighted humans can see,—deprives the gory, inhuman spectacle of even a tragic dignity.

Just a small group of evil, selfish, ruthless men headed by an ex-papier hanger, with a Napoleonic complex, setting out to crush the civilized world so they may rule it!

EVERYONE knows it can't be done.

Just as everyone knows, that in this modern world, trying to settle ANYTHING by war, is utter and suicidal madness.

Yet the dance of death goes on,—and on,—and on,—to a conclusion no human mind can even picture.

Some modern Dante is needed to do justice to this subject. We confess our inability to do it!

Be Prepared

"Hope for the best, but be prepared for the worst."

As the latest war news comes in from the Far East, we feel it only wise, as well as prudent, for the people of this country to be prepared for a shock.

It may never come.

Here is hoping it doesn't. But "we the people" should realize that ever since Japan attacked Honolulu, there has not only been one censorship on war news, but two.

The censorship at the source, and the censorship after the information reaches the United States.

And while we may be mistaken,—that is always possible,—there are strong indications, recognizable to any newspaper man who has closely followed reports since this war began, that things are not going as well in the Far East, particularly in the Philippines, as one might wish, or as the brief war communiques from Washington, would suggest.

There is, we are sure, no cause for immediate alarm. Nor for discouragement. As President Roosevelt warned at the outset, because of the treacherous and unexpected nature of the Japanese attack, certain initial set-backs must be expected, before the overwhelming force of the U. S. army and navy can take effect.

LIKE Germany, at the outset of the war, Japan it is now apparent had been secretly preparing for war against the United States, for four or five years at least, and therefore couldn't fail but enjoy a marked advantage at the outset.

But also like Germany, Nippon can't fail as time goes on to grow steadily WEAKER as this country grows steadily STRONGER, so of the FINAL result there can be no doubt.

But meanwhile, initial reverses can scarcely be avoided. With the people of this country, morally prepared for them, however their injurious effect will have the MINIMUM, rather than the MAXIMUM result.

So throw away those rose-colored glasses if you are using them, and select a pair fitted for the sunlight and the facts.

Beware the Holiday Attack

Another warning is in order,—though the powers that be after that Sunday morning attack on Hawaii, can hardly be in need of it.

That warning is,—be particularly on the alert Christmas and New Year's eves and nights.

The Axis regarding all Christian traditions and moral decencies as evidences of decadence, is disposed to take advantage of a different ideology in the allied camps.

So as there was reason to expect the Japanese surprise attack on a Sunday morning, there is reason to expect similar action tomorrow and a week hence.

Nothing may happen of course. But it would be inexcusable, not to be prepared for it.

Washington, Dec. 24.—(P)—The American consul general at Hongkong reported to the state department today that Miss Florence Webb, a United States citizen, was killed there December 14 by shell splinters. State department records show Miss Webb was born in Shanghai June 15, 1908. Her father, Percy Dickinson Webb, was an American citizen.

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.

SO YOU'RE GOING TO REDUCE?

Although the reducing craze of the early thirties has practically died out many a wistful carrier of slacker flesh still apologizes for overeating by averting that he or she is "going on diet" next week.

The more publicized reducing diets which attained popularity during the craze were unscientific in design and pathological in effect, if victims adhered to them long enough to achieve any noticeable loss of weight. With the loss of weight there was usually more or less impairment of health, lowering of vitality, resiliency, reserve power, natural immunity or "resistance," as the old timers called it. In a good many instances, particularly in young women who were not overweight in the first place, this impairment of health by nutritional deficiency permitted the lighting up of the latent tuberculosis which most of us have in youth and early adult life, into active tuberculosis.

So the serious objections to the freak reducing diets which Tom, Dick and Harriette promoted while the craze was on—may be summed up under three headings. First, they persuaded or encouraged many foolish ones to attempt to reduce when in fact they were not overweight. Second, they induced or aggravated malnutrition or nutritional deficiency disease. Third, they robbed the victim of any claims she might have had to good looks—for somehow as the superfluous or even the normal fat melted away there presently appeared numerous lines, wrinkles, sags that were hard to camouflage even with lavish use of cosmetics.

The common notion of malnutrition is starvation, not enough to eat. That is not the medical sense at all. In most instances malnutrition spells unbalanced diet, insufficient intake of minerals and vitamins in proportion to the intake of protein, fat and carbohydrate.

When you consider that the readily available foods from which the average person today derives 55 percent of his daily calories (wheat flour and sugar) have been robbed of their

original natural vitamins and minerals in the refining process, and that in consequence most Americans, even the well-to-do, get insufficient vitamins and minerals to maintain optimal health, it should be obvious that sharp restriction of the diet without particular regard for the vitamin and mineral intake is likely to cause manifestations of deficiency disease.

The statement that "most Americans get insufficient vitamins and minerals to maintain optimal health" is not idle speculation. It is the consensus of opinion of recognized authorities. The present plan, endorsed or supported by these authorities, to "enrich" white flour by adding certain vitamins and minerals to it, in order to restore to the diet of the average person some of the essential factors removed from wheat in the refining process, shows what nutrition authorities think about it.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Calcium

A year ago began following your advice on calcium feeding for my hay fever. It completely cured me, after a lifetime of suffering. Also I have quit wearing glasses. Am certainly grateful. (Mrs. A. B.)

Answer—Thank you for reporting. Why don't more readers tell me these things? If suggestions or advice prove helpful I like to know it. If it doesn't, I ought to know it. On request, accompanied with stamped envelope bearing your address, I'll mail a copy of the pamphlet "The Calcium Shortage."

Silvery Scale Disease

Mother vaccinated when child, from girl who had pox. Mother had eight sons. First, fifth and eighth were dark complexioned and the only ones who had pox. I am the fifth. Had it only about scalp until age sixteen, then vaccinated, and ever since have never been free from the silvery scales on my body. . . . Feared to marry, but two daughters and three grandchildren light complexioned with no sign of pox. (L. G. P.)

Answer—Hereditarily is probably a factor in ten or fifteen per cent of cases. On request, if you provide stamped envelope bearing your address, I will mail a pamphlet on pox. "The Silvery Scale Disease." There is no reason to believe vaccination has anything to do with pox. Pox is a contagious disease.

Alcohol Rub

Is an alcohol rub daily harmful? (E. K.)

Answer—No. (Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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atia) he has acquired 1,700,000 workers and even Russian prisoners are being assigned to farms, forests, mines and factories.

That these moves have proved insufficient is now formally admitted by the Goebbels' Christmas appeal.

Thus is nazidom admittedly approaching the end of a rope upon which most wars have been lost. Thus is der crafty fuhrer called upon to devise a new trick to save himself, as he has done so often before. However, the tricks are getting harder. Even God has not chosen to try instantaneous creation of able bodied adults.

THE shoe of force pinching is pinching Hitler elsewhere. Published annual reports of the coal, leather and heavy goods industries in Germany complain of the inability of factories to undertake normal mechanical replacements, and of rising costs, attributable to the "labor shortage," "higher prices of imported raw materials," "higher transportation charges," "the necessity for using substitute materials."

Rations of canned vegetables have been cut to 2.2 pounds for the entire winter for most Germans. Those who have preferred status may get two such tins, no more. However, the cost of living index has actually declined somewhat, due to stringent price controls.

If every American citizen should send a Christmas card to every axis citizen containing a full colored photograph of our local grocery store windows, filled bountifully with food, wines and candy at this holiday season, the fruits of our different ways of life could be adequately presented.

BUT we are not immune. Behind the government's move

to set up a national organization for tire rationing immediately, is the idea that the setup will provide machinery for general rationing as other needs may develop. Tires will be the first commodity ever rationed in this country, but probably not the last.

The movement is in charge of Frank Bayne, director of field operations of OPA. He probably will establish local committees (through the civilian defense organization) in every city and hamlet. From these committees permits for tires will be issued on show of necessity, once the organization is set up, other products can be added easily.

While tire rationing is in that sense a test, it is fully justified on its own merits (unlike the lukes gas rationing).

Fifty per cent of our rubber comes from Malaya, 43 per cent from other British and Dutch possessions under attack in the Far East. On hand, we now have a two months supply of new tires. The stock amounts to about 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 units, and our consumption has been running about 4,000,000 units a month.

TODAY'S suggestion of how you personally can help to win this war:

Don't run out and spend money for blackout cloth. Use a blanket and thumbtacks, or something else you have around the house. Shortsighted housewives have already caused a shortage of suitable material in this locality, and have tied up all the seamstresses in town, as well.

Trough Passes

Superior, Wis. (UP)—Iron Mike's "where the house buys the first drink" is being wrecked. It marked the passing of another landmark and the end of many practical jokes. Iron Mike is an ornamental iron trough for watering horses which has decorated a street corner here for many years. It will be removed by the city and sold for scrap iron.

LANDS STRUGGON

Franklin, Gloucestershire, Eng. (UP)—A struggon was seen apparently stranded by a motorist at the water's edge of the River Severn at Franklin. He towed it to the bank with his car. It is the second largest struggon ever landed from fresh waters in Britain. The fish was 9 feet 6 inches in length.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

No Encouragement On New Air Bases

U. S. Gives British Fish Hook Steel

Need Three Years For Navy Building

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Aside from Walla Walla, the army corps offers small hope for additional aerial defense of the Pacific northwest. There may be other sites selected in the region, but little encouragement is given. Colonel Kimball (born in Portland), who has charge of the business, is quite hardballed about it. Having been born in Oregon and knowing the northwest, and being a strategist, there isn't much a layman can tell him that he doesn't already know, as the congressional delegations have discovered.

Rumors of new aviation groups at Yakima, Salem, Klamath, Medford, remain in that category despite the hopes held out to the several communities. Walla Walla is about 40 miles from Pendleton, where there is an army air corps operation. The distance can be covered in 10 or 15 minutes in a pursuit plane. In less than 30 minutes flying time is Spokane, where GHQ of the northwest flying force is located. There is no complaint at the new group being spotted at Walla Walla, but other communities feel that it is too near Pendleton unless the air corps plans installing many other groups in both Oregon and Washington.

Being laymen, all the congressmen could do was call attention to the government-owned dams at Grand Coulee and Bonneville (and the colonel knew all about them) and show the paralyzing effect on national aerial raid should a bomb put out of commission a single generator.

The entire aluminum production, from Tacoma to Spokane and from Longview and Vancouver to Troutdale, would be stopped if anything happened to those power plants. Klamath Falls (there is only one Japanese in that industrial community, and he is a nisei, or native-born), it was admitted, had been considered but army pilots are afraid of the flights of wildfowl and the annual flight of the massive white pelicans. Army fliers are scared of a wild goose getting tangled in the whirling propeller and bending a blade. Such is the handicap of Klamath Falls.

About Medford the colonel said nothing. Salem is regarded as too near Portland (50 miles, a trifle more than the distance between Walla Walla and Pendleton).

FISHERMEN, the sporting kind who participate in the salmon derby or who whip the lakes and streams of the northwest for trout, will find the war in their lap the next time they wish to renew their supply of tackle. The largest manufacturer of flies, hooks and rods in the United States has just left the national capital disgusted; he could not obtain a pound of special steel wire, aluminum, cooper wire or brass. All these metals are used by the sportsmen, minute particles for various parts of the tackle, such as creels, spinners, etc.

The manufacturer is peeved. Last year the United States sent tons of steel to Britain and some of this is coming back in the channels of trade as finished goods. Latest figure is that \$107,000 worth of fishhooks was shipped in from England for American sportsmen, while American manufacturers cannot obtain enough wire for a single hook. The British importation represents millions of fishhooks. Largest import from England prior to this was \$50,000.

OFFICE of Production Management has been seriously considering abandoning the aluminum fabricating plant to make aluminum sheets, recently started on Columbia river, and locating the industry in Los Angeles. OPM thinks it would be a good idea to have all aluminum fabrication placed in California where it would be convenient to the half dozen aircraft factories. This idea does not click with the army, which opposes a transfer, declaring it is safer to fabricate on the river than to place the industry on the beach at Los Angeles, which is now a tempting objective for Japanese air raiders. If the army prevails the fabricating plant on the river will be redesigned and made larger than the original plans. Los Angeles is making a hard fight for the fabricating industry, because, after the war, that will be a permanent institution when some of the aluminum plants are folded up. It will be a regular payroll.

A HIGH naval official told a

senate committee that it will be three years before the United States will have built up an army and naval force and be ready to go to town. This long delay in making preparations, he explained, is the result of giving so much equipment to the allies that the United States forces have been neglected. By 1944, however, he said that this country will be prepared, or early in 1945. The committee men were interested; wanted to hear more, but since then the officer has received orders to keep away from "the hill," and he is obeying orders.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

JAP submarines attack American tankers off the central California coast.

Because the news that is nearest home always bulks largest (in interest—not necessarily in importance), that is the weekend's principal development on the Pacific coast.

LOOK for other raids of a similar nature.

Above everything else, the Japs would like to frighten the people of this country into demanding return of the U. S. navy for defense of the mainland.

That would give them a free hand in the far South Seas.

WE must remember always that this isn't just a war between the United States and Japan.

It is a WORLD war.

Our strategy must be determined by the needs of ALL the fighting fronts.

HITLER fires his No. 1 general and assumes personal command of the Nazi fighting forces.

Because this is a WORLD war, that is easily the biggest development of the week-end. There is considerable uncertainty as to its real meaning, but there is NO DOUBT WHAT-EVER as to its importance.

Whatever else it may imply, it means that things aren't going so well for Germany. Since Germany is the brains and the strong right arm of the axis, that means even more to us than present Japanese successes.

OBSERVERS in neutral Switzerland offer three possible explanations of Hitler's new move:

1. That reverses in Germany have shaken Hitler's faith in his generals.
2. That a quarrel between the Nazi party and the German army has developed.
3. That the whole affair is a bit of trickery designed to distract attention from some startling new German move now in the making.

THIS writer doesn't pretend to know what is in the wind, but offers a guess that if Hitler DOESN'T pull some startling rabbit out of the hat pretty quickly his goose will be cooked.

These world conquerors have to KEEP ON WINNING. They can't stand defeat.

Napoleon proved that.

The little British garrison at Hongkong, fighting stubbornly to the last, is still holding out as these words are written (Monday noon), but little hope is held in London that it can resist much longer.

The Japs apparently regard Hongkong as out of the picture, for they are throwing heavy forces into a new and fierce attack on Manila, No. 2 step in their campaign against the Dutch East Indies and Malaya—where lie the oil, rubber and tin they so sorely need if they are to be able to keep on fighting.

A fleet estimated at more

than 100 troop ships and conveying naval vessels is discharging an invading army estimated at 80,000 to 100,000 men on the beaches at Lingayen, approximately 100 miles from Manila—using landing barges launched from troop carriers.

Results are inconclusive as these words are written.

WELDERS, objecting to paying dues in more than one union, have called a strike in shipyards at San Francisco and Seattle.

Nobody likes to pay twice for the privilege of working.

If the Japs WOULD ONLY WAIT, the welders would have a good case.

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 24, 1931

(It was Thursday)

Sen. Borah declares "America must come out of Europe and stay out for all time to come." Declares France has received her full share of German reparations, and more than her damages amounted to.

Rain predicted for Christmas day; high 51, low 33.

Coast is lashed by gale and rain.

Thief steals five turkeys from Eagle Point farm.

OSC quint defeated 27 to 22 by Stanford; Multnomah club beats Oregon 36 to 32.

Europe told she must save herself as no further aid will come from America, until more unity and cooperation shown.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 24, 1921

(It was Saturday)

Final Christmas rush on in local stores.

President Harding pardons Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, from prison for violation of the espionage act.

Italy wants a conference on the U-boat issue.

George A. Hunt will give free Christmas matinee with candy to children of valley.

It looks like a white Christmas with an inch and one-half of snow on the ground; high 36, low 29, more snow forecast.

Revolution in Egypt threatened.

Farmers warned to beware of farm bureaus.

American Hero

Private Joseph G. McElroy, 23, of Philadelphia, has been awarded the army's distinguished service cross for heroism in action near Manila.

Nickles shine

Altus, Okla. (UP)—For weeks, Billie Joe Hutton and Miss Mary White saved every new nickel they could. When they had collected 60 they took them to the Jackson county court clerk's office and purchased—that's right, a marriage license.



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WE WISH YOU ALL A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Crater Lake Motors