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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

This is the day after Christmas. As usual after a holiday, it seems more like Sunday than Sunday.

An enemy submarine snooping off the California coast will snoop no more, thanks to a couple of well placed bombs from an army plane. Along the Pacific shore patriots are daily shooting whales and logs for U-boats, reports reveal.

"Lost—Fountain pen by lady half full of ink. Return to 113 South Houston Street."—(Punta Gorda, Fla., Herald). It don't seem write!

The Nazis are now preparing, reports say, for the "Grand Assault." It comes right after the Grand Getaway from Russia.

PIONEER OF YEACHI
(Pendleton East Oregonian)
"Frank Sherman is hunting the man who stole his fur-trimmed overcoat out of a wagon at a rack in Pendleton the other day. He wants to present him with a suit of clothes."—(50 Yr. Ago Col.)

The esteemed Ashland Tidings takes a firm and flatfooted stand against Utopia, as follows: "The millennium of everybody being happy and contented will, of course, never be reached, regardless of the mirage of a Utopian state that some have dreamed of." The contemporary should not be so downhearted. There is a chance for a small-bore Utopia, when and if, human nature becomes human.

The announcement Coulee Dam will be practically completed by January 1, after eight years of working 24 hours per day, fails to thrill the masses. Too many wish it was battle-ships and planes.

The disastrous Nazi invasion of Russia, it is now claimed, was Herr Hitler's own bright idea, and the little man followed his intuition (hunch to you). Instead of the advice of his generals. He is now indulging in some fall thinking to determine where he will strike next—and fizzle anew. The consensus of opinion holds if his dinky mustache itches Saturday morning, he will hit Africa through Spain.

THE STARS GET BUSY
"Experience Dept., Horoscope: My birthday was May 5, 1877, 8:20 a. m. in Nashua, Iowa. I live alone three miles from town, and beginning in March 1941 things began to be active. I don't just remember all the dates, but on the 13th of March, lightning struck the house, came down the chimney, and set a fire. But I had on my rubber boots, so nothing happened to me. A few days later, a bull chased me (Toro after Taurus) into the barn. Then a hired man got hallucinations and thought I would poison him for his insurance. A drunken man came one night, tried to force his attentions on me, and stole my eyeglasses. I am getting a great thrill out of all these things and hope my guardian angel can keep up with me!"—(Horoscope Mag.)

BACTERIA FIGHT
Tucson, Ariz. (UP)—More than 100 giant Saguaro cacti have been cut down and buried in disinfected pits in an effort to curb a bacterial rot that has attacked the unique Arizona desert plant. It was announced by Dr. Lake A. Gill, U. S. bureau of plant industry. Scientists hope to prevent further spread of the disease which is destroying a large number of the cacti.

Use Your Imagination!

This is an appeal for the people of this community to use their imagination.

That's all. Just stop in the mad rush for a moment, and employ their God-given gift, of creating a mental picture, based upon events, actually occurring but some distance away.

AS an aid in this direction it might be noted that a liner landed in San Francisco yesterday from Honolulu, with scores of badly wounded soldiers and sailors, casualties in the early morning attack on Pearl Harbor.

More of these men, were so seriously wounded, that with even the very best of care, they may not survive. Others will undoubtedly live, but will be crippled for life.

The tragic sight certainly brought the war closely home to those of us who live here on the Pacific coast. Nor can there be any certainty that the unexpected blow struck at Honolulu will not some day strike, HERE.

MOREOVER, on American shores further to the east, as this is being written, American soldiers and sailors,—our fathers, sons and brothers,—are fighting and dying, in a final desperate effort to throw back the pitiless yellow invader, and thus save not only the American way of life, but modern civilization from destruction. In many cases no doubt the dead and dying "over there" are more fortunate than those, grievously wounded, who suffered the ill fortune to fall in some isolated spot, and cry out in vain for aid.

NOW comes the point where we would ask the use of a little imagination.

Just IMAGINE, one of the soldiers or sailors in the later category, terribly wounded, appealing for aid from YOU,—what would you do about it?

Turn a deaf ear and walk away, or give everything you had, or could scrape together?

SILLY question. You would do the latter of course,—there would be no hesitation, no question,—you would regard it as the least you could do, to give whatever you could to save a life or ease its pain.

Well, it only takes a little imagination, to make it quite clear, that under circumstances that exist today, the request for a contribution to the war emergency fund of Red Cross, is just that,—

A request for a helping hand to the victims of this war, not only the soldiers and sailors but the civilians as well, who have been casualties of it, and may be again at any time.

Every dime, every dollar, every five, ten or a hundred dollars contributed to this emergency fund will be used directly or indirectly in precisely that way,—

THAT'S all!

We don't think it necessary to again recount the record or the history of this wonderful organization. We don't feel one need conjure up any further gruesome details of the death and suffering and horror that war now entails not only overseas, but may right here at our very door.

THE Red Cross is no private charitable organization. As it functions under this \$50,000,000 emergency fund, it is the recognized,—one might almost say the official,—first aid and relief arm of the army and navy, as well as of the civilian population, which in modern warfare may, at any time without warning become a part of the combat zone.

NOT all of us can fight. Not all of us can even render useful service behind the lines.

But all of us CAN, with a dime more than we need to keep body and soul together, GIVE,—give ALL we can afford,—to keep the Red Cross functioning, and thus assure every care, every relief, every aid that is HUMANLY POSSIBLE for those, who so gallantly are doing their bit on and behind the firing line!

The Air Arm Again!

While waiting to hear from the "Quiz Kids," we have about decided for ourselves why nothing has been heard from the U. S. Pacific and Asiatic fleets, since Secretary Knox' ringing declaration they were in fast pursuit of the fleeing enemy.

Our guess to the answer is:

AIR POWER!

YES, because of enemy superiority in the air, it will be recalled, Britain lost two of her strongest and most modern dreadnaughts,—the Prince of Wales and the Repulse.

The news of that tragic battle certainly went around the world, and into every naval command conference, in both allied and axis camps.

For the sensational lesson was plain.

No matter how much stronger a navy may be on paper, if the enemy has control of the air, and torpedo planes can therefore get in their deadly work: "WATCH OUT!" The giant of the seas may meet the tragic fate of Goliath at the hands of any airplane David.

THAT'S the lesson as we see it, and in all likelihood the explanation why the hard pressed American and Filipino forces at Luzon had to fight without naval aid, and without reinforcements.

It may not be the correct answer, of course. But it does make sense.

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.

OLD MAID CATCHUM VITE



I am an old maid of forty-six (she begins, but if she should decide to write a book I suggest that she begin "I am a spinster, 46, through no fault of my own, as I imagined up to a few months ago, when I wrote to Dr. Brady about things about how to be charming, beautiful and healthy. But I had reached the stage where I took little stock in any of it. None of it worked anyhow.

But (she continues) I did try faithfully to carry out all the suggestions in your Seven Ways to Vite. I am thrilled at the results. I have found out that aging to stay out of bed or out of the doctor's office, I have VITE. It is unbelievable, but now I find it is fun to live. So many little imperfections I once took as part of my makeup have dropped away from me—sleeplessness, nervousness or irritability, melancholia, dandruff, too oily hair, catarrhal trouble, constant weariness. I never seem to have the time to write fan letters, but credit to whom credit is due. I wanted you to know that you have at least benefited one (ah, ah, what did I tell you? Let's say one victim of anhedonia).

Webster defines anhedonia as insensitiveness to pleasure or incapacity for happiness. I regard it as poor health. Perhaps Noah himself was anhedonic.

Some persons do not experience the joy of living even though they have good health, but they are exceptions. I am convinced that faulty health is accountable for anhedonia in the great majority of cases, and generally the poor health can be improved by the proper corrective measures. With improvement in health goes improvement in outlook on life and joy of living.

Vite, by the way is not yet defined in Webster. It means preservation of the characteristics of youth, better-than-average nutritional condition...

Spastic Colon

Please give your opinion of the effectiveness of quinine as a remedy for spastic colon. This is a hang-over from more difficult days. I've tried belladonna a few times under medical supervision, but no dice. The persistent abdominal tension is not pleasant to live with. (C. B.)

Answer—I have no data on such use of quinine. It can do no harm to try it—say two grains of quinine sulfate in pill, tablet or capsule, three times daily for a month or so, and see.

From the steadying, calming effect of quinine in anxiety states such as stage fright, examination jitters, etc., one may analogize it should be helpful in spastic colitis. If you try it, please let us know your experience.

Twenty at Sixty!

Altho I never knew much about oral hygiene and never spent much time or money on toothbrushes or dentures, I still have 20 sound teeth in my mouth at the age of 60. None of my acquaintances can show as many of their own. (N. C. D.)

Answer—Millions of savages and primitive people in isolated regions could put you to shame.

Baby Drools

Son aged 28 months seems strong and full of pep but drools almost continuously. Cut his last molars four months ago. (Mrs. F. W. S.)

Answer—Drooling is normal in infancy. Nothing to do about it, but send 10c and stamped envelope bearing your address, for The Baby Book, to be sure you are feeding the baby the food he should have. (Copyright 1941, John P. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

purpose of the visit. Most other matters could have been settled by trans-Atlantic telephone.

A TONE of unexcited casualness pervaded the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting (as suggested by their faces in the official photographs.) No tense sub-officials were around to transmit guiding speculation to reporters. In fact, all American diplomats locked their doors and hid under their desks for the duration of the visit.

In the absence of such authoritative guidance, speculation was allowed to run loose, although no one could know or pretend to guess in any worthwhile degree what was being done. Natural subjects for first disposition were: Joint naval assignments in the Atlantic if the French fleet was stolen; dispositions of our planes to the Philip-pines, Singapore, Russia, Libya, Britain; the joint overall command (which cannot amount to much except a routine or perhaps regional service lacking single-headed power).

Only effective overall control will be exerted by the two men themselves, no matter what kind of supplemental cooperation is conceived.

ONE spot where General MacArthur preferred to fight above all others is the one chosen by the Japs for their first mass landing—Lingayen bay. That is where MacArthur has been holding the field maneuvers of his Filipino army for the last few years. He and his men knew every rock.

His Filipinos may not stack up so high with artillery. They do not have the physical size or knack of handling the big guns. But give them a machine gun and a bush in which to hide it, and they are a formidable foe.

SADDEST of all world statesmen must be the simpleton Japanese.

Definite information has reached here that der fuehrer

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Ousted Admiral Was F. R.'s Pet

Navy Busy In Training Men

Red Tape Still Slows Production

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Two days after the Pearl Harbor debacle Rear Admiral Clinton W. Nimitz released his annual report for the fiscal year, which was overlooked because of the excitement. Now Admiral Nimitz has been transferred from chief of the bureau of navigation to command of the Pacific fleet, replacing Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, an old assistant and favorite of the president who had been jumped over 40 of his seniors at the president's request and over the protests of the board. Gossip says that Kimmel was given the job after his predecessor had told the president that, contrary to Secretary Knox' assertions, the navy was not ready.

This report of Nimitz shows that the navy recruiting office in Portland received 7,545 applications for enlistment, ending July 1, but out of that number only 1,974 were taken by the navy. The Seattle recruiting station had 5,494 applications and wound up with 1,399 first enlistments and 124 re-enlistments.

Applicants in these cities are not confined to Oregon and Washington; they come from everywhere. The report shows the very large number of rejections for physical reasons (2,318 in Oregon; 1,800 in Washington) and rejections for unstated "other causes," which bowed over 727 in Portland and 494 in Seattle. The latter place signed on part of the 809 Canadians in the navy and 35 residents of British Columbia. Incidentally, there are almost 5,000 enlisted sailors who are aliens, 20 per cent coming from the Philippines as mess attendants aboard ship, a position formerly largely held by Japanese, but the yellow sons of heaven have been kicked out of the fleet. There are 700 natives of Guam in the service (island captured by the enemy) and 296 Italians and 305 Germans, neither of the latter naturalized.

ANTICIPATING trouble, the navy has been busily engaged in training enlisted men and reserve officers in the northwest for the past six months. At Keyport, Wash., the navy has established courses in torpedo work for reserve officers, where they are instructed in the technique of handling and using these explosives. The full quota allowed for NROTC has been filled at the University of Washington, 284 young students. A school has been started at Bainbridge island, Wash., for instruction of enlisted men who wish to take the course in radio and a class of 120 is already there for a course which requires four months. Other schools open to enlisted men in the northwest are educating aviation machinist mates, aviation mechanics as for assignment on airplane carriers where they check the planes before and after scouting trips.

The navy, according to the report, is made up of young men, very young men, for there are more than 40,000 under 20 years of age. Largest age group are those between 21 and 24, numbering in excess of 70,000; there are 25,000 who are 25-29, with 31,000. Despite the youthfulness of the personnel the battle they put up at Pearl Harbor was the work of veterans.

RED tape continues in the national capital. Despite the need for rushing the bomber program and the calls by several aviation plants to subcontractors to produce vital minor parts, RFC shows no disposition to advance a loan to the subcontractors to expand plants to meet the requirements of Boeing, Lockheed and others. RFC will not make money available (no private capital is used these days for government orders; every concern expects the government to furnish the finances) until the plan is approved by office of production management and the latter takes it up with RFC. Men from the northwest, who have been here for weeks, asking for RFC money to install additional machinery and enlarge their quarters have received no encouragement. Officers agree that this is an emergency and that production must be doubled or tripled, but say they have received no orders "from above."

No one appears to know who should give the orders; no one will admit having authority to issue orders to hurry production.

The vice president, chairman of SPAB, has discovered that he has no authority at all, notwithstanding SPAB was set up to straighten out all kinks. The experience of the men from the northwest is identical with that of business from other parts of the country. "Who is the boss?" inquired Bill Knudsen when OPM was organized, and the president tapped his breast and said he was. The president is still the boss, but between running the state department, the navy and the army and sending names to the senate for confirmation to political jobs, he is so occupied that keymen can not see him when they go to the White House for a conference. Until Admiral Land, chairman of maritime commission, receives instructions from the president he can not allocate orders for more ships in the northwest.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

TODAY'S (Wednesday's) dispatches are not pleasant reading.

Japanese forces, landed from an armada of Jap troopships at Lingayen bay, are moving against Manila from the north. Another Jap force, landed last night from troopships at Atimona, a fishing village some 75 miles to the south, is moving on Manila—the purpose being the now familiar one of catching the American defenders between pincer jaws.

This morning's brief army communique from Manila says American and Filipino troops, greatly outnumbered, are resisting stubbornly. The communique adds: "The enemy continues to land reinforcements."

General MacArthur and his staff have left for the front. There is talk of declaring Manila an "open city" to save it from destruction by bombardment—air and otherwise.

WAKE Island, after an epochal defense by outnumbered American marines, has apparently fallen. An inferior British force at Hongkong, fighting as heroically as did the American marines at Wake, is still holding out as these words are written, but little hope is held that Hongkong can continue to hold out.

North of Singapore OUTNUMBERED British forces, fighting bravely and skillfully, are being forced slowly back by superior Japanese forces.

EVERYWHERE in the fighting around the China Sea, the story is the same: NOT ENOUGH AIRPLANES. Especially fighter planes to beat off the Jap bombers.

That has been the sad story since the war began. IF you haven't done so already, take time out now to read "Reveille in Washington." You will find in it needed encouragement.

The North, as pictured there-in, was utterly unprepared for war. When the crisis broke, Washington could only go round and round in helpless circles.

Yet, out of this pandemonium, came ultimately the machine that eventually crushed Lee at Appomattox.

SUPERIOR resources, when possessed by a TOUGH people, eventually make their weight felt. Americans are slow in starting, but they are TOUGH.

The war between the states, starting in confusion and unreadiness, became one of the grimmest, most determined, most efficiently waged wars of all history. Its military lessons have been a textbook for soldiers the world over ever since.

That is something for the Japs to think about.

From the moment when they decided to move, they have moved with lightning speed, throwing in from the very outset all the military and naval force they possess, risking everything on the hope of knocking us out before we have time to get started.

They WON'T.

Eventually the crushing weight of the United States will be brought to bear, and when that time comes Japan will be OUT.

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 26, 1931
(It was Saturday)

Texas congressman announces he will seek impeachment of Secretary of Treasury Mellon.

Ashland woman injured when high wind blows down barn.

Rain forecast; high 42, low 32 degrees.

Business in nation brighter and better than last indicates, statistics show.

California trims Georgia Tech 19 to 6 in post season charity game.

Telo farmer reports hunters slay 11 friendly deer on his place.

Christmas mail receipts below last year here.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 26, 1921
(It was Monday)

Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, freed from federal prison for anti-war stand to devote rest of his life to fight against war.

People to vote on proposed state wide tax to provide funds for proposed Portland world fair in 1925.

The snow melted fast on Christmas Eve, so it was only a partially White Christmas. High 48, low 32.5 degrees, rain .02 inches.

Storm in San Francisco area causes seven deaths. Storm flag flies on Liberty building.

Ingersoll company, makers of \$1 watches, goes into bankruptcy.

Jackson county women under new law to serve on jury at February term of court. They will number 250 on the jury list.

Christmas mail at local post-office shows 20 percent increase.

Communications

George Has To Holler

To the editor:

I am having to holler for help; I am a member of several organizations; during the past two weeks we have had several people explaining the defense and blackout regulations, most of them have served a period on the listening posts and are now full military experts with a solution for the whole war. If they could think straight it would not be so bad. One of them told me that in a blackout everyone was to immediately go home.

These organizations are democratic and in solving blackout problems they all have an equal say. Some are very impractical while others do not realize the seriousness of the war. Some are even antagonistic to regulations.

There has, so far, been no specific instructions as to regulations or conduct in a public place. These should be in the very simplest language so all could understand.

As matters now stand, if there should be a blackout with a dance, lodge, church or other meetings a lot of people would insist on going home and would cause a riot if not allowed to leave.

I also think that these would-be experts should be prohibited from speaking on these subjects to assemblies; and it might also be well to stop the critics of our army and navy from finding fault through the platform or press.

We can be sure that our army and navy authorities know just exactly where they are and what they are doing.

And any instructions to the public should be through our local papers and radio, or properly authorized persons to speak.

GEO IVERSON
Medford, Dec. 24

NATURE IN BACK SEAT
Clinton, Ind. (UP)—Mother Nature took a back seat in this harvest. Edward Ruby watched when he discovered a mushroom growing from a crack between two sheets of metal in the rear of his automobile. Upon reaching maturity, the delicacy measured three inches in diameter and stood almost 4 inches high.

DEMAND RIGHTS
Sydney, N. S. W. (UP)—Members of the new women's army are insisting on one feminine right. Khaki coats of their uniform will button from right to left. "It would be difficult," said Controller, Miss Sybil Irving, "for women of 30, used to buttoning their clothes in this way, suddenly to change to the male style of left to right."

NEW GRAPEFRUIT MARKET
Winter Haven, Fla. (UP)—A new market for grapefruit has been opened with development here of a method of obtaining lactic acid from the fruit. The derivative is widely used in medicine and industry.

SNAKES AID
Brisbane, Australia (UP)—Australia, in its all-out effort to defeat Hitler, has decided to enlist its snakes. They will be used in helping to keep prison, concentration camps and other military concentrations free of rats.