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Better Late Than Never

Major Al Williams, experienced army aviator and author of a newspaper feature called "Airpower" deserves some serious attention these days.

For example:
May 15, 1940: "The major lesson of this war to date is the preponderantly vital role being played by airpower..."

Oct. 8, 1940: "How then can our fleet hope to operate in Asiatic waters without encountering some kind of air attack and run the gauntlet of Japanese air patrols..."

Oct. 12, 1940: "Isn't it about time that we built ourselves enough Flying Fortress type, long-range bombing planes—say about 500 or 1000 of them?"

Jan. 28, 1941: "Every time airpower has engaged in combat with seapower during this war, seapower has suffered grievous defeat..."

Sept. 9, 1941: "Is it safe to assume that the bitter lessons of the Skagerrak have been entirely lost upon the Japs? And if they haven't—how do we propose to protect our warships operating in the Japanese zone of naval influence from air attacks?"

The objection to Major Williams, from the powers-that-be has always been, he is an air crank,—an extremist who only sees one side of the picture.

But in view of his predictions and their present fulfillment in the Far East, hasn't the time come when there should be a few MORE air cranks in the higher councils, and a few LESS museum pieces who are still fighting the ancient sea battles of Trafalgar!

Keeping Up That "Morale"

Not in all directions, but certainly in one, this country could well profit by Britain's example.

That one direction is in the department of humor and recreation.

As Britain's famous humorous weekly "Punch", and the crowds attending cricket matches, football games and horse racing, testify,—

While John Bull is in there all the time with both fists swinging, when a breathing spell does come, he knows how to relax, to joke and to play.

And when Tommy Atkins gets back home on leave, he isn't greeted by a lot of sentimental sob-sisters and crepe hangers, but by the village band, which, like as not, escorts him to the nearest cricket field, or presents him with a grandstand seat at Epsom Downs.

It is this department's considered opinion, that Britain's ingrained ability to take things,—even the most tragic things,—in its stride so to speak, and always with a smile, is chiefly responsible for the fact that Britain not only enjoys the highest war morale in the world, but a morale, which, no matter how tough the going may be, has never been broken.

It is to be hoped that when Uncle Sam recovers from the first stunning shock of sudden war, and hits HIS stride, he will be able to follow a similar course.

Not in the direction of just "muddling along",—that is a British habit it is well to avoid. But in the direction of relaxation and when opportunity offers, relief from the terrific strain, in various forms of wholesome recreation,—so when the lads return to the firing line, in the air, on land or at sea, they may be MORE effective, rather than less so.

Smiles in 1941

It is customary to observe the old year departed without regret, and greet the new one with unbridled joy. We don't suggest a different technique this year, but in noting the strange things that happened in 1941, we wonder if as enviable a record will be made in 1942.

Listen to the record on old Father Time's gramophone:

- 1. Two St. Bernard dogs get lost in snow storm in Buffalo.
2. Hula dancer dislocates hip in Honolulu.
3. A murder trial in San Francisco was interrupted by a telegraph messenger who arrived to sing "Happy Birthday" to the court clerk.
4. A Schenectady, N. Y., man, arrested for swearing, explained he'd been gardening and had gotten ants in his pants.
5. An absent-minded professor in Saw Mills, S. C., demonstrating how not to sneeze violently, sneezed so violently he blew out his false teeth.
6. The Merchant Tailors' association announced that the sartorial rage would be brilliant linings for suits, so that men could indulge their passion for color—invisibly.
7. A train in Mobile, Ala., killed a cow, and the farmer wrote the railroad that it was the cow's own fault.
8. A Huntington, Ind., golfer made the longest shot in history—his ball landed in a coal car of a passing freight train bound for West Virginia, 500 miles away.
9. The government announced that to protect the coats of some Wyoming sheep from the weather, it would outfit them with cotton overcoats.
10. A man in Tarrytown, N. Y., made a down payment on a car with three \$50 bills, which turned out to be not only confederate money but counterfeit to boot.

KILLED ON ROAD
Oregon City, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Richard W. Crawford, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford, died at the Oregon City hospital yesterday of automobile accident injuries. Merrill G. Brassfield, Lyons, said the Crawford boy ran across the highway in front of his automobile near Molalla.

LISBON SHOCKED
Lisbon, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A violent earthquake shook Lisbon at 6:25 p. m. (10:25 p. m. EST) Sunday sending the frightened populace into the streets.

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.

SUGAR IS SUGAR

Sucrose, saccharose, beet sugar, cane sugar, maple sugar or maple syrup, sorghum syrup and palm sap or its sugar are identical; that is, the sugar is the same, whatever its source. Molasses and most of the mixed syrups today contain not only sucrose but also more or less glucose and levulose.

Glucose, grape sugar, dextrose, corn sugar or syrup and starch sugar are identical. Glucose is the sugar naturally present in the blood of man and animals, and it also occurs naturally in fruits and plant juices, where it is usually associated with sucrose and fructose (fruit sugar).

Levulose, fructose, fruit sugar occurs, as already mentioned, in the juices of plants and fruits, and in honey—levulose constitutes about half of the sugar in honey, the remainder being chiefly glucose, with a little sucrose (pure, unadulterated honey).

Maltose, malt sugar, malt extract or malt syrup, is the type of sugar produced by fermentation or the action of the ferment or enzyme diastase, developed by germination, on the starch in grain such as barley. Malt sugar is also produced by the action of the ferment or enzyme ptyalin in the saliva on starch, or the enzyme amylopsin in the pancreatic juice on starch, the maltose being an intermediate product in digestion, to be converted later into glucose (dextrose).

Glucose (dextrose) is not so sweet as sucrose (beet sugar, cane sugar), but levulose (fruit sugar, fructose) is sweeter than cane sugar. The levulose in honey accounts for the extreme sweetness of honey.

Many fanciful or theoretical ideas concerning the comparative nutritive value, digestibility or remedial value of the different kinds of sugar are prevalent. Without citing such ideas

to win. If we have become so soft and decadent that we cannot survive defeats, and come out of them fighting better, we might as well know it at the start.

REMEMBER this war broke over us under the most inauspicious circumstances. We are fighting halfway around the world from the homeland. We are defending inadequate outposts that most military authorities, knew could not be made impregnable. (Some folks are grunting now at congressmen who voted against Guam appropriations, whereas, if we had built a Gibraltar there, it now is evident we would have built it for the Japs.)

QUESTION being asked in the streets of Washington (not only by outsiders but by some government officials) is: "Where is the fleet?" If precise information was available, it should not be published.

It is no military secret, however, that it has not been around the Philippines. When 50 to 100 Jap transports can anchor off shore, with only minor losses being reported, you may know the Japs are confident of their security on the sea.

The truth probably is that our naval command has decided not to risk heavy ships in waters where the enemy has air superiority, especially after what happened to the Prince of Wales and Repulse. It is also probable a third of the fleet was in the Atlantic when the blow fell. A redistribution of naval forces is obviously necessary. The British should have enough of their own capital ships to take care of the Atlantic even if the French fleet is betrayed into Nazi hands. Perhaps this is a primary subject of the Roosevelt-Churchill gathering.

Certain it is, that the day after Wake fell and at a time when Jap transports were riding securely off Luzon, "an admiral in command of a combat force of U. S. warships" was giving an interview to the A. P. at Pearl Harbor aboard his flag ship.

In any event the answer to the fleet question is the same as that of Singapore and the Philippines. The lesson is clear. Wherever we go hereafter we must have superiority in the air.

SOME congressmen and other politicians are afraid that if or when this bad news continues to pile up the next few months, our people will get restless. More congressional inquiries and court-martials may be demanded. Confusion may result. That thought, of course, is insulting. If this country has such weak knees that it cannot stand reverses, then we do not deserve

Kelly's Comment

From Washington
World War No. 2
Closer To West
Bankers, Lawyers
Dub Metals Plans
Foreign Supplies
Lost to Country

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—For the first time in 24 years Christmas found the United States at war, and for the first time the Pacific northwest preparing to defend itself against the enemy Japanese. War seemed academic 24 years ago, although with young men being inducted into the 91st and other divisions at Fort Lewis, women serving at canteens and shipyard workers buying Liberty bonds and silk shirts, there was more excitement in the northwest than at present.

Today, with Japanese submarines attacking off-shore shipping and Washington and Oregon cities practicing blackouts in preparation for an aerial attack, the people of that region are not scared—they are mad, if letters and wires received by the delegations are correct. The people are angry at the effrontery of the enemy in bringing the war to their doorstep.

In their first world war principal disturbance was with the I. W. W., and the troubles they caused in the forests and sawmills with acts of sabotage. President Woodrow Wilson soothed the differences between the timbermen and sawmill operators and the agitating groups of labor by sending Felix Frankfurter to the northwest, where Frankfurter ordered all lumbermen to meet him in a Seattle hotel, read them the riot act and, in the name of the president, demanded that there be peace between them and labor. This is the same Frankfurter who is now associate justice of the supreme court and a man of tremendous power in the national capital who has the ear of President and Mrs. Roosevelt and has placed many of his law students in key positions in the administration.

OUT of this arrangement came the 4-L (Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen) where operators and workers sat down and discussed their problems; ironed out their differences. The 4-L continued until the national labor relations board, then composed of radicals, declared it a company union and it was dissolved.

All was safe and secure on the western front. Japan was an ally of the United States, fighting side by side with American troops in Siberia. Hindus plotted in India; were captured, thrown in jail, tried. War for the northwest meant high wages and high cost of living. A whistle punk in a logging camp drew \$5 a day. Some of the boys who marched away from Fort Lewis were casualties on Europe's battlefields, but still the war was some 6,000 miles away. More people died in the northwest from influenza than boys from that region who fell on Flanders field.

Now President Roosevelt has established defense sea areas at the entrance of Columbia river, straits of Juan de Fuca and Puget sound with a declaration that a vessel navigating those waters so at its own risk, only in the daytime, and must stop when ordered by naval authorities. There were no such regulations in the other war; no blackouts, no danger of bombing, no air raids, no threat to non-combatant civilian population. The northwest is now up against an all-out war with all that implies.

TOO many bankers and lawyers in the Metals Reserve corporation, and it is due for a shake-up. There will not be sufficient chrome produced in 1942 to meet 30 per cent of the requirements. Magnesium will be almost as short. If all goes well 300,000 tons will be produced in Alaska and shipped to Seattle and Portland for stockpiles. Metals Reserve corporation, organized by Jesse H. Jones, secretary of commerce, is accused of procrastination in building up stockpiles; of underestimating requirements of chrome; and now the war with Japan has cut off the last foreign source of this material so necessary for the steel industry.

Best chrome came from Turkey, with high grade from Greece and Czechoslovakia. War eliminated those sources. Metals Reserve corporation contracted for chrome in the Philippines, a little from China, obtained some from New Caledonia, a small island off the coast of Australia. With Japanese raiders operating, no ships can bring in the ore or concentrates from those countries.

Montana is producing some low grade chrome. Soon to be in production is a chrome mine in southern Alaska. Every cent for opening this property has been paid by a resident of Portland. OPM wants every ton. For

MOTHER PERISHES
Oneida, Wis., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A mother and her four small children burned to death Sunday in their three-room frame house near here. The father and two other children suffered severe burns.

Motor Transportation
Plan Drawn for West
San Francisco, Dec. 29.—(AP)—A civilian motor transportation plan, designed to speed movement of military supplies and equipment, has been adopted for the eight states comprising the army's western theater of operations.

These states are California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Under the new set-up, the army can call upon a single central authority to provide necessary non-military transport facilities.

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a year or more Metals Reserve has been urged to build roads to chrome deposits in southwestern Oregon. Attitude of the corporation was that whatever chrome exists in the United States should be saved and not exploited, and the better plan was to import the material from abroad. Now they can not import any. Close second to chrome for defense needs is magnesium. Olympic peninsula has thousands of tons; a little difficult to reduce, which makes it more expensive. Metals Reserve Corp. has ignored this as well as other domestic deposits; hoped to build from importations.

THE Japs bomb Manila, after it has been declared an open city and its defenders have moved out. Bomb it methodically, killing and wounding civilians. Setting great fires that are burning as these words are written.

SAVE your anger. Blind, unreasoning anger never helped any fighter to win—and this is a fight to the finish. Permit yourself only the cold, calculating fury that looks forward to VICTORY, no matter what the cost.

REMEMBER that in bombing Manila after it has been declared an open city the Japs are INVITING the bombing of their own crowded cities. That will come in time—as and when we can get around to it.

INSTEAD of shaking your fists in futile anger, WORK HARD AND EFFICIENTLY at your job, no matter what it may be. We lack ships. We lack planes. We lack guns.

Only by working harder and more efficiently than we ever worked before can we provide these vitally necessary weapons in sufficient quantity and IN TIME to win. And win we must.

today's (Saturday's) dispatches, these sentences stand out: "Japanese planes roar over Manila WITHOUT ANY OPPOSITION." "The enemy is being CONTINUALLY REINFORCED from fleets of troops in Lingayen gulf and off Atimunan."

The Philippines are far from the supporting mainland of the United States. They are CLOSE to Japan. The problems of transportation and supply are difficult for us, relatively easy for the Japanese.

It is not improbable that the Philippines may be lost. But it is as true now as ever that it is the LAST battle that counts. Our job is to win the last battle.

THE Japs, for all their advances of nearness and advance preparation, aren't coming off unharmed. U. S. and Dutch army, navy and air reports for the first three weeks of the war in the Pacific list 26 Japanese merchant vessels sunk or seriously damaged by submarine or air attack in Philippines, Borneo and Malay-an waters.

The Dutch alone have accounted for 16 Jap ships sunk and five damaged, including one cruiser, two destroyers, four troop transports, three freighters, four supply transport ships and two lighters. Their average has been one a day since they went into action.

Don't discount the fighting Dutch. TODAY's dispatches report German armies counter-attacking in Russia, which is significant. Either they have reached the positions they are electing to defend or they don't DARE retire further without a fight.

The Russians continue to pound them. If they can keep on pounding them all winter, Hitler's big job of getting ready for next spring will be made harder.

AND keep your eye on Spain and Turkey. Hitler has to hit somewhere or lose critically needed prestige. Spain and Turkey are the likeliest spots.

Washington a special economic committee recommends to congress a cut of \$1,131,075,000 in non-defense spending. It says: "There is no room for non-essentials in a government stripped for action." Nothing could be truer.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

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 29, 1931
(it was Tuesday)
Japan orders Chinese out of Manchuria.

Furries of snow fell over the Rogue River valley, with rain predicted. High 36, low 32 degrees. High wind sweeps city.

Trojans and Tulane to play Rose Bowl game, and both hope for a dry field.

Legion announces it will hold Washington Birthday ball.

Sheriff Jennings leaves for Colorado to bring back Albert W. Reed, held as suspect in slaying of Ashland policeman.

Work of clearing snow from Crater Park roads continues.

Sen. Wheeler of Montana says "Governor Roosevelt of New York is best man to meet threat of third party." Sen. Dill proclaims governor as "great liberal."

WARMINSTER TROTSKY announces Russia is ready and has 1,500,000 under arms.

There was a trace of rain and more predicted. High 42, low 31 degrees.

Gov. Small of Illinois goes on trial for fraud.

City policeman discovers front street poker game, while chasing boy caught smoking cigarette in alley.

During past week four carloads of furniture belonging to employes of the head offices of Copco arrive from south.

Teachers ask that course in auto mechanics be placed in schools.

How About the "Higher-Ups?" To the editor: Your issue of the 24th of December shows a picture of the president and his war cabinet posing, while our boys are dying.

I can't put all the blame on the commanding officers at Pearl Harbor. As I understand it, they get their orders from their superiors. And if their superiors should happen to be basking in the sunshine of their own importance, what could you expect?

I would like to know this: What were the qualifications of the following officers: secretary of the navy, secretary of war and numerous other appointees? Is it true, they were appointed for political reasons rather than their ability to direct their different offices? We were led to believe all along our navy and army, and especially the navy was second to none, and was ready for any emergency.

I remember having one high official make this statement that Mr. Roosevelt knew months before a shot was fired, there would be war in Europe. How much better would it have been, if he had known something about the conditions that confronted this country.

But what can you expect, when one of their number makes a statement like this, "Hell, I don't want to hurt anyone, I want to kill them." Sounds like a line from Gang Busters.

CREOMULSION
Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.