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By Arthur Perry

HOPE FOR 1942:

A SLAP-HAPPY NEW YEAR'S FOR THE DICTATOR NATIONS. MAY THEY SOON BE SLAPPED INTO A COCKED HAT, OR BETTER STILL, INTO ONE OF THE FUNNY KIND LIKE THE FAIR SEX WEAR. THE SOONER THE HAPPIER THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL BE.

REVIEW OF 1941:

Things look bad. . . Much local fretting, over lack of snow in hills for irrigation water, and A. Hitler's pledge to bring the German people victory before end of year. . . (Where is it?) . . . Pussywills burst forth along Bear Creek. . . Ginger Rogers, movie queen, may buy valley stock ranch. . . Italy starts out to conquer Greece, yells for help from Berlin. . . High school bb. team chalks up wins. . . FR. starts 3rd term. . . Piscatorial enthusiasts fear proposed dams in Rogue River will ruin fishing. . . First shivaree in 90 days shakes Main Stem and residential areas, breaks down in front of hospital. . . City Park board of military strategy figures London bombings mean Britain is a goner. . . Hs. bb. team keeps up winning ways. . . Sunniest February in many a year. . . Matsuoaka, an "Old Oregon" boy, and Hitler meet in Berlin. . . Ground hog saw his shadow.

First March wind blows down last Christmas decoration. . . Ginger Rogers of the films, buys Shady Cove district ranch. . . Spring flowers and rumors plentiful. . . People start getting mad at Col. Lindbergh, one time national idol. . . Epidemic kills off local cats. . . Dandelions show up on local lawns. . . Nazis save Mussolini from licking by Greeks. . . Hs. bb. team loses out.

Marriage license desk at county these does best business in years. . . Ginger Rogers, the movie star, visits ranch. . . Everybody humming "My Sister and I". . . Germans sink American ship. . . unlimited emergency declared. . . Rain hits first cutting of alfalfa, as usual. . . Housewives contribute aluminum pans for defense. . . Valley will get an army cantonment. . . valley won't get a cantonment. . . Cool and rainy. . . Valley will get a cantonment. . . valley won't get a cantonment. . . More rain. . . Much oratory. . . Heaviest production of rumors in history. . . Local plutocrats start showing up in new autos.

Gen. Lear disciplines soldiers for yoo-hooing at gals in slacks. . . No more scrap iron and gasoline for Tokyo. . . The valley will get a cantonment. . . the valley won't get a cantonment. . . Ball club gets a new pitcher, (what was his name. . . Gasoline shortage feared. . . Duke of Windsor and wife visit U.S. . . Soldier boys visit. . . air squadron camps on Rogue. . . Gasoline shortage past.

Shooting starts in North Atlantic. . . Der Fuehrer mad. . . British airplane carrier sank by Axis for tenth and last time. . . Black Tornado looms as champions. . . John L. Lewis decided to take over management of country. . . People become allergic to strikes. . . Ashland triumphs over B. Tornado. . . Russians get the Hitler hordes on the run. . . Japan attacks Hawaii. . . Blackouts. . . Snow piles up in the hills. . . Dame Rumor takes a vacation. . . '41 was no fun. . . '42 don't be blue. . . HAPPY NEW YEARS TO YOU!

Only One Resolution

Only those Americans who were living in the Civil War period have ever experienced a New Year's Eve like this one.

There have been two wars since then,—the Spanish and World War No. I, but neither one really endangered this country, or even came near it.

THE Spanish war was over, almost before it started, with a smashing victory on land and sea, for the superior U. S. forces.

The World War ended, only a few months after we became actively engaged, along the western front, with a similar triumph.

Compared with this war, the two previous conflicts were little more than breathers. Uncle Sam has in short escaped an all-out test of strength for eighty years.

HAS the old boy gone soft?

"We the people" know he hasn't. But it is now quite clear, it took him too long,—FAR too long,—to wake up to the dangers threatening him.

And when war finally broke he got off to a bad start,—a very bad one.

IN short, this is the first New Year's within the memory of 99% of the American people, when their country has been in real danger,—engaged up to the hilt in a fight to the finish,—a struggle that must be, and WILL be won; but one which is going to demand sacrifices in blood and treasure, unapproached in the history of this nation,—and we fear, undreamed of, in the imagination of most of us.

Can we "take" it?

"We the people" KNOW we can.

But it is to be no naval parade as it was in '98; and no mopping up exercise, as was the case, a couple of decades later.

This is a fight to the FINISH, with a war on two fronts, against two of the most powerful, ruthless and crafty nations, the world has ever seen, and who up to the present writing, have had all the best of it.

AS a result the various and sundry activities that have marked New Year's celebrations in the past, appear completely out of place and inexcusably trivial, at this one.

Not that we should all don hair-shirts tonight, and wallow in wormwood and ashes. But beneath the hilarity and exuberance, which properly marks the end of the old year and the start of the new, there should be,—and undoubtedly will be,—a sober appreciation of the fact, that an epoch in the history of this country,—and the world—HAS ENDED, and a new one, and a completely DIFFERENT one NOW begins!

This is to be no brief excursion in the realm of force.

This is all-out war, a supreme and final test, as to whether this country and all it stands for is to survive or perish.

AS was stated in this column over a year ago, unless we the people ARE willing, if need be to DIE for democracy, we won't be able long to LIVE in it. There is no turning back now. Here is the test, this country and all freedom-loving, right-thinking peoples, face.

Confronting such a crisis how all our petty New Year resolutions of the past fade into vacuity and nothingness!

THERE is only ONE resolution this New Year's Eve,—the resolution to go into this fight with every resource at our command, be ready—all of us—for any sacrifice, ultimate victory may demand, and never quit, until the foes that have set out deliberately to destroy this country, and all its stands for, are CRUSHED!

It's Up to Russia

As the war is now developing, Russia really holds the key to victory,—at least a reasonably quick one, as the skipper of this department views it.

If Comrade Stalin is as whole-hearted in his support of the allied cause, as reports from Moscow,—and London,—maintain; and if his continued successes over the Nazis along the eastern front, are as decisive and indicative of superior Russian strength as he claims them to be, THEN,—

There is no further excuse for Stalin to withhold the Siberian coast from IMMEDIATE construction of allied air bases, and with such air bases—and probably only with them,—can Japan be effectively attacked in her most vulnerable point,—from the air on Nippon's large metropolitan and industrial districts.

WOULDN'T such an attack result in the collapse of Japan, more quickly and completely than attack from any other conceivable source?

And if Red army strength is what the Kremlin says it is, with nearly a million well-armed and well equipped troops permanently stationed in Siberia, how could hard-pressed Japan effectively retaliate?

We claim no expert knowledge on the subject, of course, but we doubt if such is needed to make the fact quite plain, that allied progress in the war against Nippon depends, almost entirely upon what Russia does do,—or DOESN'T!

Municipal employees of Sacramento, Calif., have been classified for civilian defense on the belief that they would be more valuable for emergency service than privately employed volunteers.

Sailors of the navy will use nine million pounds of butter this year.

In the tenth century the Scots borrowed a linen-smoother of black glass from the Vikings to do their ironing.

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.

THE SUGAR IN MILK

A familiar and, plausible assertion of nutrition quacks and food specialists or self-constituted diet authorities is that it is wrong to combine carbohydrate (sugar or starch) with protein. Some of them imply that a reaction between these different kinds of food material in the stomach produces injurious or even poisonous effects. Yet many of the most essential natural foods of man contain protein and carbohydrate, such as peas, beans, wheat, oats, potato, milk, cheese.

The carbohydrate in milk and cheese is milk sugar, lactose. In a quart of milk there is approximately 1½ ounces (three rounded tablespoons) of this sugar. Woman's milk contains a larger proportion of milk sugar than cow's milk, approximately two ounces in the quart. In modifying cow's milk for an infant, therefore, it is a common practice to add some milk sugar or other sugar.

Milk sugar (lactose) is less sweet and less soluble than sucrose (beet or cane sugar). On the assumption that milk sugar is less subject to fermentation in stomach or intestine than other sugars it was formerly preferred to other sugars for modifying milk for infants, but today, there is no advantage in using fancy sugars for this purpose—in actual practice infants thrive as well if their milk is sweetened with beet or cane sugar, corn syrup or glucose as they do if a more expensive kind of sugar is used.

By the fermentation of the lactose or sugar in milk lactic acid is produced. This is the normal process of souring of milk. It is due to the action of bacteria always present in milk, called lactic bacilli. Warmth favors the multiplication of lactic bacilli and hastens souring of milk; cold retards growth of the bacteria and souring. Parboiling, as in the process called pasteurizing (heating the milk to 145 degrees F. for half an hour) destroys some of the lactic bacilli but not all; hence pasteurized milk sours slowly.

The action of the lactic bacilli continues in the alimentary tract as long as there is lactose

(or other sugars or starches) for the bacilli to ferment, and the lactic acid produced in the intestine favors a healthy condition, keeps the environment unfavorable for the growth of disease germs or putrefactive bacteria. While the carbohydrate (lactose, milk sugar) in milk is probably the best medium or pabulum to promote and maintain a vigorous and healthy preponderance of lactic bacilli in the intestine, it is well to remember that other carbohydrate materials, notably raw starch, may serve the purpose nearly if not quite as well as lactose does. For this reason it is generally healthful to eat some raw or only slightly cooked starch every day—raw potato, plain wheat, oatmeal raw or slightly cooked, raw cornstarch, raw vegetables—whatever you like.

One reason why I personally prefer grade A raw milk from tuberculin tested and Bang tested cows to par-boiled or pasteurized milk is because I like to maintain a healthy growth of lactic bacilli, and I believe drinking pure raw milk does this more effectively than any means one can use for that purpose.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What, No Hat?

Should a hat be worn during the winter season? I am 21, prefer to go hatless as much as possible, but find my ears are beginning to ache occasionally and my hair it beginning to fall more than formerly.

Answer—From the viewpoint of health one should wear a hat only when comfort or custom requires it. Whether you wear a hat or not can have nothing to do with earache. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "Care of the Hair".

Sassafras

What medicinal effect if any is derived from use of sassafras tea instead of tea or coffee? (V. L. D.)

Answer—None. Old timers imagined sassafras was alterative—meaning it changed or corrected whatever ailed them. It is harmless if you prefer it to tea or coffee.

Destruction of Vitamins

Lecturer from state department said if one wished to destroy all the vitamins in food cooking in pressure cooker would certainly do it. Now we have used a pressure cooker.

Answer—Ordinary cooking destroys less vitamin B than pressure cooking does, so the lecturer was nearer right.

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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be done with the fleet if Leahy left Vichy.

Mr. Roosevelt, apparently, thought Leahy even more valuable as a military leader. At the very least he will be head of some top military strategy board, or will have one of the coordinated new allied commands.

SOME folks are grumbling that Churchill talked Roosevelt into forgetting about the Japs and concentrating on Hitler. That idea is axis grease.

The broader view of this war, the world view, clearly shows Hitler is the formidable foe. If he is defeated, anyone can brush the Japs over with the back of their hand. They may conquer the Far East down to Australia (no information here suggests they want that continent) but they cannot dominate the world. They cannot invade this hemisphere as long as our fleet is above water, and alert.

It is true their characteristic sneaky viciousness, demonstrated at Manila and Pearl Harbor, has made them the most hated foe. Even some high officials here are crying out for air bases at Vladivostok, so our bombers can avenge Manila among the crackerbox wooden shacks of the Japanese industrial centers. That will no doubt be done in turn, but it is only wise to understand the Red viewpoint. If they can take Hitler, they can get Japan any time. They do not wish to be distracted, from their main enterprise.

EVENTS seem to have made our decision. Our air deficiency in the Far East permitted early Jap successes. To retrieve ground lost there will require a long time. Meanwhile, alert defenses on our side of the Pacific should make an attack on us as difficult for the

Japs as it would be for us now to attack the Jap mainland.

The bigger, if slightly less loathsome foe, Hitler, has been put on the run by the Reds and British. By next fall, perhaps much sooner, an allied expeditionary force up through Italy is certainly called for. Even if the Reds are driven back in the spring, the hope of victory will be in the air there.

The defense of this country comes first, then Hitler, then the Japs.

FLAMING anger against the Japs has brought friendship to the sharp enemies of the American maritime unions. It would have done your heart good to see Harry Lundberg of the Pacific Sailors Union and his enemy, Frederick Myers of the Maritime union go off, arm in arm, for a drink after the first meeting of the new maritime war emergency board. These two competitive union leaders had never spoken to one another before.

Apparently Mr. Roosevelt forgot to announce the appointment of the board, although it has been functioning two weeks. It is composed of U. S. Labor Conciliation Chief John R. Steelman, Edward Macauley of the maritime commission and Frank Graham, president of North Carolina university.

It is the only board to make decisions the first day of its operation (about seamen's bonuses and zones). It is likewise the first industry-wide council to reach a wartime cooperation basis for the duration.

British, Chinese Officers Escape

Chungking, China, Dec. 28.—(Delayed) (AP)—A party of British and Chinese officers, led by the famous one-legged Cantonese admiral, Chan Chak, escaped from Hongkong Christmas day in motor torpedo boats, fighting their way through the Japanese blockade, it was disclosed today.

One of the five motor torpedo boats was sunk and 16 persons were lost.

If the world were considered to be just a year old, man would have been in existence for only the last six hours.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Northwest Urges Armed Protection

Anti-Aircraft Guns Scarce

Plywood Planes May Be Tried

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Requests were coming by long distance telephone, by wire and by air mail from the Pacific northwest insisting that anti-aircraft guns and bombers be sent immediately. Mayors, civic bodies, individuals all are bearing down on senators and congressmen in addition to sending their plea to war and navy departments. From Walport to Aberdeen and all points between coast communities want anti-aircraft guns. Mayor of one small village telephoned for four anti-aircraft guns and six bombing planes to guard against enemy fliers and submarines.

There are not in the United States at this date enough anti-aircraft guns to protect the national capital, to say nothing of Seattle, Portland, Spokane or Salem. Four of these guns have been dug up for Washington, D. C., two being on the roof of the department of commerce building; two on the roof of the senate office building. Anti-aircraft guns are one of the items that has been shipped to England, where there has been wholesale aerial bombing. It will be approximately a year before the towns of the northwest are suitably supplied with this war machine. As the guns are built they first will be shipped to the Pacific and Atlantic coasts before interior places such as Chicago and Buffalo are equipped.

TOWNS around Bonneville, on the upper Columbia river want anti-aircraft guns. Protection is wanted for the army ammunition base at Hermiston. Several thousand of these weapons should be placed to advantage from Bellingham to Medford. The demands are enormous; the supply infinitesimal for months to come.

Another item demanded by the northwest are the listening devices which can record the direction, speed and height of an enemy plane. Shortage of these, too, England has hired hundreds of Americans to operate these "ears," the Americans not being in the army but as a uniformed civilian group.

RUMORED in the national capital that, to take advantage of the cheap power at Grand Coulee and Bonneville, certain new industries are to be located east of the mountains, about as far inland as the transmission lines can be built and distribute electricity. If new industries are to be established, the strategy board wants them as far from the coast line as possible. No indication of the character of the new industries, but presumably they would have something to do with war orders. War department is not so happy now over congesting so many aircraft factories on the beach in California and Puget Sound; wishes they were farther inland; considers them a temptation to enemy fliers.

AFTER studying the question for months, it is intimated that the war department is now won over to the proposal to make airplanes of plywood—almost. The British have been using spruce and Douglas fir for fighting planes, but the war department has up to now insisted that only aluminum be considered. One principal objection of the department was that an airplane of wood in a crackup would not provide as much safety for the pilot and that it would be quickly destroyed by fire. This point has been overcome by demonstrating how difficult it is to burn plywood, whereas an aluminum plane (some simple kitchen utensils were used in this experiment) becomes at once hotter than a roasting oven. With the need of every plane that can be produced, the hint is dropped that war department can be expected to give an order for a few plywood planes to determine how they act. If the planes are not made in the northwest at least the plywood will come from factories in that section.

ANTICIPATING that the service of women in the days ahead when several million will be required to work in munition plants, the office of education wartime commission is considering the possibilities. The agency, a collection of college professors and other educators, is of the belief that in addition to single women, young mothers may be registered to do their bit. This brings up the question of nurseries for the small children of these mothers that the children may receive proper care while their mothers are operating machines. Tentatively, the

thought is for the federal government to maintain these nurseries with a staff of experienced nurses. The agency thinks these nurseries should be established in every industrial center.

Except in a matter of weeks, tariff repeal on most of the articles entering the United States from British Columbia, and vice-versa. Mr. Roosevelt and MacKenzie King have an understanding on this subject, first broached at their Hyde Park conference. These materials may include linen, crockery, the odds and ends which tourists must declare to customs officers on the borders.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, in a personal message to the Filipino people today (Monday) pledges that their freedom will be REDEEMED and their independence established and protected.

He adds: "The entire resources, in men and material, of the United States stand behind that pledge."

NOTE FDR's use of the word "redeemed." Then consult your dictionary, which will tell you that which is redeemed has first been LOST.

CHURCHILL, speaking in the senate of the United States last Thursday said:

"There may be much ground LOST that will be difficult to regain."

DISPATCHES from Washington today tell us General MacArthur has "shortened his lines" and consolidated his troops in the area north of Manila to face HEAVILY ARMED enemy infantry, cavalry and tank regiments composed of veteran soldiers with modern equipment.

Two years' reading of war news leaves us in no doubt as to the meaning of shortening of lines and consolidation of troops.

They are sound military maneuvers, but they are resorted to in the face of SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE.

THE British today acknowledge that Japanese forces have swept south of Ipoh, tin and communications center 290 miles north of Singapore.

The real fighting began 400 miles north of Singapore. Today's dispatches tell us Kuching, capital of Sarawak on the island of Borneo has fallen to the Japs, who have also landed parachute troops on the eastern end of the island of Sumatra, across the straits from Singapore.

WHAT does it all add up to? Simply this:

That we must prepare our minds for the possibility of loss to the Japs of the Philippines, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

SUCH a statement isn't defeatism. It is plain, common, everyday REALISM.

Our military (including naval) policy in the past has been based upon defense of the Western Hemisphere. We have never expected to hold the Philippines against a major attack by a major power.

Holding the Philippines was not necessary for defense of the Western Hemisphere.

SUDDENLY, however, we are catapulted into a world war, Japan, a major power, delivers a major attack on the Philippines.

Because we are in a WORLD war, and not merely defending the Western Hemisphere, we must hold the Philippines as long as we can with what we have there.

What we have there is inadequate for the job, and reinforcement and supply are difficult because the Philippines are FAR from us and CLOSE to Japan.

But we must do the best we can. That is war.

IN the news today there are hints of naval relief for the hard-pressed Philippines. Don't expect the U. S. navy to stake everything on an all-out battle with the Jap navy until it has at least EQUALITY in the air. That would be folly. Up to now everything indicates that Japan has complete command of the air in the whole South China Sea.

THE Philippines, of course, may be held. Only our high command knows whether the situation on all fronts is such that an effort must be made to hold them at any cost.

But don't lose your nerve if the islands fall. We aren't playing with children's blocks. We are fighting a world war. Every move on EVERY front must be determined by the WORLD situation.

It is the LAST battle that MUST be won.

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 31, 1931
(It was Thursday)

Stores of city to close tomorrow in honor of New Year's day. Many parties planned, and hilarious adieu to dismal year assured.

Yule decorations are removed from business district.

Workmen blast snow avalanche in Crater Lake park to keep road open.

Adolf Hitler, Nazi leader, preaches "brawn not brains" for young Germans.

Cloudy with a high of 51 and a low of 39 degrees.

Albert W. Reed, arrested as suspect in slaying of Ashland policeman, leaves for this city in charge of sheriff.

County budget hearing closes without expected fireworks but plenty of oratory. Earl H. Fehl calls the audience "a mob" and is rebuked by other speakers. Resolution thanking the budget committee is voted.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 31, 1921
(It was Saturday)

City makes ready to welcome New Year with watch parties in churches and home parties. Scarcity of liquor reported as bootlegger fails to arrive from south.

Six-power treaty for world disarmament being prepared.

Rain again. High 42, low 34, trace of rain.

Elks to hold open house, New Year's Day.

California wonder team and Washington-Jefferson to play at Pasadena Monday. Ralph G. Bardwell leaves to see it.

Sheriff announces autoists who have no 1922 license will be arrested.

Motorcyclists to race New Year's Day, from Eugene to Medford.

FORD WORKERS RESUME AFTER RULE DISPUTE

Detroit, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Ford Motor company's tool and die department resumed operations this afternoon after 1,000 workers had been idle for hours in a dispute over rest periods and a company complaint that employees smoked on the job.

Basis of settlement of the difficulty, which a company spokesman termed a "spontaneous" protest by workmen, was not disclosed.

Portland, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Pacific northwest power company executives planned yesterday to fill growing wartime demands for electricity by pooling resources.

MILK IS NOT "JUST MILK"

Contrary to the belief of many homemakers, milk is not just milk. There is as much difference in the quality of milks as there is in the quality of other foods. . . Milks may differ in Food Value, Richness, Flavor, and Color—and the differences tell the Quality.

1. A deep cream line.
2. Richness below the cream line—for the minerals necessary to the human body.
3. Appetizing flavor—the more appetizing, the more easily digested.

The actual food value is important. From Milk we get many food substances needed by the human body. . . You see, milk is very far from being "just milk."



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