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Ye Smudge Pot

SO BE IT RESOLVED Come New Year's Day, and per long established custom, many noble resolutions were resolved and hatched by citizens, with grim determination to cut out for various periods, much pleasant, minor sinning they feel is not good for their souls or their pocketbooks, or their chances of election, if planning to run for something. Few survive. The vast majority are speedily broken like a bull had cantered into the china shop of their good intentions, or bungled up like a 1927 fender, within the fortnight or later. One of the best things about the garden variety of resolutions is their tendency to last quick.

There is a trio of resolutions that will be kept, however. One is to change Herr Hitler of Germany, from a world conqueror, to the Cry Baby of Creation. The Russians are making astounding progress towards this end. The other is to make all of Japan look like the sections of Manila they bombed. Both come under the head of vengeance, long deferred and badly needed. The last is the copper-riveted vow of civilization. In the Great Showdown, there shall be no sugar-coated, peace terms in six popular flavors. This time there will be no statesmen at the conference table with Jello in their knees and backbones. It will be tough on Hans, Togo, and Tony, but they asked for it.

The outstanding local resolution of the past year was perpetrated by Peoria Bill Gates, who a year ago nimbly swore off smoking cigarettes, and kept his pledge by smoking a pipe. There has been some talk of inducing him to adopt a resolution to resume cigarette smoking, for the coming year.

The following set of resolutions has been brewed for local consumption during 1942: "I will not believe in rumors, however good they sound, and wish they were true. I will take them with a grain of salt, or as much more as needed." "I will not cuss the weather, be it hot or cold, or neither, nor whatever it is, allege it is ruining the pear crop." "During the war crisis, I will keep a stiff upper lip, and not raise anything on it." "I will not jump at conclusions, and miss them."

OREGON SHIVERS IN COLD NEW YEAR

Portland, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The new year rode in on a blast of cold wind in Oregon as temperatures sagged far below freezing everywhere and reached zero at Bend, one below at Lakeview, four below at Pendleton. Even on the normally-moderate coast the mercury dropped to 20 at Newport and 23 at Astoria. In the Willamette valley the temperature dropped to 17 at Eugene, 19 at Salem and 18 at Albany. Portland's low was 20, Roseburg's 19, Medford's 18. The weather bureau predicted continued cold. For the area east of the 120th meridian the forecast was for continued cold and clear weather.

A National New Year's Day Prayer

O God of our Fathers, Eternal Ruler of the universe, we approach Thy throne today in a spirit of humble reverence, to entreat Thy favor upon our Country. By Thy inscrutable Providence, Thou hast brought us to a time of trial and of peril and of decision. The heathen have risen up against us, and against Thee. So we pray for power to defend our nation, and to help establish in the earth the principles of justice and freedom and brotherhood which we have learned from Thee. Vain is all of our own strength and wisdom, unless aided by Thy might. We confess our sins, as a Nation and as individuals. We have wandered from Thy ways; we have disregarded Thee; we have given ourselves over to selfish gain and pleasure. Now we cry to Thee for forgiveness, out of Thy abundant mercy. Draw us back home to Thyself, and to Thy will for us. Set aflame our hearts with the holy fires which burned in the breasts of our fathers. We pray for our soldiers and sailors and airmen, and for all who serve our Country and our cause. They are so dear to us; may they be kept by Thee. Make them patient in training, valorous in battle, and in all the separations of love assured of our constant care and prayers. Give them vision to see the greatness of the goals for which they fight. To those who fall, grant an abundant entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom, where Christ, our Hero and Saviour, reigns. Quicken in all service men, and in us, a passionate devotion to America and her high mission, and to a new era of peace for all the world. Thus would we be, in war as in peace, a Nation whose God is the Lord. Amen.—W. T. E.

Memento of World War I Gives Analyst MacKenzie Confidence in War No. 2

On this day, 1918, Corporal Adolf Hitler gave a "Hoeh der Kaiser" and goose-stepped in his clumsy knee-boots into what was at once the most glorious and most catastrophic year of the World War for German arms. He glowed with fervor as his hob-nails crashed onto conquered French soil, for he felt sure he could see in the not far distance the fruition of his greatest boyhood dream. That was a vision of a Europe ruled by one dominant race—the Prussians. The German high command already on that New Year's day was preparing for the great offensive which began in March and swelled with victory until it finally brought out British Field Marshal Haig's historic order of the day to his dog-tired, battle-stained troops: "Every position must be held to the last man. There must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall, and believing in the justness of our cause, each of us must fight to the end."

SCENE CHANGES IN EIGHT MONTHS That was on April 11—a date never to be forgotten by those of us who were on the field of action. The swirling lines were changing so fast that British general headquarters at times didn't know the positions held by their own troops in some sectors. Germanic victory rode the winds.

Yet a brief eight months later as I stood on the great bridge across the Rhine by the haughty city of Cologne, Field Marshal Haig handed me a memento of allied triumph—a souvenir of the final collapse of the mighty fatherland, as symbolized that day by the military occupation of the Rhineland. It was a small Union Jack, nailed to a rough staff which had been whittled with a jack-knife from a stick by the commander in chief's orderly.

GERMANY TODAY ON DOWN GRADE "Tell them that Germany is very definitely on the down grade. It still has much power in hand, but its strength is far less than it was 12 months ago, and this winter bids fair to raise further havoc, what with the Russian debacle and the disease and the starvation and the general chaos in many parts of a war-shattered Europe.

"No matter what successes Japan achieves now in the orient, they cannot greatly affect the European war—unless the allies allow this Far Eastern conflict to distract their attention from the paramount theater, which without question is Europe. But don't forget that conversely, when Hitler is smashed, Japan's fall is inevitable. In other words, the paramount job is to beat Germany, and when that is done, the rest will follow."

War Dept. Ready to Listen to Lindbergh Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson said today the war department was ready to accept from Charles A. Lindbergh "or anyone else" any advice which might help in the war effort.

STIMSON MADE THE COMMENT at his press conference after stating no action had been taken on the flier's request for active army service. Lindbergh resigned as a colonel in the air reserves last summer while engaged in making speeches opposing the foreign policies of the president.

Personal Health Service

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EXERCISE AND FRESH AIR

The Young Snip, a critic of this column, has often observed that the favorite prescription of the conductor, no matter what ails the victim, is fresh air and exercise. Especially exercise. Thanks for the qualification. For a minute I feared I might be a fresh air crank.

Exercise is one of the few medicines I am willing to take myself. Can't recall now when I have voluntarily taken any medicine—vitamins are food, not medicine—except once a year or two ago when I had a spell of Meniere's disease, vertigo or something I never did find out what upset me—and they rang in a doctor on me—when a doctor tells me to take this or that I take it, even if it be calomel, digitalis or castor oil. But it required no urging to make me take my medicine first thing every morning on rolling out of bed—half a dozen somersaults on the floor and half a dozen to a dozen of the six movements of the Last Brady Symphony.

I'd feel as out of gear and out of sorts if I had to omit these morning exercises as some persons would if they had to miss breakfast. Not only a great many people who could but will not take exercise need it badly, but even more who would but think they cannot take exercise need it badly.

For example, suppose you are laid up with a broken leg or broken arm. Your injured limb is immobilized for weeks, perhaps, in splints, cast, or other apparatus. You badly need exercise but you think of course you can't take it—you imagine exercise might displace the broken bone and interfere with union or healing. But you are sadly mistaken about that, and so is your doctor or surgeon if he allows you to go for several weeks without exercise. There is no good reason for keeping the whole body immobilized when a leg or arm is broken, but there is very good reason for exercising the whole body.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon (Continued From Page One)

least, after the war. That idea has outworn its propaganda usefulness. It was taken up solely to promote pre-war propaganda purposes. No one in authority wants union yet. We fought the revolution to get away from Britain and most officials around here think we were right in the first place. Economically the suggestion never made sense. The per capita debt of the British is so much higher than that of the United States, we would merely be undertaking added financial responsibilities without gain.

Closer cooperation will be pursued to the fullest by Washington, but union never. A COMFORTING thought is that it will be a better world in the post-war future if it can be anchored in re-established moral values. Never before have people lived in comfort and peace without a national sense of justice, fair play, kindness and simple virtues. Strife, wars, disintegration always have accompanied a decline of Christian or religious ideals. Neither nations nor free people can exist long without spiritual foundations. Their solid restoration by this war offers the chief hope of the future.

Blackout On Bridge Worries San Fran San Francisco, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Lights on the Golden Gate bridge, spanning the entrance to San Francisco harbor, blinked out early this morning, and some late stayers-up gulped with the thought the sudden darkness might herald some enemy-concocted New Year's day surprise.

Power company linemen, however, soon quelled the alarm. "Cable trouble," they reported. "We're looking for it now."

GOES WESTERN Chicago, Ill.—(AP)—Modern methods of crime detection were almost thrown for a loss by this one. Morris Udinsky, a junk dealer, reported that horse thieves drove away with his faithful black mare while he was making a business call.

Japs Close on Manila



Detailed reports were lacking, but the southern battle front was reported only a few miles from Manila. Arrows (1) indicate the two routes by which Japanese might be approaching the city. A Domei dispatch from Shanghai placed the Japanese 20 miles from the city, striking northwest from Lamun Bay. Pressure also was reported on the northern defense line (2). Strategists foresee the possibility if Manila falls that defense forces, now concentrated in Pampanga province, north of Manila, might withdraw to mountain strongholds north of Batangas.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington American Ship Crews Insured Northwest Bids On Tigris Barges Flight Strip Idea Explained By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Every member of a crew of an American flag ship operating in the Pacific is being covered by a \$5,000 insurance policy by the federal maritime commission. Attacks on tankers and freighters off the west coast by enemy submarines, with loss of life and of vessels, has spurred the commission into action. The policy is retroactive to December 7, 1941, the day of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, when at least one American cargo carrier was sunk near the Hawaiian group.

The insurance protection against a crew member being injured while at sea applies to all hands from the skipper on the bridge to the cook in the galley. The policy is a flat sum, identical for cook and captain alike.

While the vessel is in dangerous waters, which now means from the moment it clears the straits of Juan de Fuca or the estuary of the Columbia, the insurance begins and is in effect until the ship enters some port in continental United States or Alaska. Little has been said about it, but the commission has been providing war risk insurance on crews carrying munitions to Africa for the past year. Germany, France, Italy will certainly be less important than before the war.

TOUGHER ANZACS URGED Sydney, Australia.—(UP)—Australian military camps are too luxurious, according to Brigadier T. Murdoch, director-general of engineering services, who was responsible for building the camps. Murdoch suggested that troops should be "toughened" in more primitive conditions. Other army officers did not agree with him.

UNDER constant nagging from Washington and Oregon the federal maritime commission has broken down to the extent of calling for bids for 500 barges, of shallow draft, 60 by 18 feet. Original specifications ignored the Douglas fir and pine of the northwest, but these were revised to give that area an opportunity to bid. The barges are to be used by the British on the Tigris river, which flows into the Persian gulf, where an American supply base is being prepared. It was the British and not the maritime commission that insisted on these shallow barges, and the British had talked the matter over with representatives of both northwest states while the commission was denying the barges would be used. The United States Iranian commission, lend-lease agencies and army engineers all spoke highly of using the timber and

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY January 1, 1932 (It was Friday) Nation's cities greet another year with "unrestrained whoopee" as does this town. Ashland family who left for isolated cabin in the Siskiyou mountains fail to appear and fears felt for their safety.

County budget for coming year is approved. It was the cause of much agitation the past three months. Births, deaths and marriages ebb in county during past year. Occasional rain predicted. High 48, low 31.

Battle to close the Rogue to commercial fishermen highlight of year for sportsmen. Al Smith and John N. Garner of Texas loom as democratic presidential possibilities.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 1, 1922 (It was Sunday) Mary Pickford's divorce suit in Nevada courts is called worst of its kind in history. Japanese plot in Siberia is divulged. Arizona menaced by high water and wind.

Irish leader urges acceptance of British peace terms first and fight over it afterwards. Evangelist who conducted a series of sensational meetings here is charged with libel in Boise, Idaho, suit.

New Year is greeted with many parties and considerable hubbub on Main street. Trace of rain falls. High 44, low 29 degrees.

Snavely Rumored As Coast Coach Choice

Durham, N. C., Jan. 1.—(P)—The gridiron grapevine buzzed today with a report that Carl Snavely, Cornell football coach, had asked for his release and was slated for a Pacific coast conference job, possibly at Southern California or Washington. A source close to Cornell football brought the rumor to the Rose bowl game, but no official could be reached here for comment.

Tornado Kills One, Injures 12 Others

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 1.—(P)—One man was killed and more than a dozen persons injured today as a tornado dipped into suburban Theodore, leveling four buildings and damaging six others. The dead man was identified only as Mr. Summerlin, from a Brookley Field (Mobile) worker's badge which he wore.

PRISON CANNERS BUSY London, O.—(UP)—Prisoners at the London prison farm have been busy over hot stoves during the recent canning season. The inmates turned out 147,215 gallon cans of vegetables and fruits, including 27,909 for other state institutions. The factory employed 40 prisoners and three guards.

BURNED UP Thermopolis, Wyo.—(AP)—"Doesn't that water ever freeze?" asked a couple of women tourists as they watched the Thermopolis hot spring—temperature 135 degrees—bubble from the earth. The next morning the women drove their car, its radiator spouting steam, into a filling station. "I can't understand it," said one. "The gauge at the big spring told us the water never froze, so we drained the radiator and refilled it with spring water." "And now the radiator's frozen solid!" Twenty-eight states shared in U. S. navy shipbuilding operations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941.

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