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Their One Great Danger

With the situation what it is in the Far East—and it's bad,—we don't begrudge what encouragement can be legitimately gleaned from the war reports, as far as our U. S. forces are concerned. At the same time this column's allergy against wishful thinking is steadily increasing as time goes on, for we are convinced it represents this country's greatest single danger.

WE have the men. We have the guns and planes (or soon will have them). But above all we have the natural resources, ability and stamina required to crush the Axis powers. But the ever lurking and sinister danger, is that as time goes on, and conditions from the allied angle continue to improve (as they probably will), "we the people" will get the idea, that the victory is in the bag anyway, and the time therefore has come to resume business as usual,—win the war in our stride on one hand, and make some easy money and whoopee on the other.

YES that, as we see it, is the ONE great danger,—a return to that complacency and over-confidence which characterized not only our rank and file but the directive heads of our army and navy (particularly the latter), before the sneak attack by Japan, and has already been accountable for the needless waste of thousands of American lives. Let us not make the same mistake a SECOND time. Far better to err on the side of OVERestimating the strength of the enemy, than UNDERestimating it.

AND without yielding in the slightest to undue pessimism we are convinced this is true: If the war is to be won, the UNITED STATES MUST WIN IT! And for the United States to win it, will TAKE EVERYTHING WE HAVE GOT, not only today, but tomorrow and the day after. Just so far as we continue to indulge in wishful thinking, refuse to face the facts because they are unpleasant, and thus lure ourselves into a sense of false security; just so much longer will the war last, and the cost of final victory in blood and treasure increase.

SO let us follow the example of Britain under Churchill,—throw any spirit of defeatism out of the window, on ONE hand; throw any spirit of complacency or muddling through on the OTHER. When the facts are bad, let's grant they are bad. When they are good, let's proclaim their goodness, but not exaggerate the same.

In short let us be realistic and tough in this war; for only by being REALISTIC and tough can the war be won!

Why "Kid" Ourselves?

The Mail Tribune feels particularly concerned with this wishful-thinking problem, for in spite of our frequent warnings in that direction it looks as though we ourselves recently fell a victim to it.

Last Sunday, for example, we commented upon the fact that conditions must be genuinely critical in Germany, and Hitler might even be nearer the end of his rope, than anyone heretofore imagined, because Dr. Dietrich, Hitler's own press representative had broadcast the following warning:

"Germany's military operations on the Eastern front have now entered an extremely serious and indeed critical phase."
 We refused to swallow the tempting lure entirely,—bait, hook and sinker,—for we DID call attention to the fact the report came from Hitler's own mouth-piece and from the standpoint of truth, therefore, was a discredited one, but—

Our net conclusion however was, conditions from a military standpoint really HAD become pretty critical on the Russian front, or Hitler's propaganda chief would not make such a damaging admission. He must have felt the German people had to be prepared for a shock,—perhaps a major catastrophe,—by thus granting the phase reached had become EXTREMELY critical.

BUT now comes Henry J. Taylor, representing the North American Newspaper Alliance, "fresh from Berlin" after an airplane tour of seven European capitals, who dismisses this Dietrich statement, as a most obvious and transparent bit of official Nazi propaganda he has seen,—SOLELY designed to misrepresent the situation in Europe and impair the allied effort by creating the belief, that Der Reichsfuehrer IS on his last legs, and nothing much need be done but give him time and enough rope, and the windbag will knock out HIMSELF!

Taylor is an experienced journalist and a sophisticated one. In view of the fact, he was in Berlin less than a month ago, there can be no reasonable doubt of the essential truth of his statement.

RUSSIA IS doing a swell job on the eastern front, but conditions aren't near the breaking point either there or within Germany, and if the allies accept any such assumption, they are in line for a rude awakening, and a costly one.

So,—with some embarrassment—we emphasize the insidious danger of wishful thinking, by presenting this evidence, demonstrating this department is not entirely immune to it.

HERDER EXEMPTION
 Yakima, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A flexible price fixing plan and deferment of sheepherders from military service was asked by Washington Wool Growers' association members who re-elected President Tom Drumheller of Walla Walla here yesterday.

AYRSHIRE HEAD
 Astoria, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Omar Falk, Halsey, was elected president of the Oregon Ayrshire association yesterday.

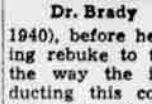
Personal Health Service

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.

DIET AND MORALE

The state of the teeth is primarily determined by diet. It will do no harm, even if it makes no impression on his mind. If the dentist who questions this assertion would refer to "Nutrition and Physical Degeneration" by Weston A. Price, D. D. S. (published by H. E. Hooper of Harper Bros., 1940), before he writes a scathing rebuke to the editor about the way the ignorant conduct of this column misleads the youth of the land, he would be doing a service to the nation. The relation of the diet to morale may not be as obvious as is the relation between diet and the state of the teeth. Probably the majority of recognized nutrition authorities today would agree that diet directly affects morale but many of them would be disposed to consider further the question of the influence of diet on the state of the teeth.



For a better nutrition, better health and better morale everybody should get simply enriched flour or bread. No miller or baker or "health" food vendor knows better what is best for national nutrition than the recognized authorities in the Committee on Food and Nutrition of the National Research Council.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Garlic
 Is garlic good to build up low blood pressure? I have a juicer and have been taking carrot juice and garlic juice first thing when I get up, and seem to have more pep. Was told by doctor I have low blood pressure. (C. E. B.)
 Answer—So far as I know it has no particular effect on low, high or medium blood pressure, but if taking carrot juice and garlic juice makes you feel better they are both good healthful foods.

Pemphigus
 Member of family, 65, informed by physician he has pemphigus. Does this disease always terminate fatally? Would expert nursing care increase the patient's chance? (P. E.)
 Answer—Pemphigus is a skin disease of unknown cause, characterized by constant formation of blisters. Skilled nursing care will greatly increase comfort and give the patient a better chance to recover. Intravenous injections of iron and subcutaneous injections of coagulin have given excellent results in some cases.

Heat Treating
 Husband is a heat treater working constantly with "cyanide," which is a deadly poison. Many men warn it will kill him. The label states cyanide contains 96 percent sodium cyanide. (Mrs. D. R.)
 Answer—As a matter of fact it seems to have no poisonous effect on workers so using it.
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izing their states were sufficiently inland to meet war department policy, all indulged in a scramble. The aluminum rolling mill was only the beginning. War department began talking of shifting the government-owned aluminum plants being built at Tacoma and on the Columbia river to the Spokane area. War department muttered something about insisting on much of the aircraft activity on Puget sound being sent inland and giving the same dose to aircraft makers in California. War department does not assume responsibility for expansion of the aircraft industry on the coast, although it awarded contracts for hundreds of millions of dollars to these concerns and authorized their enlargement; it acts as though these plants are guilty for remaining in Washington and California.

Present program is, apparently, to place new contracts in Oregon or California and only in the eastern part of Washington. Senators from Utah, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho considering the idea a good one. How far the war department will go in attempting to create new industrial centers in the region between the Blue and the Rocky mountains remains to be seen. One important drawback to establishing new industries in the hinterland is lack of sufficient electric power, although transmission lines could be extended from Grand Coulee and Bonneville into Idaho at heavy cost.

In view of the production program announced by the president for 1942, involving \$6 billion dollars and specifying 65,000 planes, any disruption of northwest industries would make it impossible for that region to do its share in the war effort. Time has been lost in locating and starting the government aluminum plants, in building towers for transmission lines and it will be months before these government plants will be making aluminum ingots. To relocate them as the war department intimated it might do, would delay production for this entire year, and in constructing the 65,000 airplanes the first requirement is aluminum for the fuselage and wings.

Provided the war department carries out its program, about the only war orders the north-

west will be called upon to perform will be shipbuilding contracts from the maritime commission and some destroyers and other small shooting boats for the navy.

WHILE the drive for old newspapers has developed into an all-year affair, a more important drive will soon be initiated by the government—collection of scrap iron and steel. Oregon and Washington, which sold shiploads of scrap to the Japanese enabling them to build up stockpiles, will be invited to yield every pound of scrap within their borders. Details have not been worked out, but the program specifies cash payments to owners. Undecided is whether the owner should carry the metal to a central point or park it in front of the house where wagons can pick it up. The salvaging is to extend beyond scrap steel and iron; the government also proposes collecting all waste copper it can get. There was a suggestion that old auto tires be gathered but rationing and retreading has caused these to disappear. Another shortage. Rope material imported from the Philippines has been shut off. Housewives will have to use cotton rope, but that will not satisfy the navy nor the merchant ships.

In The Day's News
 By Frank Jenkins

JAPAN, striving desperately to win in the early bunch that will get the first punch her bigger opponent can get going, spreads her attack to the Dutch East Indies islands of Celebes and Borneo—using parachute troops to gain a foothold.

There is OIL at Tarakan, where they strike in Borneo. The stubbornly fighting Dutch say the Tarakan wells are mined and will be dynamited if they have to be abandoned.

STILL attacking with heavily superior forces, the Japs take Kuala Lumpur, crude rubber center 240 miles north of Singapore. The dispatches relate the rubber groves and accumulated rubber supplies are being destroyed.

The "scorched earth" policy worked against the Japs in China. It worked against the Germans in Russia.

It is being applied to the South Seas.

NAVY Secretary Knox, addressing the U. S. Conference of Mayors assembled in Washington, answers the question that is in every mind. He says:

"The U. S. fleet is not idle, but no early, conclusive showdown with the Japanese fleet can be expected."
 He tells the mayors that Germany, bringing Japan into the war, sought to divert British and U. S. attention from the battle of the Atlantic, which is still the war's most important struggle.

We were too smart, he says, to be caught in that trap. He adds:

"It is HITLER we must destroy. That done, the whole axis fabric will collapse."

ABOUT the only news from Luzon as these words are written is that the Japs are still gathering their forces for the expected all-out attack on MacArthur and his little army. They want these heroic rear-guard fighters out of the way so they can concentrate on Singapore.

INTERESTING news comes today (Monday) from Chungking, where a member of a Quaker ambulance unit returning from a round trip over the Burma road, says:

"The road is full of Chinese troops moving WESTWARD toward the border with tanks, motorized artillery, Bren guns and light weapons. On both trips I met thousands upon thousands of Chinese troops, well-equipped, crack fighters—ALL MOVING WEST."

Your map will tell you that a military force moving WESTWARD from Burma would have as its objective taking the Japs in the flank and the rear, thus relieving the pressure on Singapore.

ONLY a little while back (as time moves in these days) we were saying commiseratingly: "The poor, helpless Chinese!"

Now we're looking eagerly to the Chinese to help us out of the hole we're in in the South Seas.

AND only recently we were cursing the Russians heartily for putting in with Hitler. Now it is the Russians who are running Hitler ragged. We look longingly at Vladivostok and think how easy it would be for the hard-hitting Russians, now

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 14, 1932
 (It was Thursday)
 Leaders of Democracy condemn Hoover and promise much in speeches at Victory dinners.

County jobless given permission to start panning gold, and operations start in Jacksonville.

Reconstruction finance passed by lower house of congress.

Experts complete plan for cure of depression.

Public meeting to be held Saturday to discuss cut in teachers' salaries.

Pomona Grange to meet at Applegate hall next week.

Lady bootlegger is discharged, her husband jailed.

Unsettled weather prevails with threat of snow. High 39, low 39 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

January 14, 1912
 (It was Saturday)
 Oregon leads nation in college students, according to population, census statistics show.

British parliament ratifies Irish peace pact.

Will H. Hayes, postmaster-general, announces his retirement.

Experts report a revival of mining underway here.

Gas explosion breaks cable in Trigon oil well and drilling stopped.

Chamber of commerce votes to admit travelling men as members.

Rain again predicted. High 48, low 34 degrees.

FARM SECTION OF PRICE BILL DUE FOR ALTERATION

Washington, Jan. 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's indictment of the senate price control bill as the direct road to inflation was expected today to force congress to abandon at least one of its two special concessions to farmers.

Some of the 11 senators and house members who will draft the final form of the wartime measure said privately that they probably would recommend to the two chambers the elimination of a provision linking farm parity prices—the yardstick for fixing farm ceilings—directly to industrial wages.

Departing from his usual custom of withholding comment on pending legislation, the president told a press conference yesterday at this provision, sponsored by Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) would start a spiral of rising prices costly to the farmers and everyone else in the nation.

He said pointedly that such a formula would do more than anything else to saddle a huge debt on this and later generations and would encourage labor to demand higher wages to meet increased costs of living.

FAR EAST RADIO ANNOUNCER SHUT

New York, Jan. 14.—(Wide World)—Cecil Brown, CBS war correspondent stationed at Singapore, has continued off the air as his New York office seeks to bring him back. His last broadcast was January 8 after which British authorities there denied him further short wave facilities.

In a cable to his office Brown said the reason given to him was: "Your broadcasts are damaging to the British cause and are inimical to local morale."
 Since the ban, CBS has been passing up Singapore in its Far East pickups, but meanwhile striving to iron out the situation. Before going to Singapore, Brown was stationed at Cairo and before that in the Balkans and at Rome, where last April he was barred from broadcasting by the Italian government.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

"No Child of Mine will ever get WORMS!"

Don't be so sure, Mother! Anybody, anywhere, can have roundworms! And the ugly creatures may be living inside your child right now, starting trouble without your even knowing it. If your child is pale, underweight, nervous, has an uneasy stomach, hives at nose or neck—these ugly roundworms may be at work.
 Play safe! Get Jayne's Vermifuge! At once, it acts your child's system, yet expels stubborn worms. And if no worms are there, it acts just as mild laxative. Jayne's America's best and most necessary worm medicine, used by millions, for over a century. Demand Jayne's Vermifuge! At all drug stores.

Ye Smdge Pot

By Arthur Perry

About everything is now happening to Herr Hitler's world conquering dream, but surrender and a severe case of boils.

The First Lady advocates a plan to put women in the fields to harvest crops. Thus next summer farmers will be advised by the Maud Muller Bridge club, instead of along Front St., if they want their hay pitched to bring it in Friday.

Conquered lands of Europe, duly assembled, solemnly pledge to punish Nazi chiefs and Quislings, in the great reckoning. In the other World war, the favorite outdoor and indoor sport was hanging the Kaiser. After 20 years of calm and exiled wood-cutting in Holland, he shuffled off his mortal coil, at a ripe old age in bed.

LINCOLN DAY HINT

(Bowling, O., Tribune)
 "I have nothing against the present incumbents as this is not a partisan affair as we all belong to the party to which the immoral Lincoln was a member."

When peace comes, it's going to take longer to demobilize all the committees than the Army.

Placing of farm prices on a parity with industrial wages is held a move towards inflation. What the farmers need is a John L. Somebody, as their leader.

Mrs. J. Cochran Robin reported to police a boy with an air-gun took a shot at her and missed. "His conduct is awful!" chirped Mrs. Robin angrily. "Only last week, when it was cold, he put out a hunk of snot for me and the ball, and chain."

There never was a time in all history, when the If's were so big, and the When's so plentiful.

IT SO APPEARS

(New York Times)
 "Did the Japanese know how things were going in Russia when they decided to enter the war? Did Der Fuehrer wire Tokyo "Come right in; the snow is fine?"

Mr. W. Willkie, the late GOP presidential candidate, is now talking as he did in 1940 when he was an eminent target for eggs and wastebaskets. One school of thought holds he was right the first time.

Iceland is "dry," and has one percent beer for whistle wetting. This has resulted in some terrific concoctions, press reports say, viz: Spiking the beer with melted shoe polish. This puts to shame anything Americans sipped during Prohibition, and they were not "choosy." Icelanders, to date, have not tried to make "home-brew," and then brag about its goodness.

Wanted: Boy to deliver eggs 14 years old.—(El Paso Times). Where to?

Any motorist with a new set of tires is going some, all reports indicate. Around here he sure is—the show-off!

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Deputy U. S. Marshal Ted Hinton went out in search of a selective service registrant, long overdue at draft headquarters. The lad wasn't at work. He wasn't home. Kinfolks didn't know where he was either. Hinton found him today—in the army. He signed up last week.