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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The nation is making ready for another round-up of scrap iron for munition needs. Japan got the previous supplies, and will get this one, without the formality of a bill of sale, and personally delivered by the army and the navy, from sea, air and land.

The war, it is claimed, will have "a sobering effect" on primary election candidates. Instead of cutting the farmer in two, and saving the taxes, they will come out for wringing Hitler's neck on the courthouse steps, of every county in the state.

The mild weather has brought out the equestriennes. One was thrown three miles west of Phoenix, she reports. This is a fair pitch for a horse, and a long ways for an equestrienne to walk.

"WOMAN, HEIR TO \$80,000, ACCEPTS IT" (Red Bluff News Hdrline)—One can never tell what a member of the fair sex will do on the spur of the moment.

OH, WELL! SO BE IT! (Sheridan Sun) "All the philosophers, poets, scientists of the past ages were building the buds of the flowers that are to be, and that time of blossoming is near at hand. Life is the whole, the all.

M. Peterson has a cabin for rent."

The Civilian Defense plans a campaign against "loose talk." For the sake of efficient results they should concentrate more on the talker who turned it loose, than the "loose talk."

"Wells-Suver, Jan. 15.—(Spl.)—A large new house is being erected on the Fickie farm just north of the Luckiamute bridge." (Corvallis Gazette-Times)—Flirting with the future.

German generals are dying and undergoing serious operations with a regularity that arouses the skepticism of Britain in particular, and the world in general. There is a well defined suspicion the sudden deaths are due to lead poisoning.

LIKELY IDEA (Chicago Tribune) "I notice that the government has decided to restrict weather forecasts in order to keep information from our enemies. Why not continue to publish them and fool the enemy like they do us!"

Sensational rumors relative to conditions on the Pacific Coast are spreading like prairie fires through the East, after spreading like forest fires through the West. The Ashland Tidings yesterday notes: "Even some of our own citizens toss out an exaggerated story occasionally, seeming to refresh the idea of making themselves appear as martyrs to their eastern friends."

A sugar shortage is predicted for the nation by the end of 1942, and may be felt during the home-canning season. The way America runs out of things is a caution. There is an ample supply of Hell, but there may be a lack of High Water to go with it.

U. S. Victory In South America

The surprising thing is not that Argentine and Chile have been reluctant to sign the anti-Axis pact, but that more South American countries have not assumed the same attitude.

For the plain truth is, the countries of South America don't LIKE the United States.

They don't like high-powered political pressure, from north of the Rio Grande.

And throughout South America, there are large Axis groups, with considerable economic and political strength, working all the time, to forestall any pro-American entente.

Finally there is scarcely a South American country, with a stable government in the sense the government of the United States is stable. Practically all have strong revolutionary elements within, organized and financed by the Axis powers, and waiting intently for an opportune time to strike.

THE apparent success of the anti-Axis pact, therefore, is quite remarkable and a high testimonial, not only to the power exerted over South America by the Roosevelt administration, but the skill with which it has been applied.

True that power has been chiefly economic. Money talks, and with the European market out, for the duration, South American countries simply can't afford to break off relations with the United States. Any disposition down there to go over to the Axis, would mean just that.

Even so, because of the South American allergy to dollar diplomacy, Yankee imperialism and Gringo absence of Latin finesse, had Roosevelt diplomacy not differed radically from the diplomacy of preceding administrations, this Rio gathering would almost certainly have gone on the rocks ere this.

The corner stone of that diplomacy has been the "good neighbor" note,—a practical policy of self-interest, of course, from the standpoint of the United States and the allied cause, but ENLIGHTENED self-interest, based upon granting real concessions to South America, as well as demanding them; thus putting both political and commercial affairs on a genuinely reciprocal basis.

IT has taken a considerable time, but at long last the leaders of South America as a whole have become convinced, that the United States policy is not entirely imperialistic, nor completely selfish.

The bread cast upon the South American waters, by the Roosevelt administration has, after many days, been found at last and at a most opportune time!

Hitler Can't Laugh This Off

At last Russia has achieved a real victory, which even the resourceful Dr. Goebbels can't laugh off. Mozhaik, after a 45-day battle, has been recaptured by the Red army, and Stalin thus secures a vitally strategic point, which in all likelihood marks the end of Hitler's Napoleonic effort to knockout Russia on the Eastern front.

For as long as Moscow and Leningrad are intact, the Soviet government, with its unlimited resources in man power and raw materials, can't be beaten,—can't indeed be seriously hurt. And without Mozhaik, the Germans can't advance toward these two objectives but must retreat.

WE don't deny the likelihood the Nazi forces were not so much driven out of this key point, as they voluntarily retired,—at least the absence of Soviet claims in the direction of booty and prisoners indicates as much.

On the other hand, this retirement was NOT voluntary. Such a vital station in the Moscow defense line, would never have been abandoned by Hitler, had his forces in that sector not been outflanked and in danger of being cut off.

There is, therefore, no doubt that at the present writing along the Moscow front, the Russians not only have the initiative, but unquestioned superiority in force.

MEANWHILE just what Der Reichsfuehrer and his badly scrambled High Command are up to remains obscure. That something is brewing, and for a long time, has been, is certain.

Whether the surprising Russian victories on the Eastern front, have forced Hitler to change his plans of a winter blitzkrieg somewhere to the south, and transfer large bodies of troops back to the Russian front; or whether the blitzkrieg has merely been delayed and may burst out now at any time, with sudden and unexpected force, remains a mystery.

Daylight Saving

A subscriber asks what we are going to do about daylight saving.

What the authorities do, of course.

Governor Sprague has decided to proclaim the new schedule for the state of Oregon, and while we fail to see any real advantage to be derived therefrom, to have TWO systems of daylight prevailing, would be worse.

And that would be the only alternative to complying with the governor's edict.

HOWEVER, the entire subject appeals to this department, as a trivial matter one way or the other.

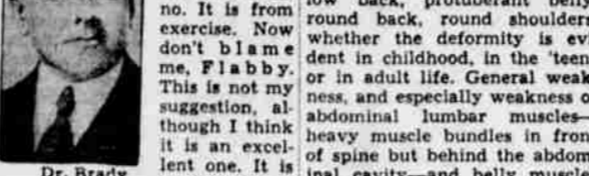
All the objections lumped together only come under the general heading of inconvenience. And inconvenience, personal or general, with a war on, does not—and should not,—count.

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.

LORDOSIS, PAUNCH AND BACKACHE

The middle aged individual developing lordosis, paunch and backache or pain in the back may obtain dramatic relief from—



Guess what. No. No. Oh. No. It is from exercise. Now don't blame me, Flabby. This is not my suggestion, although I think it is an excellent one. It is a statement I quote from an article on Remedial Exercises published by Dr. Guy H. Fisk in Canadian Medical Association Journal last February.

In case you are not sure just what lordosis means it is exaggeration of the natural backward curve (level of shoulder-blades) and forward curve (middle of the back) of the spine, commonly called hollow back or swayback, and often associated with round back or round shoulders, though not always. In some cases of lordosis the upper part of the back and the shoulders are straight and the lower part hollow.

Part and parcel of lordosis, in the fat or the skinny, is protrusion of the belly.

Fundamental cause of the deformity is weakness, mainly due to neglect of education, physical education, especially in childhood and early youth, the growing period. Too often parents, themselves physically uneducated, fail to see that children get proper physical training in school, and unfortunately for our future national welfare, the politicians who control the public school system too often regard physical education with contempt and encourage school boards and faculties to take a similar view of it, so that ignorant parents are aided and abetted by ignorant or incompetent teachers and principals, backed by ignorant (physically untrained, that is) school boards and political bosses all the way to the top.

After World War, Part I, there was a half-hearted agitation for reform in this sadly neglected field of education in the public school system of the country. Now with the development of Part II the Army authorities are finding the same old deficiencies in the young men—physical weaknesses due to neglect of physical training—and it is necessary to devote months of precious time trying

(east coast) and in the air, they could hardly lose. A fatal British error was their confidence that Thailand would fight and delay the advance until they could bring up sufficient planes, tanks and troops. As the Australian officials now are shouting, someone in London erred. By the time the error was discovered it was too late to get an appreciable number of bombers to that faraway field (apparently they had a fair number of pursuits and even used them as bombers, dumping small bombs over the side by hand in some instances). It was just another case of "too little and too late."

THE bad news of the Truman committee on aircraft production ("too few planes to allow adequate flying time to our own pilots") came from aircraft manufacturers themselves. Chairman Truman blames the variety of designs accepted by the war department, is trying to get the department to adopt a standard pursuit ship, a standard two-engine bomber and standard four-engine bomber.

THE official pipeline from Moscow to officials here makes no particular boasts but is very hopeful. One of the outstanding achievements of the campaign has been unrecorded. Italy was to have put forces into Bulgaria and joined forces with the Bulgarians for a drive at the oil fields, but has backed down since the Nazi reverses. If the reds can crack the southernmost tip of the Nazi line at Taganrog, they expect a Nazi withdrawal from the Black sea area of far-reaching nature.

TOO MANY DUCKS Melba, Ida. (I.P.)—Farmers charge that an estimated 1,000,000 ducks passing the winter in Idaho under full protection of the federal and state game laws are eating \$25,000 worth of grain that could be saved for the national defense. Officials are investigating.

Clothing time for Classified Ads 4 a. m.—Two Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C. West Coast Mayors Amazed by Knox

Alaskan Fears Raid by Japs Douglas Drive Goes for Naught

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—Mayors from the Pacific coast (Portland, Tacoma, Seattle) blinked their eyes when they heard Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, standing before a loud-speaker, declare that the west coast will have to wait before there is a navy to defend that section of the United States. The secretary declared to the 200-odd mayors assembled from all parts of the country that the No. 1 enemy is Herr Schickelgruber; that Hitler must be disposed of first—that it will require a long time, and until that is accomplished the Pacific coast people must wait.

To a major part of the mayors, coming from the Atlantic, southern and mid-west states, came applause; but none from the west coast officials. The country that the United States is at grips with, the active enemy that has given the United States reversals, is Japan and not Germany. The western mayors had a different view of the picture than Secretary Knox. As they expressed themselves after the Knox talk, they recognize that the Pacific fleet has been severely crippled by the Pearl Harbor disaster and that a substantial part of the navy is in Atlantic waters, and that time is required for the building of new cruisers, destroyers and submarines; but they did not appreciate the secretary's statement that the west coast must muddle along until after Herr Hitler had been disposed of.

ANTHONY J. DIMOND, delegate for Alaska, says he is fearful that a repetition of what happened at Pearl harbor may occur in Alaska and that to all parts of Alaska on the west may be a duplication of the situation at Wake and Manila. The war department treats the territory as an outlying possession and recently the wives and children of all men in the military and naval services were ordered from Alaska to the states, with steamships practically taken over by war and navy department to get them out. Steamers plying to Alaska have had to increase their freight and passenger rates 45 percent because of the high cost of war insurance.

Already, says, Delegate Dimond, the government has appropriated \$140,000,000 for five air bases and a submarine base; the naval bases are at Sitka, Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. The late Gen. Billy Mitchell, testifying before the military affairs committee in 1935, declared that whoever holds Alaska will hold the world, as he regarded it as the most strategic place in the world. From Dutch Harbor to Tokyo is 2,500 miles but only 1,730 miles from Attu, the last available place for a take-off for Japan; but Attu is only 635 miles from Japanese territory where there is a substantial naval and air base.

It is assumed that the Japanese submarines which have been operating off the coasts of Washington and Oregon and near Kodiak Island came from the Japanese island of Paramushiro, where the naval and air bases are located, following the great circle route, the traditional and shortest from Columbia river and Puget sound to the orient.

JUST as a letter writing campaign was under way promoting Associate Justice William O. Douglas, formerly of Walla Walla and La Grande, to be the one man to mobilize America's resources and man power, President Roosevelt stopped it in its tracks by naming Donald Nelson to have complete charge of production for war. By selecting Nelson the president also ended criticism due to the fact that neither OPM, SPAB or any other agency had authority. From Bernard Baruch, who was head of the war industries board in the first world war, down to understrappers there was insistence that someone should be vested with power to have things done. Wendell Willkie, a strong supporter of the president, had sent out advance copies of a speech in which he protested the absence of anyone with authority. An hour before the speech was to be delivered the president announced Nelson's new job and Willkie had to delete a large portion of his prepared address.

The two men who caused the president to make this decision were Winston Churchill, British prime minister, and Lord Beaverbrook, minister of supply. In their days at the White House

these visitors stressed the importance of establishing a responsible head. Churchill declared a war cannot be won by commissions, and Beaverbrook outlined to the president what the job requires. Selection of Nelson is the first step in the organization of a super supply service which will work in close agreement with Beaverbrook and he is reportedly slated to be the head man of this international group inasmuch as the United States has the role of providing most of the airplanes, tanks, guns, ships and ammunition. It will be Nelson who will tell the various industries what he wants them to produce and see that production is made; he will designate priorities and allotments—he will be "the boss."

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the Pacific war situation today (Monday) Singapore is vividly spotlighted.

An AP dispatch says: "With the Japanese still advancing, Malaya's steaming jungle land, which the British had looked upon as a sort of natural Maginot line for Singapore, has taken its place as another outworn defensive concept and the battle for Singapore today became purely a test of fighting men and their weapons."

THE dispatch adds: "Some of the fiercest hand-to-hand combat in the history of war is in store, if not already in progress, along the narrowing, fluid line of defense in Johore state, well within 100 miles of the pivotal base (Singapore) which the British call their Gibraltar of the Orient."

SINCE the remotest times of which we have any record, man has sought an impregnable wall behind which he could hope to be safe.

His earliest cities were walled. The Chinese built a vast wall along their whole northern border.

The French built their Maginot line—a wall of forts and guns.

But throughout history FIGHTING MEN AND THEIR WEAPONS have provided the ONLY defense that could be permanently relied upon.

LET us note with pardonable pride that in Luzon MacArthur and his men DID NOT retire to the walls and the underground chambers of Corregidor, but STAYED OUTSIDE and relied upon their discipline, their fighting skill and their weapons to hold back the Japs.

They will fall back to Corregidor only as a last resort.

BARRING a miracle, MacArthur's magnificent stand in Luzon can be only a delaying action. Today's dispatches say of it:

"The gallant band of Americans and Filipinos is contributing materially to the defense of Singapore and the Dutch East Indies by HOLDING IN CHECK a large army of Japanese on Luzon, but these seem no doubt that its situation is DETERIORATING."

This hard-fighting little army has been forced back 20 miles in two weeks and there are signs today that the Japs are grouping PREPONDERANT strength for a fresh offensive to defeat it as soon as possible and press on to richer fields.

BUT at least we know these Americans in the far outposts DIDN'T rely upon walls or citadels.

History tells us that over the long pull reliance upon walls and citadels and intricate fortifications such as the Maginot line has been a sign of spiritual deterioration—of a national inferiority complex.

As a nation, China was becoming decadent when she built her Great Wall.

As a nation, France was becoming decadent when she built her Maginot line and retired smugly and confidently behind it.

AMERICANS, as typified by MacArthur and his tough

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 21, 1932 (It was Wednesday) Dead Indian couple, last seen January 11, believed to have met death in blizzard while on their way home from neighbors.

William S. Clarkson is named new head of airport.

Relief program for city drawn by civic groups.

Hog fuel urged to heat new courthouse as aid to local mills.

Council orders one hour parking limit enforced in business district.

Warmer with probable rain predicted. High 45, low 25 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 21, 1922 (It was Saturday) Pope Benedict passes in Rome.

Federal agents claim Oregon is flooded with low grade moonshine.

England wants to put end to wars in Europe, and claims Geneva conference on economics will be a long step towards peace.

Autoist hits and bursts fire hydrant at Main and Grape streets.

Sams Valley up in arms over tax increases.

Fred Wahl elected president of Riverside Community club.

Suit to test legality of state auto license law opens in Jacksonville.

Rain falls. High 36, low 30 degrees.

Ye Poets Corner

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR Remember Pearl Harbor and go get your gun

And help our dear boys get the Japs on the run. Our boys are go-getters and they don't go for fun.

When they get all the Japs they will go for a Hun. But until they get them swept off the earth, from north to east

It's then and then only will we have any peace. Mrs. W. A. Childers, Jacksonville.

Just An Old Lady 'I'm just an old lady; can't do very much.

But something within me said, 'give Hitler a punch.' Tho' it is Japan we will first have to slap.

We know they have been riding in Hitler's lap. I've wanted to sign up to do my part.

But know my limitations right from the start. And have thought of what others would say Should I put down my name to join in the fray.

I've pondered and pondered, 'what can I do?' And have read the news for some sort of clue. Now I have a car which I can drive.

To help with it would be my pride. Then I had some money I had saved for taxes. I thought with glee, 'I'll make that hurt the axis.'

Then down to the post office I did fly For a defense savings bond there did apply.

Our hearts will ache when our boys we give. But our land must be kept a fit place to live. For the American children, our pride and joy.

No human on earth will again try to decoy. For Japan sent over a most clever man, To steer us away from their great plan, While we were trying a peace to gain. Our own dear soldiers they were slaying. —Mrs. G. E. N.

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