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Ye Sudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Spring paid a hurried visit to the valley Wed. followed by a high wind, which for a wonder, with all the exaggeration that is going on, was not called a tempest.

F. Luy, the Antelope cowhand towned Thurs. wearing overalls, a sign that he is mad at the taxes.

Everything that could be done for the army cantonment project has been done, except electing a queen.

A week from tomorrow is Ground Hog day. If the varmint sees his shadow, there will be six weeks of weather, the enemy must not know about.

Colds are prevalent. Due to the attack several had to stay home all week. Col. Tou Velle was attacked, but counter-attacked promptly, and is himself.

The Eagle Pt. Grange stages its annual turkey dinner today. Many will go out for the feast, and to see I. Ross Kline dish up the gravy, while wearing an apron.

S. Ganton Sherwood of the po. was 40 yrs. old Thurs. From now on he won't be so rollicky. C. Wig Ashpole predicts.

Ginger Rogers of the movies will be up here soon from Hollywood to look over her smiling acres, and do some of it herself.

The snow has all melted around E. Ulrich, the Prospect mt.-wm., and he is busy pitching hay at steers.

Mose LaFayette Alford wore a cane all week, due to hurting a foot.

Plowing started on the Apple-gate last week. A number of local robins flew over and enjoyed a fish worm feed while following the Jim O'Brien plow. It was quite a treat after eating oak leaves and bread crumbs since October.

G. Green, the Ashland scribe, is accused by A. Moore of trying to fool the Ashland Democrats, the objective being the post-office. Mr. Green is showing considerable originality in trying to fool the Democrats, after they have fooled themselves and everybody else for the last ten years.

The Gus Newbury French pooodle, due to the war has changed his nationality to one not under the thumb of the Axis powers. He won't even bark in French any more.

Fleisch Stout, the pillist, has three kodak pictures of Ben Hur Lampman of the Portland Oregonian editorial staff, taken when he was struggling at G. Hill. Two of them are with his eyes shut, holding a fish.

The Peoria Bill Gates pipe is now at its peak of its rugged virility, and can walk farther than either one or both of the G. Corum twins.

The air raid sirens were tested, and could be heard satisfactorily, as Herm Purucker was not guffawing at the time. If both let loose at the same time, there would be confusion.

Closing time for Classified Ads 5 p. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

Somewhat Premature

"Sorry please!"

Have to take back that bouquet we pinned on the Roosevelt administration for its victory in South America.

Instead of a victory Uncle Sam has suffered a rather humiliating diplomatic defeat.

Argentine, not the U. S. A., wears the laurel wreath on its beady brow, which its gigantic son, Firpo, plucked from Jack Dempsey in Madison Square Garden several years ago, and then lost when Jack climbed back in the ring, and annihilated the Pampas colossus.

PERHAPS that pugilistic encounter will prove symbolic. This may merely be a dive into the press seats for Honorable Sumner Welles, and he like Jack will stage a sensational comeback.

But it doesn't look that way at the present writing. Instead of agreeing to break off relations with the Axis powers, the assembled South American countries agreed to recommend such action at some future time, should such action appear to be in conformity with the laws and national interests of the country concerned at the particular time.

Which, considering the circumstances and the South American tradition of diplomatic evasion, circumlocution and indirection, means precisely NOTHING AT ALL!

HOWEVER, while this is a wallop in the jaw for President Roosevelt's "Good Neighbor" and foreign policy, we doubt very much if it can be classified as an Axis triumph.

Far more likely the motivation behind this surprising repudiation of the North American demand, proceeded from concern over internal politics and future trade relations, rather than any real sympathy for Germany or other members of the Axis.

Only the future can tell of course.

But as the war goes on, and the situation becomes clearer, our belief is North and South America eventually will join together, presenting a solid front, against the Axis, looking both to the East and West. As we see it, the action has been delayed, not abandoned.

Geographical facts and certain economic necessities will unite the western hemisphere politically, whether all the participants like the idea or do not.

Picking a Winner

As a postscript to the diplomatic set-back at Rio, this fact should not be overlooked:

Hitler has a better propaganda organization operating south of the Rio Grande, than anywhere else, outside of the Third Reich itself.

For nearly two years and a half this organization, supplemented by small but militant groups of Fifth Columnists, has preached the doctrine day in and day out, that Hitler is invincible, and the British Empire all through and washed up.

The sudden collapse of this myth of German invincibility, before smashes of Stalin's steel fist, has thrown several monkey-wrenches into this popular assumption, but it takes time to eradicate such a deeply indoctrinated concept,—particularly when for two full years, all the military evidence substantiated it.

Yes ideas like this die hard. There is little doubt that the persistence of this myth, played a major role, in the decision of Argentine and Chile to avoid any binding commitments, with the anti-Axis forces.

It is true in this selfish world, but particularly in South America, that getting involved with a loser isn't smart!

Russia - Best Hope for Peace

The most cheering war news continues to come from Russia. Instead of stopping its onward rush and consolidating positions at Moshaisk, the Red Army fully equipped for winter warfare, has smashed on, until Moscow claims Rzhev has been completely encircled and Smolensk nearly so,—an advance, which if true, is of truly sensational proportions.

As frequently remarked in this column,—the Russian war reports must always be taken with several grains of H.C. The temperamental directors of the Soviet propaganda department, are highly imaginative and incurably optimistic.

Nevertheless, while it would be unwise to celebrate the fall of Smolensk which has, until very recently been the winter headquarters of Der Reichsfuehrer and his general staff, there can be no doubt whatever, that unless the Russians are soon checked and checked decisively, Hitler is certainly due for a winter trimming, second only to that suffered by Napoleon himself. (And as far as current reports go including those from Berlin, there is no indication whatever that the German war machine, highly touted as it has been, has the power to call such a halt, until spring at least.)

MOREOVER this favorable situation on the Russian front is confirmed by Sir Stafford Cripps, retiring British Ambassador just returned to London, who incidentally enjoys the confidence of Stalin and is a hind-minded and thorough going Liberal whose reliability can not be questioned.

Says Sir Stafford:

"Russia plans to complete the conquest of Germany next fall and winter, and make it absolutely thorough and complete. Russia has a larger and better equipped army than it had at the start of the war, while its industrial production east of the Urals has become tremendous, and is steadily increasing. Russia and Japan have difficulties of long standing which can only be decided by force. Eventually they will be at each other's throats."

We wish that "eventually" might be dropped and "shortly" substituted. It has been the belief of this department from the first, and still is, that Russia holds the key to Japan's defeat, and the longer this aid is withheld, the more difficult it will be ever to dislodge Nippon from naval and military control in the Far East.

However "eventually" is better than "never", and if Russia's present victories do continue against Germany, the time for that aid from Stalin, may be materially advanced.

IN which case Wall Street MAY be right. World War No. 2 instead of dragging on for three or four years more, may be over in a year or nine months.

Aye, verily, a consummation devoutly to be wished! IMAGINE, what a different world this would be, and what a different prospect for every individual in it, if this insane planet SHOULD suddenly snap out of its suicidal madness, and return to the ways of peace!

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, 243 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

HELLO, SLOUCH!

Bad posture is easier to recognize when you have a clear conception of what constitutes good posture. Many definitions of good posture have been proposed, but a simple standard developed by Dr. Lloyd T. Brown of Harvard and generally distributed by the federal Children's Bureau has come into widest use. Although attention to cultivating good posture is most important in childhood and in the early teens, better knowledge of what it is and an effort to retain or acquire it would improve the health and efficiency, to say nothing of the personal appearance or beauty, of millions of adults.



Dr. Brady

Back in the Victorian era children were taught to throw the shoulders back and to stand and walk with the feet at an angle of 45 degrees. "In blissful ignorance of the fact," as the distinguished Portland child specialist Dr. C. Ulysses Moore expressed it (A. J. Diseases of Children, Mar., '34) "that this produced swayback, pot bellies, pelvic distortion, lumbar pain and flat feet. Today the prevalent debilitated slouch indicates an equal lack of knowledge of the fundamentals of proper posture."

Up to the time of World War, Part I, even the military authorities in this country harbored some such comic opera conception of good posture as that, and in many quasi-military institutions and organizations it still prevails. Tin soldier snap is as easily faked as chorus girl vivacity. By the Brown standard referred to there are four grades of profile posture, A or excellent, B or good, C or poor and D for bad. To measure profile posture, view the individual from one side; the profile is grade A or excellent if a plumb line or perpendicular passes through the external auditory meatus (ear opening), tip of acromial process (tip of shoulder), greater trochanter (bony prominence of hip—about where ball of thumb rests against hip) and the external malleolus (outer bony prominence of ankle). Profile posture is grade D or bad if the head is markedly forward, chest

sunk, belly relaxed, or the back curves exaggerated. In grade A posture the breastbone is the part of the body farthest forward.

To measure anterior posture, view the individual from front. The anterior posture is grade 1 or excellent if knees, ankles and great toes touch easily, with a narrow crescent of space visible between the feet at insteps, shoulders are of equal height, body straight with curves at waistline even, hips of equal height. Anterior posture is grade 4 or bad if knees touch when ankles are apart, or if ankles touch when knees are apart, one shoulder is higher than the other or curves at waistline are uneven, one hip higher than the other. If anterior posture is good, a plumb line or perpendicular dropped from the nose falls thru the suprasternal (top of breast bone) notch, navel, and the narrow crescent of space between the insteps.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Spareribs and Sauerkraut

Our five-year-old boy, until a year ago subject to allergy, now has fine health and seems thriving. He begs for spareribs and sauerkraut when we have it. We have not given him any, as we thought the vinegar might be bad for him. (Mrs. A. T.)

Answer—Omit the vinegar, or if you need any better sauce or condiment than the natural lactic acid (same acid as in hour milk or buttermilk) use lemon juice instead of vinegar, and the spareribs and sauerkraut will be fine for the boy and not bad for his mom and pop either.

Food: Containing Phosphorus

I am trying to find out what foods contain phosphorus, but such books as I have consulted give no information. (R. H. C.)

Answer—Beef, milk, cheese, eggs, wheat, potatoes, beans, apples, dried prunes, carrots, oatmeal are good sources of phosphorus. For information concerning essential minerals and vitamins in foods consult "Foods Digest"—90-page booklet mailed on request if you inclose twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address.

Vitamin B Complex

Where can I get the new vitamin called paba, which keeps hair from turning gray? (M. N.)

Answer—It is not new. It is one of the components of the natural vitamin B complex. Crude para-aminobenzoic acid has been used for years in manufacture of explosives. Chemically pure preparation of it may be available, but I would not use it myself as long as natural vitamin B complex is available. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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Australia is preparing to resist INVASION.

MAYBE the Japs are preparing to invade Australia in force now. It is more or less an axiom you never can tell what a Jap will do.

This writer (who is only a cracker-box strategist) guesses their immediate purpose is to close the Torres Strait route to the East Indies (and Singapore) thus compelling American reinforcements to take the 3,000-mile detour around the southern tip of Australia.

A "HIGH government official" in Washington lifted the corner of the censorship curtain enough yesterday (Thursday) to reveal that a "stream of reinforcements" has been started to the "southwest Pacific."

It was yesterday the Japs began landing troops on New Guinea and elsewhere in the neighborhood of the narrow Torres Strait.

Only simple guessing is required to arrive at the conclusion that they are moving to delay arrival of these reinforcements by compelling them to take the longer route.

THE map has suggested from the beginning that major Japanese strategy in the South Pacific aims at closing all outside routes to the East Indies

and Singapore (largely by means of air bases), thus shutting out American and British reinforcements and leaving to the Japs the short inside route through the South China sea.

With outside entrances closed to reinforcements and this short inside route available to them, the Japs (one guesses) hope to pound the East Indies and Singapore into submission.

After that, if all goes well, they will go after India via Burma.

THEY'RE pounding at the gates of Burma already.

A Rangoon dispatch says: "British troops, faced with superior Jap forces, are being withdrawn from the mountain areas east of Moulmein."

Moulmein is across the narrow gulf of Martaban from Rangoon, the southern terminus of the Burma road, China's life line for supplies. The mountain areas from which the British are withdrawing are on the border between Thailand and Burma.

IN Africa, axis forces striking from El Aghella capture Agadebi, 90 miles along the back track. Cairo says it is apparent General Rommel has begun a full-fledged counter-offensive. London military "quarters" suggest that heavy aerial reinforcements must have reached the Germans and Italians.

(Or the British may have been weakened by withdrawal of air forces to be sent to Singapore. Or maybe BOTH.)

ONLY from Russia is there favorable news today.

The Germans have been driven 23 miles westward from Moshaisk and farther to the north the Russians are smashing the Germans in what is described as the most violent fighting of the year. Their purpose is to outflank the German positions around Leningrad and compel a German withdrawal.

Southward from Moscow the Germans are being hammered hard.

IN Washington an urgent request by army officials for 12½ billion dollars "in preparation for our offensive knockout blow" is sent to the house (where all appropriations must originate) and its speedy approval is taken for granted.

General Arnold, deputy chief of staff for air, says the program "is necessary to build up an air force both for the United States and for its allies."

He makes clear that it is the preliminary step toward FDR's goal of 60,000 planes this year and 125,000 next and adds that STILL MORE huge sums of money will have to be allocated.

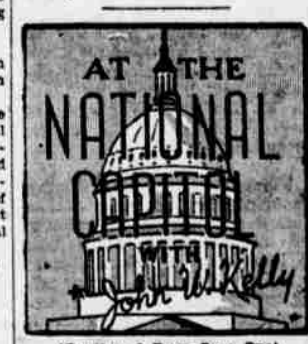
FORGET dollars:

They're out-of-date—useful only as counters, like chips in a poker game.

Dollars won't matter if the ENEMY LICKS US.

When we've licked the enemy we can TACKLE AND SOLVE the problems arising out of the debt (expressed in dollars) we're piling up.

Today's job is to lick the enemy.



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and very few of the industries have received an order, after working on educational orders.

THERE were shadows cast of coming events, but the full significance of what the future held was rarely recognized. There was a tightening up on installment sales, curtailment of vacuum cleaners and refrigerators, reduced output of slot machines and juke boxes, articles containing metals that could be used for more essential purposes. With the declaration of war against Japan sugar became important, but there has been no rationing, yet. Production of rum was forbidden to save molasses. Distillers of rye and bourbon whiskeys were directed to confine their output to 40 percent and devote 60 percent to the distilling of alcohol. This also to conserve sugar and produce industrial alcohol, without which there can be no smokeless powder. The best known soft drink in America has begun rationing its dealers because it contains sugar; several other soft drinks will follow this program of allotments. The sugar situation has not affected the confectioners, but they can expect a reduction of their candy output. According to authorities, there is no sugar shortage (there is a ceiling on the price), but the need for industrial alcohol is imperative.

NEW automobiles are off the

market (directly affecting 1,500,000 people) and new trucks will be off after March. New tires are rationed by counties, and certain counties have a quota that would not equip a milk wagon. Only retreads are available for the average automobile and a ceiling had to be placed on them to save the public from being gouged. Now there is threat of a shortage of old tires owing to the quantity of new rubber required in retreading or capping.

Woolen mills in Washington and Oregon have been advised to reduce the wool content in their product; less wool in blankets and clothing. Wool of the northwest is no longer supplemented by shipments from Australia and New Zealand that the British government was sending to the United States; the Pacific is no longer an open trade route. Sheepmen of Idaho, Oregon and Washington will expand their flocks this year and bless the ewes with triplets. Thousands of farmers on small acreage raise a few sheep and in the aggregate the number is a substantial contribution.

INNUMERABLE small things will disappear from the shelves of groceries and drug stores. Bristles for tooth brushes and paint brushes are hard to get. It is predicted that in a couple of months there will be no more silk stockings; and nylon and rayon contain chemicals which later may be required for war purposes. Cellophane is no longer wrapped around razor blades, cigarettes, cigars and the like; its use has already been discontinued. Compacts of metal and lipstick holders are going the way of the zipper, no longer manufactured but still a few obtainable if the customer searches around. Linen thread for shoes is now being replaced by cotton, and the quartermaster department discovered this last year. Leather used by the cobbler is another hard-to-get. When the few fancy dog collars still in stock have been sold there will be no more until after the duration.

Cloudy and unsettled. High 47, low 24 degrees.

STILL no trace of missing Dead Indian couple, caught in a blizzard January 11, while en route from visiting neighbor. Searchers will wait until snow melts in spring.

More candidates here throw hats in ring. Many eye legislative posts.

Twenty years ago today (January 25, 1922) (It was Wednesday) Senator Borah of Idaho declares allies could pay their war debts to America if they cut down their armies.

Packing house workers threaten guerrilla war if their demand for more wages denied.

Lower house to have soldiers bonus bill ready in two weeks.

Three local Chinamen celebrate Chinese New Year's.

Mrs. F. K. Deuel and daughter Catherine return from trip to San Francisco.

Gold Hill and this city excited over wrestling match at Gold Hill Friday between Ralph Hand of Gold Hill and Ben Rueben, at Gold Hill.

Women told by church leaders "it is dishonest to powder nose."

Julius Meier, Portland merchant, to tour world and boost 1925 world's fair at Portland.

Showery with a high of 46, and low of 33 degrees.

HIGHWAY CLOSED

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The state highway association announced that the Columbia river highway at Multnomah Falls, about 30 miles east of here, was closed to traffic this morning. Probable length of the closure was not given.

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