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 Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry
 The brave defenders of Wake Island, captured by the Japanese were paraded through the streets of Shanghai, en route to an internment camp, where they will be put to work, a Reuters dispatch from Vichy informs. "The march will be the men good," it is further claimed. Many a Nipponese jibe and jeer will be hurled at the heroes. No such indignity will be heaped upon the Japanese diplomats, who tenderly housed in a Virginia winter resort hotel. They are prisoners of war, and as such not entitled to special pampering.
 The threatened strike of city employees of Detroit has been likened to a similar one in Boston, a score of years ago. The Boston uprising was squelched by a governor named Coolidge, who quibbled not.
 THE RETORT COURTEOUS (Pendleton East Oregonian)
 "Do you know that the man who writes 'Do You Know' for the E. O. does not read his bible, and spells Isaiah, Isaiah?" is the way a communication reads that has been turned over to us. In reply, we wish to say that he does not read his Bible as often as he should, but that he has been taught enough respect for the book to write it always with a capital B.—(35 Yrs. Ago. Column)
 Bonneville Dam power keeps in the headlines, and the latest coup proposed is to make it the center of a pool of Northwest power companies. There are many people who wish Bonneville Dam, and its sister, Coulee Dam, were battlefields and bombers.
 A Nazi radio playing Teutonic tunes interfered with the speech of an American diplomat, broadcast from the Pan America conference. This should result in the mobilization of sopranos to unleash their high notes, the next time Herr Hitler assails the microphone.
 The report that Oregonians would be provided with gas masks, is now denied. The public is thus spared the fun of scaring each other and putting on the little woman's hat in mistake for one.
 INCONSPICUOUS MOTHERS! (Grants Pass Bulletin)
 "So here goes for another former Merlinité, our good friend Clyde Sackett, who was honored with a fine bow Thursday! Congratulations again. Then the publisher of the Bulletin, who is weekly honored by the Merlinité Moan, is the latest with a daughter on Monday. But it took our friend, Bill Creal, to really turn the trick, with twin boys, Saturday!
 J. Wesley Bates, the chin-wacker recalls a man he shaved 35 years. The victim reports he does too, and it seems like it was only day before yesterday.
 John L. Lewis, the CIO, hot-shot is charged with "trying to save his face" by offering labor peace terms. He however refuses to come out in the open, and from behind his eyebrows.
 "I wasn't born in a log cabin, but my folks moved into one as soon as they started living indoors.—(Coronet Mag.)—Humble beginnings.
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Honolulu's Tragic Report

History is often ironical. When the history of World war No. 2 is written, it may be clear, that sneak-blow the Japanese thought would win their war, LOST it. For it awoke that sleeping giant, alias the United States, from a coma of complacent over-confidence, which might otherwise have been disastrous.

CERTAINLY those of us who were not awakened by the shock of the devastating blow at Honolulu on December 7th, must be awake now, as a result of the Roberts committee report, which was released yesterday.

For that report reveals an incredibly shocking condition which existed in both naval and army circles in Honolulu, preceding the attack. And there is no reason to believe that the lethargy which existed there existed nowhere else, it must certainly have been more or less prevalent, not only throughout the country, but throughout our armed forces.

THIS lethargy has often been compared to the state of the national mind in France, before Hitler's drive into Poland started.

There was, thank God, in this country no similar pacifist or defeatist psychology; but this committee report does strongly indicate that a complacent belief did exist in the United States that somehow war would be avoided and if it didn't—oh well, the "Maginot Line of Uncle Sam's money-boys would hold,"—the same sense of indifference and false security extending even to our armed forces.

At least that is the only way we can explain, the glaring instances of dereliction of duty, not only in the Hawaiian command, but all along the line, down to second lieutenants and non-commissioned officers.

THINK of it! A Japanese U-boat sighted and sunk, only 43 minutes before the attack, yet no additional alert orders whatever were given.

About the same time a non-commissioned officer, operating a plane detecting device after hours, heard what sounded like a large flight of planes coming in from the northeast. Reporting to an "inexperienced lieutenant" the latter "assumed the planes to be American and took no further action."

Meanwhile General Short THOUGHT the navy was operating reconnaissance air-flights off shore (when it was not) and Admiral Kimmel THOUGHT the army was operating devices which would detect the sound of planes, when these devices were only actually in service a few hours a day! While for some reason, not clearly explained, the respective exalted heads of both branches never compared notes, or even consulted regarding coordinated action!

NOW, of course, it is POSSIBLE, that all these individuals, from high to low, were negligent, incompetent and/or, on that particular Sunday morning, six or seven weeks ago were hopelessly plastered, by the Hawaiian equivalent of bath tub gin.

Negligence, incompetence or acute alcoholism would explain such a scandalous situation.

But it is far more likely, in our judgment, that such a prevailing and widespread absence of competence, vigilance and awareness, was due to a SPREAD of the same scepticism and lethargy and sense of false security, that had infected the American people, ever since the start of the war, to the armed forces on land and sea.

Oh yes, there were warnings and alarms from high places, orders to take note of this and that. Failure to do so was inexcusable, in fact reached a state of negligence that was criminal. Tragic as the fate of the two commanding officers, General Short and Admiral Kimmel is no one can read the report and not agree they are only getting what they deserve.

Nevertheless, we believe if the American people as a whole, had not been so slow to wake up to the dangers of the war; of it striking this country in a vulnerable place when least expected, our armed forces would not have been caught as seriously napping or in such a tragic way, that good Sunday morning.

The only alternative at least to that conclusion is this, i.e.:

Not only was the supreme commander of the American navy, and the general in command of the armed forces in Hawaii completely, in fact, criminally incompetent, but the command of the U-boat patrol, the officer in charge of airplane detection and other subordinate officials, whose duty it was to be on the alert and ready for trouble at such a time, were also incompetent.

THERE is no doubt that when the storm broke, all forces from high to low, behaved with the courage, resourcefulness and skill expected of the American army and navy in time of peril and in accordance with our finest traditions. So we prefer to believe that our armed forces, in Hawaii and elsewhere instead of being honeycombed with incompetence and then (in which case they would be now) they merely suffered from that "sleeping sickness" which for some strange reason afflicted the entire country, ever since World war No. 2 started.

So as that sneak attack on December 7 entirely snapped the army and navy out of it, it also completely awakened the rank and file of the American people.

If this is correct then history may well point out, that the tragedy at Pearl Harbor, destructive and deplorable as it was, was really a blessing in disguise, for it was responsible for at last arousing that sleeping giant, the United States, to the fighting pitch NECESSARY to win the war!

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 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, 245 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

HOW ARE YOU R CHILBLAINS?

Mt. Hood, Ore., reader says he found nothing about chilblains in my booklet "Care of the Feet." He suffers every winter from chilblains, beginning with the first frost, and right now his toes are red and swollen and he is in misery working outdoors. He'd be thankful for any help.

"Care of the Feet" deals with promoted feet (weak ankles), flat feet, exercises for correction of these conditions, dangers in using arch props, the selection of proper footwear, bunions, corns, calluses, sweating feet, hammer-toe, ingrown nail, French heels, shortened tendon of Achilles, burning of the feet, foot itch, painful heel, chilropody, going barefoot, wearing rubber heels or soles, etc., but true enough, I wrote the booklet in the good old summer time and frostbite was far from my thoughts then. What do you expect for 10 cents and a stamped addressed envelope anyway?

Chilblain is inflammatory swelling or sore or blister produced by cold. In other words it is frostbite. If the skin merely reddens, smart, itches and aches it is first degree frostbite, comparable with first degree burn, which merely causes flushing, reddening and irritation of the skin. If blisters form it is second degree frostbite and more serious because the blisters open the way for infection, if the condition is not carefully treated with a view to preventing infection.

Here there is room only to consider prevention of chilblain or frostbite. In another talk we'll describe the treatment.

Most important factor of chilblain or frostbite is moisture. Dampness from without (getting shoes and stockings wet) or dampness from within (excessive sweating of feet) increases conductivity of heat in foot covers and hence speeds cooling of the feet and favors frostbite. Of course poor circulation in the legs and feet increases susceptibility to frostbite.

Excessively heavy or too warm foot cover such as rubber overshoes when they are not necessary to keep shoes and stockings dry, make the feet sweat too

much and so favor cold feet and frostbite. Many persons obsessed with the quaint notion that dampness causes illness (other than frostbite) suffer much unnecessary discomfort from chilblains in this way. Footwear that is too tight impedes the circulation and so favors development of frostbite. Wool, cotton, silk, linen, paper and leather are poorer heat conductors, hence better insulators than rubber, at least when they are dry, and hence give better protection against frostbite.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Eye Wash
 Would hot water from the faucet be safe to use for making boric acid solution for eye wash if the water has a slightly yellowish color, probably rust from the water heater?
 (A. J. W.)
 Answer—Yes. The trace of iron in it would have no appreciable effect. For eye drops or eye wash use a rounded teaspoonful of boric acid to the pint of bottled water and make up fresh solution frequently. Always have it comfortably warm when you use it.

Salt
 Is it harmful to an aged person to live without salt for several years?
 (K. T. H.)
 Answer—One cannot live without salt. It is perfectly harmless for any one to depend entirely on the salt naturally present in such foods as milk, eggs, meat and fish, without adding any in cooking or at table. Many take too much salt, which tends to keep body waterlogged, retaining excess of water in blood and tissues.

Boy Resembles Patsy
 Here is a snapshot of my boy, aged 38 months. I thought you might agree that he resembles your Patsy. He is a very healthy boy, thanks to your fine Brady Baby Book. Of course I don't think any one's baby will look like Patsy by following your book, but the baby will certainly have it. (Mrs. D. C.)
 Answer—Thank you Ma'am. There is a striking resemblance to Patsy at that age. Patsy is six years old now and I'm not at all sure she really believes in Santa Claus or just humors the old folks who seem to doze on that stuff. Glad to send any reader who asks for it and incloses ten cents and stamped envelope bearing his address, copy of latest edition of the Brady Baby Book.

Nicotinic Acid and Canker Sores
 Recently you said nicotinic acid helps canker sores. I suffer from constantly recurring canker sores.
 (C. F. J.)
 Answer—Try taking 100 mg. of nicotinic acid daily for several days—say one 30 mg. tablet or two such tablets three or four times daily.
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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Army Air Crashes Seen "Percentage"
Women May Have Uniformed Corps
Leaders Would Get Good Pay

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Officials are loath to admit that the army bombers cracking up have anything to do with sabotage. If they think so, they are careful not to speak. Navy department denied a couple of years ago that there was sabotage on new cruisers and other warships, although material was placed in machinery which had no business there—just as lines on airplanes became clogged by rags in gasoline tanks, when it is impossible for rags or pieces of waste to get into the tank without being tossed in.

The bomber wrecked recently near Pendleton, Ore., airport with loss of eight men; the loss of another bomber in the rugged timberland in southwestern Washington last year are considered accidents by the army air corps. The flying division of the army expects these accidents to occur and figures on a percentage of interceptors, light and medium bombers being wrecked with loss of life. No day passes but what somewhere in the United States, or the ocean off shore, planes go down and fliers are killed. Only the war department has a complete list of the accidents and casualties; only a few of the tragedies reach all the newspapers, yet always there is a report.

As the army officials put it, the more the air force is expanded the greater the number of accidents, but the ratio remains approximately the same as in pre-war days. Army fliers have a different training than the commercial pilots. Pilots of the big commercial planes do not stunt, cut ditches or experiment to see what they can do with their ship. They are exceedingly cautious,

ground planes when the weather is not propitious and take every precaution for the safety of their payload.

Army fliers, trained for combat, of necessity take chances. Their business is to fight and disregard personal safety whenever that becomes necessary. Crashes of bombers in the northwest, however, have occurred on trips which were as a matter of fact as commercial flight. The northwest, with its mountains and wilderness of forests, lacks a sufficient number of emergency landing fields, and when something goes wrong there is small opportunity for the pilot to find a place to set down his ship. These accidents will occur many times in the northwest in the future. It is the percentage.

Cost of a heavy bomber is about \$400,000 (without ordnance); of a light bomber \$175,000, and for a pursuit plane about \$100,000. These are supposed to be minimum prices.

SOMETIME this year young women of Oregon and Washington may have a chance to get into uniform as an auxiliary of the army. Rep. Edith Norse Rogers, Republican, has sponsored a bill to use women in the army. The bill, now resting in committee, was regarded as "one of those things," but now high administration officials are studying it seriously and administration is expected to be behind it. The enlisted women, it is explained, could take over a large part of the routine paper work in cantonments, air groups and similar non-combat jobs, releasing men for fighting purposes. With encouragement appearing for the bill, military tailors are now designing what they consider a serviceable uniform, part of which is a short skirt, but no slacks.

Another plan for releasing young men for fighters will be the establishment of 30 military police battalions, probably 50,000 or more men. The program is advocated by Secretary of War Stimson, who wishes the military police to take the place of guards at shipyards, munitions plants, etc., where bayonet-carrying regulars are now assigned. Most of the members of military police battalions would be recruited from veterans of the first world war who are too old for active combat but whose training

Communications

Bess Misinterpreted
 To the editor:
 Your interesting editorial of January 22, entitled "Is Demaree Bess a Liar?" highlights a feud of many months' standing between the Portland Oregonian and the Saturday Evening Post. The Oregonian, like the undersigned, was interventionist-minded long before Pearl Harbor. The Post, of course, was strongly isolationist, and its pet foreign correspondent, Demaree Bess, was not only isolationist, but on suspiciously good terms with the nazis, as witness his being allowed into Poland something like a year ago.

Only a short time before the United States openly entered the war, Bess wrote, in the November 22, 1941 Post, "The truth is that the war in Europe is not black and white but a dirty gray." In other words, Bess felt that Germany has as much right on her side as England, or possibly more.

This is reminiscent of Lindbergh, who never, so far as I know, censured the nazis. The land of the concentration camp, the gestapo, the pogrom, the book-burning, was preferred by Lindbergh, and probably by Bess, to the land of the Magna Carta, of parliament, and of Hyde Park.

It is understandable that there is no amiability on the part of the Oregonian towards Bess or the Post that would prohibit the appellation liar; but I believe liar is too blunt a word under the circumstances. Misinterpreter is better. I personally have derived valuable information from Bess, in spite of resentment.

In Bess' last article, the most glaring misinterpretation lies in his discussion of the German retreat in Russia. Belittling the Russian offensive power and the rigors of winter, Bess explains Hitler's retreat thus: "With unseemly haste, German armies began to pull out of their easternmost positions in Russia, withdrawing so fast that they unnecessarily wasted materials and men."

Presumably, Bess would have us believe this withdrawal was occasioned solely by Japan's easing pressure on eastern Russia as a concomitant of her war elsewhere. Doubtless the Russians did profit by this easing and by their secret understanding with Japan. But to say that the Germans "pulled out" when in truth they were pushed back is, if not an out and out lie, a perversion of the truth.

It is obvious, of course, that the whole tone of the Bess article in question, "The Axis Is a Myth," is calculated to bolster the recititude of Bess' and the Post's previous isolationism. If there is no teamwork among the dictators, the Post would have us believe that their menace towards the United States has been exaggerated. But a pack of wolves is still a pack of wolves, for all that they will turn on one another at the first likely opportunity.

Almus Pruitt.

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

ler is overplaying his troubles to the world (not letting any of the rumors escape at home, mind you) in order to spar for time to prepare new offensives.

NOTE—Berne, Switzerland, is another official phony-humor hotbed, but not as hot as Stockholm. The Swiss feel free to regulate the correspondents of Der Dortmund Bladder, etc., and hold them down. They have, for instance, suppressed circulation of foreign legation "news letters" which are freely distributed in Stockholm.

NOT through Stockholm, but in a more trustworthy way, comes information of how the German belt is tightening ever tighter.

Sometime ago the nazis requisitioned 10,000 tons of French cheese with a promise to deliver 300,000 tons of potatoes in return. This was three times as much cheese as their previous contract required. The nazis needed the cheese as concentrated food for their army in Russia. They got the cheese, but before the potatoes could be delivered the nazis informed the French such a potato shortage had developed that the French should not only have to forget about receiving any, but would have to give the nazi 600,000 tons instead.

German potato crop this past season was supposed to be 65 million tons compared with 70 millions the previous year. But an early freeze and the labor shortage ruined much of the supply. Grimmett joke in Germany is about frost-bitten potatoes, but before the end of the winter, it will be no joke.

STRONG man behind the Rio conference was Brazil's President Vargas. The public has heard more about his Foreign Minister Aranha, but it was Vargas in person who resisted the strongest pressure of the axis.

The Italian ambassador first told Aranha January 13 that Japan would declare war on Brazil if she joined us in severance of diplomatic axis relations. Certain axis diplomats came around four days later to see Vargas himself with stronger hints that Germany and Italy too would do likewise. Vargas personally showed them the door.

It took quite a bit of courage. Brazil is nearest Latin point for axis invasion and has a substantial axis population. Its presidents do not get elected and run the country freely for four years, but as they say pointedly below the equator, must "keep on the alert."

BRITAIN'S insiders calculate the nazi losses in Russia at 2,000,000 (killed, wounded, prisoner) but our authorities figure 3,000,000. Either way Hitler has lost one-fourth to one third of his total scattered army.

Yet the Russian spokesmen hereabouts are far less elated than the dispatches from Moscow. The largest portion of the red industrial area is still in German hands.

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E flat, and that groups have used it in their patriotic singing with great success.

If modern composers of dance tunes and popular songs can take the most unusual liberties with the works of such masters of music as Rubenstein, Schubert, Chopin and others, it would seem that a slight change in The Star Spangled Banner, a change made in order that all may sing it, would be more than justified.

Jeunesse Butler,
 Medford, Ore.

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 28, 1932
 (It was Monday)
 Gov. Roosevelt of New York in lead for democratic presidential nomination with promises of support from west and south.

Net marked fish causes uproar in angling circles.

Home owners told now is time to re-build and clean up yav's as id to jobless.

Ashland youth with "a mania for guns" given a suspended sentence.

Talent grange hear Dr. Reimer.

Table Rock residents predict an early spring, while others are waiting to see what the ground-hog does.

Clarence Pankey wins the Elks club billiard tourney.

Rain predicted. High 38, low 31.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 January 26, 1922
 (It was Thursday)
 President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes has snubbed French envoy as reported in London papers.

Washington, D. C., is blockaded by blizzard.

Millita called to Nebraska packing house strike district.

British-Chinese war looms in Near East.

Ralph Hand defeats Rueben in title match at Gold Hill before big crowd.

President Harding asks government bureaus to provide work for jobless during remainder of winter.

Rain total .19 of an inch, more predicted. High 47, low 33.

REMEMBER!—A certain Dec. 7 when the Japs bombed Hawaii, is commemorated in Lamp's new lapel pin set with pearl and bearing words, "Remember Pearl Harbor," on three streamers. Part of sale's funds go to Honolulu Community Chest.



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