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### Editorial Correspondence

Portland, Oregon, January 27.—The fast freight arrives a half hour early these days.—7:30 instead of 8 o'clock. Didn't make much difference as it was dark as the Stygian Grotto in the Rose City, and raining buckets. In short a typical Portland day, with not even Jim Ormandy on hand to greet us!

All the street lights going full blast, and the taxi lamp was on the bum—(also only one light, Rosey, in the Pullman berth last night)—so we couldn't make much out of the Oregonian headlines, except more of the same.—Russians still marching along, ditto the Japs in Malay, but big losses for the latter in the air and on the sea. Perhaps it was the weather, but somehow, the future didn't look bright,—almost never does before breakfast in Portland!

However we quickly discovered you can get almost any war news you wish here,—as no doubt everywhere else.

The first source encountered a "Big Shot" in the business world who has contracts with the navy. Having just returned from Washington, D. C., he of course had the low-down. Here it is: "Germany is already beaten and the war will be over in six months—the precise date, JULY 1ST. This is, he claims, the universal opinion among the government business experts and all contracts are taken on that basis. However as nothing is certain in this most uncertain of worlds, the censorship clamps down on any such official announcements. However, that is the absolute low down and all the big boys are acting on that basis. Watch the stock market go up if you have any doubts!" etc., etc.

Have seldom seen anyone more sure of his judgment. There is one slight fly in the ointment however. This same man—also reported in this column at the time—predicted with equal assurance a month before the last presidential election that it was all over—Willkie was in by 107 electoral votes!

Also in our ramblings ran across a well known newspaper man just back from Washington, as well. He veers as far the other side. Said he in substance:

"There were 17 warships put out of commission by the Japs at Pearl Harbor, and the Asiatic fleet won't be up to normal strength for six months at least. Repairs are being rushed, but progress is disheartening. The Germans aren't beaten but merely treading water in Russia while they clean up the British in Libya. Nothing short of a miracle can save either Singapore or the Philippines. The allies are sure to win but it will take at least two years,—more likely FOUR!"

So—put up your money and take your choice! "Round and round the little ball goes, where it drops nobody knows!"

KGW is now broadcasting news all through the day, at the Oregonian corner, with pretty fair crowds listening to the latest from the war fronts. This might seem like poor business for the Oregonian,—giving out spot news free, when it has newspapers to sell. But it isn't. Ep Hoyt is smart. This is really good business, for the news is greatly condensed, thus only arouses the news appetite, doesn't satisfy it,—the Oregonian sales increase.

Those 4th Estate lads, who like to line up at the walling wall and predict the end of newspapers fail to realize this,—the radio CAN'T give the complete story,—when an individual is really interested in a news story he wants the complete story—all the facts,—to date only the newspaper has been able to collect them satisfactorily. Ergo—the newspaper isn't dead yet by a long shot.

Had a very busy day,—should have been paid for overtime but wasn't. Went to a late movie to relax,—and was amply repaid for the effort—Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine in "Suspicion". Perhaps the readers of this column have decided we have too many favorites on the screen, but we really haven't. Only we are disposed to comment when we see the few we have, and say nothing about the others. And Cary Grant is one of our favorite male leads,—one reason being he is so decidedly that,—i.e. so MALE, and another he doesn't TRY to act,—for he CAN'T!

As for Joan Fontaine, here is one of the least appreciated actresses in the English-speaking world today,—for she CAN act. Moreover she is one of the most attractive young women, on the stage—or anywhere else,—finally the two were perfectly cast for their respective parts.

Cary, a dashing British sportsman, with charm but no conscience—or not much,—and Joan a sensitive, romantic, high-minded but far from stodgy British miss, with a photogenic wallop, that would make Garbo at her best look like the proverbial thirty cents. We wouldn't give the play over three stars but it does provide a most refreshing and worthwhile evening's entertainment.

The best news to date is the authenticated report that U. S. air relief of some sort has at last arrived at Malay and the Philippines. In all likelihood one of the great achievements of this war,—perhaps THE greatest,—will be the stand made by General MacArthur, without the slightest air defense, against overwhelming odds on land, on the sea and IN the air. We have never joined in the popular pastime of belittling the foe whether Yellow or WHITE,—this talk about one Yank being able to handle ten Japs, or ten Heinies, doesn't appeal to us. But we DO believe as a matter of objective historical fact, that the Yanks under the leadership of General MacArthur have demonstrated, their great superiority over the foe in the Philippines,—were the conditions reversed we don't doubt for a minute, the Japanese outnumbered and without air protection or offense of any sort would have raised the white flag in a couple of weeks!

It is still darker than a black cat on a moonless night and still raining!—R.W.R.

### News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

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have been below the standard they would like to have seen. The final in-fighting over the form of the law was punctuated because the result was foreordained by the farm and labor groups. FDR was angry at first about the senate action giving Agriculture Secretary Wickard some veto power over price-fixing, but a Republican, Rep. Gifford, Mass., was the only one to make a fight for that point in the secret conference committee. Mr. Roosevelt and the others apparently figured the White House should be able to control Wickard and his veto, so let the issue slide. Senator Taft did not press for his board control (to supplant Henderson) because he knew it was hopeless.

It is apparent the bill, therefore, is only as good as Mr. Henderson's intentions. He is the No. 1 economic director of business, part-director of farm prices, powerless on wages.

Perhaps this is what makes the congressmen uneasy. He has

many of his old NRA friends around him in his new organization and they are not sure how far he will go in the direction of business. Mr. Roosevelt, however, has unlimited confidence in him, will back him fully.

THE Roberts report placed the blame for Pearl Harbor on unprepared Admiral Kimmel and General Short but it is apparent no one above or below them really expected a Jap attack from the air at that time. Sadder note of all was the news that our counter-espionage of the Japs was so deficient, we thought her aircraft carriers were still in Japan when the blow struck. That bodes ill for the rest of the war. But the lieutenant who received air-detection warning that planes were coming from the north, did not believe it, and the sinking of a Jap submarine in forbidden waters offshore was not understood as forecasting the attack which came. These were human failures so complete as to suggest the fates were conspiring to teach us a bitter lesson: "Take nothing for granted in this war."

THE Morgenthau scheme to create special international trade money is an old idea that has been running around the treasury secretary's thinking apparatus for many years. It pops out occasionally. Financial and monetary experts of the other

### 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.

#### GUARDING AGAINST FROSTBITE



Dr. Brady

Chilblains are frostbite of the skin, whether superficial (first degree, simply erythema, reddening, itching, smarting and aching of skin) or deeper (second degree, formation of blisters or blebs). Besides the precautions already described—that is, wearing the least weight

foot cover consistent with comfort and avoiding rubber cover in favor of wool, cotton, silk, linen, paper and leather, all of which are poorer heat conductors and hence better insulators against chilling of the feet, and avoiding footwear that is too tight to permit free circulation, it is important to avoid excessive sweating of the feet, since moisture or dampness, from within or from without destroys the insulating effect of foot covers and favors frostbite. If your feet sweat too much, send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on "Sweating." Or inclose 10 cents and ask for booklet "Care of the Feet."

Heavy, thick soles are objectionable in respect to the prevention of chilblain or frostbite not so much because of their weight or thickness but because they are so rigid or stiff that they interfere with the natural leverage action of the great toe and the natural flexion of the forefoot in walking. When such stiff soles hold the foot as it were in splints, the effect of natural function of the muscles of the foot upon the circulation is lost, and frostbite is more likely to occur. Far better, in dry cold, are moccasins, pacs (felt halfboots) or the softest, most flexible soles obtainable. Provide plenty of room to wriggle the toes freely and to give the toes room to spread out—instead of squeezing them together in a cramped position, as most fashionable shoes do.

In many instances it has been observed that insufficient calcium intake or assimilation renders the individual unduly sensitive to chilblains. How to correct this is described in pamphlet "The Calcium Shortage"—for copy send stamped envelope bearing your address. Persons who stand long hours are more likely to have frostbite or chilblains than persons

departments did not know it was coming this time in connection with the Rio conference, and doubt that it will go very far here or there. It is a great ideal to have international money worth the same amount everywhere. But no one so far has been able to get around the law of supply and demand. Mr. Morgenthau's money would merely add one more transaction to complicate international exchange. An American importer would have to buy this money with dollars, a Brazilian importer with milreis. The dollar and the milreis would still depend for their value upon whether this country or Brazil owed much money abroad (for imports), that is upon the law of supply and demand. In effect, therefore, Mr. Morgenthau's currency would only be a paper form of the international Latin-American bank idea which has slumbered in the senate banking and currency committee many an unnoted month, and may lie there forever.

NAZI GENERALS KILLED  
 Moscow, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Two German generals have been killed by Ukrainian guerrillas, the Soviet information bureau announced tonight. It gave no names.

Production figures reported to the census bureau in 1940 by the rubber tire industry included in the \$8,300,000 tires manufactured a total of more than 49,000,000 for passenger cars and 8,178,000 for trucks and buses.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Cornea Switched In Eye Operation  
 Seattle, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Surgeons at Seattle General hospital today removed the cornea from an eye of Mrs. Hewitson of Bellingham, and transplanted it to the eye of Mrs. Margaret Beedle of Newport. The operation was deemed necessary to save Mrs. Hewitson's life. Mrs. Beedle has been blind 14 years. Surgeons said a week must elapse before success of the transplantation could be demonstrated.

### Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.  
 Northwest Power Hookup Planned  
 PUD and REA Given Setback  
 Tin Containers Out in 6 Months

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Two government employees have left the national capital to arrange for a wartime program for hydroelectric power in the Pacific northwest. There is talk of shortage of power and the need of using to the maximum extent the facilities of all generating plants in that region. They are reported as expediting a vast inter-connection of every power station and pooling every kilowatt.

To direct the use of power the set-up suggested is a board of six, or possibly seven, directors. Of these, three would be executives from private utility companies, two from municipal plants (Tacoma and Seattle) with a third probably from Eugene—the three important municipally owned power projects in the northwest—and one director representing the government's investment at Bonneville and Grand Coulee. All this is said to be tentative, but it is in the talking stage.

Practically, it is the plan (minus the board of directors) suggested to Administrator Paul J. Raver of the Bonneville project by a committee of three private utility managers several weeks ago and which, at first demurring, was agreed to by Raver. Later, however, in a published interview before he flew to Washington, Raver declared the government's policy would not be changed because of the war—that the government intended acquiring all the private companies. The inter-connection and pooling arrangement was declared unnecessary by Assistant Administrator Generau in a talk at Yakima.

The government men going to the northwest propose calling a meeting of all the private utilities and municipal plant managers; laying the cards on the table, revealing the urgency of a pooling of all power, and asking for suggestions. In the desire to build up a load, consideration is being given to sawmills such as generate their own power with the prospect of taking any surplus energy available and throwing it into the pool. Daylight saving, starting February 9, is expected to economize on home lighting and later there is a prospect of regulation regarding domestic use of electricity for illumination and cooking. If the drag on facilities becomes too heavy there will be curtailment of street lighting either by blackout of every other light or reducing the number of hours street lamps may be used.

Enlisted Reservists Ordered to Ft. Lewis  
 Salem, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Enlisted reservists living in Oregon are being ordered back to active duty. Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, said today. The first groups of returning reservists will arrive at Fort Lewis in a few days. Most of the men now returning to active duty are draftees who were released from active service last fall because of being more than 28 years of age.

Typhus Spread Seen In German Centers  
 London, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight that typhus was spreading in Germany and that the chief of the German imperial health protection department had stated that 126 cases of spotted typhus had been registered. Reports from Bern, Switzerland, said 74 new cases had broken out in Koenigsberg alone, 198 in Leipzig, and 69 in Nuremberg, of which 11 proved fatal.

AIR RAIL TOWER  
 Pittsburgh (AP)—Located 1,248 feet above sea level in Elizabeth township, an air raid observation tower will be erected to be manned 24 hours a day. Direct telephone lines with Buffalo, N. Y., will be installed for advance warnings of enemy planes.

Two years could be added to the life of the average man and woman by an annual physical examination and remedy of defects, according to Dr. Halbert Dunn, chief statistician of vital statistics for the census bureau.

TIN containers will be "out" in six months, for the government is preparing to apply severe restrictions. In the northwest the canners of fruits and vegetables, the milk condensers and the salmon packers will be saved as long as possible, with reduced tin content on the

thin sheet of steel, but the time may come when the steel containers will be treated with a coating of something other than tin. At all costs the canneries will be kept going, for the prepared food is a necessity. There will be no more beer in tins, however, this refreshment going back to the bottles, and tubes of dental cream and shaving cream and the tin foil on packages of cigarettes must be abandoned. Government says that saving tin for war purposes is foolish, as the foil contains too small an amount of tin and it is too costly to recapture. Experiments are under way to determine a satisfactory coating which will not spoil the food in the new containers.

Reserve Metals Corp. has contracted for a large supply of tin ore from South America and an smelter is being erected in Texas, but shortage of shipping is delaying delivery. This South American contract was arranged when it was anticipated that the usual supply from Malaysia might be cut off—which it has been.



By Frank Jenkins  
 ERRORS of judgment by General Short and Admiral Kimmel were the effective causes for the success of the Japanese attack on Pearl harbor.

So runs the report of the special five-man investigating commission headed by Justice Roberts, of the supreme court. The report adds that these officers showed a lack of appreciation of the responsibilities vested in them—especially since each had been warned by his superiors in Washington that relations with Japan were critical and that an attack might be expected at any time.

It is humiliating and disconcerting. But this is the only WORTH WHILE comment: Let's see that it DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

FINDING a scapegoat is consoling to our wounded vanity, but finding scapegoats DOESN'T WIN WARS.

MEMBERS of congress are reported to be bitterly indignant over the derelictions of Short and Kimmel. A bit of advice to them: "Restrain your breast-beatings, gentlemen. Scan your own record. Resolve to do YOUR OWN duty, on every occasion, as become loyal and patriotic Americans."

That advice goes for all of us. MORE good news comes today (Monday) from Russia. The Red army claims to have virtually wiped out Hitler's winter line. They are said to be nearing Smolensk. Hitler is said to be retiring with his personal headquarters from Smolensk to Minsk.

The German bulge toward Moscow has been wiped out. New Russian successes over the week-end give promise of relieving Leningrad. (You should read this with your fingers crossed. The propagandists are afraid of our morale. They think if we get an inkling the Russians are doing pretty well we'll go back to our peace-time fleshpots and shrug off the sacrifices that are necessary to win wars).

AS to the Russians and their obvious successes, the danger to us lies in thinking the Germans are LICKED. There are no signs of that. They're taking a nasty drubbing, but all reports agree that their morale remains unbroken. An enemy whose morale remains unbroken is always a DANGEROUS enemy.

WE must keep always in mind that after his much more

terrible disaster in Russia Napoleon CAME BACK to fight for nearly two years, in the course of which he won some notable victories. But it will do us no great harm to remember also, that after his Russian debacle Napoleon's PUNCH was gone. The myth of his invincibility had been destroyed. His name no longer terrified the world.

THERE'S a lot of . . . ant left in the Germans. As an example, they've obviously succeeded in getting reinforcements across the Mediterranean into Africa. But Hitler has been HURT by Russia. You're safe in believing that.

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 Wednesday)  
 Hawaii grand jury indicts social leader and naval officer for lynching of white woman's assaulter.

Forty residents to start work next week on city jobless project.

Japan serves notice on mayor of Shanghai anti-Jap societies must be dissolved.

Snow in hills now ideal for skiing.

Postal workers of Ashland and Medford to hold dance and card party.  
 Medford juniors to play Parish high of Salem Friday.  
 Work of experiment farm to be told fruitgrowers at annual meeting.  
 Sickness halts murder trial of Ruth Judd at Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Unsettled with probable snow. High 39, low 28 degrees.  
 TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY  
 January 28, 1922  
 (It was Saturday)  
 Roland Smith of Ruch, was thrown into a fence by a burro he was riding, and received a cut on the forehead.  
 Centralia, Wash., man wanted as suspect in Armistice Day killings arrested in south while trying to wreck a train.  
 Mayor Gates returns from Portland where he has been attending the auto show.  
 Six fatal auto crashes in Jackson county during past year.  
 Mercury registers ten above in Pleasant Creek valley for the coldest weather in years.  
 Medford high defeats Eugene, 20 to 18, in thriller.  
 Cloudy with rain in sight. High 39, low 27 degrees.

NAVY DESERTERS HELD IN ROSEBURG  
 Roseburg, Jan. 28.—(AP)—William Henry Ladd, 19, and Henry Applegate, 17, who told officers they were deserters from the U. S. navy, Sgt. Paul Morgan of the state police reported, were in custody here today after wrecking an automobile reportedly stolen out of Portland.  
 A state patrolman spotted the car near Dillard, central Douglas county, about 3 a. m. today, and gave chase, Morgan said. The youths, attempting to outspeed the officer, drove the car into a bank near the highway bridge south of Dillard and fled to adjoining hills. They were captured a few hours later.  
 OIL FROM SUNK SHIPS TAKES TOLL OF DUCKS  
 Clarke's Harbor, Nova Scotia, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Oil drifting in from ships sunk at sea has left thousands of ducks dead along this shoreline.  
 The oil pollutes the ducks' natural protection against water and cold, clogs their feathers so they cannot fly and gets into their skin, naturalists explain.

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