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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A Pennsylvania editor printed no mention of Herr Hitler's speech Friday, on the ground it was "inconsequential and trite."

It was also, tripe.

The Ground Hog came out of his hole, in some localities today, and jumped back in it, before anybody could beat him to it.

Premier Churchill was accorded a 464 to 1 vote of confidence by the House of Commons. No doubt, as in sport glorification, the feelings of the lone loser, were soothed by the word, the voting was closer than the score indicated.

"If you've heard this before, don't stop me. I want to tell it."—(Chicago Sun)—Revised.

From Washington, D. C., comes words the blue-eyed thinkers of the early days of the New Deal are no longer in the saddle, and Commonsense, in many departments is rearing its ugly head.

GRACIOUS ALIVE, GIRLS! (New Yorker Perfume Ad)

"Sultry, heady, almost hypnotic. Forbidden here—spoken of only in whispers—but now its burning charm is yours to use—with care! Let it smoulder on your skin."

Press dispatches report a man in Missouri in his wrath bit a mule. It is not stated, whether the mayhem occurred before or after being kicked.

The Bataan peninsula in the Philippines, where MacArthur's men are making their heroic stand, and costly one, for the foe, "abounds in deer, and is inhabited by a draw-like tribe of natives adept in the use of the bow-and-arrow." In due time, a Nipponese general, stooping over to pick up his sword, will be mistaken for a deer.

The local social whirl is now whirling vigorously to take the minds of men in uniform off the war. In an informal race yes, one Galshevski gained four laps on her nearest rival.

Tire rationing, "will introduce walking to young ladies of high school and college ages, and may mean a modification of the French heel," a woman's page authority suspects. Its no more trouble to walk six blocks, than it is to dance 27 miles, in French heels, without fainting.

Now that the political pot of Oregon has started to boil, and candidates for Governor on both sides of the fence, have started to adorn the landscape, the following campaign speech by Mark Twain, comes in handy:

"As a pure citizen I respect him, as a personal friend of years I have the warmest regard for him, as a neighbor whose vegetable garden joins mine, why—why I watch him. He is a square, true man in honest politics, and I must say he occupies a mighty lonesome position. So broad, so bountiful is his character that he never turned a tramp away empty-handed from the door, but always gave him a letter of introduction to me. I haven't said any more of him than I would say of myself. Ladies and gentlemen, this is Gen. Hawley!"

Portland, Feb. 2.—(P)—Police said today that automobile tire thefts increased in Portland last week-end. The largest loss, 33 tires valued at \$600, was reported by an automobile store.

Business and Churches

Babson Says Religious Activities Must Be Maintained

Babson Park, Fla.—(Sp)—What effect will business conditions have this year on churches and other religious activities? The financial operation of our churches constitutes a huge business enterprise of themselves.

Entirely aside from their spiritual importance, churches and their allied foundations rank high in the value of their financial and property assets. The outlook for these humanitarian agencies is, therefore, more important to our business and social structure than is the outlook for the railroads, utilities, or any other industry.

Financial Competition
For the first time in many years the churches are up against real competition in their solicitation of funds. Churches

have always remained outside of other local community drives for charitable purposes and, I believe, rightfully so. Community Chest drives have especially been operated in an efficient and

successful manner although I question whether this success will continue indefinitely. Church finance committees might well take a lesson from their book. Millions of dollars are raised each year by Community Chests which in turn care for a variety of participating charitable organizations. Their appeals are widespread. To an extent, they have cut into the funds available for churches.

In addition, there are this year many war agencies of a charitable nature that are issuing calls for help. Perhaps the most important are the Red Cross and the United Service Organization. Such agencies will be generously supported. The purchase of defense bonds and particularly the proposed plan of "allotting" a percentage of one's earned income for these wartime securities will further side track church offerings. The desire of givers to help the church is as great as ever, but the demands on income are so much greater. Rising living costs is another competing factor. Hence, many wrongly feel they must cut down their contributions to churches.

Location Important
Churches which serve in defense areas comprising a population of skilled workers ought to do better financially this year. Such people are earning higher wages than ever before. These wages will continue and perhaps even increase while the war lasts. This year for the first time many of these workers will be hit by income taxes. This may affect their contributions. I am inclined to believe, however, that with their larger earnings many of these people will feel more generously inclined toward their church.

The Spiritual Appeal
Churches are needed even more this year than last year. From a spiritual point of view, they should gather great strength. People are beginning to feel that religion, or some form of spiritual worship, is the only common denominator left to them. This is becoming a very tangible part of their lives. In this age when there are so many disquieting events to upset people emotionally, they are again turning to their churches.

When going to church myself, when talking with laymen, and from the character of the mail I receive, I sense a groping for real religion that has not been evident for a long time. But—irrespective of this—we know that lasting business prosperity can exist only when based upon the Ten Commandments. Let us churchmen get out of an inferiority complex and boldly tell the world so.

I forecast without hesitation that some day there will be a return to religion among all sects. This may or may not be a return to the "old-time type"—but it must appeal more to the hearts and emotions of people as well as to their intellects. Certainly, churches of all creeds offer more opportunity today for service than ever before. I feel very strongly that more and more people will become interested in their respective churches or in some form of religious activity if actively approached.

Leaders Should Act Now
My "Three I's of Success" apply to the churches today as they have always applied in business. These are Inspiration, Industry, and Integrity. Of the third, "Integrity," there is no question regarding the professional leaders of our churches and synagogues. I do, however, wish that a large number of these pastors, priests, and rabbis would put more inspiration and shoe leather into their work. Because too many fail to be real LEADERS is one reason for the decline in church attendance and contributions.

Any pastor, priest, or rabbi can make or break his church. Today offers them a great opportunity. They should so in-

spire their own people, including their finance committees, to the point where these committee members will have the courage to go out and raise needed funds for their churches. People usually are eager to help financially if they are properly approached and particularly if they are convinced that their money will be well spent. Let us make them realize that they will save themselves only as they save the churches.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Utilities Grab

Seen Raver Plan

Eastern Bankers

Would Finance

Taxpayers Would

Finance Expansion

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—

Creation of a holding company

which he calls a cooperative, financed

by New York bankers, to

take over all the utilities in Oregon,

Washington and Idaho is the

plan outlined by Paul J. Raver,

administrator of Bonneville

and Grand Coulee. The plan

would work about as follows:

The cooperative (incorporated

in either Washington or Oregon)

would purchase all the power

from government developments at

Grand Coulee and Bonneville. This

could readily be done under the

present law as Administrator Raver's

job is to sell the power. This would

leave the government out of the picture,

except for generating the energy for

the benefit of the cooperative.

The cooperative, or holding

company, would have a board

of directors and, with money

provided by New York and Boston

bankers, would purchase the various

private power companies in the region.

To reporters in New York the

administrator did not mention

this cooperative, or holding

company, but he did say he wants

to acquire the northwest utilities.

He stated that there is a tremendous

demand for power, but that the private

companies, because of competition by

Bonneville and Grand Coulee with

the United States treasury funds

of them, can not obtain funds

necessary to make the needed

installations for expansion of

facilities. Nor did the administrator

mention the low opinion he has

of the PUDs—that was reserved

for private conversations.

DR. RAVEN imparted the in-

formation that a deal was practically

completed with Portland General

Electric, and he offered one million

dollars for the company which owns

Ariel dam in Washington from which

comes power for the Northwestern

Electric Co. operating in Washington

and the heart of Portland. Later he

raised his offer to three million without

result.

The administrator said he would

first acquire Puget Sound Light

and Power Co., but was holding

back. This company serves Bellingham,

Everett, Olympia, Chehalis and Wenatchee.

He said, according to report, that

Bremerton needs 100,000 kilowatts

for the navy yard. (Puget Sound

company now has about 90 per cent of

the load for war industries in Seattle

area, such as all the power for Boeing

aircraft plant at Renton and all but

12,000 kilowatts for the plant at Seattle.)

AS a cooperative, or holding

company, no franchise troubles

would arise in any county or

city served by Puget Sound

company, the cooperative in acquiring

its franchisees. A similar situation

would exist in other cities served

by private utilities absorbed by the

cooperative.

To get into Tacoma or Eugene,

which have municipal plants, a

franchise would be required. The

three important municipal plants,

City Light in Seattle, Tacoma and

Eugene, competing for business with

the cooperative, if Puget Sound was

bought the cooperative would be in

direct competition for whatever

business there is in Seattle and

could, if advisable, cut under the

rates of City Light.

To initiate the grandiose

scheme the administrator sug-

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.

CATARACT

The eye is constructed and works much like a camera. It has an iris diaphragm (the colored ring around the pupil) which by its muscular action dilates (enlarges) or contracts (makes smaller) the size of the pupil. The pupil is the black looking central round dot or spot within the ring of the iris. It looks black for the same reason that a hole in a box looks black—no light is sent out or reflected back to your eye thru the hole.



Dr. Brady

The pupils normally dilate or enlarge in dim light and contract or become small in bright light. They normally dilate or enlarge when the eye regards anything at a distance and contract or become small when the eye regards anything close by—within a few inches or a foot or two. Emotions may produce momentary change in the size of the pupils—for example fear or fright causes sudden enlargement or dilation of the pupils.

In the interior of the eyeball is the crystalline lens which focuses rays of light entering thru the pupil upon the retina or sensitive film at the back of the eye.

It is this crystalline lens, not the surface of the eyeball, that becomes clouded and more or less opaque in the condition called cataract. The ancients gave the name cataract to this clouding or opacity of the lens because they thought the gradual loss of sight was caused by some opaque substance pouring down, like a cataract, over the front of the lens or cornea (window) of the eye. From this misconception probably came the common popular notion that cataract is a kind of skin or membrane which forms on the eyeball.

In the early stage cataract is not perceptible to the casual observer. Only after the opacity has advanced considerably does the pupil lose its blackness and brilliance and begin to appear grayish and dull—and at this stage the patient begins to have difficulty in reading or other use of the eyes.

Not all opacities or growths on the eyeballs that obstruct clear vision are cataracts. Most

gested \$100,000,000, less than half the amount that has been stipulated in various proposed bills for a Columbia power authority. The Puget Sound company, alone, is said to have a value in excess of \$125,000,000; the Portland General Electric about \$60,000,000, the Northwestern Electric about \$25,000,000. The \$100,000,000 would be only a drop in the bucket. Of course, for increased generating facilities the taxpayer is expected to provide the funds.

BANKERS (Lehman Bros. of New York and First National of Boston) with whom the administrator has been dicker for money, are supposed to take revenue bonds at par (certificates of hope). The bankers, it can be assumed, if the plan goes through, would want to have a "say" as to the board of directors of the cooperative as a protection for their investment; possibly one director for each private utility acquired. In effect, this would simply transfer the properties from present owners—thousands of stockholders—to a combination of eastern bankers. With Raver as administrative head of the cooperative, he would have a job independent of Secretary of the Interior Ickes, his present immediate boss.

THE Japs, today's dispatches relate, made little effort to interfere with the overnight withdrawal of British forces to the island.

Draw your own conclusions as to why. This writer doesn't know.

At any rate, there was no Dunkerque.

PERCIVAL says: Our task is to hold this fortress until help can come, as assuredly it will come. This we are determined to do.

The only hint of help in today's dispatches is a story from Australia by way of San Francisco to the effect that an allied convoy headed for Singapore was saved (when, not stated) by a severe tropical storm.

Sixty Jap planes, the story says, were attacking and dropping their bombs when the storm enveloped the convoy and hid it from the attackers.

THE island of Singapore is about 24 by 14 miles in size. It is more or less flat, the highest hill being only 500 feet. It has a well-equipped base for planes, which the Japs will be likely to put out of commission. It is regarded as probable that plane defense for Singapore will be

By FRANK JENKINS

GENERAL PERCIVAL, British commander at Singapore, sums up the situation there briefly and clearly. He says:

"The battle of Malaya has come to an end and the battle of Singapore has started."

That tells the story.

FRIDAY night the British defenders retired across the Johore causeway to Singapore is

Attack on Jap Bases Disproves Propaganda Our Fleet Destroyed

By DeWitt Mackenzie

(Wide World War Analyst)

The United States Pacific fleet's devastating attack on the Japanese bases in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands is by far the best war news of the day, not only because it is a smashing victory but because it finally blows the lie that the fleet was destroyed at Pearl Harbor.

Despite assurances from Washington to the contrary, the Japs have pushed that propaganda hard, and their tale hasn't been hurt in the telling by the fact that two months have passed without much visible naval activity to disprove it. Now we know that we have a fleet—both sea and air—and a good one!

All of which gives a chance for the little Monday morning sermon that it takes a fair spot of faith to win wars. People who are forever rushing about and grouching "what's the matter with so-and-so" every time there is a setback, not only damage their own morale but that of their neighbors. Countries that have been caught napping and unprepared for war, must expect to take some knocks while they are getting set for action.

Double Victory
For Uncle Sam

The havoc wrought by our bombers and warships represents a double-edged victory. It has vastly lowered the Japanese striking power against the Hawaiian Islands and our west coast. And it has eased the threat against our vital sea com-

munications with Australia and the western Pacific battle ground.

Our allies in the orient are bound to take much encouragement from this display of American air and sea power. Undoubtedly we shall see continuation of such assaults on the Japanese island positions, but I think we shall make a mistake if we jump to the conclusion that the United States Pacific fleet is now going to proceed full steam ahead right into the midst of the battle for Singapore and the Indies and clean house of the Japs in short order.

Just as we shouldn't get down in the mouth every time there is a setback, so it's equally bad for our blood pressure to entertain fantastic dreams. It's good enough for us to know that our fighting arms are getting ahead with their job.

The picture of the battle of Singapore looks fairly grim. The Japs apparently have made another important killing in the occupation of the important city of Pontianak on the west coast of Dutch Borneo. If this is confirmed, it will mean that the little men from the island empire have secured a further base which lies close to besieged Singapore and Dutch Sumatra.

Somehow the allies will have to move very considerable air reinforcements to this battle zone if Singapore and the Indies are to be saved. And they will have to be moved fast, because allied air bases are getting mighty scarce.

Communications

CLEAN UP THE U. S.

To the editor:

The single layer of veneer which lays between the thousand-year old savagery of Japan and the civilization of the world, as we know it today, has been ripped away. Today we see them as they really are.

In the Pacific are many islands which are, in themselves, not large enough to support a very large number of people. Taken as a whole, they will furnish homes for a large number of Americanized Japanese, who, under government supervision, could become independent after a number of years and could live under a democratic form of government.

No large munition factories or shipbuilding plants would be feasible so they would never become a menace to this government, especially if they were under the eye of Uncle Sam.

Thousands of white men would thus be able to take these abandoned, or lease-cancelled farms, for war-time production. After the war great progress in the settlement of our soldiers and sailors released from service with no job or no place to live, could be realized.

No one who has children wants them to mix their blood with a Japanese. That is an easy road to race suicide. Regardless of what some of our national leaders say, there still is a great deal of difference between an American and a white citizen of the United States.

Heretofore, the government has been in an appeasement state of mind, so that they could not act in sending these Japs out of our country, without offending Japan. I have reason to believe that Pearl Harbor on that December Sunday may have dispelled all that.

To many of us, the Manchurian invasion or later, the Panay incident was the time to end appeasement, but after Pearl Harbor there is no reason on earth why appeasement should not be done away with as out-

It seems reasonable to expect that a blow at British strength in the Mediterranean is in the making.

ROMMEL is still apparently driving the British back from Bengasi.

Don't worry too much over these back and forth movements in desert Libya. The important points are Cairo to the east and Tripoli to the west. The maneuvering in the deserts in between is important only as it affects the fate of these points.

The bureau of yards and docks is charged with all that relates to the design, construction, repair and maintenance of the U. S. navy's public works.

moded as the crossbow of the crusaders.

For that reason we should "wipe the slate clean" in so far as Japanese relations, from this time henceforth, are concerned, whether they are born in Kobe or Los Angeles. There is not room in the United States for any Jap and I am not alone in these thoughts.

H. Wheeler Hunt,

1220 East Jackson St.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

February 2, 1932

(It was Tuesday)

Japanese warships shell Nanking, occupy the port. China aroused. Italy joins America and England in filing formal protest against aggression.

W. F. (Togery Bill) Isaacs returns from trip to Chicago.

Continued cold with snow predicted. High 34, low 19 degrees.

C. B. Lamkin, former mayor of Ashland named county judge by governor.