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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Col. Frederick Palmer, military expert, predicts any all out attack on a well-armed Australia, will be the beginning of the end for Japan. He is the first forecaster in a long time, showing a faint sign of optimism, and not singing the military blues, for the masses, whose faces are now long enough to eat oats off the bottom of an old-fashioned churn. One of these days some fearless scribbler may come right out, and declare the Japanese haven't a "Chinaman's chance."

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One of the rural Older Gils reports she had an angel cake drop on her.

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A few ants were out Tuesday, as a sign of Spring. They were looking for picnics and pants.

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"We can't understand how Salem Vikings always manages to draw the easier brackets . . ." —(Coos Bay Times). No hostess team.

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REMOVING THE STING

(Kewanee (Ind.) Star)

"Due to a typographical error in a story of the candidacy of Edwin F. Peterson as county treasurer, the Star printed that Peterson was president of the Illinois Barkeepers' Association. It should have read Illinois Beekeepers' Association."

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Salem mothers and others are organizing a crusade against the police, for the way juveniles are acting in general, and running around nights. If the "youngins" don't behave, the police should be marched to the woodshed, even if it does hurt the parents more than the police.

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The Klamath Falls quint, deceived their looks, and lasted only two games in the state tournament. The trip, as in previous years, was no doubt a social success. The Black Tornado whirled into the semi finals, and win, lose, or draw, will throw no dead pears at the foe.

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This is Friday the 13th, and the birthday of Col.-Judge Tou-Velle of J'ville.

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There was a miscue on the highway due to a bottleneck. Both the driver and the bottle retained their necks.

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"Spring to date has been unusual for its damness."—(Willow Creek Jottings). The same here.

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Premier Tojo of Tokyo indulged in some fancy boasting yesterday, that excelled the late offhand lying of the late Mussolini of Italy, whose current whereabouts are unknown, and nobody, not even his countrymen, particularly care. Tojo paints a rosy picture for Japan, and a black one for the United Nations. He is the diplomat who announced he would make the peace terms in Washington, D. C. When the peace terms are made he will haul an American general in a rickshaw, up the road to the front door of the Mikado's place.

ENROLLMENT OFF

Columbia, Mo. (U.P.)—War has cut deeply into the enrollment at the University of Missouri. Registration for the second semester of the 1941-42 school year showed 4,466 students, 13 per cent under the first semester.

The Allies Best Bet

According to the grapevine from Washington Stalin will not only hand over Vladivostok air bases to the allies NOW, but ultimately join in the war against Japan, if the united nations will launch a major offensive against Hitler in the west, within the next 60 or 90 days.

If this offer is true, (and there is considerable circumstantial evidence as well as military logic to support it) then one can't believe the Anglo-American command will pull such a boner as to spurn it.

For, as has been frequently pointed out in this department, Vladivostok as a hostile airbase, is the fatal weakness in Japan's defense. A fleet of superbombers stationed there supported by fighting planes, might reduce Japan's industrial areas to shambles in a few weeks. And that industrial area, from a military and naval angle, is Nippon's fighting heart.

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ON the other hand, without such airbases, or similarly favorable ones, the task of ever driving Japan out of the mid-Pacific and defeating her, presents tactical and strategic obstacles which are almost insurmountable.

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BRITAIN has a splendidly equipped mechanized army of between three and four million men lying idle in England, as well as command of the seas—and of course the channel. She has been materially reinforced recently by American troops, guns and planes.

Even if the war situation elsewhere weren't so critical, and Stalin's offer favorable as it is, wouldn't it be sound strategy to utilize these strong forces, in some OTHER direction than DEFENSE and for once TRY to beat Hitler to the punch?

A tremendous undertaking and a costly one? No doubt.

But how many more defeats must the allies suffer, before they realize that unless Hitler is forced to fight on two fronts this summer, World War No. 2 may well be LOST!

How Come the Gneisenau?

Instead of bombing the Nazi battleship Gneisenau, the R.A.F. should employ some Fifth Columnist to inspect it.

For this battleship must have something no other battleship has and the information we should think would be invaluable to the British navy, in its struggle on the Seven Seas.

The Gneisenau was bombed steadily for months and months while it was docked at Brest, and according to British reports, each and every attack inflicted serious damage. We can't recall the exact number of bombs that fell but the total ran well into the hundred-thousands.

Nevertheless the Gneisenau was able to get out to sea, proceed up the channel and make Kiel under its own power, when the opportune time came.

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NOW according to the same source of information the doughty Nazi man-of-war is docked at the important German base, and R.A.F. mobs are again showering down upon it.

How come? In only one day's attack the Jap air force sank two of England's most modern battleships,—the Prince of Wales and the Repulse.

But this second-rate tub of the Nazis' poor excuse for a navy, has now been a target for the R.A.F., day in day out for close to two years, and is still intact. One of these dark nights no doubt like the proverbial cat with nine lives, it will again sally out.

What has the Gneisenau got that no other battleship has got?

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INSTEAD of resuming the bombing marathon at Kiel, we would suggest the R.A.F. take a week off, and put Scotland Yard on the job, so the secret of the Gneisenau's invulnerability, may be determined.

Such information could hardly fail to do one of two things: Show how the British fleet could be better protected against air attack, or,—

Reveal the fatal weakness in the R.A.F. bombing methods adopted against the Gneisenau.

The Laws Delay

Do you remember the Esposito Brothers? Probably not. But had you been in New York City in January 1941 however, you would.

For on a cold, clear, winter day, over 14 months ago, and in broad daylight, these two cold-blooded bandits, shot and killed a payroll messenger, only a stone's throw from Herald Square, killed a policeman who pursued them, and then before they could even get out of sight of the crime, were caught red-handed.

There was no doubt, reasonable or unreasonable, of their identity or their guilt. The incriminating evidence was overwhelming.

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YET our system of criminal procedure is such, that it took a year and two months, to bring these mad-dog brothers to justice,—with the result that their execution in Sing Sing last night meant little or nothing to the public at large . . . William and Anthony Esposito electrocuted?—oh yeah, who were they and what was it all about?

There is only one justification for capital punishment,—its deterrent effect on others.

But how can there be any real deterrent when at time of retribution the cause has been forgotten?

It's an old story of course. But the law's delay in criminal procedure remains, one of the most deplorable features of the American system of jurisprudence.

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.

STOP THAT GLARE

When you meet one of those morons who turns on his blinding headlamps and keeps them on until disaster or the law overtakes him you may breathe only a passing prayer that he'll suffer all of the damage when he does blind some opposing driver who happens to be deficient in vitamin A.

At least I do. But I go on from there thinking of all the harm done to eyesight and all the good money wasted by bad illumination and glare.

There are a few simple principles of good lighting which any child should know—but that's just the trouble, there are several million people in the country who are incapable of understanding things a normal twelve year old child can understand. Yet even a person with only a ten-year-old I. Q. is conscious of discomfort when he enters or remains for a while in a room ablaze in glaring light—he instinctively avoids the place or gets away as soon as he can. On the other hand everybody is conscious of the restfulness one feels on entering a room illuminated with indirect means, that is, where the source of light, the lamps or tubes themselves, are not directly visible but the light is diffused and reflected evenly to all points by ceilings and walls. In such a room there is a constant invitation or temptation to linger because it is pleasant and comfortable there.

For reading, needlework and the like, under artificial illumination, the lamp should be placed a few feet above and a few feet to one side and a few feet behind the plane of vision as one sits at work—that is just back of the field of vision so that the lamp itself is not visible unless one turns the head to look at it.

Working at desk, bench, table or stand the lamp should be higher and either directly over worker's head or a few feet back. Never have the lamp hanging in front so that it is constantly visible as the worker sits or stands before the bench.

Green, blue or other colored bulbs, globes or shades are undesirable from the standpoint of efficient lighting and conservation of the eyes. Soft yellowish tints are all right.

Brilliant spot lighting, with the rest of the room in deep shadow, is trying to the eyes and conducive to eyestrain. The illumination should at least make all parts of the room visible without effort, when the eyes are taken off from the reading or close work frequently, as they should be, to regard things at a distance for a moment. This is particularly important for one with myopia (nearsightedness).

So far as comfort, vision and freedom from eyestrain are concerned, indirect lighting (light from invisible source, diffused and reflected by seiling or walls or other non-shiny surfaces), is always best in living room, work room, dining room, bed room.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Blessings

Among the many blessings people bestow on our great friend and adviser please count mine for the tremendous change your instruction brought in my 16-year-old daughter's outlook and spirit. She had suffered much from acne, in spite of all treatment. I send for your pamphlet, and in a few weeks her skin cleared up and so did her state of mind. Now she is a happy, normal girl again. (Mrs. K. O. G.)

Answer—I like to catch 'em young. On request I am glad to mail the pamphlet on Acne (Blackheads and Pimples) to any reader who provides stamped envelope bearing his or her address.

Rules for Reducing

How does one get the instructions for reducing to which you referred in a recent article? I am about 30 pounds overweight and if it is possible to get rid of the excess without endangering health I want to do it. (V. L.)

Answer—Send 25c and stamped envelope bearing your address, ask for booklet "Rules for Reducing." Fact is, you can't kep such excess weight without endangering health.

Headache

My daughter and I are subject to frequent headache. (Mrs. P. H.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "Why Have Headache?"

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News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

could have gotten off the ground because no air fields for them had been built.

The British and Dutch had not provided sufficient anti-aircraft guns to defend any vital point. Their troops were not trained to the type of warfare they would encounter, while the Japs had spent years preparing for this special mission of conquest. They simply, badly underestimated what they needed and what the Japs had.

These are fundamental mistakes which date back long before the fighting began. They could not be corrected in a few weeks or a few months. After them, nothing effective could have been done.

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DISMAYED British and Dutch statesmen are inclined, like the public now, to analyze events of the past three fighting months in search of the answer for their troubles, rather than these older and more important truths.

It can be seen now the Japs won the far east before this war began when they took Indo-China, with the placid acquiescence of Vichy. Without it their campaign would not have been possible. The British depended on Thailand to fight, and particularly to offer air fields, but this error, too, proved disastrous. The Japs were half way down the Malay peninsula before the British even knew where they would have to fight or how.

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THE far eastern correspondents talked of "reinforcements," and the Dutch and British echoed this call, but everyone can now see reinforcements within the necessary 30 to 60 days was wholly impossible from the start. From San Francisco to Batavia is 36 days by convoy. A jam-up occurred in our Pacific ports, due largely to a shortage of ships available on-the-spot, after the war began, but even if sufficient non-existant ships, planes, tanks, trained personnel had been waiting in port to go at the outbreak of war, they could not have altered the result in view of the original pre-war mistakes.

What could have broken the back of the Jap offensive was a naval blow at the Jap lines of communications, establishment of a beach head on the China coast, maintenance there of a force of dive bombers to prey upon Jap shipping. After Pearl harbor, we did not have the navy to do it.

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THESE facts have been obscured by the deceptive and childish modes of allied publicity and censorship—such things as the Singapore censor suppressing CBS Correspondent Cecil Brown for hinting that Singapore was in a bad way only a week or so before it fell.

They constantly held out hope to the public that Malaya or Java could be defended if only "reinforcements" could be sent, long after they knew reinforcements were impossible, and that the far east had been doomed by faulty pre-war preparations. The responsibility was British and Dutch, not ours.

That is the plain story of the far east as history will write it.

MAD DOG KILLERS DIE UNREPETANT

By Harry Crockett

Ossining, N. Y., March 13—(AP)—William Esposito, 30, played dead on the cold pavement of a midtown New York street just off Fifth avenue 14 months ago and then arose to shoot and kill Patrolman Edward F. Maher, 53, but today he was really dead—killed in Sing Sing prison's electric chair just five minutes after his brother Anthony, 37.

Virtually 10 months of lying in bed, abstaining from all food except that which was fed them forcibly, had reduced the "mad dog killers" to skin and bones.

Last night neither of the brothers accepted the Rev. Bernard Martin's offer of spiritual solace before he died.

BOOST MARRIAGE RATE

Salinas Cal. (U.P.)—Monterey County Clerk, C. F. Joy, reports 146 marriage licenses issued during January, as compared to 54 for the same month in 1941. Fort Ord soldiers are responsible for the increase.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Ingot Plants Going To Eastern Coast

Private Concerns To Furnish Power

Ration Everything, Morgenthau Urges

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Those hopeful communities in the northwest anticipating that the government might locate an aluminum ingot plant in their vicinity have been discarded in favor of New York, Boston and Philadelphia. Cheap power, which is the principal element in manufacturing the ingots and which made the northwest so attractive (and TVA), has been kicked out the window and War Production board doesn't care what is the cost of the electricity that is to be used so long as the war program achieves 640,000,000 pounds of aluminum.

War department, Secretary of the Navy Knox, Lieut-Gen. Bill Knudsen have all taken the stand that new industries should not be located on the Pacific coast because of its exposure to the menace of Japanese bombers. No such apprehension is felt by WPB, etc., in the matter of locating these industries on the Atlantic coast.

New York City, Boston and Philadelphia are all exposed to attacks from the air and from surface craft. (One German submarine insists that it has penetrated New York harbor and as evidence showed pictures of the skyline). The locations for the aluminum pig plants in those metropolitan areas are far more exposed than existing plants in the northwest—Longview, Tacoma, Vancouver, Troutdale. The argument for moving an aluminum rolling mill to Spokane and against the installation of new "pot plants" at Cascade Locks or on Puget sound was forgotten in the rush to give great new facilities to Philadelphia, New York and Boston—and Chicago, too, but Chicago is regarded as immune from even a token bomb. Not a peep is uttered about the potential danger to aluminum plants in the east. This fear applies only to the Pacific coast.

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NO government-built dams, such as Bonneville and Grand Coulee, are planned to provide the electricity for these aluminum plants. Not a government-owned kilowatt will be used in those Atlantic coast cities. A power pool in the Boston area (the contributors all private utilities) will furnish an estimated 240,000 k.w. New York City has a reserve of 800,000 k.w. generating capacity, and Philadelphia has 380,000 k.w. available for the aluminum industry. Most of these generating plants are producing electricity out of steampower, and it is higher than the hydro-electric power of the northwest. War Production board, which has changed its views on many things lately—such as no competitive bids when a negotiated contract is available, the safest place to locate an aluminum industry, etc., in effect says "hang the expense," get us the aluminum. Use of privately owned power is the first break the utilities have had since the administration launched its government ownership program.

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ALUMINUM Company of America, which operates at Vancouver and has the contract for building and operating a "pot plant" at Troutdale and which also is building the plant at Tacoma, has been selected as the concern to build and operate the pig aluminum plants in the east. Funds for construction will, of course, be provided by Reconstruction Finance corporation through Defense Plant corporation, a subsidiary.

This new expansion program will cost about $350,000,000, according to the estimate of William L. Batt, which makes the government investment in such plants in Oregon and Washington insignificant. None of this money will be required for additional generating facilities. Grand Coulee and Bonneville are asking for turbines to complete their capacity, explaining there is more demand for power than they can supply until these units are installed. Whether this supposed power shortage in the northwest determined WPB to arrange for its entire expanded program in the east is not known.

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SECRETARY of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., does not believe in half-way measures, such as rationing tires and sugar. He has advised the ways and means committee that the way to handle the situation for the duration is to ration everything; food, clothing and everything else that a civilian buys. There is not one country now in the war where complete rationing, such as proposed by Morgenthau, is applied. The secretary of the treasury says that unless the United States goes off the deep-end in rationing it will be up to its neck in inflation.

The staff of office of price administrator is already working on plans for rationing everything, wishing to be prepared if necessity should make such a demand. OPA has issued orders for reducing the material in men's suits, but the latest styles for women show that suits for the fair sex call for very full skirts and jackets several inches longer than heretofore. Apparently the material being saved by denying the men will be used for the women.

Many of the strategic materials required by the United States are part of the great natural resources of Latin America.

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It is a cross of bronze with an eagle in the center and a scroll below the eagle bearing the inscription "For Valor." On the reverse is space for the recipient's name. The cross is suspended by a ring from a watered-silk ribbon, composed of a band of red, white, blue, white, and red. (Blue, an inch in width, predominates.)

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
March 13, 1932
(It was Sunday)

High school basketball team leaves for state tournament at Salem Tuesday.

Buying power of dollar is now $1.79, treasury reports.

Only half of the dogs in county have licenses, and after April 1 the cost will be doubled.

New clues lead to Denver gang as kidnaper of Lindbergh baby.

President von Hindenburg of Germany misses re-election by 165,000 votes. Hitler runs far behind and is repudiated at the polls.

Unsettled with occasional rain. High 65, low 48 degrees.

Ray Coleman of Jacksonville is high with 99 out of 100 at trapshoot.

First smudging about April 1, county agent predicts. Mild weather develops pear buds fast.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
March 13, 1922
(It was Monday)

Astoria Klan marches into Methodist church, in their nightgowns, and give the pastor a $20 bill.

Uproar in the senate over peace pact, when Sen. Borah of Idaho casts reflection on veracity of Secretary of State Hughes.

America stands pat on position for payment of war debts, and will not allow allies to take all Germany can pay.

Elks minstrel show at Page tonight. Jerry Jerome, end man, has the flu.

Peculiar cloud formations last night attract wide attention.

Fair weather. High 49, low 31 degrees.

CANNERY WAGE BASE INCREASED 10 CENTS

Salem, March 13—(AP)—Minimum wages in the canning industry were increased 10 cents an hour yesterday by the state wage and hour commission, boosting the minimum wage for women to 52½ cents an hour, and for men to 65 cents.

The order is effective April 1.

FOR DEFENSE

Zanesville, O. (U.P.)—Under a municipal court ruling by Judge Homer Walters all defendants whose fines are suspended must put the amount of the fine into defense savings stamps or defense bonds.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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