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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A number of husbands report they are used by their wives as models for First Aid bandaging practice. None as yet have been accidentally left tied up, so they will stay home evenings.

The Japanese aim to take the initiative in the Southwest Pacific, while the United Nations invoke the referendum.

A Texas lady advocates flowers for food. Anyone who doubts this should sit down to a supper of chopped nasturtiums, she says. Of course, they should be on a piece of lettuce. Otherwise, it would look too much like plain burro feed.

The congressional committee report on corporation profits and bonuses paid to executives indicates, "Gosh! How The Money Rolls In!" is giving "The Star Spangled Banner" a tough tussle for the honor of being the national anthem.

SOCIAL WHOOPEE!

(Clear Creek Items)

"An enjoyable time was had at the Swap Social. Everybody took something they didn't want. Many of the ladies took their husbands."

Military experts warn the public not to expect too much of Gen. MacArthur in Australia. They recall the sad fate of a football coach, who had a fir tree on the campus named after him.

Spring is here, tra-la, B-r-r-r, and snow fell this a.m.

PARADISE

(Caption On Cut)

"Enchanted Isle Attacked—Japs have landed on Ball, Dutch East Indies. Isle long known as a modern paradise. Scenes above show typical village street and a group of native women, who do most of the work."

Comes the word the nation is in danger of losing "the social gains." There is no use having social gains, if there is nothing to be social about.

FLESH FISH'S POEM

The cows don't look well-fed and sleek

Since I went on a forty-hour week.

A five-day week or an eight-hour day

Don't mean a thing, they want their hay.

I explain to them it's for our defense.

They look at me like I ain't got sense.

I don't know yet how it's going to work.

But I got an idea they're going to shirk.

From the oldest cow to the youngest calf

They don't give a darn 'bout time and a half.

Sundays or holidays, without fail,

There's just so much in the old milk pail.

The hogs are uppity too, I've found.

On Sundays they just won't gain a pound.

Unless I feed them (here's the laugh)

For a pound, they want a feed and a half!

The woman won't cook, the hens won't lay,

Without double time on a holiday.

For the city folks it's all right I guess.

But a five day week on the farm's a mess.

Give Aid To China

AMERICA is young, yet as a people, we have so much in common with the liberty-loving inhabitants of age-old China. Long has there been a warm friendliness and deep understanding between these two nations. Sympathetic and generous America has many times in past years extended a helping hand to the patient and suffering Chinese—for China's lot, through the ages, has never been an easy one.

THEN came "the China incident." War-mad murderers of Nippon rode the skies over defenseless Hankow, Canton and Chungking. Barbaric hordes crushed and trampled Soochow, pillaged and ravished Nanking—and America flamed with righteous anger!

The pitiful picture of helpless men, women and little children—fifty million of them—blasted from their ancestral homes—robbed, destitute, hungry and homeless—aroused within America the deepest compassion.

AT Pearl Harbor, China's ruthless foe turned upon THIS nation, and Chiang Kai-shek's valiant warriors became OUR comrades-at-arms. With unbelievable courage and self-sacrifice, these Chinese have struggled against terrific odds for four long, bitter years. Pitted against the same foe in the same righteous cause, our own fighting men find in their allies a source of high inspiration.

AMERICA'S obligation to China is, indeed, a great one. The tide of Japanese lust and butchery was stemmed for four long years—precious time for this nation to strengthen her ramparts.

Does America recognize this obligation? We believe she does.

We believe that this deep sense of gratitude will find expression in whole-hearted public response to the current United China Relief campaign. And the people of Medford and the Rogue River valley are privileged to have a part in this highly worthy effort.

YES, the people of this community and of America will want to strengthen the morale of the Chinese people for, magnificent as it has been, the spirit of China has been shaken by the bitter cruelty of war. Morale needs reinforcements too!

They will want to help China crush epidemic and plague with the same determination with which they battle the Japanese foe. They will want to furnish food, shelter, medical care, medical and surgical supplies, anaesthetics, vitamin capsules for undernourished and rickets-ridden children.

YES, America will want to do all of this—and the purchasing power of American dollars in China makes each one do the work of twenty!

Just how generously we respond to this United China Relief will depend the future strength of China, bulwark of freedom in the Orient.—H.G.

Where Will Hitler Strike?

That tremendous prestige which Hitler and his blitzkrieg army enjoyed a year ago, is no more.

If Russia had done nothing else, this boost to allied and blow to German morale would be of incalculable worth.

On the other hand Germany still enjoys an advantage that goes with the initiative.

And it is a real advantage. For what is the situation today? All Europe, in fact the entire allied world, is trying to guess where Der Reichsfuehrer will strike next.

Will it be at the Near East, through Turkey? Or will Turkey be by-passed and the blow directed at the Caucasus and Syria? Or will Hitler pull another Rabbit out of his hat,—merely hold on the East and South while he launches the long delayed invasion of England, from Norway and the channel ports. Or again, will he concentrate on the capture of Moscow and Leningrad, spring another surprise by resuming the offensive against Russia where he left off.

ONLY Hitler knows. And enjoying the advantage of inside lines, he can concentrate on an overwhelming blow at one point, while his enemies have to be prepared to resist him on all.

This does give Adolf a tremendous advantage, unless,—well unless Stalin again shows he has Der Reichsfuehrer's number, by keeping him so busy on the Eastern front, Adolf will have no time to capitalize on it.

And that may very well be the answer!

Communications

Oil Well Owners Viewpoint

To the editor:

I am becoming mighty weary

of reading about the scarcity of

gasoline ration cards and all that

plunder. I may not know much

about the movements of troops or

now the war is coming on, and a

thousand other things, but when it

comes to the production of crude

petroleum, I know what I am talking

about as myself and brothers and

sisters have two wells that will

produce 1,500 barrels per day. Now

this is not a stock proposition, we

own the land and receive one-eighth

of all the oil produced, yet the way

the allowances are set, we receive

about \$1.00 per day. Last month we

could have produced all the oil

that we produced in the month of

one day were we allowed to produce.

We pumped nine days, a small

amount each day, further than

that we are entitled to another

well caused by an offset. There

is a well south of us and to

protect our rights, we should

have one drilled on our land.

The party who holds the lease

says that he cannot drill a well

because the allowable is too low

and will take too long to get

his money back, as it costs

\$25,000 to \$30,000 to drill a

well.

The way matters stand, the

party across the road is pump-

ing part of our oil. There is

20,000 oil wells in Kansas and

when the production is raised,

it amounts to very little when

apportioned among these 20,000

wells.

HARRY LECLERC

Medford,

March 23.

Dictatorship or Democracy?

To the editor: I was under the

impression that in a democracy

the president obeyed the will of

the people, not the people the

will of the president. Either I

have been laboring under a delu-

sion or we now have a dicta-

tor instead of a president.

The people have demanded

that union racketeering be in-

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.

VITAMIN D FOR MOTHER AND CHILD

No natural food contains enough vitamin D for the requirements of the prospective mother and the child.

Therefore it is the practice of physicians to prescribe a daily ration of vitamin D in one form or another to supplement the expectant mother's diet through out pregnancy and

after the child is born it is now customary to prescribe a daily ration of vitamin D for the child, from the age of one month throughout the first year at least.

This not only favors normal development and growth of the child but tends to protect the mother's blood, bones, teeth and nerve tissues from being robbed of calcium by the demands of the child.

Just as it is practically impossible for the ordinary individual to eat enough of the so-called "protective foods"—milk, eggs, fresh vegetables, fresh fruits—to supply all the vitamins required to maintain optimal health, so it is practically impossible for the prospective mother to consume all the eggs, milk, cream, butter she would have to consume to get even the minimum daily requirement of vitamin D for her own nutrition—to say nothing of the demands of the child.

If any complacent old timer still in practice can refute these statements I'd like to hear from him.

Milk, cream, butter, egg yolk, oysters, salmon (fresh or canned) are virtually the only foods that contain any considerable amounts of vitamin D. Formerly various fish liver oils, which are rich in vitamin D, were prescribed whenever vitamin D was needed. Nowadays there are numerous tasteless vitamin D concentrates available as a source of extra vitamin D for mother or child.

Nowadays, too, special foods are fortified with extra vitamin D—such as vitamin D milk—so that the average day's ration of the food will give a fair day's ration of vitamin D.

In whatever form the vitamin D may be taken, it is essential that every expectant mother

and every baby should receive a fair daily ration of vitamin D, and no offhand assurance of the experienced but not well informed old medical practitioner that mother and child will get all the vitamins needed from food alone can lessen the importance of this.

For the expectant mother four or five drops of a tasteless vitamin D concentrate (each drop contains about 250 U. S. P. units of vitamin D) is a fair daily ration. For the baby two or three drops is a fair daily ration.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Vitamin C

A says if 12 oz. can of tomato juice opened and 6 oz. at once poured into 6 oz. bottle and corked tightly the vitamin C in it will keep at least 8 hours. B says it won't.

(C. H. S.)

Answer—I believe some of the vitamin C in factory canned tomato or tomato juice would keep several hours that way. But oxidation and destruction of vitamin C begins as soon as the can is opened, probably continues for several hours even when the juice is kept in an uncorked or open container, before all the vitamin C is destroyed.

Maternity and Somersaults
Please send me "Preparing for Maternity"—ten cents and stamped addressed envelope enclosed. Also please send me "Invitation to the Somersaults"—I may be able to convince my husband that somersaults will do all you say for one.

(Mrs. M. Q.)

Answer—Easy there, Ma'am. I do not advise you—or in fact any one to turn somersaults. I merely say they are good for a lot of folk. You have to turn them at your own risk. You, particularly, should ask your physician whether it is all right for you to try somersaulting.

Long Distance Diagnosis

Can you tell me why my ankles

puff? My doctor says there is nothing

wrong and it is just my age. I

am 50. (Mrs. E. J.)

Answer—No, Ma'am. But I can tell you that such puffing of the ankles is sometimes due to insufficient thyroid activity due to deprivation of iodine. Sometimes to deficiency of calcium and vitamin D. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for "Instructions for Taking an Iodine Ration" and "The Calcium Shortage". I can tell you, too, that a woman's age never accounts for any ailment. Mention your age when you write and I'll send you a pamphlet on "The Menopause".

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HELMETS, INSIGNIA

SENT COAST UNITS

San Francisco, March 25.—

(AP)—The first supply of steel

helmets and civilian defense in-

signia armbands will be ship-

ped immediately to many Pa-

cific coast cities.

Director James C. Sheppard

of the ninth civilian defense re-

gion, said he received word to-

day from Washington that the

material will be speeded from

the east by fast express.

The steel helmets are intend-

ed for air raid wardens, auxil-

iary firemen, auxiliary police-

men and others of the citizens'

defense corps.

Armbands can be issued only

personnel who have received

the basic training as specified

by the OGD.

Portland, March 25.—(AP)—

Mavor Earl Riley was advised

today that helmets and arm

bands for air raid wardens,

auxiliary police and fire fight-

ers were on their way to Port-

land.

Frank Hull, coordinator of

the Jackson County Council of

Defense, has received no notice

of shipments of equipment for

this area.



EARLY START—Young New Yorkers study Norman Corwin's "We Hold These Truths" to learn how colonial Americans pressed the Constitution to assure freedom of speech, assembly, press, religion, and to safeguard various other individual rights.

Effort To Invade Britain Now Distinct Possibility In Opinion of MacKenzie

By DeWitt MacKenzie
(Wide World War Analyst)

The warning given in the British house of commons by Sir John Anderson, member of the war cabinet, that the Germans may attempt to invade England this spring isn't just cymbal.

Of course, talk of invasion is one of those things which come to life with the first good weather and lasts until the fall fogs and storms savage the English channel. Still, it would be folly to treat it as a cry of wolf merely because Hitler thus far has held his hand.

An effort at invasion certainly is a possibility. I should say, however, that such an extremely hazardous operation would be undertaken by Hitler only as an act of desperation if things go badly for him on the Russian front.

British Knockout Major Catastrophe

The point is that if he could knock England out by a lightning stroke, while standing the Reds off, he would have dealt the allies a blow which at the least must be described as catastrophic. He then could devote all his energy to the Bolsheviks.

As you know, Hitler's apparent strategy is to try again to break into the Caucasus and the middle east to get supplies. That's his logical route to victory, and his preparations point to this being his major effort—either a direct smash through the Russian left flank into the Caucasus oil fields, or a movement through Turkey—maybe both, if the Turks can be bullied into granting free passage of their territory, as we discussed in this column yesterday.

Should the present murderous Russian offensive develop so as not only to block this program but, as the Bolsheviks predict, to threaten a debacle in Hitler's ranks, then would be the moment when he might make a colossal gamble with an attempt to crush England. Maybe our answer is being written right now in the great counter-offensive which the nazis are attempting with 600,000 fresh troops. The Reds claim the slaughter of Germans is so heavy that the latter's attacks seem to be "passing through a mincing machine."

Nazi Leader Now In Trim For Try

The Nazi leader is in better shape for a blow at England now than he is likely to be again. He has a vast fleet of invasion barges ready. For months now his air force had been largely inactive, presumably being overhauled and tuned up for the spring fighting. Meanwhile his factories have been pouring out new and more powerful warplanes, and transport gliders are reported to have been manufactured in great numbers. He has the troops, and he has a pretty husky navy.

The perils of an adventure in invasion have been vastly increased by the high state of British preparedness. The fuhrer missed his big chance way back at the time of Dunkerque, when he had John Bull hanging on the ropes. As it is, the Britons have been getting set for just such an emergency for almost two years.

There probably are 3,500,000 men under arms in the British Isles.

Direct Production of War Material Planned If Industry Incapable

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Congress was informed today the government is prepared to go into direct production of strategic war materials if it is unable to obtain them through private industry.

This disclosure was made by Secretary Ickes to a house appropriation sub-committee during hearings on the interior supply bill which was reported today.

Discussing preparations to