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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The fair sex will be out today in their best bib 'n' tucker, rain or shine, and, if the weatherman knows what is good for him it better not be rain.

The president asks the people to coin a new word to describe the war, one that is short and snappy, and can be mentioned without going back of the barn to do it.

Dr. Stanley I. Phillips, who saved the life of the Elks' tomcat many times ere he went hence, was installed as exalted ruler Thurs. eve.

Auto horn tooting was intensified last week on all streets and up most of the alleys. There seems to be nothing in the make-up of an auto horn that is vitally needed to make triggers for rifles.

"Too many people believe the war is a glorified WPA project," said Senator Burton (D-Ohio) last week. This is hitting the nail on the head and ejaculating a mouth-full at one and the same time.

Dewey Hill, the ace hired man of Prospect, has returned there from cutting a brief swath in the south and is once more cutting wood on his old stamping grounds.

Ike Fridger of Ashland, transplanted there from here, was up Thurs. in formal dress, wearing a hard-boiled ruffled shirt and necktie that wouldn't stay put.

The burg now boasts three horse and buggy travellers. So far they have not had a triple crash at a busy corner. The drivers all say it is cheaper than gasoline and better than walking.

The Justin Smith boy is among the younger element over the mumps.

No democrat in Jackson county had the gumption and courage to run for the legislature. A. Moore Hamilton, ex contemporary scribe attributes the deficit to poverty of democrats and further states republicans are the only citizens who can go to Salem and go broke, doing two weeks work in nine every two years. If a democrat is poor these days it's because he don't live right and don't know the right people.

Last week the United Nations won and lost on the many fronts and the first Chinook salmon of the season was caught in the Rogue. More of the finny tribe are said to inhabit the stream and a wholehearted, united, determined and tireless effort to catch them will be made by piscatorial enthusiasts.

Peoria Bill Gates served ham & eggs at his store Sat. morn free. He also had his picture in the Oregonian last week. Discussing the fine points of food, Mr. Gates states there is no finer combination of vittles than ham & eggs, forgetting pork & beans.

One of the Older Girls discovered the first June pea emerging from the earth in her Victory garden. It turned out later to be a jimson weed. Then she flounced back to her spring housecleaning in high dudgeon.

Wed. was All Fooled day. Outside of the usual fooling around there was not much fooling, locally.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Stupid Censorship

What possible excuse can the navy censorship have for holding up the news of the destruction of the Langley for five weeks?

The news of the U. S. naval defeat off Java was held up for a week or ten days, which seemed bad enough.

But here is a delay from February 27th to April 3, and if radio reports can be believed, not until the news was released were the next of kin informed!

THIS action, far from withholding information from the enemy, merely repeated it. Tokio announced the destruction of the Langley when it occurred, also the sinking of a U. S. destroyer and a tanker.

When queried regarding this Tokio report the navy news source, declared Japan had claimed the destruction of the Langley ever since Pearl Harbor, and there was no more reason for believing this latest report, than any of the others,—or words to that effect.

As such false claims HAD been made by Tokio, this newspaper therefore, and no doubt all other newspapers, concluded, the Langley had NOT been sunk, neither had the Pecos nor the Peary,—it was all nothing more than more Nippon mouthwash.

But now it is obvious Tokio told the truth, while the U. S. naval publicity department suppressed it, and by implication at least, issued a report that was false.

Now no sane person objects to censorship in time of war. With popular opinion such a vital factor in modern strategy, rigid news control is imperative.

But the type of censorship adopted by the U. S. navy since Pearl Harbor everyone should object to, for it is stupid, futile, and instead of improving the morale of the country, does the exact reverse,—it continually impairs it.

WHAT is the net result of this belated naval announcement for example, as far as public opinion is concerned (leaving out entirely subjecting the next of kin to such needless and cruel mental strain and stress for over a month).

Why, it is to shake public confidence in ALL official naval reports! The Langley, Pecos and Peary were destroyed five or six weeks ago, and nothing said about it. Who knows what ships were sunk TWO OR THREE weeks ago, and may be sinking now? But no one will know it, until the powers that be in the censorship office, think the proper time has come to tell it.

THAT isn't censorship, it's SENSELESSNESS!

What a contrast in England, where the two greatest blows ever suffered by the British navy,—the destruction of the "Prince of Wales" and the "Repulse", and the escape of the German fleet through the channel,—were reported at once,—or at least as soon as the facts were properly checked and their truth established,—in 24 hours at the latest.

And what did the Britishers do, quail before the bad news and run for cover like a pack of rabbits?

They did what, thanks to Churchill and his intelligent and sane censorship policy, they have done ever since the war started,—came back harder than ever against the German held ports, increased the fury of their air attacks and (in all probability) worked harder than ever before to prepare for that mass attack on the German west flank. That sort of censorship does good. The sort of censorship adopted by the powers-that-be in Washington does harm and if persisted in the harm may well prove SERIOUS.

Why Britain Can't Fail

There are two reasons for believing an agreement regarding India will soon be reached.

(1) Sir Stafford Cripps, the British representative, knows India, and has a very enlightened and liberal view concerning it.

(2) The Churchill government can't afford to fail.

THE latter is undoubtedly the more potent factor.

Could the British government afford a break,—or even a political disagreement—with India AT THIS TIME, undoubtedly complete military control by Britain over the domain would be insisted upon.

For from the standpoint of military science or necessity, there is no justification for relinquishing control, or allowing the East Indians, a hand in war policy now, when unity of action and unity of command are so essential, for effective defense.

On the other hand, it is also true, it would be far better to relinquish such supreme control, than to suffer a deadlock in negotiations or a final disagreement.

UNDOUBTEDLY the East Indian leaders are well aware of this. And while they can't agree upon what is best for India, within—they can—and undoubtedly have,—agreed upon what is the best line to take with Sir Stafford Cripps.

And that is to insist upon Indian representation in the British war councils,—not when the war is over,—but NOW.

SO it is about a 90-to-one shot, this will be done, and ultimately a working Anglo-Indian agreement of some sort will be reached.

Were Mr. Cripps a typical British diplomat of the old school, or even a political conservative of the Churchill type, there would still be many potential slips between the cup of Anglo-Indian brotherhood and the conciliatory lip.

BUT needless to say Sir Stafford is not.

Before the war he was classified as a Communist, and while any actual affiliation with the party is now denied, there is no doubt he belongs to that

extremely radical group of "leftists" in England, who believe a turn toward a socialistic state, is not only inevitable, but desirable.

As a result Sir Stafford will quickly gain, if he has not already done so, the confidence of the most influential Indian leaders, who favor a turn to the left of all India, not to Russian communism, but to an extremely liberal form of democracy, federated along the liberal social and religious lines of the United States.

Therefore under such conditions one can hardly conceive of the final failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission, particularly as such failure would in all likelihood mean the end of British influence in India, as well as the Far East.

And in plain English that would mean the end of the British Empire!

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.

HELLO, CRIPPLE

A correspondent who is evidently seriously crippled and heading towards total disability requests me to tell him what vitamin he needs and to give him all the advice I can, as he has not much confidence in doctors (that is, in the ordinary doctors in his community and perhaps doctors in general).



—of course it does not apply to me, for here is the correspondence has unbounded confidence in me, and he supposes his trouble is arthritis, but besides that his teeth are in bad shape, he adds, and so on and on, notwithstanding the printed instructions to the effect that Dr. Brady will not diagnose or prescribe for individual cases. It would be futile to estimate the number of cripples or potential cripples in the country whose teeth are and for some unaccountable reason have been in the condition of the correspondent's teeth.

One thing the correspondent says fairly burns me up. It makes me hopping mad. I have a good notion to drop the whole thing and go directly to the bowling green, where a fellow can forget everything but beating the pants off the beggar who opposes him.

He says, dad blast it, that he has gathered much wisdom from my column in the many years he has been reading it.

If this correspondent has been reading this column for years, how in the name of health could he possibly have failed to comprehend what I teach about care of the teeth?

Perhaps he is one of those readers who nod or express their approval when I say or teach something that coincides with their preconceived ideas, but dismiss it as wrong or maybe my effort to be facetious when I teach something that does not agree with their superior view.

I told the truth when I explained that I could not form an opinion or offer sound advice on the basis of the data given in his letter. Still I believe and know that in many thousands of cases of potential or actual crippling by chronic disease the crippling begins in the mouth—the victims have for years neglected proper care of the teeth, just as this correspondent did. How do I know he neglected his teeth? All I know is what I read in the letters—he says his teeth are in bad shape, doesn't he? If he had given his teeth proper

care—his teeth would be working for him, keeping him fit now.

Why didn't the poor goof give his teeth proper care? Oh, for one reason or another—maybe he didn't know how essential proper mastication of food is for health, or maybe he was too stingy or narrow-minded to procure competent dental treatment when it was needed, or maybe he fooled around with quack dentists, bargain dental parlors, and finally gave up in disgust.

Instead of consulting a dentist of repute and sticking with him thru the years.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Gardening
I instruct classes in gardening. Can you give me any data on growing Hydrocotyle asiatica or rather on the medicinal virtues of the plant, if any.

Answer:—It is used in South Africa and India as a remedy for leprosy and syphilis. Small doses are stimulating, large doses narcotic, sometimes causing headache, stupor and vertigo and tendency to coma.

Sore Mouth
Two dental plates, always have sores at bottom of mouth, for six years now. Would acid condition from wrong food cause this?

Answer:—"Acid" from food never causes any such trouble. Poorly fitting plates more likely responsible. Many years of crippling of digestion by loss of function of teeth inevitably brings undermining of health and favors development of chronic degenerative disease. Half the starch in such indispensable foods as vegetables, cereals, fruits, nuts, and the sugars and sweets, bread, cakes, pastry, is normally digested by the ptyalin in the saliva, and this digestion continues for half an hour after the food has passed into the stomach. If mastication, proper chewing of food, is deficient or impossible, the victim is halfstarved. In no other respect is the childish ignorance of the American people or their credulity shown so deplorably as in neglect of the teeth—and I don't mean toothbrushing.

Deficiency of one of the entities of vitamin B complex (present in vegetables, fruits, whole or unrefined cereals), the entity called nicotinic acid, may account for outbreaks of aphthous ulcers ("canker sores"). In the mouth; hence a daily dose of 100 milligrams of nicotinic acid for three or four days often brings remarkable relief.

Cancer Worry
Is there such a thing as cancer back of the eyeball in a person with cataracts?

Answer:—Anything is possible, except a mouse's nest in the cat's ear. The development you worry about seems highly unlikely. Why not stop worrying and have your oculist make sure?

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Nice Treatment

To Impress Japs

Restaurant Help

Will Be Printed

Prison Inmates

To Do War Work

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 4—

It is the intention of President

Roosevelt to treat the alien

Japanese in the United States so

generously that it will set an

example to the Nipponese war

lords and the enemy will in turn

be nice to any Americans who

fall into their hands. Members

of the Japanese colony in the

national capital—the embassy—

are being detained by this

government at the most expensive

pleasure resort in the country.

where they are denied nothing

except freedom to leave the

establishment, and none of the

embassy care to leave, for Japan

never offered such service and

surroundings.

The president has ordered that

every consideration be extended

to the Japanese, aliens and native

born, in the target area of the

Pacific coast. He has directed

that the Federal Reserve

bank at San Francisco and its

branches in Portland, Seattle

and Boise extend to the Japanese

every facility to keep

those with property from being

robbed by greedy creditors or

suckers. Thousands have been

temporarily located in the interior

of California, but in Oregon,

Washington and Idaho (not much

difficulty with those in Idaho)

it is suggested that the Japanese

be pushed inland, taken into

Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas.

Suggestion is made that many

can be placed on farms.

Japanese who work are to be

well paid. Rumored here that

the compensation may be \$75 to

\$90 a month, depending on the

character of the labor, and this

does not please some people who

resent the idea of these alien

enemy suspects being paid three

or four times the \$21 a month

drawn by the American soldier.

Rumor has been neither cor-

roborated nor denied.

BEFORE long every restaur-

ant employee (chefs especially)

and every baker, from the

Greasy Spoon to the swanky

night club, will be fingerprinted.

There will be no exceptions.

Bureau of Federal Investigation

will handle the job. Everyone

who handles food, from the

kitchen to the customer, and

those in the bakeshops will be

registered with the inevitable

prints. So far as known, there

has been no food poisoning by

enemy aliens in this country

yet, but it is a practice in several

world spots where Amer-

ican ships are carrying war

supplies and hundreds of people

have been victims. Fingerprint-

ing is expected to furnish a lead

if anyone tries it here.

WAR department is compiling

a list of every physician,

dentist and veterinarian in the

northwest and before the end

of the year will have slapped

many into uniforms. Vets with

pet shops and pet hospitals

should begin considering dispos-

ing of their establishments, for

veterinarians are to be in great

demand; not all of the army

rolls on rubber—there is still

the cavalry with its horses.

Already there is reported a

scarcity of doctors as young

professional men have been

drained from the towns of the

three states. Admiral Ross Mc-

Intyre, who understands the sit-

uation in the northwest because

he was in practice there before

becoming White House physi-

cian, has undertaken to prevent

several small towns from hav-

ing the last physician taken into

the army. Now, however, the

communities will be combed

over once more.

In this registration war de-

partment hopes to obtain the

professional men from the 37 to

45 age class from local draft

board, but will try to pick out

older men, also, who are active

in practice. All told, the war

department plans on 16,000

additional physicians and 3,000

additional dentists this year, and

the navy is after 3,000 doctors

before next January. Navy will

take medics up to 50 years but

those near that age will not be

assigned to warships or cruisers;

they will be given shore duty

and hospital ships. Elderly physi-

cians grabbed by the army will

not be sent with expeditionary

forces, but kept in the United

States, releasing the younger

men for overseas campaigns, and

war department will not be too

particular about the physical condition of the older medics.

FROM McNeill's Island to Boise

and from Walla Walla to Salem

the inmates of the penal insti-

tutions are to be doing war work

as rapidly as a plan can be

evolved. It is a new idea, using

felons in defense of the country

but this world war is filled with

new ideas. First two points to

be determined are: what can the

prisoners produce that can aid

the war, and what states have

laws which forbid sending pris-

on-made goods into interstate

traffic. Where a state forbids

the goods made by a prison labor

from entering another state and

competing with goods made by