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Do the People Still Rule?

The situation in France is very interesting. At long last foxy old Pierre Laval has secured supreme control.

Laval, in theory at least, has the army, navy and police behind him, and no doubt his desire is to join all-out with Germany against England.

But will he? This department doubts it.

WE doubt it, because while Laval has all the FORCE on his side he hasn't public opinion,—he hasn't the French people.

And while the French people, relatively speaking, are unarmed and helpless, even a "Dictator" as resourceful and unscrupulous as Laval, can't carry out his purposes WITHOUT them.

This is a point often overlooked by observers of the contemporary scene.

Military dictators rule in practically every country in Europe today, the degree of dictatorship varying from the extreme forms in Germany and Russia, down to the purely expedient forms in England, Finland and Sweden.

But in ALL of them the strongest single force remains public opinion. In none of them can the most ruthless dictator function successfully AGAINST public opinion.

THIS is a cheering and significant fact. It is the evocation of one of those elemental forces, like gravity or ocean tides, which don't make a great deal of noise about it, but through any long period of time determine the ultimate results, and make mere man appear for what he is, when trying to oppose such forces,—a pretty impotent and rather pathetic molecule!

Hugh Johnson

How true it is. Time and tide wait for no man. Only two or three days ago the doctor told General Hugh Johnson not to write his daily newspaper column for he was a very sick man and should conserve his strength.

Characteristically the redoubtable old "Iron Pants" told the doctor to go to hell,—he WOULD write his column if it was the last thing he did!

Well, he wrote it. And it WAS the last thing he did. The General's funeral is being held today!

SO still in his late 50's, a very unusual and able citizen, "passes on to his reward."

There is a moral here for those who care to moralize.

Intemperance killed Hugh Johnson. Not alcoholic,—although the General did love his liquor,—but intemperance in thoughts, feelings, in everything he said, and felt and did. The human system for LONG can't stand the constant pressure of excess.

No half-way measures for Hugh. He was either FIVE-fourths FOR, or FIVE-fourths AGAINST, EVERYTHING.

AS a result his column was among the most colorful and readable of this newspaper-columnist age, and among the judicious, one of the least effective.

For General Hugh was never searching for the truth—a very slow and unspectacular proceeding,—but for RESULTS; and in getting them he never forgot that not only a straight line, but a smash in the nose, is the shortest distance between two points.

THE skipper of this department had a great fondness for the General, always read him, will genuinely miss his column.

But it was written in his stars that Hugh Johnson should die young,—young in years but FAR from young in LIVING.

The General would squirm at the idea, but a lady poet really wrote his epitaph, Edna St. Vincent Millay:

My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night;
But ah my foes, and oh my friends,—
It gives a lovely light!

Walter Lippmann

Speaking of columnists, the best thing we have seen on the fall of Bataan,—or on the war from a newspaper angle for that matter,—is the comment of Walter Lippmann, who (by the way) has always been the complete antithesis of Columnist Hugh Johnson, in temperament, style and spirit.

Yes with grace, subtlety and finesse, Lippmann never uses his bare fists, never loses his perfect intellectual poise. If he wishes to hurt an opponent he does it with the delicate thrust of a verbal stiletto, not a battle-axe.

As a result with the judicious, Walter is extremely effective, but it should not be forgotten that the newspaper reading public, as a whole, ISN'T.

Well anyway here it is, and it is our belief it represents a philosophy, that will live in this world long after the author of it has followed old "Iron Pants", through the inevitable and final "exit":

So they (the defenders of Bataan) fought knowing that they themselves had no hope. This is the very heart of courage, transcending all other acts of which men are capable, and the surest proof that man is more than his flesh, his blood, his bones and his appetites. On this proof as on a rock, that there is in all men a capacity to live and a willingness to die for things which they themselves can never hope to enjoy, there rests the whole of man's dignity and the title to all his rights. Were man not the kind of creature who can pursue more than his own happiness, he would never have imagined his freedom, much less have sought it.

For that reason men can never accept finally an order of things in which, as in all the devil's work, the nobility of man, his selfless courage, is used to destroy the grounds and origins of his courage. Whatever the fanatical courage men show in an evil cause, we need never doubt that its energy is limited. For the fanaticism of an evil cause cannot draw upon the whole nature of men, and it is doomed, therefore, as always in the past, to wither and rot away.

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.

COFFEE IN THE MODEL HEALTH DIET

Chief fault novices find with the model health diet is that it does not include coffee. And what is breakfast without coffee?

To that objection I reply that the diet is offered as a basic, fundamental or model diet on which to build or pattern your own diet to suit your particular requirements. The diet as outlined doesn't include specific mention of the extra ration of vitamins which most people, whether following the diet or not, need. This extra daily ration of vitamins is something for you to decide on, according to your individual requirements.

Regarding coffee, I don't mind telling you, just between ourselves, that I wouldn't deny myself a man-size cup or 1½ cups of good coffee for breakfast every morning just because some neurotic or fanatic imagines coffee is harmful. But I do not mention coffee in the model health diet because in some instances it may be advisable to omit it. Remember we are speaking of adults, not children, and adults who are not under medical care. Adults who are or should be under medical care are foolish to take coffee or to avoid coffee unless they are so instructed by the physician.

So then, sanctioning coffee, here is the breakfast menu of the model health diet, more nearly as I like it myself:

Calories
Glass of orange juice.....160
Two eggs (fried, boiled, poached or as you prefer).....166
Fresh fruit in season.....80
Glass of milk.....160
Milk size cup of coffee.....30
Milk size cup of cream (½ ounce).....30
.....Sacharin for sweetening.....300
Tablets supplying the day's ration of B complex and D

In reference to coffee in a health diet it may be well to emphasize two things, first, that the coffee must not be boiled, and second, that it must be taken as a beverage, a beneficial beverage, a good health beverage, a good nature beverage, and not as a sludge to wash down unmasticated or incompletely masticated morsels of food.

If you prefer coffee without cream or sugar, all right. If you use cream, count about 60 calories to the ounce or 30 calories to the half ounce (tablespoonful). If you use sugar, count about 30 calories per teaspoonful or cube. Of course clear coffee itself and saccharin have no caloric value, that is, yield no calories.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Static

What makes me give off electricity. I can walk toward any one in the room, stretch out my finger and actually give a shock when the finger touches the person—you can hear and see the spark sometimes. (Miss A. P. R.)

Answer—It is static, insignificant, harmless, due to unusual dryness and cleanness of the air and surfaces generally, including your skin.

Time To Reduce

About this time of year I suppose many women will fondly dwell on reducing. Well, sir, I am not fooling. I mean it. I am determined to get rid of 20 pounds before vacation time if it takes a leg. (Mrs. R. V.)

Answer—Save your legs, Ma'am, you may need 'em. Plan to lose the 20 in not less than three months, and then stick to the plan. Easy does it. If you try to get rid of it all in a hurry you are bound to make a failure of it and ruin your health and good looks and good nature in the bargain.

Home Made Iron Tonic

I send to the city for the iron and ammonium citrate scales to prepare the home made blood tonic. Sometimes the scales are garnet red. Sometimes brown. Which is better? (Mrs. E. C.)

Answer—Either is all right. Instructions for preparing and using the iron medicine given in booklet "Blood and Health"—for copy send 10 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

War Changing Northwest Area

Pasco To Get Two War Depots

Aerial Defense Will Come High

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 17.—

War is bringing great changes

in the northwest, especially the

area east of the Cascades in

Washington and Oregon. Most of

the new industries are being

spotted in Washington; for Ore-

gon there is to be an elaborate

air program, most of it scattered

east of the mountain range, but

with operations on the west side,

in Willamette valley. The new

industries are being located by

the Bonneville administrator,

who favors Washington state.

The industries must go where

they can obtain the cheap power

from Grand Coulee and Bonne-

ville.

For some time three chemical

companies have been studying

The Dalles, in the mid-Columbia

region, as a suitable location.

One has its headquarters at St.

Louis and another is in Chicago.

It apparently resolves itself into

whether there is sufficient avail-

able power at The Dalles to jus-

tify establishing one or more

chemical plants at that point, al-

though The Dalles is only about

50 miles from the great hydro-

electric project at Bonneville.

While these companies have not

yet made a decision, Paul J. Ra-

ver, the power administrator, has

announced that an electrochemical industry has been located in the northern part of central Washington, further particulars being a military secret.

THE quartermaster's depot, which Oregon people were hoping for, has been sent back of the mountains and will be at Pasco. A lend-lease depot will also be at Pasco. Definition of a lend-lease depot is lacking, but presumably it may be a warehouse to collect foodstuffs processed in the northwest for the British.

War department is considering doing something for Oregon and there is a rumor that a shell loading plant may be located at Hermiston, where the munitions dump for the northwest has recently been completed. This is a good 200 miles inland from the Pacific ocean.

Whatever hope that part of Oregon east of Pendleton may have had of a war industry has been knocked out by a decision of the Bonneville administrator not to extend transmission lines from Pendleton to LaGrande. Tons of copper wire which have been piled on the ground since last October will be taken elsewhere and lines built to attract industry to localities favored by the administrator and justify the transmission network which extends from Lewiston, Idaho, to Puget sound and from the sound south to Eugene. An unconfirmed rumor says that an Anaconda company wishes to operate a chemical plant at Anaconda, Mont., and that a transmission line is suggested from Grand Coulee across the Idaho panhandle to the site.

PLANS change so suddenly that what is correct today may be wrong tomorrow. Assurances were given that there would be an abundance of glass jars for

housewives to do their canning in June, July and August, with zinc tops for Mason jars and rubber rings. WPB had another thought, decided it could save 300 pounds of rubber by withholding the rings from housewives. The manufacturers of jars are now seeking a substitute which will seal a jar as effectively as a rubber band, but are handicapped by restrictions on plastics. WPB suggests oil-paper, but warns against the use of this on a long list of foodstuffs. Home canners may yet have to seal the jars with a cardboard disc with a paper cap, like a milk bottle. Jams and preserves will be sealed with a coat of paraffine.

THE man who is responsible for moving 30,000 government workers out of Washington, D. C., to make room for war workers is Fred A. Taylor of Portland. Taylor was selected from all the realtors in the country to find office space for a dozen or more bureaus and dwellings for the thousands of evacuees. He has located the ousted bureaus from New York to Kansas City; from Pittsburgh to Richmond; from Chicago to Baltimore. To date he has saved the government \$3,000,000 under the estimated cost of the shift and it may roll up to \$4,000,000; but Taylor is unpopular with the bureaus he has uprooted.

FOR three days last week a board of army engineers discussed plans for aerial defense in Oregon and Washington, but mostly for the Oregon area. The program will cost a king's ransom and, according to such information as is available, work on the projects will be launched within a few months and be completed by next spring. Contracts will be on the cost-plus fixed-fee basis with the "prevailing wage" established by the department of labor.

THE raiding U. S. bombers destroyed three Jap transports at Cebu and hit others, hit two transports and probably sank one at Davao, shot down three Jap planes and damaged several others on the ground, destroyed hangars and damaged runways at Nichols field at Manila and did considerable damage to docks.

MANILA is 2,000 miles and back (a round trip of 4,000 miles) from Darwin and Davao (on the island of Mindanao) is 1,400 miles and back. American flying fortresses are capable of making the entire 4,000-mile