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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Paris reports say Pierre Laval, the Nazi stooge in charge of collaboration, is "thoroughly disliked" in France.

It is proposed the War Production Board seize all auto bumpers—front and rear—for defense material needs, presumably, before they get knocked off.

Commentators warn the people not to become too exultant over the aerial blitzing of Japan cities and "keep their emotions harnessed." They must not get gay and kick over the traces.

It would be something if Rome, Berlin and Tokyo reporting air raids by United Nations' planes would say a power plant and munitions factory were hit, instead of always a hospital or school, or both.

"A middle-aged man, showing signs of having had just a trifle too much to drink was standing in the middle of the moon."—(Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald.) Demon Rum at work.

A Nebraska justice of the peace don't know what sentence to mete an irate husband, who aghast at the sight of his mate's new hat, yanked it from her head and jumped on it, at a church social. There are extenuating circumstances, but nevertheless, \$11 punishment would be made him buy his wife a new hat, and then wear it.

ADMISSIBLE CANDOR (Resort Booklet) "The cottages and cabins, of five to seven rooms, are light and airy, furnished completely except for linens and silverware, comfortable beds, good cook stoves, running water, screened verandas."

War is war. Jackson and Josephine county squirrels have hibernated and a number of coast and Willamette valley counties are confronted with the grim, but vital necessity of having a PUD election.

A citizen reports on a trip south, he was served a piece of ham, cut almost thick enough to see with the naked eye.

The nation is still fooling around with the Vichy regime, now reported to have turned over ships in Indo-China to Japan. There is no use patiently waiting for the friendly snail in the back, that is coming.

NATURE APPROVED (Pendleton East Oregonian) "People are deeply interested in themselves and in their own fortunes. That is the way Mother Nature made us and it is a good arrangement. If human beings were not interested in themselves and in their own progress man would never have created the civilization that exists."

Interest in the primary campaign continues less than nil. Some candidate should pull a submarine out of the plug hat of his imagination and report it skulking off the Tillamook county shore.

Farmers are planting their corn. Crows are after the kernels with more rapacity than robins after strawberries, when and if.

"Fashion Expert Tells Women Not to Give Wardrobe Entirely."—(Hillside Philadelphia Bulletin.) Besides, it's chilly weather for it.

This War Is No Track Meet!

John T. Whitaker, well-known war correspondent, has returned to this country after ten years' absence, and deplores the "optimism and comfortable complacency of the American people."

He agrees with that other equally caustic commentator, who recently feared the American people had come to regard the war as nothing but a glorified WPA project.

Concludes Mr. Whitaker, who incidentally has the high honor of having been kicked out of Italy by Signor Mussolini himself:

"It is time we showed our enemies they were wrong, dead wrong, in thinking us incapable of unity and sacrifice, a lesser breed of men than our forefathers. For in this most titanic war of all wars, we or they must survive, and the sands are running out."

READERS of this column (don't crowd, please!) will not be surprised at our endorsement of these sentiments, for they represent a theme which has been stressed,—perhaps to the point of boredom—ever since the start of the conflict.

And the most frequent rejoinder has been (we quote):

"The people aren't to blame. It's their leadership and the censorship."

Well we can't entirely deny that. In fact, two items in this morning's report, caught the editorial eye, which made Mr. Whitaker's comment so pat:

No. 1: President Roosevelt again in one of his facetious moods told his press conference that when, at a recent White House dinner a "sweet young thing" asked him where the U. S. bombers that attacked Japan recently came from, told her they came from a new secret base in Shangri La, a fictional Utopia in Tibet. (Laughter!)

THAT'S no crime, of course. But taken with the recent Presidential suggestion that a contest be staged to name this war, what can one expect the general reaction to be?—that the war is an extremely serious and tragic matter requiring the utmost from all, or just a grand spectacle,—another sort of epic sporting event?

THE second count concerns our own Associated Press and its star war expert, Mr. Kirke L. Simpson, who sends out some sound and exciting stuff, but in our judgment heads the list when it comes to wishful thinking and overconfidence,—two elements that stimulate the growth of the "comfortable complacency" Mr. Whitaker regrets, as B-1 complex stimulates the growth of spinach.

Listen to this, for example, dated Washington, April 21st:

"There is much evidence that American bombing over Japan... signals another vital war corner turned in allied favor. * * * Circumstances tend to back that prediction up. * * * Behind that lies the firm belief in London and Washington that should Hitler's attack in Russia again bog down this year * * * it would certainly reduce the Axis war effort to a defensive struggle of which the duration would be beyond calculation, but the result certain. * * * The (Russian) advance toward Smolensk from the northeast was last reported 18 miles away * * * should it fall, the whole Nazi center would crack. A greater disaster than Napoleon's could result for the Germans."

A greater disaster than NAPOLEON'S? From a military standpoint, where does history RECORD a greater disaster than Napoleon's Moscow retreat?

This is not to say the extremely favorable prediction by Mr. Simpson MAY not be realized,—everyone hopes it will be of course,—but it IS to say that viewed objectively and realistically there is no reason whatever to believe there WILL be any such outcome; and for an established military authority to indulge in such sanguine expectations, does create an unfortunate and entirely false impression in the public mind.

It DOES tend to create in the United States that sense of false security Mr. Whitaker deplors and which can't fail but impair the popular demand, for an immediate, 120%, ALL-OUT war effort!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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they acted like they had just seized possession of a hot new ship.

Those two planes may be secrets to them, but they are not new. They have been in service a long time. Perhaps the Japs just did not know they had such range.

Anyway, they first announced the planes came from carriers, then from the Aleutians, next from the Philippines. The only thing they were clear about was that they came from the skies.

Three days later they did not appear to know whether the planes were navy or army.

Part of this ethereal fulminating may have been put on to smoke us out, but it was too ill-fired serious to be anything except a confession of a break in morale—which, of course, was the purpose of the bombing.

MR. ROOSEVELT is displaying a new interest in semantics. First he wanted a new descriptive phrase for the war, then he wanted another word for inflation.

It is safe to say the search for an adequate adjective for the war did not work out altogether sensationally. "The survival war" does not dramatize the whole case, nor does any of the others offered.

Phonetically as good as any

was one coined by Mort J. Donoghue, a California publicity expert, to whom it seemed to be "war for world freedom" but that may not fully dramatize Russia's interest in it or China. It is just too far-flung for adequate pin-pointed description.

But the news that FDR is searching for a substitute for the word inflation, just before sending a message to congress to stop it, has aroused more than lexicographic interest. The idea suggests FDR has found and is preparing the way for an entirely new conception of what we have and what should be done about it.

Common speech and common thought is along the line that rising prices and economic factors mean inflation and that it should be met by stopping those economic factors arbitrarily. If the president wants to call it something new, he must want to do something new about it.

LEON HENDERSON'S organization is known to have prepared an order to freeze prices at the highest levels between February 25 and March 25. This period was selected to nip a few smart fellows who started increasing their prices after March 25 to beat the game. Both wholesale and retail prices would be affected simultaneously.

His legal division is supposed to have decided it has the power to go that far, but does not possess the legal mechanics for handling interest rates, wages, hourly rates of pay, without legislation, and its farm price power is on a flimsy basis.

The only thing certain is that efforts to anticipate the president's message are apt to be wrong.

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.

A reader says he clips many of the articles in this column for reference, finds some of them helpful, but he fears my anti-rabies campaign may prove disastrous. He has positively seen one death from the effects of bites by a mad dog. A girl tried to defend her younger sister from attack by a vicious dog, was bitten on hands, legs and body. Three weeks later she became violently ill in school, was taken home, had one fit after another and died. The reader says he believes I should arrive at a conclusion in line with that of my medical colleagues who believe in rabies. (L. G.)

I'm sorry I can't. For many years I have studied all the evidence I could find and today, if I were bitten by a dog or wounded or scratched by an animal one or more good physicians believed suffering with rabies, I would not willingly take Pasteur treatment. I'd have less fear of the consequences of going without Pasteur treatment than I have of Pasteur virus itself or the material so-called.

From the reader's description of the case which he evidently believes was human rabies, I wonder whether the girl died of tetanus (lockjaw).

Tetanus bacilli (germs of lockjaw) are natural inhabitants of the intestinal tract of horses, cattle and other animals, and according to scientific investigation are present in the intestinal tract in about one person in every four.

Owing to the habits of dogs it is more than likely that the mouth of a dog is contaminated by tetanus bacilli.

Therefore any wound by a dog or for that matter any bite or scratch by any bird or animal that may possibly be contaminated by soil, soil polluted by animal droppings, should be regarded as a portal of entry for tetanus bacilli, and in every such case the immediate careful disinfection of the wound by a physician not the vicious cauterization so sternly ordered by old time health officers) but a prophylactic injection of anti-tetanus serum five days to a week later.

THE RABIES QUESTION Here is the only answer I can conscientiously give to any inquiry as to what should be done in case of a bite, scratch or wound by a dog or other animal: Have the wound treated by your physician at once, and then do as your physician advises. You may write, telephone or telegraph—I will tell you nothing else in any circumstance.

The specific organism of rabies has never been discovered. The descriptions of human rabies in textbooks and medical literature strongly suggest that the disease so-called is actually tetanus (lockjaw). I do not pretend to know it is tetanus. This is merely my belief.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Postcards Unanswered There are always a few correspondents who ignore the rules and then complain bitterly that Dr. Brady does not answer. I have for some reason postcards have mounted in number. Dr. Brady gladly gives his time and knowledge, but he expects the correspondent to pay the postage. Please enclose with your query a stamped envelope bearing your address. Otherwise Dr. Brady assumes you do not want a reply by mail.

Minimum and Optimal The estimate of the daily requirement of vitamin C in your article was 500 units, but all of the examples you gave read 1500 units. Is that a misprint? F. A. P.

Answer—500 units of vitamin C is the minimum daily requirement to prevent manifestations of scurvy. The optimal daily ration—enough to keep one in better-than-average nutritional condition and functional efficiency is three or four times the minimum requirement, for all of the vitamins. For instance a quarter of a glassful of orange juice or fresh or factory canned tomato juice contains 600 units of vitamin C, but a glassful daily is something like the ration everybody should have for maintaining life.

Hemorrhoids Please send me leaflet on hemorrhoids. (A. M.)

Answer—Gladly, if you will accompany your request with stamped envelope bearing your address. No objection to postcards, you see, but who will pay the freight?

Pulmonary Blood Pressure Is there any practical method by which the blood pressure in the human pulmonary circulation can be measured? (H. H.)

Answer—I know of none. Pressure in pulmonary artery is normally only 15 to 20 mm. mercury. Pressure in pulmonary veins is normally negative—zero or less.

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inum or newspaper, and suggests WPB make a decision. Most newspaper in the United States comes from Canada and diversion of power to aluminum would have an effect on the newspapers of America. Half a year has been lost in arranging for more aluminum.

FOUR chemical companies wished to locate in the Grand Coulee-Bonneville area. There was talk of their being placed at Pasco, Wenatchee, Spokane. For a time it looked as though one plant would be established at some Puget sound city. Then WPB ordered one of the plants to Alabama, in TVA country, where it was to manufacture phosphates for cotton planters. This boost for TVA was frustrated because TVA has no power, but neither this nor any of the other chemical plants was ordered to the Columbia river. As the companies interested expected the government to put up the money, they naturally would go where WPB proposed.

Thus far no chemical industry has been launched within reach of the transmission lines of Coulee or Bonneville.

WHEN the late J. D. Ross took over Bonneville one of the customers he announced for cheap power was a stainless steel company of Baltimore, but nothing happened until recently. This is a large concern which can finance itself. It has bought quantities of chrome in Grant county, Oregon, has other deposits in southwestern Oregon and northern California. Chemists of the company have developed a formula whereby a lower grade chrome can be used than the 40 per cent standard. (Without chrome no armor would be available for tanks or battle-ships).

Agents of the stainless steel company browsed the northwest carefully. Having inspected Washington, they looked at Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles, in Oregon. The company wanted water transportation, rail, power and access to

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Warplanes Strike Japan

The Japanese command announced that hostile warplanes bombed Tokyo (1), Yokohama (2), Nagoya (3) and Kobe (4) and caused air raid alarms to run through three of the four main islands of Japan. Observers in Tokyo said the raiders bore the insignia of the United States Air Force.



its chrome deposits. Stainless steel was ready to announce its advent in the northwest when the president of the company, then on the coast, was advised to return immediately to Washington, and whether WPB will sanction use of Columbia river power remains to be seen.

SO many industries on the verge of moving to the Pacific northwest have been diverted or discouraged (diverted generally to TVA) that there is a growing suspicion that there may be dirty work at the crossroads; that there is some individual within the framework of WPB who has been influencing the war board to the detriment of Washington and Oregon. There is an employee of TVA who is an advisor, but in the letter to Donald Nelson no names are mentioned.

WITH the way Japanese are looking at India; WPB is ordering phonograph record production hewn to a fraction. From India comes shellac, and there is prospective deficiency of this material. Shellac is required in quantities on ships and some of the planes; for furniture, etc. Phonograph records can not last without shellac nor can electrical transcriptions, such as politicians send to radio stations to broadcast during a campaign. Juke boxes, already hard hit, will be unable to provide fresh platters and some of the crooners will lose royalty revenue.

FIRST FOREST FIRE Bend, April 22.—(P)—Central Oregon's first forest fire of the year raced over cutover land near here yesterday. Foresters said the fire was moving rapidly toward the Deschutes river and feared it would jump the water to grazing lands, as a fire did several years ago.

THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY April 22, 1912 (It was Sunday) President Harding "no friend of the Klu Klux Klan", local woman is assured in letter from president's secretary.

Three peace officers shot in Los Angeles suburb when they attempt to stop raid by masked men on Ingleside home.

French premier, for third time, threatens to quit Geneva conference; treaty with Germany is enforced.

Fair weather. High 68, low 32 degrees. Light or heavy frost predicted.

Auto of Jud Edsall, mail carrier, burns up on desert near Eagle Point.

Ashland offers free fuel and shower bath at auto camp.

HEALTH WORKERS LEAVE FOR MEET The Jackson County Public Health association will be well represented in Portland at the annual meeting of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, Thursday and Friday. Leaving this morning for the northern city were Mrs. J. C. S. Wells, association president, and the following delegates: Mrs. T. J. Richey, of Trail; Mrs. Clara Cleveland, Butte Falls; Mrs. A. Meunier, Gold Hill and Mrs. Glen Spurlin, Sams Valley.

Representing the Jackson county public health department are Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health officer, Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, supervisor of nurses, Miss Helen Parrish and Miss Cleo Williams, public health nurses.

Mrs. Wells will appear on the program, giving a report of the past year's accomplishments by the health association in Jackson county.

FLIGHT O' TIME Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY April 22, 1932 (It was Friday) County candidate in armory talk asks audience, "Why shouldn't we all be millionaires?", and is cheered two minutes.

"William Perry is tearing down the barn on his place"—(Eagle Point News).

Japan issues blunt caution to Russia and League of Nations to keep off Manchuria situation.

Booze runner and cargo seized here.

Rum and prosperity to be campaign issues.

Predicted heavy frost averted by clouds. High 52, low 37 degrees.

Ashland school district reduces number of teachers and their pay.

Elks to entertain members running for county office with a salmon feed.

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Acid Indigestion

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BE SURE AND HEAR HIM. (Paid adv. by the Dover for Congress Club).

Floyd K. Dover will speak Thursday eve at 8:00 p. m. at Townsend hall, 123 1/2 W. Main in Medford. This man has some very important statements of vital interest to ALL voters of this 4th congressional district.

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