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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Nipponese fleet came out the little end of the horn, in naval battles fought six weeks and a month ago in the South Pacific, and are good tidings to this land. War is war, and the people should not expect news of the results faster than returns from the solid south in a presidential election.

A week from today is Father's Day, and one of the two longest days in the year. They all seem the longest to him, some Dads say.

Edward (Dublette) Watson is back from a trip to the metropolis, where he saw Lana Turner the movie queen, but was not kissed by her for buying a war bond.

Farmer's report fishermen are leaving their gates open. They say if this don't stop they will call on the malfeasors and leave their front doors open.

Royal Brown of E. Pt. towed Wed and took a much needed rest for his brothers, Bill and Frank.

Lyle Fisher, 82, reports he sailed forth Fri. and took three miles of ozone on the hoof.

Oakdale ave. has been repaired, enabling tires to get a better bite on it.

G. Neilson, the DA, got a letter from his youngest boy in Australia last week. He states he went to town and spent a pound and two shillings suspense, blame!

An American tried to sabotage one of the Mikado's cruisers at Singapore, Tokyo reports. There is no evidence H. Flewheer, the demon baker, got after it with his trusty screwdriver.

The Older Girls are hard at it making strawberry jam, to beat the Axis next winter.

J. Edgar Bluejay, head of the Bird FBI, reports not a robin has been caught this season fighting his own reflection in a parlor window. H. states this is a good reflection on the sanity of the combatant.

Frank DeSouza, the pm, addressed the Elks Thurs. eve. He talked square from shoulder and mouth, after an early scare over the proximity of a microphone.

E. Ulrich of Prospect came down the forepart of the week and unloaded some of his fanciest steers on a buyer.

Kids are still playing war, and capturing Hitler, every time they storm the ramparts. This is more fun than rounding up the mean Indian who tried to shove Gene Autry off the precipice, in the movies. Gen. Don Wilkinson, B. was nipped on an ankle by a dog he ordered to pretend he was Mussolini.

The Grover Cleveland Corum twins can now say 100 words, which is a good start on a vocabulary. This does not include words nobody, not even themselves, can translate.

Andrew Jackson Simpson, of the Griffin Crk hills, reports his goose has acted like one, and disappeared.

J. Wesley Bates, the tonsorialist, predicts there will be no summer. It will not be long until he will be frying in his own weather prediction.

Is the Navy Telling the Truth?

During the battle of the Coral Sea, Tokyo again claimed the sinking of the "U.S.S. Lexington." This was denied by the U. S. navy department. On June 10th Tokyo claimed Japan occupied certain islands in the Aleutian group. The denial of a U. S. navy spokesman at Washington, D. C., the same day was as follows:

"None of our inhabited areas, islands or rocks are troubled with uninvited visitors up to this time."

IT now develops that in BOTH instances Japan was RIGHT,—the 33,000 ton airplane carrier Lexington WAS lost in the battle of the Coral Sea, and the Japanese ARE now in possession of certain "inhabited areas, islands or rocks" in the Aleutians.

Both facts indeed are officially confirmed by the navy department.

SO what?

Merely this:—a confirmation of what has been frequently stated in this department, namely: that none of the world war combatants, including ourselves, are telling "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth"; all are treating war reports as a legitimate part of war strategy.

The degree of mendacity varies.

We still see no reason to revise our former appraisal, that in general credibility, the allied nations, with the exception of Russia, are far superior to the axis powers, but in the direction of strict veracity they all are guilty.

AS was stated in this column from Washington only a few days ago there are, from a news angle, two wars going on in the national capital. One in secret and behind the scenes known only to a few of the higher-ups: the other sent to the press for general publication.

There is no doubt,—or practically none,—that when the navy categorically denied the sinking of the Lexington, the fact of its sinking was known. And when the Japanese claimed occupation of islands in the Aleutians, that fact was either known, or as far as the department was concerned was in doubt.

But in both instances the "High Command" decided the national welfare would be best served by withholding the facts, not admitting them.

WHAT is the result?

First and foremost a loss of public confidence in ALL official war reports. How can the people have much confidence in such reports, when the government itself repeatedly admits either falsification or suppression of the facts?

It just can't be done.

And as long as publicity is regarded, not as a question of giving the people the truth, but only such portions of the truth as may at any given time be considered expedient or beneficial, it WON'T be done.

OR to express the same idea in another way. As World War No. 2 is being conducted, not only by this country, but all other countries,—far more by axis countries,—the people aren't being told the truth about the progress of that war from day to day, and according to military and naval experts can't be, if the best results at the front and behind it are to be obtained.

This fact indeed has come to be an axiom of modern military and naval strategy, the acceptance of which varies only in degree not in principle.

And we have come to the conclusion that only in the direction of DEGREE, is the soundness of the principle questionable.

If Not, Why Not?

Yes, only in degree is there any reasonable doubt, as we see it, regarding the necessity of manipulating, if not actually coloring, the official war reports.

Take this case of the "Lexington", for example.

What did the United States navy gain by denying the sinking of the ship when the Japanese claimed it?

THE navy gained time,—valuable time,—for it now develops the Japanese High Command at the time only knew the carrier had been badly damaged, were not sure of the final result. (In fact U. S. fire not Jap fire executed the "coup de grace".)

Had its complete loss with fighting planes been known, at once, by an official U. S. navy admission, the final result of the Coral Sea naval battle might have been entirely changed, the tactics of Admiral Yamamoto CERTAINLY would, and as a result he might have won, not lost the fight.

FOR with air power such a vital factor in modern naval warfare, that Lexington loss was a serious one,—just how serious must be left to the naval experts in possession of all the facts,—but sufficiently serious certainly to entirely justify from the standpoint of "military necessity" alone, the denial of the fact.

TO withhold the fact, however, for six weeks, is another kettle of fish. Just as is the denial of Japanese occupation in the Aleutians one day and its admission 48 hours later,—far better in this instance to have said nothing until the facts could have been known.

And so one might go on to the Axis technique, which is not only to withhold bad news, but to repeatedly manufacture good. This method nine times out of ten doesn't deceive the enemy, but does deceive

the people at home, and thus sows the seeds of a serious collapse in morale later on.

THAT, in fact, is the great danger in this censorship business as we see it. Not culling the desirable news from the undesirable, the expedient from the inexpedient; but in pursuing a persistent policy of misrepresentation, of stressing only good news, and thus lulling the rank and file into a sense of false security, so when the acid test comes, the national fibre thus weakened, can not hold.

WE grant this danger is far more acute in the Axis camp than in that of the allies; but as we see it, it is also far more acute in this country than in England.

And the reason is plain: Winston Churchill has leaned over backward in his determination to give the nation a true picture, prepare his people for tough going ahead; our own "High Command"—and we believe the official record since December 7th will support this statement,—has varied between standing stiffly upright and leaning the OTHER way,—giving the people the news in sugar-coated and deceptive doses, thus failing to properly prepare them for the stern realities that must be faced some day and be overcome.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

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Dr. Brady

Aw, pshaw, let's forget about those legendary buckwheat pancakes great-grandmother probably never did make when grandpa was a strapping boy. You know how it is, I had told the story so many times that I had come to believe it was so. Why, sometimes in a reverie I imagine I could remember how good the spongy, sourish yeast raised delicacies tasted on a fine spring morning all slicked over with butter and Pennsylvania crude—I mean genuine maple syrup just brought to town by the farmer from Milan. It was in such a whimsey that the conductor of this column, normally rather unbalanced, as you know, indulged in some nostalgic recollections concerning the buckwheat flour still turned out by Birkett's Mills in Penn Yan, N. Y.—I'll take all bets there, is such a place—I ought to know, for I practiced there when I was young and in my prime—and maple syrup.

It seems there are a lot of people who have similar spells. What's more to the point, there are evidences plenty of grandmas, ma's and aunts left who not only remember how to make buckwheat pancakes but do. Or so they say. I wouldn't know. Scores of them told me so, but none of them invited me to come on over for breakfast and see. I held off, hoping against hope, until all the votes were in and counted. I'll have to take their word for it. Too late now—a bid to breakfast now would be too embarrassing to consider.

Most of these correspondents who assure me making old-fashioned yeast-raised buckwheat pancakes is not a lost art give their recipes, and no two recipes coincide. I'm not at all skeptical about it, but, as I say, let's just forget it and deal with realities, shall we?

Another odd thing—some of these good people calmly ignore what I said about Pennsylvania maple syrup and speak of Michigan, New York, even Vermont maple syrup as though it were the kind mother used to serve with buckwheat cakes. Even a few Canadians got in good luck for their maple syrup. Wouldn't be astonished to receive testimonials for the genuine maple syrup grown in Phoenix, Arizona, or Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Some of the recipes sent in call for dashes of corn meal and the like. Well, that is going too far. Have it your own way. As for me I'm forgetting the whole thing from now on. I guess I have always dreamed too much anyway.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Phlebotomy Cyst

Army examiner found I have a polypitis (or some such) cyst over the tail bone. He said I was probably born with it. This is the first I knew of it. He asked if it ever drained and I said it never had. I'm in perfect health. Family physician recommends removing it. Wife fears it might be like dormant appendix trouble and break out some time when I am unable to have the best treatment. (P. W. M.)

Answer—Phlebotomy means ridges or nodules of hair—growing under the skin. Such a cyst is sometimes the beginning of a tumor. It has no resemblance to a dormant appendix trouble. It is comparatively insignificant, similar to ordinary warts in character, calls for no treatment unless it begins to give trouble, when it should be removed.

Hard Enough

Last year population found my liver had hardened some, from excessive drinking. I have abstained since

THE DREAM IS OVER

then, but meanwhile my old physician passed away. My present physician says it is nothing to worry about, that with care as to diet, proper medicine and continued abstaining the liver will soften up and be restored to normal function. (M. C. T.)

Answer—Sounds sound enough. I know of no better course for you to follow. I presume your diet includes adequate daily rations of the essential vitamins.

Dispute in our community as to best kind of milk to use for health. What are the chances of getting Malta fever from raw milk? (J. G.)

Answer—Only raw milk I can recommend for anybody and everybody is Certified Milk or Grade A Raw Milk from tuberculin tested, Bang tested herd. It is not known whether Malta fever (undulant fever) is communicated thru drinking milk from infected cattle or goats, but it is advisable to guard against that possibility by either sending all non-descript raw milk (bringing to a boil for one minute only) or pasteurizing it (heating to 145 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes). Either heating process destroys any disease germs there may be present in milk. Malta (undulant) fever seems more likely to be contracted by handling hides and by butchering—that is, contact infection. (Copyright 1942, John P. Dille Co.)

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Bone Power Bill Involves Funding

Hearing Reveals Bureau Rivalry

Spokane Vote Not Influenced

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 13—In the proposal to issue revenue bonds for the acquisition of private utilities in Oregon and Washington, under the bill of Senator Bone, the secretary of the treasury and the reconstruction finance corporation are authorized to purchase these bonds. The treasury can take borrowed money (such as funds received from sale of current war bonds) and divert it to the acquisition of these revenue bonds, to be issued by the Columbia Power Authority. What the treasury thinks of this plan will be revealed when that department makes its report on the Bone bill. The treasury was consulted but did not commit itself when the measure was being drafted.

Senator Bone has explained that action on the part of the treasury is not compulsory; the treasurer is permitted to take borrowed funds and invest them in these revenue bonds if he wants to. This is one phase of the CPA measure brought out in a congressional hearing which has been in progress since last week. There is nothing to

prevent Secretary Henry Morgenthau taking several hundred million dollars which the people have furnished for war bonds and shifting the money from meeting expenses of the war to buy up the private utility companies.

The joint hearings, although affecting the greatest power area in the United States, have been practically ignored by the press in the national capital.

According to Senator Bone, Washington state is overwhelming in its sentiment for public ownership of power and in 30 of 39 counties there are PUD setups. These PUDs want the Bone bill so that CPA can buy the private companies and sell segments to them. It is because of the state-wide yearning for public power, Rep. Martin F. Smith informed the committee, that Washington has received so much of the Bonneville power and Oregon has received so little, and he added that the acquiring of the private utility companies "is the heart and soul" of the CPA measure.

THERE is rivalry between the department of the interior and the federal power commission and this has crept out in the hearings. The FPC made the allocation of power facilities at Bonneville; so much for power, so much for navigation. There must be an allocation made at Grand Coulee, but the Bone bill ignores FPC (bill was written by interior department lawyers) and has the secretary of the interior, with the reclamation bureau, make the allocation. Reclamation bureau is a division of the interior department. The FPC is the official authority on power, power rates, etc., of the government. Power at Grand Coulee, testified Bone, will be so cheap that another mill or two can be added for the reclamation program and the power will still be cheap.

POWER rates in the northwest have been reduced since the government moved into the picture, it was asserted. However, declared a member of the joint committee, when the federal government becomes the power octopus of that region and is in absolute control the government, not having a private company to compete with, may be no rate reductions by the federal agency.

Inquired a committeeman, why is it necessary to acquire the private companies and dismember them and peddle them to the PUDs when CPA can sell Bonneville-Grand Coulee power to the private companies and permit them to distribute it, reflecting, of course, the lower rates? Senator Bone replied CPA could make such a contract, but they might not.

REPRESENTATIVE Dondero, who says he is "fundamentally and eternally against the wiping out of private enterprise," wants to know why, in Spokane last year on a question of public ownership, the vote was 26,000 to 17,000 against public power and in favor of private power. Representative Smith explained the result was because "we were all back here in congress and there was nobody home to carry on the fight." Observed Dondero, "You mean that the people expressed their choice without being influenced by you?" No reference was made to the thousands of appeals to Spokane voters sent out from Washington under congressional frank nor to the work of the Bonneville administration. Senator Bone said Washington Water Power Co. spent \$100,000 for advertising to defeat the public power proposal, and Smith said there was nobody out there to present the issue fairly.

IT is a bit premature, but legislation is being drafted for the post-war period with respect to speed on the highways. In the interest of conserving rubber or ersatz tires and gasoline, the intention is to make a blanket law limiting speed to 40 miles an hour. This federal law would supersede speed limits of the individual states.

See that all spices are kept tightly covered and stored away from light and heat.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

the blows. These carriers are the most vulnerable ships of the fleet. A bomb-hit nearly anywhere on deck destroys the usefulness of the ship for plane take-offs or landings.

Thus discovered, the Japs had to launch their air attack on Midway sooner than they had planned. They had to rush their bombers into the air. But our anti-aircraft guns kept them so high and our planes pummeled them so severely over Midway that the Jap bombers entirely missed the Midway airfield in their attack.

This was an astonishing break for us. You could hardly figure that they would all miss their primary and most important objective. This allowed us to use the field throughout the subsequent action.

OUR light and heavy bombers there pounded everything the Japs had afloat in that part of the world for three days thereafter. Furthermore, we were able to send bombers from Hawaii to refuel at Midway and take off from there. In addition, we had the use of some heavy sea-planes, and bombers from our own carriers in the vicinity.

With this heavy concentration of land-based planes of the army, navy and marines, and supplemental naval bombers, we literally blew the Jap attack out of the water.

The announced early figures of the damage were on the conservative side for two reasons. The announcing was done by careful naval Admiral Nimitz because he outranks the army and marine officers in that area.

Also there can always be doubts about ship sinkings from the air. Attacking planes cannot hang around a few hours to await results of their attacks, and there may be duplication when a second air-attack force comes up on the crippled ship.

Certainly two of those four carriers sunk or damaged were not old 1921 and 1925 types (announced sunk), but were of the largest and best 26,900 tonners. Four of the cruisers the Japs had there were new and the transports were converted new fast passenger liners.

They had in action four battleships out of their known strength of 12; four or five carriers out of their known strength of 12 or 13, although the number of cruisers was somewhat under this one-third ratio.

INVASION of Australia, India, or anywhere else, thereby was rendered more difficult, chiefly because the Jap form of sea-blitz relies on aircraft carriers for its main striking power.

The Dutch Harbor and Aleutian Islands attack was only a clever Jap diversionary trick, staged before Midway with a view of drawing our air patrol and sea power northward and out of the way of the main at-

ACK on Midway. The Japs could, however, capture a few Aleutians any time.

There are 500 islands in the group, mostly uninhabited rocks. The end of the string is closer to the Jap islands south of Kamchatka than to our bases in Alaska. If the Japs occupied any of those, as they claimed, they could be used only for weather stations for sub activity. Almost continuous fog will prevent their use for plane bases.

But if they had captured Midway, they would have been a leg up on invasion of Hawaii, would have installed a sub and plane base with which to intercept any American naval force going west.

As matters stand now, they are not likely to come back to Midway anytime soon.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

June 14, 1932

(It was Tuesday)

GOP. convention keynote lauds Hoover, but is silent on Prohibition question.

House postpones vote on soldier's bonus until Wednesday.

Grand jury foreman asks correction of sensational charges in local paper, accusing jurymen of violating oaths.

Unsettled and probable showers. High 90, low 55 degrees.

Statewide plan for job relief proposed.

Traveling girls' baseball team to play here.

Independent candidates talked in fall county election.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 14, 1912

(It was Wednesday)

Ground broken for new county fairgrounds and buildings.

Red triumvirate composed of J. V. Stalin, Leo Kamenoff and A. I. Ryooff named to take place of Premier Lenin in Russia.

Cannery prices for Bartlett's fixed at \$75 per ton.

Prize winners announced for Greater Medford club rose show.

Fair and clear. High 80, low 44 degrees.

Home of W. F. Biddle on Geneva street robbed; loss is placed at \$1000.

Did John L. Sullivan Fight With Stomach Ulcer Pains?

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