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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Political operations of Santa Claus in the war effort are coming to light. It seems he needs a "ceiling," with his whiskers frozen for the duration.

Pictures of the 14 men and women arrested by the FBI as spies are not flattering. Individually and collectively, they appear to be nothing for a self-respecting rattlesnake to meet up a dark alley on a windy night.

"NAZI HORDES PUT RUSSIA IN DIRE PERIL." — (Hollins) — All Quiet On The Western Front.

The democratic candidate for Governor has written a letter protesting plans of republicans to work for their nominee. In thinking that one up, the gentleman must have let go the presidential coat-tails long enough to scratch his head. People should not relax in the war effort and defeat him at the polls.

LADIES PREFER RUNTS (Marysville Democrat)

"We have seen these 'great big overgrown boys' in action. Anyone who likes them may have our share and welcome. They are frightfully hard on the nervous system any woman past 21 would just as soon have a catamount loose in the parlor."

Jasper Bluejay, Jr., in his youthful innocence alighted on a cherry orchard scarecrow yes, and scared his Maw because he wasn't scared.

A naturalized American nabbed as a spy was a college student. The completion of his education will have to wait until he serves approximately 40 semesters in a large stone structure with barred windows.

"Washington, July 15.—(P)—The wheels of government rolled Monday to avert a shortage of work pants which threatened to expose 386 pounds of shipyard worker to the California breeze." — Democracy in full bloom.

Conservation of spruce for airplane building is now urged. This brings memories of the other war, when a railroad was built to every spruce stump along with 13 million bridges for 248 army miles.

The railroads have asked the State Highway commission to compel autoists to come to a full stop at crossings. This is a safety measure that has been preached for many years but has not dimmed the ardor of speed-lovers to knock locomotives off their track.

The grasshopper problem is being solved by turkeys eating them in many sections. At Thanksgiving some of the fowls will show up in butcher shops as "milk fed and fattened."

Stern Park Gardens, Ill., has changed its name to Lidice, the Czech village razed by Hitler in reprisal for the assassination of his prize trigger man, Moscow, Idaho, points with pride to its monicker, once mildly regretted.

"FOR SALE"—One or more kittens from respectable mother. Only purchasers polite to cats considered. Price five cents or 10 cents, depending on financial status of purchaser. — (Eaton) (Ga.) Messenger. — Kitty, kitty!

Germany permits private use of automobiles only when such operation is in the interest of the war effort or vitally necessary.

A Great Victory, -- But!

Pity poor Elmer Davis! Yesterday's victory blast by the U. S. Navy recapitulating the triumph at Midway, is a perfect example of what must give Elmer a severe pain in the neck.

And it would any other honest, straight-shooting war-news administrator. For it so obviously followed out the Frank Knox pattern, of playing-up the good news and playing down the bad, thus giving the American people a totally false view of the situation, as it actually exists.

WE don't mean to imply this U. S. naval ambush at Midway was NOT an outstanding American victory. It was. And as previously stated in this column it undoubtedly reduced to the vanishing point, for the time being at least,—any attempt by Japan to invade the Pacific coast.

But it wasn't in any sense the decisive or overwhelmingly one-sided triumph that this verbal naval fanfare,—delivered over a month after the event,—would make out.

FOR example. Here is an extract from the official report:

Japanese losses: "Twenty ships lost, including four aircraft carriers sunk or damaged."

"Including four aircraft carriers sunk or damaged!"

WHICH was it?—Were they sunk or were they damaged? If the former that "20 Jap ships lost" is correct. If the latter it isn't correct; for SOME of the 20 Japanese ships said to be "lost", were only damaged.

No one knows. But the inescapable implication is Japan with a fleet of 80 vessels, lost 25% of its total strength, while the United States only lost one destroyer and had only one airplane carrier "put out of action,"—a comparative loss ratio of 20 to one and one-half.

BUT just what does "put out of action" mean? Presumably damaged but not destroyed. On the other hand, some time ago, there was a report from San Diego that the U. S. carrier in question, the "Yorktown" was "damaged beyond repair."

Was it? Then the loss ratio should be 20 to 2.

IN one sense this is a trivial matter, but in another it isn't. For it shows the spirit BEHIND the report: the determination to take a certain set of facts and instead of letting them speak for themselves, dressing them up in their party clothes, and shining only the shoes that can be seen by the audience!

In other words, following the discredited trade practice in war news reports of putting all the ripe strawberries on the top of the box,—the rotten and the green beneath.

We don't like it. We are sure Elmer Davis doesn't. And equally certain when the people get wise to this sugar-pill technique they won't.

AN even more glaring example of sugar-coating in this report is giving the airplane losses of the enemy and saying nothing whatever about the losses suffered by the United States.

It took the navy over a month to check up the Midway battle and release this report. It is categorically stated Japan lost 275 planes, and yet not even an estimate of the American loss, is given.

WHY?

Naturally everyone will ask that question. And just as naturally, until it is answered, the American people will assume, the U. S. losses were so great, the powers that be, didn't dare announce them.

That may be entirely untrue. We have an idea it is. But it also is the inevitable result of this silly hocus pocus in navy publicity quarters, which refuses to take the people into their confidence, which plays up the good, plays down the bad, and suppresses certain vital facts entirely!

It is the wrong technique, and Elmer Davis should at once be given authority to squash it!

How Strong Is Russia?

A subscriber asks how large an army Russia has, and if we know at the present writing, how it compares in size and equipment with Germany's.

Sorry but we can't answer the question. We doubt if anyone KNOWS, and this goes for Hitler and Stalin. (Oh the big shots know what they have, but we doubt if they can more than guess about the enemy.)

There is little doubt of this however: the Russian and German losses, since last June, have been enormous, both in men and equipment. Our belief is the Russian losses have exceeded the German, but that may not be true of course.

Moreover there is slight doubt Germany's mechanized production exceeds that of Russia, while the material aid from England and the United States, has no doubt been reduced of late.

But two points should not be forgotten. First, Russia is a country of unlimited natural resources, and for at least ten years Stalin has been developing raw materials and their manufacture into modern guns and munitions for the war he is now fighting.

Two, and even more important, Russia has 100,000,000 more people to draw upon than Germany, and there are no better fighters in the world than these Red soldiers.

In other words Russia can lose an army produced by a population of 100 million people and still fight on even terms with German man power.

That is some numerical advantage for even the cataleptic ex-paper hanger to overcome!

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.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESSFUL SOMERSAULTING

Thru faulty technique long ago I illustrated the "Invitation to the Somersaulting" with drawings designed to show the novice how to roll 'em. The sketches seemed to me to make the thing so simple that any one could get the hang of it almost at a glance.



But it only Dr. Brady goes to show that as a teacher I deliver a mean wood on the bowling green. It has dawned on me since we inducted Patsy and Bill (grandchildren) into the order, that the position of the model in the drawings is fundamentally wrong, and I regret now that it did not occur to me to use a movie to illustrate the invitation. Might have saved a lot of ceilings in the apartment below. I hope any reader who darn nearly broke his or her neck trying to stunt in the manner of the illustration will think no more about it. My error, I'm sorry, but after all it does seem as though any one should be able to turn a dozen on the floor anywhere without anybody below or in the next room wondering if there is an earthquake.

You see, the secret of successful somersaulting lies in curling up tight at the take-off. The instructions, as you may read in the invitation, were as follows: Crouch down, place both hands on floor (or pad or mattress at first) 1 1/2 feet apart, then place the top or crown of your head on the floor between your hands. Look out, now! You're in a precarious position, and it requires but a slight push with your feet to roll you over.

It isn't the top or crown of your head, but the back of your head or as nearly the back as you can contrive, that you should place on the floor. In the right position for a smooth, easy roll which brings you right up on your feet (still curled up tightly) you should be able to look up between your legs at the ceiling behind you just before you push off.

Ben told a person with stomach hyperacidity, who may have attacks of indigestion is free from cancer. Is that true? I am 56 years old. (J. E. N.)

Answer—The time Ben is right for once—not absolutely, but probably in most instances that is so.

My Mr. Minerva

I average only three glasses of water a week. I cannot drink any kind of fluid. When I try to drink water it nauseates me. Have Ben told it is the cause of me being dizzy. What will make me drink water? (Minerva)

Answer—Eating more meat, eggs, fish, poultry, working or playing hard in the sun, perhaps drinking carbonated water—plain unflavored soda water for a while.

Taking the Sun

I have been taking supplementary daily rations of vitamin B complex and vitamin D as recommended in your booklet on constipation. It has proved very beneficial. Would I be getting too much vitamin D if I continued that while taking sun baths this summer? (Mrs. E. G. K.)

Answer—No.

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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timed occasion, around \$325,000,000 of held-up allowances will be shoveled out of the clouds here in payments to wives, children, fathers and mothers. No payments will be made until then.

The war department says it never heard of the election which is to occur November 3. It says it chose November 3, two days preceding—keep a straight face, please—because bookkeeping and investigation will delay the preparation of checks until precisely that moment from June 1, the date from which the allowances are to be made.

A tremendous amount of administrative labor and bookkeeping is no doubt necessary to get such a vast system going. But the most peculiar and still unexplained phase of the matter is, why payments are not to be made as cases are completed in the coming months, but are to be held up for one great lump sum payment of five months' arrears just before the voters go to the polls to elect a new congress.

The inhuman aspect of the matter is that the dependents are assumed to be needy, else the payment would not be made. These are not gratuities, but are for subsistence. How the dependents will live until two days before election is not quite clear.

Note—The basic allowance for a dependent wife is \$50, the government contributes \$28 and the soldier \$22. In addition the government furnishes \$20 for one child \$10 for each additional child, \$5 for parents and other relatives, etc. Maximum possible payment is \$112.

Any place you touch the rubber situation, it burns with a usual resultant aroma. Only now has the OPA increased the price offered for guayule from 12 1/2 cents per pound to 28 cents per pound, in order to get some of that rubber base product which Mexico has been selling to others.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Banks Prosperous Under New System

Apartment Owners Protest Oil Order

Ban Congressmen From Army, Navy

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 15.—All the banks in Oregon and Washington are making money and the banks, as a whole, were never in better condition, says the comptroller of the currency. However, the system of banking has been changed with the war and in no way resembles banking business as carried on in previous wars. One central body does all the lending (the federal government) instead of banks making loans for war industries. Government furnishes the funds for war efforts and the banks then take the securities of the government. This has resulted in all the banks being stuffed with federal obligations, and while the interest rate is small the volume is such that the banks are sitting pretty. On various loans, too, that the banks make they are insured by the government up to a certain per cent.

In the first World War industries with war contracts borrowed from the banks and made a killing; the profits rolled up until there were millions so plentiful that they pushed one another off the sidewalk. In the present war new millionaires will be scarce; the federal government has taken steps to curb enormous profits. Concerns which are considered as making unjust profits (usually because neither the contractor nor the army nor navy had any idea of what the costs would be originally) are having their contracts renegotiated and by this method of checking the government has recaptured more than one billion dollars, and another billion may be saved. It is impossible for any large yard on Columbia river or Puget sound to lose a single dollar on the ships they are turning out; they will make so much per ship in any event and this sum is increased by the time saved in building. Last year a couple of shipyards in Seattle decided they were making too much money and were among the first to have their contracts revised.

APARTMENT house proprietors are writing to office of price administrator concerning the order to reduce fuel oil to 50 per cent of the March 1941 supply. One landlord says that if that order applies to the west coast it will be impossible to heat apartments and furnish hot water; that while winters in the northwest are not as severe as in the midwest and east, the March fuel comes at a time when spring and warm days are at hand and Pacific northwest states reduce consumption for this reason. Half of the March supply for the cold weather period of winter will, says the writer, bring general discontent and dissatisfaction.

CONGRESSMAN Warren G. Magnuson's days as an active participant in the war on the deck of a navy vessel are over. President Roosevelt has seen to that. Representative Magnuson was for months on active duty as a naval reserve officer; came back to congress last month with tales of war in the Pacific that caused fellow members' eyes to bug out. It wasn't Magnuson's adventures that caused Mr. Roosevelt to act; it was Henry Cabot Lodge, republican senator from Massachusetts, who was a major on the Lyban desert. From Cairo, Senator Lodge notified Secretary of War Henry Stimson that he was prepared to go into the regular army for the duration. Lodge is up for re-election in November and the fact that he was under fire in Libya was making a hit with his constituents. A new dealer is a candidate against Lodge and is telling how Lodge's grandfather opposed Wilson's league of nations way back when. President Roosevelt notified war and navy departments that no men in public life (Lodge, Magnuson and five other legislators) shall be permitted to go into uniform. Congressman Magnuson has been summarily beached.

SUGGESTIONS continue to roll in as to what to do with alien Japanese. The board which is relocating the Japanese

At Spy Trial



Mrs. Gerard Melino (above), 24, of Chicago, once the fiancée of Herbert Haupt, one of the eight accused German-born saboteurs on trial in Washington, leaves the department of justice, where the trial was underway.

has investigated the Deschutes project to determine whether aliens could be placed there since CCC camps have been abandoned. No decision has been reached. Friends of the project, which will soon shut down for want of labor (there is still a hangover appropriation of several hundred thousand dollars) argue that Japanese can be worked on expansion of canals as some are now doing in Idaho.

BONNEVILLE officials have been directed by Secretary of the Interior Ickes to prepare data to be submitted to the bureau of mines on the suitability of locating the newly authorized electro-technical laboratory in that region. The laboratory is to be operated by the bureau and where it wishes the plant to be located will govern. Senator Holman of Oregon started the idea and Senator Wallgren of Washington offered an amendment to place it in the northwest area, Colorado and Arizona are after it.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 15.—(P)—Wooden tires developed by the Twin Cities Newspaper Service are now being used to deliver Minneapolis newspapers.

Originator of the idea, the newspaper service has applied for patents on the new style wooden tire which they said makes the trucks steer easier although they are noisier than rubber.

Trucks equipped with the tires can be driven no faster than 15 miles per hour, the company said, but multiple deliveries to news stands are possible instead of the one delivery per day permitted under defense transportation rules.

The tires are composed of 36 wooden blocks bolted together and held in place by an iron band.

AUTHOR'S HUSBAND IS ROMMEL'S PRISONER

Atlanta, July 15.—(P)—Jan Struther, author of the best-selling novel and movie hit, "Mrs. Miniver," said today she had received word that her husband, Lieut. Anthony Maxtone-Graham of the British army, has been taken prisoner by Field Marshal Rommel's forces in North Africa.

"As long as he's alive, that's all that matters," she said.

Portugal and Spain account for about 70 percent of the annual world production of cork.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 15, 1932

(It was Friday)

Speaker Garner urges Washington police to oust bonus seekers from capitol.

More jobs loom for Jackson county needy.

County court refuses to donate \$1,000 for booster fund for railroad to coast.

President Hoover and members of cabinet reduce own pay in economy move.

First California Bartlett's bring \$2.25 per box on Portland market.

Fishing improves in Rogue river and piscatorial enthusiasts rejoice.

East counts 75 victims in first heat spell of season.

Cloudy with some sunshine. High 84, low 51 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 15, 1912

(It was Saturday)

Tourists steal gas from A. V. Carlson spray rig of Willow Springs during noon hour.

Early peace in railroad strike fades.

Senate rejects Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals.

Fair. High 98.5, low 54 degrees.

Planes will patrol Oregon forests against fires remainder of season.

Moonshine at country dances opposed by Northwest Sheriff's convention.

John Perl and Grover Corum leave on upper Rogue fishing trip.

Recall election uproar sweeps county.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Commander



Brig. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, Llano county, Tex., was disclosed to be the commander-in-chief of the bomber command of the U. S. army air forces in the European theater of operations.

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