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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Through the development of telephony the radio may be displaced, and every man may be his own broadcasting and receiving station, the esteemed Salem Capital-Journal editorially speculates. The great number of people, receiving news of things that never happen, and battles that are never fought, tends to prove there is more telephony going on than generally realized.

Counsel for the eight German spies, argued before the Supreme Court, if Hitler and seven members of his unholy crew, landed from a submarine, in full uniform, they too would be entitled to a civil trial, the same as sought by the defendants, through a writ of habeas corpus. Der Fuehrer, et al., are not apt to take the chance, but it sure would be a stemwinding event, and stir up the lawyers. Norway, acting for conquered lands, would petition America to appoint Great Britain, guardian, ad litem, over the entire caboodle. It would take years to whack through the legal red tape. When hope had all but faded, the ace in the hole would be played. A writ of Non Haug 'Em would be filed, on the grounds, while deserved, such a procedure would hurt the necks of defendants, en toto, and caused them great pain and mental anguish.

It is now planned to officially limit auto travel to 40 mph. At this snail's pace a defense worker would feel like a Fifth Columnist delivering a monkey wrench to the armed forces.

A ceiling on meat prices looms, as prices threaten to jump over the moon, unaccompanied by the old cow. In some Mid West cities, butchers have been caught weighing their meat-axe along with their hand. There is talk of readjusting the ceiling. Some favor lowering the floor and another school of experts say the same result can be obtained by sawing the legs off the meat block.

The Russians are now battling "at the great bend of the Don." Military sharps predict they will soon stop doing more bending than the Don.

"The Klamath is a graveyard of autos, whose quondam drivers lost either control of themselves or control of their cars."—(Siskiyou News.)—The two sides of every question briefly and neatly put.

The abolishment of the "mother-in-law joke," on the grounds it was cruel and inhuman, was a mistake, a London press dispatch indicates. The idea originated in Texas, you may remember, and swept the nation, and professional do-wellers off their feet and back up again to make a speech regretting the way mother-in-laws had been treated. The dispatch reads and illuminates a non-joking situation.

"They also reprimanded mothers-in-law who start off their letters saying they didn't want them to work, but they thought they ought to know, and then followed this harrowing statement up with colorful descriptions of what fun their wives are having."

In rural areas this is known as "making poison bullets."

One type of machine gun being manufactured involves more than 1,800 separate machining operations, of which 66 are required on the bolt alone.

El Salvador wrote emancipation into its constitution 40 years before the United States freed its slaves.

U. S. Superiority in the Air

The most cheering feature of the war at present, is U. S. superiority in the air. This is particularly noticeable in the Pacific area, and has been generally true from the outset. Yesterday in what General MacArthur's headquarters termed the "biggest outburst of aerial warfare in the Australian area since the Coral Sea battle," U. S. airmen shot down nine Jap raiding planes, set a Jap transport afire, shot up its destroyer escort, downed a couple of Jap fighting planes, and all with the loss of only one American plane, the pilot of which parachuted to safety.

WE have no official statistics at hand, but that certainly has been more or less the consistent aerial pattern since December 7th last. And as American plane production increases and fighting skill as well, the superiority of the "Yanks" should become even more outstanding.

In fact if this war is to be finally determined in the air,—and that has been the contention of most military experts from the outset,—we fail to see how a decisive allied victory can be avoided.

Certainly war news today is bad only from the Russian front, where German airmen apparently still hold an edge,—a superiority which is difficult to overcome only because of the obstacles in U. S. transport. Undoubtedly when the Red Army DOES gain air superiority,—and eventually it should,—there, too, we will read a very different story.

In Africa even the Axis admits the allies have control in the air, during certain periods recently, German and Italian planes, have been swept from the skies, entirely.

OF course no war can be won by air fighting ALONE.

But if that combat-arm IS the most important factor in successful modern warfare, then the worm which has been turning with monotonous regularity against the United Nations of late, should soon be turning back again.

There is little to stage a celebration about as yet. But there is definite cause for encouragement. And "encouragement" is needed to give the allied reading world more nearly a balanced war news diet, these trying mid-Summer days.

A Great War Movie

If the aim of creative art is to hold a mirror up to nature then M-G-M's "Mrs. Miniver" is a thoroughly artistic moving picture, and considering its source a great one.

For its source is Hollywood. And Hollywood except in rare moments of inspiration, makes no effort to hold a mirror up to nature, but only up to artificial eye-lashes, osculatory fade-outs, and naval battles in a wash tub.

NOT so with "Mrs. Miniver."

Here is a mirror held up to embattled England as it is,—or was—around the time of Dunkirk, a sincere artistic and as a result, extremely convincing job of putting typical British upper-class war psychology on the silver screen.

And,—as we see it at least,—it IS typical, from resourceful and competent Mrs. Miniver through the obsequious, hat-tipping station master, to the haughty and arrogant Lady Belden, who doesn't need a long-nette or a pearl dog-collar to make her the perfect up-stage "DUCHESS".

SOME may feel the absence of "blood and sweat" in this film. There is neither,—nothing so crude.

But that we feel is after all highly characteristic of the upper middle-class England which is depicted. They endure bombings and they DIE, but all with a certain detachment and decorum and good taste, the "blood and sweat" are observed in other, and more thickly populated, also less conventional, quarters.

BUT plenty of "tears".

And the more copious for the restraint observed in both action and direction. One of the most natural and sweetest young girls ever to "make good" in Hollywood,—not even DRAMATICS in the conventional theatrical sense of the term,—it is all done in the best possible manner, and those who feel the tragedy most keenly, rise above the immediate heart-break and in true BRITISH FASHION carry on!

Such restraint may appear to some not typical of what is generally termed a "people's" war, but certainly IS typical of the people in England at the time of Dunkirk, who could,—as these people could—afford new convertible motor cars, prize rose gardens, and a "nice little place" in the country.

In fact it is literally holding up a mirror to that section of England, as we see it,—holding it with steady hand and a keen eye,—that has resulted in G.M.G. producing the best war film of the season thus far.

AS for the cast,—only superlatives are here in order. Walter Pidgeon and Miss Greer Garson take the leads, and they are excellent as usual, but youth and old age steal the show,—Lady Belden for the latter, her daughter and Young Miniver just out of Oxford, the former.

In fact these CHILDREN are so good, and so UN-Hollywoodish, that one is only troubled by the fear, that their simplicity and naturalness and charm will not last, if they are acclaimed for their work in this film as they deserve to be, and remain in the enervating and effete atmosphere of the movie Mecca of Southern California very long.

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.

STAGES OF NARCOTIZATION

Alcohol, in beverage or liquor is a narcotic and the narcotic action accounts for every real or imagined effect any one gets from alcoholic beverages or liquor.

Without debating the question of the meaning of "intoxication" and "under the influence of liquor"—if there is any clear dividing line between them—we may give the following stages of narcotization by alcohol, taken from "A Scale of Toxic Symptoms" in the book "Alcohol and Man", edited by Haven Emerson, M.D. and associates "The Macmillan Co.", 35:

Amount of Alcohol in the Blood
—Effects on Behavior and Feelings of Subject.

1/5th of one per cent—Slight fullness, mild throbbing at back of head. Slight dizziness. Sense of warmth and well-being. Minor aches or pains or fatigue relieved.

Not worried about personal appearance. Feeling pleasant, willing to talk with anybody.

2/5th of one per cent—Talks much and somewhat louder. Hands tremble slightly, reaching and other movements a bit clumsy. Feeling full of energy for whatever subject wants to do. Laughs loudly at minor jokes. Unembarrassed by mishaps. "You don't think I'm drunk, do you? Why, I haven't taken anything yet." Glib or flippancy remarks.

One-half of one per cent—Sitting on top of the world. Normal inhibitions practically cut off. Takes personal or social liberties of all sorts as impulse prompts. Becomes long-winded and expansive concerning past exploits. "Can lick anybody in the house" but has noticeable difficulty lighting a match.

Seven tenths of one per cent—Has rapid, bounding pulse. Likely to upset chair on rising. Amused at own clumsiness or rather at what he takes to be the perversity of things around him. Asks others

to do things for him. Feels remote. Feels odd sensation on rubbing hands together or on touching face.

One per cent—Staggered perceptibly. Talks to himself. Has difficulty in finding and putting on overcoat. Fumbles long with keys in unlocking or starting car. Drowsy, sings loudly, complains that other drivers do not keep on their side of the road.

Two per cent—Nauseated, has poor control of emunctories, easily angered, cannot remember where he spent evening, needs help to walk or undress. In short he is now "stinking" drunk.

Three per cent—In stupor, breathing heavily, still fights wildly at any one trying to help him. Over three per cent—Deep anesthesia, maybe fatal narcotization.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Bladder Obstruction

What will reduce or dissolve stone in the bladder? Have frequency and difficulty. I mean something besides the knife. L. S. P.

Answer—The symptoms you mention more likely indicate obstruction about the neck or bladder by enlarged prostate—you should be examined for that by your physician. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "Prostatic Obstruction".

Pronated Feet

Daughter, fifteen, turns her ankles, even walking on a level floor. Some say she inherits the tendency from her aunt. Will medicine help? (Mrs. H.)

Answer—Probably pronated feet (weak ankles), which, if not corrected, tends to develop into flat feet. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and inclose ten cents for "Care of the Feet". This will give you practical suggestions for correcting the trouble.

Wen

Operated on for sebaceous cyst on right cheek. Doctor said he removed bag and all. Now another cyst just like it is growing under the scar. (Mrs. D. L.)

Answer—Only remedy is removal, and contents. Meat or other external applications can have no effect on sebaceous cysts—called wens on scalp.

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News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued from Page One)

licated traffic problems of putting as many as a thousand ships into the air over a single city at different levels and in consecutive attacking squadrons.

When you figure that the Germans have hundreds of industrial cities spread all through Europe, over a much wider area than the industry of England, and face all other practical limitations, you will see fully the difficulty of wiping out Germany by this means.

It is easy to talk of mustering the 5,000 bombers necessary for sustained super bombing attacks, but quite another thing to get a thousand of them in the air half the time.

THERE is no question about the damage done when they hit. The British have accurate reports of damage done, these having seeped out through Switzerland from the accounts of neutral consuls (largely Latin-American) in the German cities which have been attacked, and from travelers and German newspapers reaching neutral ground. No neutral report is necessary, however.

Everyone knows the damage the Germans did in Britain and they never put into the air more than 300 planes at night. The Nazis leveled Coventry in a few nights, never using a third as many bombers as the British can occasionally put into the air now.

Thus while this aerial battle-ground, sometimes called the second front (first in this column) can be accounted a substantial success so far, there are few who believe it will be able to take the place of a second front by land invasion, no matter how greatly it is expanded.

British losses have averaged slightly less than five per cent, which makes raiding entirely successful from that standpoint, but it is difficult to believe super-bombing can do more than soften Germany for invasion.

THE new 4,000-lb. bombs, supposed to destroy an entire city block, were first used experimentally at Dobbburg, July 13-14, with such success they

will be employed on an increasingly large scale as the plan of attack expands this fall.

Americans participating so far, are not fighting as units. They merely fill in British squadrons. Six or eight participated in the first daylight raid on Holland last week and another similar size group this week helped out in an attack on France.

Further investigation reveals they flew British Boston Douglas bombers only because the necessity for coherent squadron maneuvering required them to use ships of the same type as the British.

AS these inquiries are pro-pounded, the hobnail shoes of Japanese invaders are crushing violets, buttercups, larkspur and anemones on at least three islands of the Aleutians as they prepare bases and flying fields and transports disembark more of the armed little people. They keep inching toward the mainland and their zero fighters are

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Congressmen Face Question Flood

Japs Continue Aleut Landings

Northwest Has Dandelion Soil

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 31—There is welling up in the country a series of questions, which congressmen report as they go home and return to the national capital, and which are coming with increasing persistence in congressional mail. Samples: What has been done with the billions of dollars that have been appropriated? Why are American soldiers and material being scattered broadcast over the face of the earth and the United States being neglected? The Aleutians and Alaska are our possessions; the Japanese have gained a foothold—the first enemy to invade our land—why doesn't the army or navy, or both, send a force to eject them instead of mobilizing an army in England and northern Ireland to invade Europe? Why does the United States give so much attention to Hitler when the Japanese are our immediate enemy? Why do we have to wait a month or more before a communique is issued on an engagement, and this never gives the whole story?

Senators and representatives either dodge the questions or admit that they are as much in the dark as the general public. All that a member of congress knows is what appears in the press, and what between army and navy information bureaus and the office of the censor, press reports are sketchy. There are restrictions on publishing the casualty lists and if the list is a long one it is cut up into "takes," released on different dates in different parts of the country, apparently on the theory that these grim reminders of war will have a bad effect on the morale of the people. All the facts of Pearl Harbor have never been revealed.

United Nations forces have consistently been taking a beating, with the exception of the Coral Sea and the Midway engagements. The United States has been given the task of fighting the battle of the Pacific alone without having a large body of troops anywhere and with most of the fleet in the Atlantic conveying troops and material to the allies. People want to know why high administration officials are announcing plans for remaking the world when there is no prospect in sight of an early peace and things are not going too well for the allies.

as active as the PYB Catalina flying boats of the Americans. In the rainiest spot on earth, in a temperature of 50 degrees the Japanese are establishing themselves, apparently permanently. The climate is better for surface craft than for airplanes and the enemy continues sending transports, cruisers and destroyers: Nor are Kiska and Attu the desolate rocks described by a navy spokesman; they have food. Blackberries, whortle-berries, cow parsnip which can be eaten like celery. The "sarana" lily, with a bulb like garlic cloves, makes a good substitute for bread, according to the report of Capt. James Cook, who ate the sarana when he pushed along the northwest coast of the Aleutians about 164 years ago. And despite bombs from the slow-moving Catalina boats the Nips industriously improve their positions, preparatory to further moves eastward, as they broadcast their activities from Tokyo. Like a brush salesman, they have one foot within the door.

FOR the proposed electro-technical laboratory the bureau of mines states it will require five acres of land and electric power of 5000 kilowatts, a good highway and a railroad siding nearby. Grand Coulee-Bonneville power is available in that quantity. Latest candidate for the laboratory is Oregon State college at Corvallis, which offers to donate a building site. Like other aspirants, the OAC proposal is under consideration, says Oscar L. Chapman, assistant secretary of the interior department.

A LARGE part of Washington east of the Cascades, part of Puget sound area and the eastern Oregon Ontario and Klamath districts are ideally suited for cultivation of the Russian dandelion from which rubber is extracted. In fact, wherever sugar beets can be grown from the roots. Seed furnished by Ambassador Litvinoff have been sent to the three northwest states, Alaska, California, Colorado and Nevada. Whatever the results of the synthetic rubber program from grain or petroleum products in 1943, the dandelion is expected to contribute its share toward meeting the tire situation, a contribution which will be limited only by the acreage planted.

Boy Scouts Enroll In Green Guard to Help Save Forests
Salem, July 31—(Spl.) Ninety-six Boy Scouts of the Crater Lake Area have just enrolled in the Oregon Green Guard as an added measure to exhibit their skills in woodsmanship during their outing at Camp McLoughlin, located in the Lake of the Woods area.
According to word received at state Keep Oregon Green headquarters, the Boy Scouts, under the direction of K. A. Wells,

scout executive, received training in fire fighting methods from local forest service officials. The scouts organized a camp fire guard, had a two hour demonstration on the use of the one lick method of fire control and received instruction in the use of forestry equipment. Later, upon enrolling as Green Guard members, the boys received their emblems, badges, and fire manuals. The entire group pledged themselves to act in the protection of farm, field and forest from devastation from fire.

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 31, 1932
(It was Sunday)

Day of grace granted autoists to buy license tags.

Adolf Hitler's push for power in Germany stopped as national socialist party beaten in elections.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York, democratic presidential nominee, launches campaign with declaration relief is main issue, and he will ask congress to legalize beer.

Lyda Southard, escaped Idaho murderess, is recaptured in Kansas.

Fruit men agree to hire only local and county help during fruit season.

Midwest farmers plan strike to raise prices.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 31, 1912
(It was Monday)

Grand jury probe of local Klan activities to end today.

France serves notice she will act unless Germany continues payments on war debts.

Chicago tied up by street car strike.

Fair and warm. High 98, low 68 degrees.

"Citizens committee" asks "two strangers who have sown so much rancor in the valley to leave."

Helium takes its name from the Greek word for the sun because it was discovered in the sun's spectrum.

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