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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The people are now in a firm and sacrificial mood, due to the grimness of the Russian situation. They want action on a "Second Front" and less apple-sauce from the political sidelines. They feel the time has come to strike, not in the auto plants of Michigan and the coal mines of Pennsylvania, but at Germany's backdoor. It won't matter much how the New York State election in November, or the jurisdictional dispute in an Indiana picketworks come out as long as the hordes of Hitler run wild, fighting where they choose, instead of where they don't want to.

Dimout orders for Coast areas prohibit the use of auto lights of more than 250 candlepower. This will put a stop to racing down to the beach in the event of a U-boat raid and blind its captain and crew with glaring headlights.

HORRIBLE POSSIBILITY! (Pendleton East Oregonian)

"It is reported the army will need 446,000 typewriters, machines, not stenographers. That would mean a typewriter for every 10 soldiers if we have an army of four million. We hope we are not planning to defeat the enemy by writing more reports than they do."

Mussolini of Italy threatens to "apply the law" to the Yugoslav guerrillas before they apply it to him. The fiercest fighters—bar none—in the current war will do no official cringing when the world's great "loud-mouth" pops off.

Roasting ears are now big enough to be purloined from fields abutting on the river, and, become the main item of what was socially intended as a weiner roast.

The "invisible greenback" problem has been deferred to a later day. Washington dispatches state, when they will be just as "invisible." The powers should increase their gettability and take a chance on the possessor being able to see them.

These be the "dog days," with many citizens reporting they are emotionally in the "doghouse" over the blue news from all allied fronts.

IT'S (CENSORED) (McGregor (Tex.) Mirror)

"We have been informed that (censored) electricians left the Bluebonnet ordinance job this week because they didn't get enough (censored) per hour. Personally, we don't know whether they sit around in the (censored) all day or work like (censored), but just as soon as we can find out what the cause was we'll let you know. Don't worry a (censored) bit."

Bicyclists are charged with one recklessness than autoists. None as yet have been caught going around a corner on their only hind-wheel.

Herr Hitler has ordered the deportation of 3,000,000 peoples of the conquered lands. The eight Nazi saboteurs, whose fate is being pondered, after a three weeks' trial like American comic strips, and are gaining weight in jail.

"I highly favor women wearing nothing but cotton stockings for the duration of the war." (Fashion page hint.)—Fine weather for it, as of even date.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

Has the Red Worm Turned?

Well there is one ray of sunshine in the war gloom today,—and the more rays we can gather the better for the allied morale in these parlous times. That "ray" is the announcement from Moscow that at long last the long-heralded "Red army reserves are marching in, and except in the extreme south all German advances have been thrown back."

A Moscow paper follows this up by the encouraging declaration that the Red army counterattacks now in progress will develop into "a counter offensive to regain the territories lost."

WE have often commented upon the highly imaginative quality of Moscow war reports,—often less factual, we believe, than those of Berlin,—but these reports have more importance than most, for a certain confirmation is found in the radio broadcasts from Germany.

After recounting gains in many fields today the following German admission is made,—we quote:

"In the big bend of the Don our troops are engaged in fierce DEFENSIVE fighting!"

Mark that "DEFENSIVE," please!

When Berlin admits Nazi legions are on the Defensive it is pretty safe to assume the opposition has started an Offensive of no mean proportions.

AT any rate here is a crumb of comfort that may grow into a loaf or two before the week is over. Russia has lost much territory. But even Berlin has never claimed any rout or even any large number of prisoners taken.

In short the huge Red Army is still intact, and has a territory almost as large as the United States in which to maneuver.

From the start of the present offensive there have been grapevine reports that Stalin was busy preparing huge armies behind the battle lines for a sudden onslaught against the Germans when off their guard and badly extended.

This may, or may not be, confirmation of those reports, but at least, the situation today looks better than it has at any time since the fall of Rostov.

So let sufficient unto the day be the good tidings thereof!

War Isn't a Gentleman's Sport

Two news dispatches bring into sharp relief a very serious problem, particularly as far as the British in the Far East are concerned.

No. 1 is the story of a U. S. army officer escaped from Batan who describes the "human bridge" made by the attacking Japanese, so a certain assault could be successfully made,—these Japanese went to a certain death so the attack of their comrades might succeed. That emphasized the narrator was the SPIRIT of the Japanese army.

CONTRAST that report with this one from "an allied military spokesman" in Australia answering criticism of the allied failure to prevent the Japanese landing in New Guinea:

"The new Japanese foothold in New Guinea offers no special threat. It was impossible to defend the Buna-Gona area "without sacrificing the troops involved."

Without SACRIFICING the troops involved! Does that mean if the troops HAD been sacrificed the Buna-Gona area COULD have been saved? If so it is a damaging admission.

PERHAPS the allied withdrawal there was justified,—i. e. not worth the sacrifice. We would have to have more facts to claim the reverse.

BUT,—our point is that "human bridge of sacrifice" at Batan is all too CHARACTERISTIC of the Japanese army; and this complacent and self-satisfied alibi from some "allied spokesman" all too characteristic of the British army, as it has operated in the Pacific area since December 7th.

IT seems only yesterday,—it was we believe around the first of the year,—that a British army spokesman in Singapore, declared an inspection of the British troops had been made, and they (particularly the New Zealanders) were a tough and hardy lot, certain to give an excellent account of themselves, if the Japs tried any "funny business."

Well no doubt the Anzacs,—and all the British troops for that matter,—DID fight bravely and well. But only a short time later Singapore fell, and British might and prestige in the Far East, fell with it.

NOW in this same dispatch today from Australia General Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of allied forces in the "Southwest Pacific," after inspecting an advanced Australian base is quoted as saying:

"The troops look extraordinarily fit and will be a tough proposition for anyone taking them on."

Tough no doubt and fit as well. But in view of the past record, isn't even a great admirer of Britain's traditional pluck and stamina justified in inquiring if they will prove tough ENOUGH?

AT any rate we would like to see in the British "High Command" to the west a little more spirit of the "HUMAN BRIDGE" and a little less of the self-satisfied and self-confident spirit of the sporting gent,—who as he casually inspects his thoroughbred stable is so sure he CAN'T lose a race, because to date he never HAS lost an important one!

Talent Boy Given Another Chance

An 18-year-old Talent youth, charged with forgery by material alteration, was granted a six months suspended sentence

and paroled to his father by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna yesterday. The boy assertedly raised a \$7.50 check to \$17.50.

A minor boy, said to have also been involved, awaits juvenile court action.

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.

ASEPSIS AND CONTAGION

According to recent investigations the frequency of occurrence of tuberculosis of the lung among medical students has shown an encouraging decline in the past five years. In 1938 a committee investigating medical student health in the United States estimated a tuberculosis rate of 7 per cent in all medical schools, although in some medical schools where well established student health programs are in effect the rate is as low as 0.2 to 0.4 per cent.

Among the precautions taken to prevent tuberculosis among students of medicine (most of these would apply of course to college students in general) are (1) supervision of the student's living and eating conditions; (2) provision for regular exercise and wholesome recreation; (3) critical investigation of the sanitary atmosphere of restaurant or luncheon or boarding house and periodic medical examination of waiters or food handlers or those who prepare the food in such places, to make certain no potential source of infection is overlooked; (4) tuberculosis testing of all students as routine, when they enter college, and X-ray of chest in every instance if the tuberculin test is positive.

It is a familiar observation that college students, who may have more knowledge than others of their age have but too often lack wisdom, take long chances with their health at a period of growth and development when lifelong health habit is being acquired. That is, the habit of keeping well, of giving reasonable and sensible consideration to hygiene without becoming at all cranky or morbid about it. In that, as college life goes, students of medicine are not exceptional—they are as reckless or as foolish as college students in general.

Some additional precautions are necessary to protect medical students, as well as interns, hospital staff physicians, nurses, attendants, laboratory technicians and others of the hospital, clinic,

dispensary or sanatorium personnel. For instance physicians, students, interns and nurses should invariably wear suitable masks when examining, treating or attending patients who have tuberculosis. Unfortunately, however, this precaution is more honored in the breach than the observance. Again, something akin to surgical asepsis should be required of all laboratory workers, students, physicians and attendants dealing with tuberculous pathological material. This rule, too, is violated in too many pretentious institutions.

Tuberculosis may be spread not only in the droplet spray from the coughing patient but also in the droplet spray of the talking patient. It is ignorance of this fact that accounts for the long chances some physicians, interns and poorly trained nurses take when attending patients—without masks.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Vitamin B. Complex

My father has benefited so much from wheat germ that his deafness of years has practically disappeared. Thanks for the tip. He eats six to eight rounded tablespoons a day and likes it. (B. W.)

Answer—Thank you. Wheat germ is one of the richest food sources of vitamin B. complex. On request I am glad to send any correspondent who provides stamped addressed envelope a copy of pamphlet on "Deafness and Head Noises".

Digitalis

Digitalis does not cure, of course, but there must be a great many with heart trouble who would testify that it has prolonged their lives. Its benefit lies in slowing down too rapid heart and so resting it. (Mrs. L.S.D.)

Answer—Thank you, Ma'am. Digitalis does indeed slow the heartbeat. Aromatic Child

Your booklet "The Calcium Shortage" has proved very helpful in the case of an asthmatic child. I thank you sincerely for it. Enclosed find stamped envelope bearing my address, and twenty-five cents in coin for the booklet "Save Your Skin". (Mrs. H. H.)

Answer—On request accompanied with stamped addressed envelope I am glad to send a pamphlet on "Asthma". If you want also the pamphlet "The Calcium Shortage" include six cents additional. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued from Page One)

ask them for their individual plans of attack—not a compromise reached by the general staff. I would back the plans which had the element of daring and a corresponding chance of success.

I MIGHT decide, for instance, that two spots were the places to hit, the Aleutians in the Pacific for invasion of Japan and the North African continent for invasion of Europe through Italy.

I would in that case call in forces from every other spot and throw everything I had into these two. And I would get a man to lead those attacks who was enthusiastic and confident that they would win.

I would not care whether Argentina liked me, or Britain or Russia. I would stop diplomacy, and go out to win the war. I would fire any official who speaks of post-war problems, and would put my thinkers to the single job of generating new ideas as to how to win first.

I would employ a group of my own technical experts on weapons and satisfy myself that the army and navy are providing the best possible.

I would send Representative Lyndon Johnson over to the air corps with his charges that many of our planes were inefficient in the Pacific and I would insist on getting the matter threshed out at once.

I WOULD put fight into civilian activity by every means I could command, including bands and bunting. I would take every coast-wise ship away from sugar trade and bananas, and use these ships in aggressive war action to support an attack. I would expect the people to go entirely without sugar if it was necessary.

But I would make speeches to them regularly and take them into my confidence on my problems and on what I expected from them. I would consider them my willing aides, but I would appeal to them in a democratic way, rather than pursue the Hitler tactics of regimentation.

I would practice democracy to

the fullest possible extent. I would expect patriotic cooperation on a voluntary basis and take nothing else. I would let citizens themselves make Sunday drivers or waiters at the dining table or in business life, very unpopular.

I would cut down or out, all these cards for rationing and get more conservation by democratic enthusiasm. I would choose a man to handle the rubber and gas situations who believes rubber tires and gas can be produced.

I would not countenance negative leadership anywhere in my government. I would have frozen prices and wages six months ago.

In short, I would get tough. I would put some fight into this thing everywhere by active stimulation and assertive democratic leadership. I would get off the defensive, in Washington, in the country, on the high seas, everywhere, and stay that way.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL MALLON.

Married Men Advised Draft Will Get Them If Work Unessential

Portland, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Maj. George Sandy told Oregon married men yesterday to get into war production or the army would draft them.

Young, single men are getting essential industrial jobs and thus are getting deferments, while married men are sitting back snugly in non-essential jobs, he said.

If married men, including those with children, are drafted before young bachelors, "it will be because the youngsters are beating them to war production jobs," he told the state manpower advisory committee.

Sandy, field inspector of the state selective service board, added, "there is a great deal of talk about cooperation for the nation's good and about willingness to help, but I have found just the opposite. Too often I have found complacency, smugness and refusal to make sacrifices—particularly on the part of married men."

HONEY CROP HIT

Portland, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Cool, cloudy weather reduced the flow of nectar in fireweed, causing western Oregon honey production to drop about fifty per cent. President H. J. Moulton of the Oregon Beekeepers' association reported yesterday.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Siberia Barrier Seen in Aleuts

Litvinoff Bids For Second Front

Kaiser Proposal Worries Magnates

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—

Any word may come that the Japanese have invaded Siberia, and the United States will be helpless to go to Russia's assistance because the enemy is creating a barrier in the Aleutian islands to keep back the Americans. This is the statement made by Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet ambassador, to a group of United States senators in a hide-away chamber in the national capitol building. Litvinoff was worried, depressed, and was appealing to the senators to see President Roosevelt and get some action.

From personal sources of information Litvinoff said he knew that the Japanese are moving troops toward the Siberian border preparatory to an attack while Russia is battling Hitler's army. Possession of Attu, Kiska, Agattu in the Aleutians and possibly the Pribiloff islands by the Japanese prevents America sending an expeditionary force to Siberia. American aid is blocked until the Japs are kicked out of the Aleutians.

With Japs in control of the Siberian situation, there would be even more need of opening a second front in Europe, and this is urgent, said Litvinoff. The Reds can not hold out indefinitely against Hitler and they are fighting now in the hope that German pressure will be relieved through a second front. Foreign Commissar Molotov (Mr. Brown) to people who met him in the grounds of the White House conferred with President Roosevelt and with Winston Churchill, but nothing has happened. The President and Churchill talked and talked but there is no action.

UNITED States has been and is sending tanks and other material to Russia via Archangel and Murmansk (with heavy losses from submarine and plane attacks), where unloading facilities are limited. Discontinue shipments to Russia, said the ambassador, and use the vessels to move troops from England into Belgium and to carry supplies to American troops, all under heavy convoy. (Not a single American soldier has been lost on the transports to Northern Ireland and England). This would break the shipping bottlenecks so far as transports to Europe is concerned.

These things must be done without delay (the second front) if done at all, said Litvinoff, who begged for less conversation and more action.

There is now in England and Northern Ireland X thousands of American soldiers. These X thousands are fully equipped with another X thousands of tanks, trucks, airplanes. England has 2,500,000 troops at home, 500,000 trained essentially for home defense. The 2,000,000 British troops plus the X thousands of Americans should be shipped across the English channel and landed in Belgium for an invasion of Germany. Hitler cannot afford to ignore a threatened invasion and would withdraw a substantial part of his army in Russia to defend the homeland, argued Litvinoff.

Senators who listened to the impassioned plea of the ambassador gained the impression that Russia is in a very bad way; that unless a second front is opened up within a few weeks Stalin may consider terms of peace with Hitler. And that would be a mess.

The British, whose commanding officers have not scored on any battlefield, are insisting that a British officer be generalissimo of the Anglo-American force when Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill decide they are ready to invade Europe.

THAT talk of Henry J. Kaiser, proposing the building of immense sky transports for troops and supplies, has affected the money market and has started owners of stock in ship companies and railroads worrying. One of the largest of the American flagship lines has been un-

able to raise a dollar since the Kaiser suggestion. There is so much talk of flying boxcars that steamship operators are concerned for their business after the war.

One freight transport, built for the army, crossed the Atlantic in nine hours on a test flight—less than half the time required by passenger planes to fly from Washington, D. C., to the northwest. These transport planes are now in mass production. Railroad stocks also took a dive, for if planes can carry material overseas, they can also carry freight from one end of the continent to the other, digging into the profitable end of railroad operation—freight traffic.

THE reason that the price of jams and jellies has skyrocketed through the ceiling set by OPA is because of the refusal of congress to authorize that agency to subsidize the canneries. It was planned to have canneries pay growers an increased price and the canneries then sell the product at the prices for the 1941 pack, OPA to pay the difference. With no subsidy the increased cost is now being passed on to consumers, who were to have been protected by the subsidy arrangement. Look for other punctures of the price ceiling within a few months.

Communications

Patriotism vs. Greed

To the editor: When Camp White became a reality, the housing situation in Medford became a big issue. Much planning had been done by local civic authorities to house the construction workers, and the results of this planning were very gratifying. The local authorities are to be commended on the efficient manner in which thousands of workmen and their families were housed. Very few towns the size of Medford have been able to handle such a situation efficiently. Congratulations are in order, Medfordites!

Now, that the camp is nearing completion, the picture begins to change. The workmen are moving on to another job and the soldiers are moving in. Officers are bringing their families, so the demand for housing again increases. Rents again have an upward trend because of the demand. The landlord has a gleam in his eye and an itchy palm. The little green devil in the Almighty dollar rears its head. Patriotism and foresight are warped by the little green devil.

Old timers are being asked to "vacate" in order to make room for the army. This is the reason used, but the rent is doubled, so what is the reason? Certainly not patriotism! Certainly not at the request of the army! It is not the intent of the army that civilians be "oustred" from their homes to make room for officers. Why was Camp White built? To house the officers and enlisted men! This is war! Civilians and soldiers are in it alike. All are urged to do their part. All must do their part.

So! Landlords! Don't forget that "you can't take it with you" and if the Japanese win this war you won't even have it to take with you. Think it over! C. M. W., Medford, Aug. 5. (Name on file furnished on request.)

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 6, 1932

(It Was Saturday)

Dr. Henry Hartman tells valley fruitmen advertising is only hope of industry.

Entire state hit by heat wave. Mercury hits 103, low 58 degrees.

New county courthouse to be dedicated September 1, with program and speeches.

Valley pear crop is hit by sudden high wind near sundown. Loss is high.

Auto license buying continues brisk in county.

Al G. Barnes circus to show here August 17.

Northwest furniture dealers elect Bert Orr a vice president.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 6, 1912

(It Was Sunday)

President Harding again orders railroad strikers to return to work.

Fair and warm. High 93, low 50 degrees.

Pussyfoot Johnson, temperance leader creates uproar in England with talk for prohibition.

Elks clubs dine on steelhead caught by P. C. Bigham.

Move for new hotel at Ashland again on tapis.

Medford payroll is now largest in history of city.

Ye Poets Corner

"TO THE WAR AWAY"

OUR BOY

"And now, goodbye! this time I'm on my way, Remember too, I'm coming back some day."

And then, we saw him get on board the train—

When shall we ever see him back again?

And later came a package, parcel post,

Containing things that broke our hearts almost;

A suit of clothes, that was his very best,

His shoes, white shirt, blue tie and all the rest.

From our north he has been sent to the south,

Marching under hot sun—see that firm mouth

Set grimly for the task that must be done,

To fight the battles till our war is won.

—Dad.

POISON OAK?

Try a bottle of ZEMACOL

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By keeping conversations BRIEF.
By being sure of your number before you call.
By using Long Distance for essential messages ONLY.
By using station-to-station service wherever possible for toll calls.

Your cooperation will aid in this national emergency because the demands of war have loaded our long distance lines and many of our local facilities to capacity and beyond.

Materials required to increase circuits and switchboards cannot be obtained—they must go into the making of weapons and munitions. It is not now possible to build more plant.

Therefore, we all are confronted with the necessity of getting the most out of what we have. In following the above suggestions, you can save yourself time and expense and you will help us keep the way clear for War Messages That Must Go Through.

We appreciate your splendid response in helping to meet these problems which involve the safety and security of us all.

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