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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Pezzy

News that by land, sea and air, an offensive had been launched in the Pacific on both wings of the Japanese lines gives something for Americans to cheer, of which they have been doing little, and bands to play, if the boss of the Musicians Union will permit them. A couple of more thumpings like the Mikado's fleet received at Midway, and in the Coral Sea, and what is left of that armada will be speaking back to Osaka, to await the day of vengeance for the treachery of their military leaders.

M. Gandhi, the "holy man" and terror of India, with leaders of the All-India Congress have been cast into the battle, where they will do no stabbing of the United Nations in the back. India is sore beset. She has to put up with both Gandhi and a Congress.

Migrant beanpickers in the Willamette valley are on a strike, due to an argument over wages. They may need some of the beans they didn't pick next winter, as an eliminator of stomach wrinkles, and markers in a bingo game.

"Informed London military circles" are again busy with their predictions and deductions. One of the main troubles with "informed London military circles", is a tendency to be far from it.

YOU'VE SAID SOMETHING!

(Red Bluff (Calif) News)

"The order from GHQ to douse all the glims along the Pacific slope won't affect us much. We have been in the dark ever since this deluge of slaughter and sacrifice started. Increasing the gloom can't increase our groping, so far as we can see—in the dark."

The fighting in the "Great Quattaro Depression" in Egypt is desultory. Like the domestic depression of a few years back, it may turn out to be only a "recession".

In the East, a field was plowed in such a manner as to make an arrow pointing to an air field, in a typical Nazi subversive trick. The plowing was probably performed before a sextette of Hitler spies were executed. The field would make an excellent concentration camp for Bunlits.

A bill before the next session of the Legislature would prohibit the presence of ladies in beer parlors. This would halt, as sometimes happens, setting a babe in arms, on the bar in a cold puddle of suds, to wonder if a safety pin is sticking him, when he starts yelling like a Comanche.

Madame China Pheasant of the Hu Ruchi province reports a small boy with a blunderbuss accidentally shot her oldest girl for a "No Hunting" sign late Sunday.

"Who ever heard of a statesman, wishing to impress his constituents with his genial personality, posing with a can of snose in his hand? A cigar, yes; snose, no. At that, they are passing up something. Only men of do or die caliber and imperishable innards have acquired the snose habit and survived."—(Olive Barber in Eugene Register-Guard)—Neither have we.

The first known Christmas greeting card made its appearance in 1842; the original is now in the British museum.

Nonsense

Just what is happening in the Solomon Islands and the Aleutians? A terrific battle is going on in the Solomons, the Aleutian engagement is over.

But unless the U. S. Navy publicity department has changed its policy since Midway, just what is happening and has happened won't be known in this country until Labor Day at the earliest,—perhaps not until Christmas.

The U. S. naval command will know, the Japanese command will also know. The people won't.

JUST WHY this should be so this department has not been able to determine. It is not a question of keeping valuable information from the enemy certainly, for the enemy knows all about it.

Nor can it be reluctance to tell bad news, for Midway news was good, yet the details were withheld four or five weeks.

There must be SOME reason for it, but to date none has been revealed. When it is we venture to say it will reflect no credit upon the good sense of the U. S. naval censorship.

Victory or Defeat?

As far as the Solomon Island engagement is concerned, the final result, even though details are lacking, can't be kept in the dark for long.

For this is announced as an all-out offensive to gain an allied foothold in the Japanese area of defense. Therefore if such a foothold is gained, it will be a major victory for the United States regardless of the cost.

If such a foothold is not gained, it will be a defeat, no matter what the Japanese losses might be in men and ships.

Losses don't determine victories or defeats. Gaining or losing important objectives DO.

THE situation at Kiska is still hazy, but apparently this was merely a hit-and-run affair, more to determine the strength of the Japanese position, than to do great damage or gain a permanent foothold. At any rate Washington reports the engagement is over, but as yet divulges nothing regarding the result.

Just how long this policy of withholding important news which can be no benefit to the enemy is to continue, we don't know. But we predict the newspapers of the country will not be the only ones to complain, unless there is a change in the very near future.

We are convinced the people of the country as a whole are just as eager to get the truth about this war and its progress, as the newspapers are anxious to give it.

To Be Expected

The situation in India is certainly regrettable. Johnny Bull is having enough trouble, without adding an incipient civil war to the list.

Yet it is difficult to justify the criticism reported from London in a certain portion of the British press.

What other course would the newspaper critics have followed? From this distance it looked as though the Churchill government had only two policies to pursue, either:

- (1) Surrender to the Gandhi independence forces or,
- (2) NOT surrender.

ACTION No. 1 would have handed over India to Japan on a silver platter, for an internal struggle would have immediately started for supreme control of India, between the various factions and the country in chaos and confusion could have been conquered in a couple of weeks by a Nippon task-force.

Action No. 2 results in minor riots here and there with the usual "civil disobedience" demonstrations; but similar outbreaks have occurred before, without any dire results, and to date it looks as though order would soon emerge from this one.

The present situation IS deplorable and with Japan crouching on the Burma border, still full of dynamite. But to the well known gentleman up a tree, it would seem there were only two alternatives and the British government chose the less dangerous one.

All to the Good!

Whatever the final result of this allied offensive in the mid-Pacific, the immediate psychological benefits are of genuine importance.

No. one. It serves notice on the Axis that, as far as the United States is concerned, the Pacific worm at last has turned. After being on the defensive for nine months, Uncle Sam has taken the offensive, and unless all signs fail will not relinquish it, until the Nipponese have been driven out of the western Pacific.

No. two,—a direct result of No. one,—Tokyo, according to all reports, preparing for an attack on Russia in the Far East, will once again have to cast a furtive eye at that hole card.

NIPPON certainly can't afford to give the allied forces a PERMANENT foothold in the Solomon Islands, for that would not only be to "lose face", but to lose a vital stronghold in her carefully prepared insular defense.

So if the allied forces do succeed in occupying bases in the Tugali area, Japan simply can't take the defeat lying down, but will have to concentrate at once on getting them back, regardless of cost.

SO this allied offensive in the Solomons may well save the hard-pressed Stalin from one of the eventualities he fears most,—Germany banging him on one side, Japan on the other!

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, 365 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

REDUCTION SHOULD MAKE YOU LOOK AND FEEL BETTER

The reducing craze of the early thirties has practically died out, altho one still hears some wistful carriers of slacker flesh a polingizing for a second helping of that delicious cake and promising to "go on a diet" next week.



Dr. Brady

While the craze was raging it brought plenty of unhappiness. The most publicized "reducing diets" were unscientific in design and pathological in effect—if the victims adhered to the freak diet long enough to achieve notable loss of weight they generally suffered more or less impairment of health and in too many instances developed active tuberculosis, from the lighting up of the latent tuberculosis which most of us have.

Even the unscientific restriction of diet, in the endeavor to reduce, brings no such tragic effect it is notoriously likely to spoil any good looks the victim may have had, that is, if any considerable reduction occurs at all. This is due to the same cause as is the health impairment already mentioned, namely, malnutrition.

The popular notion of malnutrition is starvation or not enough to eat. That is not the medical sense of the term at all. When medical examinations of school children, for example, show that many of the children are suffering from "malnutrition", it is a sweet gesture for Lady Bountiful in the parent-teachers or similar organization to start a movement to provide breakfast, or lunch, or extra food of some sort for the poor "underprivileged" children. As a matter of fact Lady Bountiful's own pampered brats—kids are just as likely to suffer from malnutrition as are the children of the most poverty-stricken family in the community.

Malnutrition occurs in most instances from unbalanced diet, insufficient intake of vitamins and minerals in proportion to the intake of protein, fat and carbohydrate. The well-to-do with plenty of money to buy food, are as ignorant of what constitutes good food as the poor are. Even the few, poor or well-to-do, who have learned something of nutrition find it practically impossible to adjust their everyday diet to yield adequate amounts of vitamins and minerals.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Two in One
Is there danger involved in a woman having two children within the space of a year—in fact about 10½ months apart? Is it a common occurrence to have two children in a year? (W. G. J.)

Answer—No special danger involved. It is by no means a rare occurrence.

Stuttering
Four year old son has begun to stutter. We have tried stopping him and asking him to repeat words, etc., but this seems to be useless.

(R. Q. D.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for pamphlet "Stuttering". I fear your method would only aggravate the stuttering.

Freder's Digest
I was discharged from sanatorium with arrested tuberculosis. From what I learned there and what I read in your information booklet "Freder's Digest" I wonder if some extra calcium would not be beneficial to me.

I am taking a vitamin D concentrate now, and have enjoyed fine health since my tuberculosis was healed at the sanatorium. (A. S.)

Answer—Whenever calcium is taken vitamin D should be taken too. Whenever vitamin D is taken, calcium should be taken too. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "The Calcium Shortage."

Exposure
I am a construction worker. Year around I work outdoors, hot, cold, wet, or soaked with sweat and then chilled in cold wind, but I have no more or less than my acquaintances who work in offices or stores. (H. M. K.)

Answer—Your indoor friends are exposed to it more than you are. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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war, with no trenches anywhere and new types of fluid fronts are being successfully pressed against us everywhere. This is primarily a war of strategy, not of administration. The situation requires genius, nothing less.

This looks too much like the Hollywood war from our standpoint so far.

Other points in the Davenport letter will be taken up in succeeding columns.

CONGRESSMEN are particularly irked at WBP by evidence of the black market in steel. The Truman committee received reports privately about the situation months ago and notified WBP. It seems WBP penalized some firms for violation priorities, but the congressmen now say WBP action was not sufficiently vigorous to stop the stealthy law violations.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S generous gesture in transferring a sub-chaser to Queen Wilhelmina when this particular type of ship is most needed in the Atlantic and Caribbean, where we wage a losing fight against Nazi subs, has caused uninformed people to ask questions, especially as the Netherlands has no merchant marine now needing sub-chaser protection.

No official answer could be given to these inquiries at the time of the transfer, but an ample explanation can be made. The sub-chaser unquestionably is to be used in our service, or the service of the British.

Daily Bible School
Held at Foursquare

A daily vacation Bible school is being conducted at the Foursquare Gospel church, corner Central and Jackson streets. Enrollment was 71 in the first week and more are expected in the remaining week.

The Flannelgraph method of teaching is used and characters of the Bible stories live their lives on the flannel board before the eyes of the children.

Treats are given from time to time and children aged four to fourteen are urged to attend the coming week. A program will be given Friday evening to which the public is invited.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Rural Carrier Lacks Priority

Information Aide Lacks Geography

Lumber Industry Facing Penalties

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 10.—There is a stretch of territory east of the Cascade mountains 120 miles long which is served by a star route mail contractor. Everything the farms along the route use comes in by parcel post. Tons of this freight are accumulating at the starting point of the route because the mail man has only a small Ford, and what he requires is a truck. The only place he can obtain a truck is the priorities agency. The situation has been explained repeatedly to this agency without success.

The contractor, said a priority official, had no business to take the mail contract if he did not have suitable equipment. Attention was called to the way the mail barrels, boxes and what-not is accumulating pending the purchase of a truck, to which the priority official replied that this mail should be sent by railroad. There is no railroad in that section. Informed of this, the priority official declared the farmers should go to town and get their parcel post packages. And an indignant congressman replied:

"You wish to save tires and gasoline. Is it better for several dozen farmers to take their ears and drive 100 miles or more, using the rubber, than for one truck to handle this business?"

But priorities is firm; refuses to budge; issues no priority order for the star route contractor; the heavy mail piles up daily, and the ranchers along the route are inconvenienced because no one in priorities is familiar with these conditions.

A TOWN a few miles from Bonneville wished to know if it is in a military area. A congressman telephoned the army engineers. An officer in charge of information answered. Where is the town? About 20 miles from Bonneville. And where is Bonneville? asked the information officer. You never heard of Bonneville? gasped the congressman. No, came the answer. Well, then, inquired the congressman, by any chance have you heard of Grand Coulee? No; what is that? asked the army engineer. Did you ever hear of the Columbia river? inquired the congressman. Yes; that's a river out west somewhere, confessed the man in charge of information. With biting scorn the congressman explained that Bonneville is the greatest job the army engineers ever undertook and it and Grand Coulee are dams and power developments on the Columbia river.

The Pacific northwest is an old story to the army engineers, who have studied and reported on every stream in the region. But to the information officer of the engineers it is a blank space on the map.

These actual experiences of congressmen with governmental agencies is a fair sample. Washington is filled with people in key positions who have not the slightest idea of conditions in the northwest corner of the nation, yet they make decisions affecting the lives of hundreds of people in that section.

UNDER provisions of the new tax bill, passed by the house and now in the hands of the senate finance committee, the lumber industry of the northwest stands to be penalized in two ways. Because of war demands for excessive supplies of lumber the depletion of standing timber will be enormously hastened, thus reducing the assets of timber concerns, while these augmented revenues over a short period will bring imposition of excess profits taxes, thus placing an additional burden on timber producers and processors.

In the case of industries with non-depletable resources but forced to increase production over a short period, compensation to partially offset the excess profits tax has been arranged by office of price administration by allowing above-the-ceiling price for material going into the war effort. The new bill offers no such relief for the lumber industry and to devise a remedy for this unfairness a meeting will be held this week.

1 KILLED, 11 HURT IN RUNAWAY BUS

Richmond, Calif., Aug. 10.—(P)—One man was killed and 11 other persons were injured when a crowded Greyhound bus, after a collision with an auto, rolled almost two miles down a major highway yesterday with the bus driver slumped unconscious over the steering wheel.

Many bus passengers, frightened by their plight, leaped from the vehicle to the pavement, receiving minor injuries.

The strange bus journey ended when El Cerrito firemen rigged up a block and tackle device from the bus to a moving fire truck, and brought the bus to a halt.

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in Chicago which will be attended by representatives from the northwest. In Canada recognition has been given the plight of the lumbermen by a provision which permits a further deduction because of the accelerated depletion. It is expected that the matter will be placed before the senate finance committee in detail.

REITERATING its decision that no new cantonments will be built north of 38 degrees, war department is planning enlargement of Camp Adair, now under construction. Starting with 10,000 acres, it is proposed to expand the area to 59,000 acres. This will provide for a firing range, which, among other things, will destroy the only place in the United States where English ryegrass is grown, it is asserted.

School children in county number 10,184.

Labor cards issued to local jobless.

Valley cattle rustling gang rounded up by state police.

Partly cloudy and normal. High 78, low 48 degrees.

President Hoover is 58 years old today.

Way for bridge over Golden Gate cleared.

Medford Garden club wins highway beauty contest prize.

More than 2500 cars in county still lack plates.

DEATHS IN CHINA typhoon mounts to 50,000. Many vessels lost.

Medford grocers well supplied with sugar in case of a railroad tie-up.

Gold supply of world now largest in history.

Syndicate to develop shale deposits in valley.

"Oregon Bond" a Medford horse, wins at Gresham fair.

Rain predicted. High 87, low 54 degrees.

Government ready to take over railroads to end strike, and legislation ready to give President Harding necessary powers.

Florence, Ore., Aug. 10.—(P)—The body of Mrs. Mignon Norquist, 52, Florence, was recovered from the Suislaw River yesterday four hours after she disappeared from home. Coroner Charles Poole, Eugene, said it was suicide.

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August 10, 1932

(It Was Wednesday)

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