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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Nazis are deeply worried by the Allied threats of a Second Front in Europe, the British, who can think up the most devastating mental tortures for the foe, reports. Even if they are full of anxiety, it is no reason for not filling them full of lead.

Traffic is becoming so lively around here street corner military strategists, economists and the general run of experts, leaning against the shady side of the bank, take their own chances on getting their feet knocked out from under them.

The war, on both ends of the Pacific, is now proceeding vigorously, like Sen. Rufus Holman talks.

DIAGNOSIS

(Eugene Register-Guard)

"Maybe Major Sandy was thinking of some special class of young married men, but he did not say so. He generalized, and one is inclined to wonder if here is not a case where a uniform and a cap with some brass on it has not gone to a gentleman's head."

The public now demands its war news good or bad, as fast as possible, without telling the enemy something he does not know. People feel tidings for which they are punting up, and hold high interest, unlike a high school elopement, should not be held up until after graduation.

"I will give a home, board and wages to a responsible party to care for children while the mother works. Phone 191."—(Exchange.)—Dollars vs. Duty.

The Oregon Milk Control Law is under federal court fire by virtue of an indictment alleging a conspiracy to monopolize milk distribution and production. It seems to be another case where politics and milk failed to mix, no better than milk and water. The need for an Oregon Milk Control Law.

J. Jerome had a birthday yes, the number of which is nobody's business.

There was no vengeance involved in the death chair electrocution of six of the eight German saboteurs, who landed on these shores from a submarine to wage a campaign of sabotage. However, it was a fair imitation. The affair was conducted with orderly secrecy. The nation will not know until after the war if the doomed men, after a hearty breakfast, walked the "Last Mile" with a firm step!

M. Gandhi of India, the "holy man," who planned some unholy tricks on the United Nations, announces he is conducting a "do-or-die" campaign against the British. This is an old slogan of demagogues, generally resulting in those yelling the loudest doing nothing.

There are no signs of fall, save the urging of citizens to buy furs, blankets and wood.

The plan to build 70-ton plane cargo carriers is confronted with "a three-dimensional I." The three-cornered I should not be confused with I equipped only with a top and bottom, of which everybody has plenty.

"The program, following was a masterpiece. The songs, duets and readings were excellently rendered and very appropriate. The toastmaster, Will Hullinger, deserves praise for his wisdom in execution."—(Delavan Times.)—There should be more of it.

How About Russia's Winter?

An anxious subscriber asks:

"When will winter halt Hitler's offensive in Russia?"

Judging this second campaign by the first, not until around the 1st of December. In fact unless the editorial memory is at fault, the German offensive in 1941 officially stopped the very day the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, i.e.:—December 7th, 1941.

BUT there is this fact to remember,—that date referred to NORTH Russia, the present major German offensive is in SOUTH Russia, particularly the Caucasus.

And the Caucasus enjoys almost exactly the climate enjoyed by us fortunate folk here in Southern Oregon.

It gets wet in winter, and very cold in the higher mountains; but through the inhabited portions as a whole, there is little snow and practically no freezing.

In other words much as we hate to admit it, it nevertheless is true, that had the late Colonel J. F. Mundy found oil in huge paying quantities in the Rogue River valley, the state of Oregon from Portland to the Siskiyou line, would today be the spitting climatic-geographical-and-agricultural image of the Russian Caucasus from Rostov to Grozny,—only a few miles from where Hitler's advance spear-heads are reported today.

WHICH means, of course, that while Germany's offensive must stop eventually because of the severe winter in north Russia; in South Russia there is no reason, CLIMATICALLY at least, why it can not continue all winter—in fact why the Russians and Germans can't fight it out there "if it takes all summer," and all winter TOO!

What Price Solomon?

While all the facts concerning the battle of the Solomon Islands are not known,—and probably won't be for some time,—we have to admit the Navy has done a much better reporting job in this major engagement than those preceding.

AS Admiral King emphasized, this attempt to seize an important Japanese outpost and hold it is "one of the most complicated and difficult in warfare." It is. Also one of the most dangerous.

Yet, if Japan is to be beaten it must be done. The surprise to this department,—and to most laymen we believe,—was the decision of the allied High Command to do it NOW!

We realized the allied forces in the "Southern Pacific" would have to abandon the defensive and take the offensive EVENTUALLY, but had an idea the "big push" would start in much later.

There is reason to believe the Japanese had a similar idea and this sudden attack in force therefore took them completely by surprise,—a tremendous advantage to the attackers in the initial stages of the battle.

THE official U. S. Navy admission, however, that quickly recovering from this surprise the Japanese counter-attacked with "rapidity and vigor" and "heavy fighting is still in progress" after three days of conflict removes all doubt regarding the seriousness and uncertainty of the situation.

At this writing the only official word from the seat of operations is:

"We are holding our own!"

WELL that is SOMETHING..

It should not be forgotten that when Japan tried to seize Midway, she never got near enough to land a single machine gun, but was driven away with tremendous losses in ships, planes and personnel.

Our own boys have certainly bettered the Jap record. Landings in force were quickly carried out, and in spite of heavy counter-attacks, the Americans and Anzacs are still holding their own.

THE question, of course, is how long that can be done. This, from a layman's standpoint would appear to depend entirely upon two factors:

First: the relative strength of the two opposing forces, and,—

Second: their respective abilities to rush up reinforcements particularly in the air.

According to reports from Washington, the initial allied forces outnumbered the defenders about three to one.

Whether that superiority is a safe offensive margin or not we must leave to the experts.

BUT there is one puzzling feature.

In Admiral King's report there is no mention of airplane carrier losses, only one cruiser sunk, two cruisers, two destroyers and one transport damaged. This would indicate we had no airplane carriers for certainly had there been the Japanese would have concentrated upon them first.

Then where did our air defense come from, to overcome the tremendous advantage enjoyed by the Jap defenders with LAND-BASED planes?

From Port Moresby 400 or from Australia 900 miles away? The right answer to this question would no doubt prove an important factor in the outcome.

HOWEVER as remarked yesterday, the great significance of this attack now lies in the fact it marks the end of "defense" in the Southern Pacific and the start of an all-out OFFENSE.

The losses involved may prove to be tremendous. But they will be well worth it, if a PERMANENT breach in the Japanese insular defense is made and a spring board for subsequent attacks by the American forces on the march to Tokio is secured.

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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

ADVOCATING THE USE OF MORPHINE, COCAINE AND ALCOHOL IN MEDICINE

The other day a correspondent cited a book on the subject of alcohol by one Dr. Archibald Reid, of London. The book, said the correspondent, advocates rational use of liquor. The author, said the correspondent, is a great authority.

My book dealer was unable to find such a book. But then, any views on the use of liquor which might be expressed in such a book would have no more and no less weight than the views of any other physician, in my judgment. I never have had much reverence for "medical authorities". Before I can defer to a particular physician's or laboratory worker's ideas I want to know something about the man's background, experience, yes, and his character. And I want to know by what course of reasoning he has arrived at his conclusion. So I shall probably pursue the hunt for Reid's book no further.

Come to think of it, I believe in, advocate and practice the rational use of morphine, cocaine, castor oil, strychnine and alcohol in medicine.

But I imagine that was not the "rational use" of liquor the correspondent says the book advocates, for on the same postcard the correspondent challenged me to "name a non-drinking race that ever amounted to a tinker's dam." Evidently the correspondent meant the use of alcohol beverage or liquor to intoxicate, or shall we say to help the drinker forget cares, responsibilities, worries for a while?

If that isn't just the right term for it, then why does the drinker drink? I'd welcome all answers to this which our readers may be disposed to give. I don't mind anonymous abuse or honest criticism, but I hope we may receive some serious answers from individuals who drink and have some notion of the reason why they drink.

One correspondent offered this confidential explanation, which impressed me for it seems to me sound psychology: "At times I drank to excess because I felt the need of a stimulant or rather just wanted to feel better."

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

(Continued from Page One)

and the Filipinos are on our side, or rather we are on theirs. The Indian politicians, and the Burmese, will realize their mistake when we win this war, although it may be late then. Meanwhile, it makes the Indian situation dangerous.

A CRITICAL reader has challenged my inclusion of Lindbergh, along with Doolittle and Admiral Byrd, as types of cool men of scientific action needed in the forefront of our war effort.

"I can go along with your mention of Doolittle and possibly Byrd, but Lindbergh is a great disappointment to most Americans and has done more to create dissension than most people," he writes.

Lindbergh is one of the worst politicians who ever floated a political blimp—and one of the greatest aviation technicians this nation has produced. Like most other men who are great on one subject, he is truly a disappointment outside his field.

But we no not need politicians to win this war. That is one class for which no manpower is necessary, and one in which our prevailing surplus obviates the necessity of priorities.

I would not care what Lindbergh's beliefs were before the war, if he could help win it. I would put him where he could do the most damage to Hitler and the Japs.

But, incidentally, I did not say Lindbergh as a person was indispensable to our war effort. I said we should get all the men of such a type who can do things, the men who think ahead of the crowd in their field, the ingenious, alert and daring technicians on the army and navy reserve lists or in the sidelines in the business fields for political reasons or others—let pre-war by-gones be by-gones—and put these men into positions where their special ap-

tures can be used to the utmost to win this war.

THE army and navy have informed congress it should not pass the Rankin bill allowing dependents of fighting men to get their living allowances (due since June 1) now instead of November 1, the day before the congressional election. Bookkeeping is holding them up and if payments were made as cases are completed, overseas men would be discriminated against, they said.

Thus twiddle-dee informs twiddle-dee they were both right in the first place—that the day before the election is the only time to pay in one lump sum the five months arrears due all wives and children of service men, they plead "discrimination" and "bookkeeping" for failing to provide authorized food for persons presumed to need it—for five months, thus indicating they need some new bookkeepers.

I have a feeling that if August 15 happened to be election day, the war department, navy and the congress would suddenly start thinking about how these wives and children are going to live without the living allowances now overdue. In that case, I suspect the bookkeeping would be done faster.

If it is not done faster and the payment date of November 1 is kept, a lot of hungry wives and irate soldiers and sailors will have no reason to feel grateful to congressmen for having provided the allowances—at least not grateful enough to vote for their re-election.

MORE CHAPLAINS NEEDED BY NAVY

The navy issued a call today for clergymen to serve as officers in the chaplain corps. Applicants must be between 24 and 44 years of age. If successful they will be commissioned lieutenants, junior grade, or lieutenants.

Interested persons can obtain additional information by visiting or writing the office of naval officer procurement at 117 Marion street, Seattle, Wash.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Additional Ships For Coast Yards

Power Committee May Come West

Coast Sees Japs As Main Menace

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11—

Look for distribution of additional ship contracts in the northwest—part of those 200 "ugly duckling" ships which were cancelled on Higgins (another wizard shipbuilder) at New Orleans. Incidentally, Higgins had ordered thousands of piling from dealers in Oregon and Washington to be used in his projected yard some of the 30,000 of these piles had been driven into the swampy soil, other thousands are still in the hands of dealers or somewhere en route. And it may be worth a note that Higgins, who turned out speedboats for the British by the assembly line process, purchased all the plywood for this mosquito fleet from factories in the Pacific northwest.

The Kaiser outfit, building oil tankers (52 in number) at Swan Island, is to be given contracts for 30 more. Federal maritime commission will make the announcement later. Puget Sound yards are to be loaded to capacity. Extent and activity of northwest shipbuilding depend entirely upon the supply of steel.

Labor in the yards will be stabilized, according to Commissioner Howard I. Vickery, who has returned from a tour of inspection of all yards on the Pacific coast. For example, the shipyard at Vancouver, Wash., will probably be stabilized at 25,000 men. Commissioner Vickery says that the production of merchant vessels is the responsibility of the commission, and this also means housing for the workers. Where necessary the commission will finance housing and if a local community insists on more housing than the commission thinks is needed it can take away a few contracts. Portland, for instance, has been asking for 10,000 dwelling units, but Vickery thinks 6,000 is enough and says 80,000 will be the stabilized labor force in the Portland yards.

FROM Bellingham to Salem the score or more pulp mills have machine shops which could be working on war orders; every large sawmill operation in the two states has tools available for turning out something like valves, gunmounts or castings. Thousands of valves of all sizes are required on a single ship, and here is an article that any of these shops now connected with the pulp and lumber industry can produce. The facilities are available but not used. The tendency of procurement officers to deal only with the largest corporations has already caused 25,000 small industries to go out of business.

It is in the cards that next month the joint committee which held hearings on the Bone-Smith Columbia Power Authority bill may be financed for a trip to the northwest for further hearings. If the committee goes west it will provide a field day for public ownership groups and the various cities and service clubs and private utility companies which are opposed to creating a public monopoly of power in Oregon and Washington. The hearings will run many thousands of pages, if the committee permits everyone to talk without curbing as was the case with the hearings in the national capital. The hearings of the recent series of sessions are now in the hands of the government printing office. The joint committee served as a sounding board for a show staged by proponents of the measure and the joint committee has no authority to amend the bill or do other than listen and file a report. This controversial measure has not been taken up by the house and senate committees to which it was assigned nor will the committees act until after the joint committee is finished with hearing all sides.

THE main concern on the Pacific coast, says an army officer who lives there, is the suppression of the Japanese. Objectionable as the Germans are, they are Caucasians and think like a white man, but the Japanese is a different human being, who has none of the white man's concepts and who hate the white man wholeheartedly.

The ultimate ambition of the Japanese is the conquest of the white race, says this officer, and this is one reason why the Japanese must be exterminated. It is a different hatred from that of the Germans. Hitler will pass, and his ideology will pass, but the Japanese do not and will not change. They will make a desperate effort to get us someday, when they have consolidated their gains in Asia.

We just guessed the Japanese wrong, this officer asserts. Their navy can not be wiped out "any Wednesday afternoon," the Zeros they fly are not matchbox affairs; their eyesight is good, and we didn't burn down their cities within two weeks after the declaration of war, as had been predicted on the floor of the United States senate. But so satisfied are a group of insurance companies that no one on the Pacific coast doing business with them will be bombed in the next 12 months that they are willing to bet \$5000 against \$5 that there will be no damage from Japanese attack.

PARKING LOT FOR BICYCLES URGED TO HALT THEFTS

C. W. Gillette, 506 Union avenue, one of the growing army of bicycle riders here, believes something should be done about providing a safe place downtown where cyclists may leave their machines while shopping or attending a show.

Parking places have been provided for autos, Mr. Gillette points out, but bicycles are much easier stolen and there is now no place at all where a bicycle owner can leave his machine with any assurance that it will be there when he returns.

As use of autos decreases and more bicycles are used he predicts the need for a bike park will be sufficient to warrant an attendant who would issue checks on bicycles the same as are issued in city auto parking lots.

Mr. Gillette is employed at the Central Repair shop, operated by the war department at the Fairgrounds, and he says the large crew there nearly all come to work on bicycles, although owning automobiles.

DRIED FRUIT IN FREEZING ORDER

Washington, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The government today froze the entire 1942 production of dried apples, apricots, peaches, pears, prunes and grapes (raisins) in the hands of packers, to make them available for the army, navy and lend-lease shipment.

The freeze order issued by the war production board applied also to the carryover from the 1941 crop.

Supplies not purchased by the government will be made available for civilians, WPB said. In addition, the entire 1942 crop of Muscat, Sultan, and Thompson seedless grapes was ordered diverted into the production of raisins. These California varieties are the principal ones from which raisins are made, and none of them may be used for wine, or shipment as fresh fruit, uses which normally consume a large portion of the crop.

PERILS OF PLUMPTRESS

Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 11.—(AP)—A district court settlement gave Maudie Lee Clark \$309 in compensation, damages and medical expenses—for injuries suffered in fitting a girdle on a customer. She sprained her hand and finger.

Communications

PHYSICIAN OKES FIRST AID WORK

To the Editor: In consideration of the meritorious work that was recently rendered by the First Aid Unit of Prospect in the case of Jack Orr, I wish to say that in my opinion as a physician is that the teaching along the lines of First Aid was certainly ably demonstrated.

Altho the patient passed away shortly after arrival at the hospital, the First Aiders in this case may rest assured that their efforts were in accordance to the best teaching.

"The Attending Physician," (Name furnished on request on file.)

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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 11, 1932

(It Was Friday)

Gardens of valley are pliered by gang of thieves operating at night.

Revolt in Spain quickly smashed.

Picking of Bartlett starts in valley, and packing plants start.

Fair and normal. High 80, low 68 degrees.

Reform of prohibition and economic recovery main need of nation, President Hoover declares in acceptance speech.

Independent candidate for sheriff circulates petition.

Corvallis COFC denies it launched movement for merger of UOFO and OSC.

Japanese swimmers lead in Olympic contests.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 11, 1922

(It Was Friday)

Thousands of dollars allotted to Oregon for rivers and harbors improvement.

Bombs are thrown in railroad strike in south.

Biggest pear crop in history of valley now being picked.

Horseshoe pitching club holds first meeting at Washington school grounds.

Band concert in city park tonight. Parents are requested to keep their children quiet.

Russell Ulrich is visiting at the home of his grandmother in Jacksonville.

County court to inspect Mt. Ashland road.

Generally fair. High 78, low 46 degrees. First Indian summer day of the year.

Boy Steals \$1,100 For Spending Spree

Portland, Aug. 11.—(AP)—With one penny left in his pocket, Robert Grover, 17, Portland, walked up to a policeman last night and said, "I stole \$1,100 from my stepfather Wednesday night."

Officer Paul A. Curry took the youth to headquarters where he told detectives that he took the money from George W. Wann and with another youth bought a car for \$450 which they drove to Seattle on a spending spree.

Grover was charged with larceny. Bail was set at \$1,000.

Travel Table

AIRPLANES

Northbound

Leave Mails Close

4:33 a. m. 8:33 a. m.

12:02 p. m. 11:02 p. m.

3:38 p. m. 2:38 p. m.

9:38 p. m. 8:38 p. m.

Southbound

Leave Mails Close

10:52 a. m. 9:57 a. m.

1:57 p. m. 1:12 p. m.

5:52 p. m. 4:57 p. m.

12:12 a. m. 11:17 p. m.

TRAINS

Northbound

Leave Mails Close

7:40 p. m. 6:50 p. m.

Southbound

Leave Mails Close

8:10 a. m. 7:10 a. m.