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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The arm chair, employed by military strategists and tacticians in long-distance fighting of the war, is now being used extensively in the mining of chrome and other metals, vital to the war effort. It is amazing how much blood can be shed, and earth moved by this process.

The Italians did noble last week. Firing point blank from Rome with a typewriter they sank an American air carrier in the Mediterranean; that was not even in the Mediterranean. They are getting so unreliable, they cannot be trusted to lie for themselves, let alone Japan.

Steps have been taken to remedy the expectant fuel shortage on the Coast. There is a good chance residents of timbered areas will not have to come to town to get warm next winter.

PUZZLE DEPT.

Grants Pass Bulletin

"J. H. Everett, formerly residing at Hugo, but now located on the Winnetron place, was a Thursday business visitor. Mr. Everett claimed he was quite surprised by the bustle and vim in our little city."

(Note: with reference to above item, we have not yet been able to learn who was the owner of the bustle.)

Objections have been duly registered in Prohibition circles against people riding on tires made of alcohol, as proposed. There should be a rule the tires contain no more alcohol, than the driver.

E. J. Kaiser, the shipbuilder with a plan to build plane cargo carriers, holds high appeal for Oregonians. It is felt he could run for Congress in eastern Oregon and beat Walter Pierce.

A fashion editor say "women were brave when they adopted slacks for street wear." They are downright heroic like Washington's soldiers at Valley Forge when they roll them up to the knees, and start down Main street in a high lunge for a head of lettuce.

The American offensive in the Pacific may turn out to be the Second Front, the British report—and, probably hope.

School will be opened September 14. Kids and their Maws will be brave, and bear with Spartan fortitude the fortnight delay from last year, in the spirit of war time sacrifice.

AUGUST

"Bring me a fan,
Some lemonade,
Find me a brook,
A sheltered shade!"

Find me a spring
That's cold and deep,
Find me a place
Where I may sleep!

Let fall some rain,
A cooling sprinkle!
Bring me some ice,
Enough to tinkle!

Bring me a lake,
An ocean breeze,
A wind to stir
The breath of trees!

August has put
Me in a stew!
Winter I long
To welcome you!

—Exchange

Portland, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Corvallis has agreed tentatively to build a sewage treatment plant for protection of the Camp Adair water supply. Harold F. Wendel, Oregon sanitary authority chairman, said today

Churchill Sees Stalin

IT IS reassuring to learn that Prime Minister Churchill and W. Averill Harriman, representing President Roosevelt, have recently concluded a three-day conference in Moscow with Premier Stalin.

There had been unconfirmed rumors to this effect for some time. But now the meeting is officially announced by the Soviet government with the comment that unspecified decisions were reached in an atmosphere of cordiality and complete sincerity.

THERE is no doubt of the sincerity. The allies SINCERE desire to aid Russia, Stalin's SINCERE desire to be aided.

The cordiality, however, particularly on Stalin's part might be open to some question.

The "Man of Steel" has never been a very "cordial" person, under the most favorable circumstance. And while his armies have again demonstrated their ability to "take it" as well as "dish it out," the failure of the allies to stage an all-out sea and land offensive in the West, can hardly have increased the amiability of the All-Highest in the Kremlin.

In fact our own belief is, the allied representatives were treated to some very blunt and non-cordial conversation, with something in the nature of an ultimatum to the effect that there better be allied action and plenty of it, or the Soviet chief will not answer for the consequences.

For of course there IS a limit to what a national leader in Stalin's place and of his type WILL "take." Stalin cares nothing for Atlantic charters, high moral aspirations, so-called democratic ideals, or democratic "alibis."

He cares a great DEAL for the security of his own country, and his own skin. And if at any time he believes his best interests and the best interests of his country will be best served by making a deal—any kind of a deal—no moral scruples will prevent him.

THERE is little doubt this fact was made perfectly clear to Messrs. Churchill and Hariman, for it is Soviet Russia's interest that it should be. And there is even less doubt that whatever can be done by the Anglo-American forces to aid Russia at this critical time will now be done, and will be done QUICKLY.

Whether this means an immediate and all-out attack by the United Nations in the west only the future can disclose.

But that it does mean doing all the allied command believes CAN be done, under circumstances now existing, is CERTAIN.

War Is Hell, but, —

To the editor: I didn't go to the Camp White celebration but my daughter did. She came home saying the commanding general said he was making those boys into the best killers he could and everybody cheered. Today I took my daughter to church and we read in the Bible it is wicked to kill, and it is right to turn the other cheek to those that would smite you. My little girl asked me who is right, and I didn't know what to say. I don't know now. Perhaps you do Mr. Editor?

Mrs. A. H. D., Medford, August 16th.
(Name on file)

Perhaps.

And as a starter let us answer this question by asking one.

If our correspondent's daughter were asleep in her room, and what Hollywood sometimes terms a "beast in human form" should break into the house and swinging a club aloft start for that room, and the mother sitting nearby should be lucky enough to have a loaded shot-gun in her hand, what would SHE do?

Would she call up her minister or read an extract from the Bible to the marauder?

Or would she use that gun where it would do the most good, and thank the good Lord she had one!

WE doubt if any mother—or father—or any sane human being would waste much time in answering THAT one.

Well that hypothetical picture represents world war situation with reasonable accuracy, as far as this country and the moral problem is concerned.

This war was certainly not of our seeking. We did all in our power to prevent it, and to keep out of it.

But it was forced upon us, in a direct and exceptionally treacherous fashion.

What should we do—what is the RIGHT thing to do? NOTHING? Sit quietly in the rocking chair, and let nature take its course to the inevitable and tragic conclusion?

OR SHOULD we defend our home and our own in the most effective fashion possible?

We feel there isn't much room for debate on that question either.

War is a horrible, filthy, thing, every sane person detests it, and is eager to do everything possible to prevent it.

But as Grover Cleveland once remarked we face a condition, not a theory and that condition is war—war forced on us—an attack on this country, and on everything that we hold dear and makes life worth living.

And the only way to win that war is to KILL! It isn't a pleasant idea, nor a pleasant prospect. But it MUST be done. If our world goes down we go down with it. And the only way to prevent it is to get together the strongest and most effective army we can muster, and make the members of that army the most competent killers that can be made.

For the more competent killers they are the shorter the war will be, the more secure this country, and the more permanent the peace that follows.

There can be no half way measures in this game Mrs. A.H.D.—half way measures would be worse than none.

Once in a war it is a question of KILLING or being killed. General Gerhardt was entirely right in emphasizing the necessity of the FIRST!

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.

POISON IVY TIME

Waist-deep in summer is poison ivy time—the time when most vacationists have a go at it. No harm to remind those who have not already learned the hard way what a nippon-nazi plant it is.

Poison ivy and poison oak are woody perennial vines or shrubs or low erect plants. Their leaves are divided into three leaflets on a stalk, two of the leaflets opposite and with short stems, the third leaflet in the middle on a larger stem. The leaves are two or three inches long, dark green on the upper surface, lighter green and velvety with a fine hairy covering on the under surface. The leaflets tend to be smooth on one margin and notched with one or more indentations on the other margin.

Poison ivy and poison oak have inconspicuous small yellowish green flowers in loose branching clusters in early summer, and these flowers turn into small smooth round green fruits or berries in the autumn, becoming white or ivory in late autumn.

A casual glance should enable anyone to distinguish the harmless Virginia creeper from poison ivy or poison oak. Virginia creeper, often confused with poison ivy, has five leaflets to the stalk and its fruits are blue in color with red stems, and contain two or three seeds each, whereas the fruit or berry of poison ivy or poison oak contains a single seed.

This article deals with prevention of poisoning. On request, accompanied with stamped envelope bearing your address, I'll send a pamphlet instructing you how to treat ivy poisoning.

Then there is poison sumac, sometimes known by other names such as poison elder, poisonwood, poison ash, poison dogwood or thunderwood, growing as a shrub with several slender clustered stems or as a tree 10 to 20 feet high with trunk several inches thick. Its leaves are a foot or so long, having from 7 to 13 leaflets on a stalk, each leaflet an inch

wide and three or four inches long. Leaflets dark green on upper surface (bright orange when they first unfold in early spring), lighter green and, in the spring, having a velvety covering of fine hairs on under surface (like poison ivy leaflets). Harmless sumacs have more leaflets to the stalk (9 to 21 and 31). Their flowers occur in densely covered upright terminal spikes of a deep red shade. The flowers of poison sumac resemble rather the flowers of poison ivy—yellowish-green in color in narrow clusters growing out of the angles of leaf stems, and are followed by waxy or ivory fruits.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Cheese and Milk

Group of dairy workers making bets on the answer to this and leaving it to you. Which has more nourishment for food value in it, milk or cheese? What proportion of milk is water. (A. J.)

Answer—Cottage cheese has a food value of about 800 calories per pound; Swiss cheese, 2,000 calories per pound; American cheese, 2,000 calories per pound; milk, 320 calories per pound. Cottage cheese is over two-thirds water; American and Swiss or Swiss type cheese slightly less than one-third water; milk is nearly nine-tenths water (87%). For my commission I may have a dipper of Grade A raw milk from tuberculin tested cow, before it cools?

Rash

Following suggestion in booklet "CVD" I took vitamin B complex three times a day for about a month and then had small pimples break out on my neck in back of scalp. So I stopped. (F. C. M.)

Answer—Vitamin B complex would hardly account for the rash.

No Salt

Have not used any table salt for several months. In consequence have lost my appetite. Only eat now to live. Can you suggest any harmless substitute for salt? (D. A. M.)

Answer—Every one needs a reasonable amount of salt daily at least fifteen or twenty grains. I know of no substitute for salt. Particularly in hot weather or when sweating freely from work or play in the heat or sun, one should consume plenty of salt to replace the increased excretion in the sweat. A good pinch of salt with every drink of water is more refreshing, better prevention against sun-stroke or heat exhaustion or heat cramps, than plain water or other unsalted beverage.

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dying men, would refuse to treat any until he could get enough doctors to treat all at once—and the day before election, presumably.

His other point denied his first one. It was that "a large force of reasonably well-trained person, many typewriters, and the necessary desks and filing equipment and forms are required—perhaps 3,000 persons to look over 1,000,000 forms."

He said it would, therefore, be physically impossible to get out all the checks even on November 1, so he intended to practice some of the "discrimination" he decrees. He only thinks it a sin to do so before November 1.

OF course this is no excuse for delaying everyone, but he used it and thereby unintentionally suggested that if the second front is to be opened on the same basis, perhaps this country needs a swifter assistant secretary of war as well as a swifter army financial department.

But the prettiest of all excuses was advanced by Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Utah (he is not up for re-election this year), who blocked the Rankin correction in the senate Thursday, because, he said, it was dishonest to hold out hopes to dependents that they might be paid before November 1, because it could not be done.

Apparently he wanted a humane argument to support his inhumane position, but he even strained his own credulity with that one for a few minutes later he told Senator Tydings, the November 1 date had been adopted for all payments because they did not want the checks which would be ready before that date to go out until all were ready.

That put him on both sides of the argument—the checks both would and could not be prepared before Nov. 1—within the span of a single long breath, also he was apparently unaware of the Roosevelt navy letter, read earlier that same day in the house, saying the navy wanted the restriction removed.

The boys certainly got balled up in their alibis.

COLD WINTER SEEN

Portland, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Dr. Blair Stewart, Oregon OPA price officer, said today he doubted that Portland would get ample fuel for winter despite an authorization for an increase in the price of wood.

See Mail Tribune west side.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Something Wrong With Production

Plants Close For Lack of Material

To Base Blimps Near Tillamook

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—

Even the official office of war information frankly admits that something is wrong with the war production; that production is slipping and is not keeping up to schedule, with the possible exception of merchant ships. Elmer Davis, who gave up an \$80,000 job to head O.W.I., is really trying to inform the public and answer the incessant question: "Why don't they tell us the facts?"

Alexander MacLeish, a very minor poet and librarian of the congressional library, as head of office of facts and figures, "kidded" the public, said everything was rosy and not a cloud upon the horizon. OFF has been abolished and with it dozens of men who were drawing \$8000 each.

Organized labor (AFL and CIO) are protesting the closing of hundreds of plants because they have no material. Representative Tolman of California hits the nail on the head by charging that there is no official with final say; no one authorized to assume responsibility. In a metropolitan full of coordinators there is none to knit the armed services, the civilians and the lend-lease into one comprehensive picture.

Maritime commission says it needs so many tons of sheet steel for shipyards of the northwest; army orders tanks and a variety of aircraft; navy orders steel for its warships; housing orders hardware for its building program; Donald Nelson says he will see that civilian needs are taken care of; Harry Hopkins orders lend-lease supplies. There is no one individual or agency that these groups make report to; no person who knows how much aluminum, copper, steel or magnesium is or will be available and who can apportion these metals so that each will receive something. WPB does not follow up the material from the mine to the finished product. There are too many high priorities and not enough allotments. With some industries hoarding materials (shipyards are not exception) others are struggling to obtain enough to continue operations and those which cannot are closing or slowing down. There is no balanced production; it is every man for himself—the army, the navy, maritime commission, lend-lease. Now it is admitted that President Roosevelt's demand for 60,000 airplanes this year will not be met; that the three ships a day program will fall short; that tanks will not roll off the assembly line as was predicted.

This confusion will continue until someone—it doesn't matter who—is appointed by the president to supervise and correlate production and distribution.

MEN are flocking to the northwest to work in war industries and for the first time there is talk of limiting the number of employees in the yards of Puget sound and Columbia river and freezing the number of workers at Boeing plants, at tank plants, etc. This situation is brought about by two angles: The "tight" condition of materials and the housing shortage. The matter of materials (explained above) is the first consideration and governs, of course, the number of workers required. Now housing is curbed by the shortage of building materials and in a land of sawmills. If transportation was available workers could commute from 30 to 50 miles, relieving the pressure on centers where war industries are located.

THOSE blimps which are to be based on Tillamook coast (establishment to cost about \$12,000,000) and patrol the entire Pacific northwest looking for submarines, cost estimated at \$325,000 each, will place a number in the air. They have a speed of about 12 miles an hour, or two miles faster than the Liberty ships which are rated at 10 knots. With helium gas, the smaller lighter than air machines are unsinkable. War department received \$100,000 to experiment with autogyros, also to be used for spotting submarines, but no report on progress of the experiment has been made public.

GOVERNMENT is gradually adopting the 24-hour clock and more and more reports are carrying the new all-day style. The count starts with midnight at zero and time is reckoned from there to the next midnight. Thus 3:15 p. m. is 13:15 and 9 p. m. is 21 o'clock. A report dated August 15, 1942, 3:15 p. m., is written thus: 8:15:42; 13:15.

SENATOR O'Mahoney of Wy-

oming is not excited over the shortage of strategic metals. He says that no effort is being made to recover the minerals in his own state and the Pacific northwest, although his special committee has held hearings off and on for a year, with witnesses explaining the extent of many deposits. Government agencies, he says, gave assurances that these minerals would be developed, but they have done nothing although they have had time to bring some mining properties into production.

GERMAN PATROLS OFF DOVER SUNK

London, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A light German patrol boat was sunk and three others were severely damaged in a spirited clash with British light coastal craft in the Straits of Dover last night, the admiralty announced today.

All the British craft engaged in the clash returned to their base, but there were a few casualties aboard, the admiralty said. The German force consisted of "five or six R-boats," the communiqué said.

Jane's lists two types of R-boats, one displacing 45 tons and another 90 tons. Another enemy boat was rammed and so seriously damaged it was believed to have failed to reach base.

Two more "R-boats" were severely damaged by gunfire, the admiralty added.

Coastal batteries engaged in the action, the admiralty said, explaining the mystery of gunfire heard in the channel and the cross-channel duels of German and British heavy artillery last night.

SECRET VISIT OF DOOLITTLE TOLD

London, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The presence here of Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the United States army air force bombers in the attack on Japan last April 18, was disclosed for publication today.

He has been here ten days, and is expected to return to the United States soon. Doolittle, it was indicated authoritatively, will not be attached permanently to the American air command in the European theater.

Doolittle's arrival was a tightly guarded secret until after he had conferred with Maj. Gen. Carl Carl Spaatz, commander in chief of the United States air forces in the European theater, and his second in command, Brig. Gen. Ira C. Eaker.

He also made a three-day tour of American air bases in Britain.

NAZIS EXECUTE GREEK PATRIOTS

London, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A number of Greek patriots on the island of Crete who mistook German parachute practice for a British invasion and tried to help by seizing Candia airfield have paid with their lives, according to reports reaching the Greek government in exile here today. Three hundred were said to have been arrested, and an undiscovered number shot.

These reports said that fishermen's stories of large ship movements off Crete prompted rumor that a British invasion flotilla was approaching the island and when the patriots saw German parachutists making practice jumps they assumed that the hour of liberation had come.

THE two volunteers who have been invited to attend a special presentation ceremony at San Francisco are Mrs. Mildred Fienberg, of the Portland information center and Mrs. Faye McKay, who serves at an observation post near North Bend.

The ceremony will be broadcast over the Red network from 6 to 6:30 p. m. today.

Bend, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Insurance company representatives estimated today that fire that destroyed the M. G. Hitchcock pine mill near Sisters Thursday night caused damage of more than \$40,000.

NOTICE

Effective Tuesday, Aug. 18 we will discontinue all hot lunches and dinners. We will feature fountain service, sandwiches, salads and home made pies. Closed each Wednesday.

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