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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The nation now has so many

quotas, a quota on quotas, is

one of the crying needs of the

hour and day.

The Mikado, on the anniversary

of the signing of the Axis

treaty, wires congratulations to

A. Hitler of Germany "on the

continued successes of our

arms." This is diplomatic

politeness no end, without regard

for the facts. On the other

hand, the Son of Heaven

snubbed II Duce Mussolini. He

sent a message to the King of

Italy. In a room together, none

of the trio would dare, make a

long, low formal bow, for fear

the other two would indulge in

some playful back-stabbing with

a stiletto.

HOUSING PROBLEM!

(Albino Tex.) Reporter

"\$10 reward for south side

apartment, large enough to

keep permanent young man's

wife from going home to

mother, and small enough to

keep mother from coming

here. Box 10-A, Reporter."

Gum chewing is now the

order of the day hereabouts,

and some of the young can flip

their cud from one side of the

face to the other with one

chomp of the lower jaw. It also

cures the user of the cigarette

habit, while acquiring another

one.

Ethiopia has declared itself in

a state of war with Japan, Ger-

many and Italy. Mostly with

Italy, it would seem, in the light

of history.

Considerable excitement was

caused this morning by the

rumor the Espee passenger train

from the north arrived on time.

HOW TIMES DON'T CHANGE!

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

"Young girls of Pendleton

and vicinity have got to quit

getting 'mushy' over soldiers

passing through the city. Chief

of Police Al Roberts says so

and declares that if his word

isn't heeded, some girls are

going to have a dose of

humiliation."—(25 Yrs. Ago

Col.)

The government has ruled cu-

cumbers as non-essentials, and

urge people not to plant them

next spring. Due to human

nature, this will result in the

largest crop of cucumbers in

history. The cucumber has

long been notorious for its cool-

ness, but often found itself in

a pickle, notwithstanding.

Coots Bay has reached the

peak of something. They have

a "religious war" raging over

the radio.

"600,000 DETROIT WORK-

ERS NAILED TO POSTS."—

(Hillside Eugene Register-Guard)

—Cruel and inhuman.

Farmers are still busy with

their questionnaires, and in

need of a lead pencil as long as

a pitchfork handle. The exams

have also caused an unprece-

dent amount of rural head

scratching.

"What is more beautiful for

the blonde to wear for formal

dances than white tulle? My

answer—and I'm sure you will

agree with me—is "Nothing."—

(Worcester (Mass.) Gazette.)—

Tsk, tsk, tsk, tsk!"

The British are lured by the

speeches of Wendell Wilkie

and charge he is conducting an

anti-British campaign. If he

were in London the late White

hope of the GOP would be the

target for a barrage of vege-

Russian Propaganda

Not only are the Russians great fighters. They are great propagandists—probably the world's best.

Observe their excellent war films, for example. And even more striking their daily war communiques.

The latter are invariably readable—lively, dramatic, vivid, gripping; in sharp contrast to the British and German which are coldly factual, stodgy and uninspiring.

FEW in fact can view the Russian films or read the Russian war reports and have any doubt whatever that Stalin has Hitler on the run and will beat Santa Claus to Berlin by Christmas.

This is particularly true if they read the Russian reports and no others.

For this high conquering quality and unshatterable self-confidence is a note that never falters—that is sustained day in, day out—whether the resourceful and romantic Muscovites are falling back to "new and strongly prepared positions" or gallantly advancing over the dead and frozen bodies of the ill-clad Nazi reserves to occupy a score of more inhabited villages, and add three or four more thousands to the prodigious German casualty lists.

And this, of course, is the acid test of good propaganda and its purpose—it must build up home morale and break down the morale of the opposition.

ONE can hardly blame Hitler, therefore, for shooting any of his people caught listening to foreign radio broadcasts. For if the German people should once get in the habit of listening to the broadcasts from Moscow—we said HABIT—the war would certainly be over far more quickly than will be the case with this privilege denied.

For look what this propaganda has done to America—where the privilege is NOT denied!

Less than three years ago Soviet Russia was the most thoroughly disliked and suspected country in the world as far as Uncle Sam was concerned. Today no other foreign country can approach Russia in American popularity.

WE don't maintain this reversal in sentiment has been due SOLELY to propaganda. The sturdy fighting heart of the Muscovites, their refusal to quit and their inspiring willingness to die, have been chiefly responsible. But we do maintain these qualities could never have made the impression they have made had it not been for the remarkably effective Russian method and manner of publicity.

As a matter of fact Russians have always been great artists—music, painting, literature.

And propaganda—really good propaganda—is LITERATURE. So there should really be nothing surprising in this superiority of the Soviet publicity department.

Only so many misguided people have thought the Russia of Stalin had gone so far back from the cultured Russia of Tchaikowsky, Dostoevskiy, Tolstoy and Turgeniev!

More Of The Same

As a postscript to the above, however, the Russian propagandists, like Homer, sometimes nod.

And they nodded yesterday when they maintained over the radio that in the past year and a half, the Russian army has caused 8,000,000 German casualties—8,000,000 dead, wounded and prisoners.

Eight million!—that's a lot of casualties in any man's war. And these were all of course on the Russian front.

WE doubt if in the present American mood, many radio listeners questioned the truth of that statement. For no one denies the Russians have done an amazing job, and the German casualties have been tremendous.

But eight million! That is three million more than the Russians have lost during the same period, according to Mr. Wendell Wilkie.

Well, let's see. Who knows something about the German army? Presumably Wm. Shirer of Berlin Diary fame.

And Mr. Shirer believed that in combat troops—and certainly the Germans on the Russian front aren't NON combatants!—Hitler's maximum could not exceed eight million and more likely was around five or six million. He also estimated a year ago Germany had approximately 2,000,000 troops holding the Russian front—that was at the start of the winter campaign of course.

Now, obviously, if Mr. Shirer knows what HE is talking about—and he has a high reputation in that direction—then the Soviet propaganda bureau DOESN'T, or if it does, purposely departed from the fact and indulged in fiction.

FOR AGAIN quite obviously, if on the eastern front alone Hitler in 18 months suffered 8,000,000 casualties—even assuming a large share of them were wounded—he would have no army—at least no effective army—left.

Moreover, while many wounded men return to the front, the percentage of the wounded returned to active duty, is not as high as many people think.

For in this modern warfare, a soldier can't be half fit, or even 85% fit—he has to be completely fit or he might better be making munitions or guarding a bridge in the rear.

So-o-o— Good as the Russian propaganda service is, the temperamental and gifted Ivans and Dmitris employed there are not above making mistakes.

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.

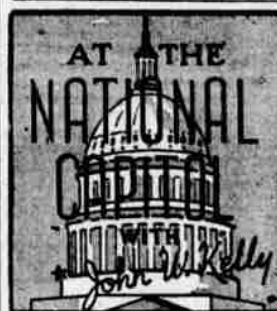
WHY THE PHYSIC HABIT?

The fact that most people get their little knowledge of physiology, not from textbooks, not from school, not from physicians, not from health authorities, but from almanacs (the old time ones), from nostrum propaganda, from colon filling stations and from each other, accounts for the great American physiologic habit.

Two fundamental fallacies contribute to the cultivation of the physiologic habit by people who think they know more about this man than the "ordinary" doctor knows. First is the fallacy that the bowel requires "regulation," whereas in fact it is controlled and regulated as automatically as is the heart action or the breathing. Second is the fallacy that if one does not constantly interfere with the automatic control of peristalsis with physic or enema "auto-intoxication" is sure to occur.

"Auto-intoxication" or, as some of the shrewd charlatans now call it, "auto-intoxemia" or even "auto-toxicosis" (these latter terms serving to keep the folks in line when they begin to suspect "auto-intoxication" is a lot of hooey), is a purely hypothetical poisoning of the body by excretions reabsorbed from the colon or large bowel into the blood. No such poisoning has ever been scientifically demonstrated. No reputable physician ever makes a diagnosis of "auto-intoxication."

In making these assertions I do not mean to imply that I will tell you what your particular complaint is if it isn't "auto-intoxication." So don't try to stagger me with that argument. If you are so all fired certain that you suffer from auto-intoxication if you fail to take your customary physic or enema, I refer you to any authoritative textbook of physiology for wholesome enlightenment. If you find anything that seems to sustain your morbid belief, do let me in on it. I'm just a plodding old door-to-door practitioner and for all I know what I don't know may fill many books.



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the amendment put the kibosh on using an executive order to siphon out funds. When the amendment was offered there was telephoning to RFC, to the White House and other places, and when the author of the amendment stuck by his guns word came that opposition to it was withdrawn. Prior to November 3 the amendment would have been defeated immediately. Congress is tightening up on blank checks.

Congress appropriated \$35,000,000 for a war department building across the Potomac, in Virginia, where 40,000 government workers are employed. The war department did not stop at \$35,000,000; obtained \$50,000,000 from the president out of this blank check account, and there is an \$85,000,000 pentagon building—enough money to build a fleet of destroyers, some 150 flying fortresses or scores of Liberty ships.

BEST Kaiser story drifting back to the national capital tells of three colored government workers who were sent to Kaiser's yards in the Vancouver-Portland area to undertake to straighten out the troubles of the colored workers imported by Kaiser from New York. Kaiser had to entertain the colored negotiators, but the color line is drawn in the swanky hotels and restaurants of Portland and Puget Sound. Kaiser could have hired a private room in a hotel, but did not. The shipbuilder brought his three colored guests to Portland's Arlington club, than which there is nothing more exclusive; had them served at the bar; fed them in the main dining room. Kaiser agents are now in Chicago looking for workmen.

JANUARY 10, 1943, is to be the big day in the office of price

MAJOR AIR BLOWS TO LAND ON AXIS SAYS GEN. ARNOLD

Army Air Force Commander Reveals Plans For Aerial Blows in Few Months.

Washington, Dec. 14.—U.P.—A major aerial offensive against the Axis—probably on a scale larger than the German "blitz" against Great Britain in 1940—is being prepared and when it comes Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito better take cover.

Twice within a week, Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the army's air forces, has issued statements asserting that Axis overall air strength is decreasing while that of the United Nations is just hitting its stride.

Giant Planes Coming He talked on both occasions of new model American planes that will make 1942 models look like training ships, of firepower that will make existing aerial guns feel like peashooters, and of bomb loads that will include many times the destructive power of those of today.

Secret weapons—the American experts have a "secret weapon or two up their aerial sleeves, too" and soon will demonstrate them to the Axis.

"Entirely new 'battlewagons' are on the way"—he previously has said that the present Flying Fortresses and Liberator bombers perhaps are "the last of the 'small' bombers." Both of Arnold's statements were cautious but optimistic about the future of the aerial phase of the war. One was made last Tuesday at a press conference here. The second came yesterday at Randolph Field, Tex., in a speech to the graduating classes of Randolph and three other Texas flying schools. Together they were interpreted here as preliminary statements to a gigantic offensive in the air against the Axis—especially in the European and Mediterranean theaters, but not overlooking Japan.

In Few Months Arnold told the graduating fliers that within a few months the Germans and Italians will feel the impact of "hundreds of planes dropping their bombs not on one or two nights a week, but every day and night in the week."

"We'll soon put on a demonstration for Hitler and Hirohito," he said, "and we don't think they are going to like it either." American planes will make good the Japanese radio warning to its people that American forces will radio Tokyo again. "We are coming and we hope to make it soon," he said. "And when we do come it will be in large numbers. We won't stop with one visit. But we will return again and again."

Here's the picture he drew of the forthcoming air offensive: "We will hit their submarines while being constructed on their ways, at their bases and out in the wide oceans. We will hit their transportation facilities, their industries, their munitions plants, their airplane and tank factories. Hundreds of thousands of people will have to move from ruined cities to other localities. They will realize what a true war of today means. Such is the fate that will come to both Germany and Japan."

Statistics Cited

Statistics cited by Arnold tell best the relative value of American and Axis planes:

Army air forces destroyed 928 Axis planes and probably downed 276 more from Feb. 5 to Dec. 5 of this year. American losses for the same period were



After taking a mauling, but silencing a Jap battleship so destroyers could finish it off, the U. S. S. San Francisco, steamed battered but proudly under Golden Gate Bridge to be saluted by her city and nation for heroic action in the Solomon Islands. Official U. S. Navy photo.

130 known destroyed and 104 missing craft.

"To date we have had over 1,063 different sorties against the Germans and have lost up to Nov. 30 a total of 32 planes," he said. "That total is for our losses by both aircraft and anti-aircraft. During these sorties we have definitely destroyed 293 enemy planes, probably destroyed another 150 and have damaged 192. That is a record unequalled by bombers of any other nations."

STRIP TEASE WAAC GIVEN "KICK OUT"

Des Moines Ia., Dec. 14.—U.P.—Kathryn Gregory, the shapely, red-haired WAAC who went A. W. O. L. to become a burlesque theater's chief strip tease attraction, received an "other than honorable" discharge from the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps today.

Col. J. A. Hoag, commandant at the Ft. Des Moines training center, said the discharge corresponded to a dishonorable one from the regular army. When the commandant first learned that Miss Gregory had been maneuvering on a downtown stage in a south sea island uniform, he described her as "just a girl who didn't understand her responsibilities" in the women's army.

Miss Gregory, who had been billed as "Amber D'Georg, the exotic glamour girl direct from Hollywood," at the Casino theater, was tried by a board of three third officers in the WAAC. Their recommendations were forwarded to Washington and approved.

Gael Fullback Will Play For West Team

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—U.P.—Only four places remained to be filled on the West Shrine team today as officials announced addition of Fullback Tony Compagno of St. Mary's East here January 1.

Hampered throughout the season by injuries, Compagno nevertheless built up a reputation as one of the hardest-hitting backs on the coast.



ARMY SLUGGERS—Aviation Cadet John H. (Buddy) Lewis, left, former batting ace of the Washington Senators, chats at Randolph Field, Texas, with his flying instructor, Lieutenant James P. Christy. Lieutenant Christy was slugging it with gloves for featherweight title when he entered service.

Flight 'o Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 14, 1932 (It Was Wednesday)

County judge-elect declares present county court is illegal, and he is "the duly elected and qualified county judge."

Elks annual Christmas party to be held tomorrow night.

Five dollar auto license fee urged in state.

Fair and cold. High 42, low 19 degrees. Cold east wind sweeps upstate.

Rotarians donate old clothes for needy.

France renegs of promise to pay installment on American war debt, and Herriot cabinet resigns.

Rumor of railroad to Coast revived in Grants Pass.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 14, 1922 (It Was Thursday)

Net loss in Astoria fire figured at over seven million.

Portland falls down in guarantee, and football game between Medford and Scott high of Toledo is off.

Fair and continued cold. High 37, low 31 degrees.

Turkey to sign League of Nations if allies agree.

Peace hope again looms in Ireland.

Bottom drops out of democratic charges against attorney-general.

Miss Catherine Duell and Ned Vilas are wed.

INTERIOR STATES PLAN EXTENSIVE BLACKOUT TEST

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 14.—U.P.—The nine states of the army's seventh service command join tonight in staging the most extensive test blackout yet attempted in the United States.</