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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

At this season of "peace and good-will," with neither much in evidence, the Allies are making progress in knocking Herr Hitler off the Christmas tree.

Mr. Leon Henderson, head of the OPA, resigned. Like Mr. Herbert Hoover, in the White House, he was the goat for everything that happened, even if it didn't happen.

A timber wolf, with a limp his tracks indicate, is reported from Lake county. The limp is probably due to falling off the running board of a new auto during the late depression.

The Alaska winter is now doing to the Japs in the Aleutians, what the Russian winter is doing to the Nazis, in the elbow of the Don, and the knee of the Volga. There is something about a chilled Nipponese that arouses sympathy even in war, due to looking colder than they really are.

"Be Kind To Your Doctor" week was a success. No patient rammed a piece of kindling down his throat, with orders to say: "Ah!"

MEDIUM ROAST! (Butcher's Journal)

"These new instructions prove only one thing. And that is, that not one person in the OPA has ever been in the meat business or knows anything about it."

"The 23-page book evidently was prepared by economic theorists or college professors whose only practical knowledge of meat is limited to eating it."

The President presents a Nazi "Iron Cross," as a rebuke to a correspondent who wrote an article about a friend he did not like. No labor leader calling a strike in a war production plant will ever get one.

A British statesman as one condition of the peace terms, that Germany be deprived of commodities used in the making of munitions. The Teutonic love of war, coupled with their scientific efficiency, would enable them to make bombs out of turnips, first using the turnips in soup.

The meat shortage is so terrific in the metropolises, reports indicate, a steak formerly smothered in mushrooms, is used to smother the mushrooms.

BUT THERE IS AMERICA! (Red Bluff (Calif.) News)

"Parents who have sons in the army or navy, seldom know where they are. It's a military secret. And parents whose sons and daughters are not in the army or navy, likewise seldom know where they are. That alas, is also a secret."

Field Marshal Rommel's African Korps, in their flight from the British are beginning to resemble an apple—there h'aint going to be any korps.

"It's 'London Bridge is falling down'"

The children sang in London town.

That game they'll play, that song they'll sing

In London streets for many a spring—

For though the Nazis roam the sky,

The bridge still stands, the brave go by.

I think that Hitler must be filled

With fears about the folks he's killed;

Perhaps, when he lies down to sleep,

He dreams that nine big Russians creep

Around him, with their guns and knives—

And Hitler hasn't got nine lives!"

—Adin Ballou in N. Y. Herald Tribune.

Pinkley & Rickenbacker

Virgil Pinkley, the United Press war correspondent was here Saturday.

Captain Rickenbacker over the air Sunday. Two very different talks. Pinkley—young, fresh, forceful, very much alive. Captain Rickenbacker, just rescued miraculously from the "valley of the shadow" shaken, devout, solemnly and profoundly impressive. Yes, two very different talks, two very different men. But they brought the same lesson back from the war front.

IF "we the people" could only spend a few days in North Africa, or on Guadalcanal, with the home boys who are fighting and dying, how differently we would feel, and how differently we would behave. No doubt of it. That truth has been emphasized in this column many, many times since the war began.

YES, great as the misfortune would be—if the Japs WERE fighting the other side of the Siskiyou, or the Germans invading Long Island, there is no doubt of one great compensation:

No one would be complaining about this war regulation or that, this minor sacrifice or some other! Everyone would be on his—or her—toes asking "what can I do—don't care what it is, at the front or behind it—but put me where I will do the most good!"

And that is where they should be—as they are in England and Russia—yes, even in China, with the enemy hammering relentlessly at the city gates.

BUT with the fighting 6000 miles away on one side, and even farther on the other, it is difficult, if not impossible, to visualize what is really going on—the sacrifices and the suffering, day in day, out, yes and even more vital the dangers, not only to our own flesh and blood over THERE, but the dangers to us safe and secure HERE at home, if they fail.

Some people have the needed imagination. But far more don't. And the genus homo in the mass never does.

SO there is nothing to do—but do the best we can. For in arousing the fighting spirit there is no substitute for danger—not remote or possible danger, but certain danger here, now, immediate.

THE next best thing, of course, is what is being done—having men like Pinkley and Rickenbacker, just returned from the war zone, meet the people face to face or talk to them over the air and bring the TRUE situation home to them as far as that can be done.

We are certain those who heard Pinkley Saturday night and those who listened to Rickenbacker yesterday, have a clearer realization of the real war situation than they ever had before. Yes and they are imbued with a firmer determination than ever before, to uncompromisingly and resolutely do whatever lies within their power to do, to not only win the war, but win it in the quickest possible time.

Certainly such stirring and inspiring talks are invaluable in stimulating the national morale, and all right-thinking people feel grateful for what such men are doing for the cause, without reward or remuneration.

BUT the fact remains the extreme distances of the fighting fronts do present a serious obstacle to arousing the maximum fighting effort, and the more clearly we realize this fact and never overlook it the harder we work to overcome it the less serious the handicap of distance will prove to be.

Revival of Religion?

The experience of Captain Rickenbacker, as far as the religious implications are concerned, is not unusual in this war.

In fact one of the most striking features of the conflict thus far as far as the American forces are concerned, is the surprising spiritual awakening.

As one of the army chaplains remarked during the Bataan campaign:

"There are no atheists in fox-holes!"

AND there were none. Facing death, brought down to the grim realities of a struggle for survival, these husky young chaps, to a man, decided there was a divine power after all they had never recognized before—the one thing that might save them, or if not, that would support them in their extremity and carry them through to the end like men! Declared Rickenbacker:—

"Not I nor any of the men on that life raft will ever lose faith in God."

THE story of that other life-raft earlier in the war, and innumerable experiences of danger and rescue on land, have all pointed to the same spiritual conclusion.

Whatever else may come out of this war, there is little doubt a new religion—or perhaps better, a revival and reimplementation of the old—will be a by-product. Perhaps the one great outstanding contribution, of this second World War.

Books For the Army

We are asked to put in a good word for the next "Victory Book Campaign" and are glad to do it.

Next to letters from home—and the best girl—the boys in the army appreciate good books. This is particularly true of those wounded or on sick leave. Books, especially exciting and well written ones are at a tremendous premium in the service.

This movement is sponsored by the American Library Association, the Red Cross and the United Service Organizations. We can imagine no one being opposed to it, all should be for it.

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, 245 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

EYE WASH

Is the daily use of a home made solution of boric acid in rain water as an eye wash harmful to the eyes? My daughter wears glasses for nearsightedness, and it worries me to have her use this eye wash so frequently.

(Mrs. L. J.) Probably the girl has acquired the belief that her eyes are "weak"—myopia or nearsightedness if often regarded as "weakness" of the eyes—and imagines that the regular use of an eye wash will "strengthen" her eyes.

There is no foundation in fact for such belief. If anything the prolonged or habitual use of this or any other eye wash or drops would tend to make the eyes appear "weaker" or less clear and bright, tho of course it would have no appreciable influence on the eyesight or vision.

Boric (formerly called boracic) acid may be had in colorless or nearly colorless or in white powder. It is very cheap. It is not a germicide, but has mild antiseptic effect when used in powder, ointment or solution.

Even the antiseptic value (that is, power to prevent or retard multiplication of germs) of boric acid solution applied as drops or as a wash for the eyes, as spray or irrigation in throat or nose, as mouthwash, bladder wash, bowel wash or enema, is feeble at best, for the boric solution is not only not germicidal but when so applied it is in contact with the surface only for a brief moment. While boric acid solution, if freely applied as a wash, is an excellent detergent or cleanser to rinse or wash away mucus, abnormal secretions and such germs as may be on the surface—for this purpose it is probably even better than "normal salt solution" because the boric acid solution is tasteless—it cannot penetrate the mucous membranes to reach disease germs which may have invaded the tissues. And we must remember, it is not the germs on the surface, where spray, gargle or irrigation can reach them, but germs that have already invaded the tissues and are beyond reach of any such antiseptic, that cause the inflammation, infection or disease.

If I had a sore throat or any threat of one and you offered

me some trick gargle with instructions to gargle with it every so often, I'd lay back my head and gargle just once, making a noise like a hearty Bronx cheer.

Right strength of boric acid solution for eye drops, eye wash, mouth wash, gargle, nasal spray, etc., is a heaping teaspoonful of boric acid (scales or powder) in the pint of BOILED WATER—tap water, well water, rain or snow water or distilled water. It is cheap, and therefore should be freshly prepared when needed. It is best applied comfortably warm. More about eye wash tomorrow.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Forty Years of It

My husband has suffered from allergy for forty years. He sent for your pamphlet "Relief for Allergy"—he has had relief from the very first dose and now can eat anything he wants, and sleeps nights with now and then a dose or two. We are so happy about this and grateful to you for the help you have given us.

(Mrs. R. M.)

Answer—Forty years ago, M'am, I for one, had never heard of "allergy." I really wonder whether the condition has become common in recent years or whether we just did not recognize it then. On request, if accompanied with self-addressed stamped envelope, the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy" will be mailed any correspondent who is allergic.

In the Bag

Is the wheat they have in bags at the feed store fit for human consumption, or can it be treated so as to make it suitable for human consumption?

(G. B.)

Answer—I have consumed a good deal of it, but then, I'm not human about such things. Send a stamped envelope, bearing your address, for pamphlet "What to Eat." Mainly, I have encountered in buying wheat from the feed store is making the man understand my language—I ask for a peck, and he keeps changing the subject until I give up and say I'll take 15 pounds.

Removing Hair from Legs

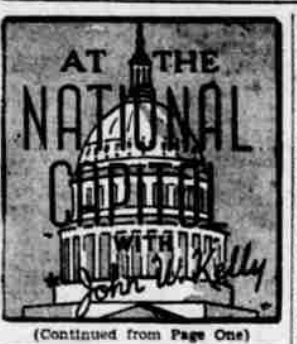
Please recommend what you consider the best means of removing hair from the legs.

(Miss R. D.)

Answer—Mix two teaspoonfuls of fresh barium sulfide with three teaspoonfuls of fine oxide and three teaspoonfuls of cornstarch. Moisten this with water to make a paste. Apply to hairy surface and allow to remain for ten minutes—or less time if any burning sensation. Scrape off blade, and wash skin with several rinsings of warm water. Some women prefer simple shaving with safety razor. Every girl to her taste.

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tions as they need, the same as the army, navy, interior department, etc. There is another congressional group which suspects that Herbert H. Lehman, in his capacity of director of relief and rehabilitation for all the world, would be financed through executive order on RFC and congress would be kept in the dark as to what Lehman was doing or how much money he was spending. No one has yet announced where Lehman will obtain money for his global relief and reconstruction; that the project will require several billion dollars is acknowledged. (Vice President Wallace now explains that when he said the United States would provide a quart of milk to everyone in the world, in a speech last May, he was using a figure of speech and that this off-hand observation has been misinterpreted. At the time it was supposed that Wallace was an administration spokesman).

DESPITE the secrecy of RFC funds, it is possible to show where some of the money is going. For instance, the United States has paid \$1,488,600 to train several hundred young men from Latin-America as fliers and technicians. Of these 40 per cent have completed training and returned home or are waiting transportation. None of this expense will be recovered. To eliminate Axis-con-

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What's the Matter With The Stock Market?

Babson Reviews Volume, Prices and Dividends

Wilmington, Dela. — In the year that has passed since Pearl Harbor we have seen the lowest volume of stock market trading since 1914. It amounted to only 108,863,000 shares. This is 22% under the corresponding period of a year ago. During the past year rail averages went up about 0.32 while industrials were down approximately 7.99. And this during a period when London, Berlin and Amsterdam markets moved consistently upward under a heavy volume of buying.

Some Explanations

Why Stocks Low

It, therefore, may not be possible to obtain many good stocks during the coming 12 months at prices which have prevailed during the past 12 months. A preponderance of bad news, Government financing, tax uncertainties, the normal shocks and mental stagnation of war have all had their effects on the stock market. Even though the belief has been current, that in view of inflation, equities are better to hold than cash, there has been but little buying for hedging.

Lack of ready cash by well-to-do investors has also helped to slow down market activity. Except in a real stock market boom, such as in 1928 and 1929, the public has never participated much in the purchase of listed securities. Usually this group get in during the last few months of a sustained rise. They contribute little except "small change" to rising volume and prices. Wealthy individuals, estates, insurance companies and institutions—formerly heavy buyers of securities—are now obliged to use their available funds for income taxes and the purchase of government bonds. Hence, these groups are no longer an important factor in the stock market.

Business Dividends

At Generous Levels

For nearly all types of businesses represented by New York Stock Exchange issues, volume has been at record heights. Amusement, copper, steel, utility, rubber, airplane, and mail order companies have all enjoyed an extremely heavy gross business. Furthermore, in spite of allowances for high excess corporation taxes, dividends have been generous with many companies declaring year-end extras. However, aggregate dividends for 1942 will not be as large as they were in 1941. Unlike the case in recent past years, a fair share of regular dividends and most of the extra dividends will not go back into the market for the purchase of additional shares.

In all probability many companies have passed, or are passing, their peak volume of business for the war period. Necessary capacities for war production are nearly, if not entirely, reached. If and when some critical materials are released to certain concerns, as in the case of rail equipment companies, they may do better in 1943. This can also be true of companies selling equipment to municipalities. Dividends, too, may have passed the honeymoon stage. While they may continue in individual instances, the total in 1943 may not rise above that of this year. I am, however, generally bullish on the prices of good stocks.

Rise and Fall to Follow War Rumors

At the recent Annual Business Conference in Babson Park, Massachusetts, I made the statement that stocks which suffered most during the war would prosper most after the war. These include most of the so-called "peace issues". From now on we shall probably face a wave of peace rumors. Peace stocks will rise and fall with them. Or these I will treat further in my Annual Review. If it turns out to be a long war there is probably still some gravity in the war stocks. But investors and management alike are worried over the re-negotiation of contracts. Until this question is definitely settled it will have a bearish influence.

Opportunities Ahead For Speculation

To balance unforeseen losses, the investor is justified in seeking at times speculative profits. Income alone from securities will rarely compensate for declining profits caused by events beyond the control of the cautious investor or outside the scope of ordinary commonsense buying. Hence, the wide awake investor must be continually on the lookout for special opportunities through which to maintain his principal. "Special situations", however, require careful study and selections should be made carefully. By these I do not mean the entirely new fields of manufacturing and promotion which some "smart" salesman may come around with as an "after the war certainty".

New uses for old products, new techniques in production, the creation of synthetics and the chances for investment in thoroughly deflated situations may offer the best opportunities for profits. Real estate equities unhampered by mortgages are a case in point. Of this latter, I hope some week to write in detail. Yes, for the imaginative and courageous investor there are many opportunities to turn losses into profits. I care not for the circumstances. Even under the worst conditions someone is always making money.

Communications

ONLY THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

To the editor,—

Your Thursday editorial, "Win the War First," was sure fine. Formulating and broadcasting Utopian peace treaties now, is NOT helping us win this war, ignoring, as they do, what our allies may wish, or demand.

In the hearts of Stalin, Churchill, Kiang Ki Check and De Gaulle there must be growing a deep contempt for these half-baked American peace theories. The first demand of each nation will be for what they consider JUSTICE. If, later, any of those nations wish to show kindness to their neighbors, it will be THEIR business, not ours.

Is it our business to remodel the political structures of our allies? Churchill recently told the world that he is not fighting this war for the purpose of dismembering the empire. American orators who now denounce empires are weakening English-American friendship. Again, if the allies win, there will be no peace table till the last Axis soldier is kicked out of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, East Poland and Bessarabia. Just who will then demand that Stalin restore independence to those lands? Why not take our heads out of the sand and face the grim realities?

Supposedly the wisest, brainiest men of the nations sat at the Versailles peace table, and botched their job. Is the world better now? Will Stalin, Churchill, Roosevelt, Kiang Ki Check, or their delegates, be more altruistic? Has the Golden Rule now become the guidebook of the nations? If not, why should we expect the peace table to be governed by it?

Around that peace table will sit the keenest diplomats, the shrewdest politicians these governments can send, each instructed as to what to get, and

doing his best to get it. About as selfish and suspicious a group as the one at Versailles. Making fine speeches but driving shrewd bargains. That doesn't make a pleasant picture. But neither does our own glaring neglect of the world's deep spiritual need make a pleasant picture. We will reap what we have sown. When the day comes that the Golden Rule becomes the policy of all nations, peace tables will be out of date; just museum relics. For wars will have ceased. Swords and spears will have become plowshares and pruning hooks. But that day is not yet. Neither will it be ushered in by political or economic wisdom. Only the Spirit of Christ can bring it in.

EDWIN DEACON,

Talent, Ore., Dec. 19, 1942.

THE HIGH PRICE OF MEAT

According to "Pathfinder" dogs and cats are valuable in Belgium. Cats are worth from \$2 to \$2.50. Dog meat is worth \$1 per pound. When they are worth that much in this country, we won't have so many.

WM. D. ROBERTS,

Medford, Ore., Dec. 19.

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 21, 1932

(It Was Thursday)

Grand jury recommends all justice courts in county save Medford and Ashland be abolished.

Gold Hill seeks federal finances.

Rain predicted. High 38, low 31 degrees.

Bond holders of Medford Irrigation to forego all interest for next four years.

Stores to remain open until nine o'clock Saturday night for Christmas shoppers.

President-Elect Roosevelt declines to cooperate in President Hoover's plan for settlement of European debt payments.

Oregon coast is hit by worst storm of winter.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 21, 1922

(It Was Wednesday)

World peace drive by churches of nation to start Sunday.

Believe robbery of Denver mint truck of \$200,000 was work of amateurs.

Four more days to shop for Christmas brings rush.

Ten thousand cars of Washington apples dumped into Columbia river when growers protest low price.

Showery with unsettled conditions. High 0, low 32 degrees.

URGE COWS AND RABBITS

Martinez, Cal. (U.P.)—To help overcome the meat shortage, Contra Costa county has launched a drive which it hopes will become nation-wide with the slogan of "A Cow on Every Vacant Lot and a Rabbit Every Vacant Hole"

AMBULANCES PICKED ON

San Francisco (U.P.)—City Health Officer Dr. Geiger has made an appeal to all motorists in the city "to lay off our ambulances." He said that in a single month, seven out of nine accidents to city-owned ambulances had been caused by other drivers crashing into them, resulting in damages of \$2,000.

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