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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Several citizens have written Santa Claus asking him to slip a sentence to the legislature in their stockings.

A valley patriot avers "bare falsehoods" are told about the weather. The current climate is not fit for even a fully clothed falsehood.

The nation is running out of small change as well as the better sized bills, and in Idaho scrip is issued. Many who have neither, would just as soon have scrip as money.

Natives of New Guinea were alarmed by the sight of a horse, flown to their jungles in an airplane. What use a lone horse would be on the New Guinea front is a military secret, but sounds interesting.

UNKINDEST CUT!

(Eugene Register-Guard)

"Eddie Rickenbacker says that if some of the boys from the front were put in the factories and some of the workers sent to the front production would be doubled. Eddie better be careful. Mr. R. will send him an iron cross for criticizing administration friends."

The Germans are taking a beating and retreating in North Africa and Russia, while the Japanese are feeling first Allied offensive blows in Burma and the South Pacific. These are signs of a crumbling Axis power and the love of war is fading from the Teutonic souls.

Last year there was a quaint military theory, the more the Axis was thumped, the stronger they became. At such times, high London circles wondered where the new offensive would be launched, and "England feared invasion." The Nazis are not running to loosen up their leg muscles and keep warm.

A commentator doubts America will ever have a dictatorship, but if it comes to pass "it will just be," through no plan. This sounds a lot like "Topsy" of "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

The nation might peep into the fence corner of its democracy, and find a strange and flourishing new weed.

Gentlemen who know report "the 40-hour week won't win the war." There is no chance if a battle lasts overtime, to picket the General's tent and have Madame Perkins certify the dispute to the mediation board.

Herr Hitler has snubbed both B. Mussolini of Italy and P. Laval of France. Even in the worst of men there is some good.

"I put out some crumbs for the birds and they came flying as fast as their legs would carry them."—(Extract from a letter from a little boy who does a bit of nature faking by accident).

REASSURING TOKYO

"So, with apologies to Mr. Curtin for venturing to amend his words, we wish to make it clear to the honorable Japanese high command that we are under no positive obligation, either to Hitler or to our Allies or to ourselves, to beat Germany first. We are quite ready to take advantage, in the Pacific, of any good opening that may present itself. We would like to beat Germany first, but if at any moment it became preferable to beat Japan first, there would certainly be no objection from Americans, either in or out of the armed forces. So we hope the Japanese won't be too much hurt at being relegated to second place on our list. They can always be promoted on short notice."—(Chicago Daily News).

Do Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Are Russian Reports True?

WE CONFESS TO a considerable scepticism where Russian war reports are concerned. And the record to date will sustain this scepticism.

A year ago, for example, the Russian war reports were very similar to those issued now—tremendous defeats were being inflicted on the Germans, huge slices of territory were being recaptured, the Germans were ill-clad, ill-fed and generally demoralized, with huge Muscovite pincers soon to close on hundreds of thousands of the poor devils!

But when the winter campaign was over, the net gains for Stalin were not only slight but in a short time the Germans had closed them out and advanced to the Volga, pretty thoroughly nullifying any advantages the winter campaign had obtained.

SO we have been taking the Soviet reports of this 1942 offensive with several grains of salt, and until the past few days have had no doubts of the wisdom of such caution.

But now we have "douts" in the other direction. For Henry Shapiro, the U. P.'s crack war correspondent in Russia—where he has been ever since the war started—has come safely out of that country and is writing copyright dispatches giving the low down regarding Russia.

There can be no doubt therefore of the truth and accuracy of these reports. Shapiro is a trained reporter, reliable and experienced, he can't have been infected with the Kremlin propaganda bureau virus. The truth of what he writes now can't be questioned.

And Shapiro in effect confirms all the Russian claims as to their second winter offensive. To date, Shapiro declares, the Red army HAS accomplished more in a few weeks than they accomplished last year in the same number of months. Russian morale is extremely high. The Russian general staff is confident the Germans this winter will suffer a crushing defeat and may even be driven out of Russia entirely.

The Rumanian army has been practically decimated, and for all practical purposes Rumania is now out of the war. Shapiro talked with hundreds of Rumanian prisoners and universally they hated the Germans, their own ruler Antonescu, and only wanted a chance to return to their homes.

WE grant all this SOUNDS like more Russian propaganda. But coming from Shapiro writing OUTSIDE Russia, it can't be. It must be true—there can be no doubt of it.

So perhaps the Soviet propaganda bureau has turned over a new leaf for this winter's offensive, and is giving out facts instead of fiction.

THIS much at least seems certain. The Russians have really hit their offensive stride this time, have dealt Hitler a succession of terrific blows, and with five or six months to go in this second winter campaign, may well deliver a punch to the somewhat rusty Nazi war machine from which with similar allied blows in the west, the Third Reich may never recover!

It is altogether most cheery news. And coming from an American reporter who has been an eye witness on the ground there can be no doubt of the truth of it.

Still—"What Next?"

Still that question hasn't been answered—to wit:

"What will Hitler do next?"

Has he really shot his bolt and is he doomed to fight hopelessly on the defensive until he meets the inevitable "coup-de-grace?"

Mebbe so—but we doubt it. At any rate it would be foolish to bank on it. True or false, now is the time to put on more heat, not less.

MEANTIME it might be well once more to keep an eye on Spain. There was an Axis meeting in Germany yesterday.

Mussolini couldn't make it but Ciano was there to represent Italy and Laval to represent Vichy France. No intimation as yet as to what transpired, but no doubt of this:

Messrs. Hitler, Ciano and Laval did NOT talk over the Rose Bowl game or the chances of the Brooklyn Dodgers for next season!

No. An Axis meeting in Germany has never yet failed to be followed by something startling in the Axis war game, this time may be the exception—but again our advice would be not to be too sure of it.

Moreover simultaneously with this meeting in Germany, Spain and Portugal got together and issued another neutrality pact. Again Franco followed this suspiciously specific pronouncement with a radio blast, expressing his devotion to totalitarianism and uncompromising detestation of communism.

May be just another cry of "wolf"—Heaven knows, since this war started there have been plenty of them from the Iberian peninsula.

But then again—may be NOT. At any rate—

THIS much seems certain. If Hitler is ever going to strike back at his encircling enemies, the time has come to do it—or forever hold his peace.

If within the next week or ten days nothing startling happens from the Axis direction it will be pretty convincing evidence that Mussolini had a REASON for not accepting Der Reichsfuehrer's invitation to his army headquarters.

For instead of a conference to determine where to strike next, it then must certainly have been a conference to determine how best to save SOMETHING from the inevitable Axis collapse.

And Mussolini wouldn't like a party like that. If Duce can dish it out, but he certainly can't TAKE 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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

USE AND ABUSE OF EYE WASH

The practical reason for the common use of boric acid solution (in the strength of a heaping teaspoonful of boric acid scales or powder in the pint of boiled water) as eye drops or eye wash, as explained yesterday, is NOT that boric acid solution can destroy disease germs—it is only a feeble



Dr. Brady

antiseptic (tending to retard multiplication of germs) and at that it can have little antiseptic action in the brief moment it is in contact with germs which happen to be on the surface, none at all on the germs which have already invaded the tissues and are causing the inflammation or disease, since these germs are beyond the reach of any such antiseptic or germicide. The reason physicians use and prescribe boric acid solution for eye drops or eye wash is because it is a non-irritating, isotonic cleaner and has the advantage over physiological or so-called "normal" salt solution (heaping teaspoonful of common table salt to the pint of BOILED water) of being tasteless.

Isotonic means that the solution has about the same strength as the tears have—every one knows tears are salty. Tears are non-irritating to the eyes, and so is "normal" salt solution and boric acid solution; whereas pure water smartens and irritates the eyes and so does strong salt water.

One of the best medical text books, May's Manual of the Diseases of the Eye (Wood, '41) says: "Patients often find it refreshing and useful to wash out the conjunctive sac" (inside or under the lids) "upon arising or when retiring, or after exposure to wind or dust. . . for preparing the eye-wash at home take a moderately heaped teaspoonful each of bicarbonate of soda, borax and table salt, dissolve these in one quart of boiled water, add a teaspoonful of glycerin and filter."

This solution, freshly prepared as needed, is preferable to eye-drops or eye-washes often used by ill-advised persons, because such eye-washes are likely to contain adrenalin or local anesthetics or astringents which may have injurious effects after



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west, but he hints that if a voluntary basis does not work it may be necessary to draft this labor and ship it where most needed. It is with this latter program that trouble can be expected.

ONE year hence the United States is expected to have a military force of between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 in the various branches. Most of these men are supposed to be sent overseas (there is in excess of 1,000,000 abroad now.) It is asserted by typewriter experts, congressmen, etc., that it will be impossible to send 50 per cent of these soldiers and sailors to the eight or more theaters of war. Movement of troops is limited to transportation accommodations, and as most of the destinations are many thousands of miles from the Pacific or Atlantic coast more accommodations will be required than if an expedition were sent direct to Europe. The current shipping program will not provide enough tonnage to move the men and equipment.

On this mathematical base, congressmen are proposing that the brass hats get down to earth and tell how many troops can be used. It is one thing to build up an immense army and another to move that army to the four winds of the earth. At this moment the higher-ups are proceeding on the plan for some 10,000,000 men and are ordering supplies for that number, from shoestrings and neckties to rifles. Argue congressmen, 5,000,000 men are not required for defense of our shores, and there would be that number, at least, left over if another 5,000,000 could be used on foreign battlefields.

Getting down to brass tacks, congressmen suggest keeping the

nized the situation in the following language:

"I received your letter of November twelfth and read it with a great deal of interest. The existing situation should, I frankly admit, be rectified."

"I have had this matter very seriously in mind and will certainly be influenced by it in future appointments."

In view of the clearly expressed attitude of the chief executive, I feel confident the existing regrettable situation can be remedied gradually if western communities and representatives are sufficiently alert as vacancies arise or new positions are created.

No fair-minded person will question the fact that a number of blunders in policy and administration would have been avoided had we had a balanced representation during the last two years.

May I suggest that in the interest of national unity and understanding, which are so necessary at this time, you maintain a continuing interest in this matter.

John Francis Neylan, Crocker Bldg., San Francisco, Dec. 21.

How to Help Our Fighting Boys

To the editor:

How often these days have we heard it said—"Oh, yes, I am buying bonds, working at the U. S. O.; I am helping out at the Red Cross, etc., but oh how I wish I could do more, something more personal for all those grand boys in the Service!" Well, friends, I can tell you how you can do something more personal and you can do it right here at home at our own Camp White and Airport, something that will make a lot of boys not only happy and grateful, but downright comfortable and certainly help them through a long, hard, day—your own boy or our neighbor's boy may not be among them because if he's in the service, he's perhaps in some other distant camp or foreign land wishing for a little of this same comfort, but your boy and the other millions of boys surely are being cared for by other big-hearted, patriotic souls living in these other communities.

In company with Mr. J. A. Laux, field director of the American Red Cross for Southern Oregon, I had the good fortune to personally inspect a few of the 100 recreational play and lounging rooms built for the soldiers at Camp White. These rooms are used by the boys during the day and evenings while enjoying those precious few hours when they're not on duty—working, sweating and training. Many of these rooms are, of course, almost bare of furniture save for a bench or two. Now the boys, themselves, are not asking for charity or any of the comforts of those homes they so willingly left—not by a long shot—they realize they are in a WAR, but frankly, friends, these rooms could be better furnished and certainly made more comfortable and useful.

Cash donations alone won't do it because you simply cannot buy in this limited locality all the essential furniture needed for these rooms. Our local stores just don't have in stock all the things needed so what few rooms have already been furnished have been made possible by pieces of furniture donated from homes in this and adjacent communities. The bulk of the homes in the Rogue River Valley have some piece of furniture not being used and which can be of untold use in these rooms. The type of furniture most needed and difficult to obtain are pieces such as radios, davenport, floor and table lamps, smoking stands, ping pong tables, card tables, all types of indoor games.

Gordon R. Green, Medford, Dec. 14.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

DODGERS FOREGO CAMP IN FLORIDA

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AVIATORS PRAISE GROUND CREWS IN SOLOMON SECTOR

Men Work in Mud and Dust to Keep 'Em Flying on Guadalcanal Says Pilot.

By 2d Lt. Herbert L. Merillat Marine Corps Public Relations Officer

(Distributed by the United Press) Guadalcanal, Nov. 18.—(Delayed)—(U.P.)—Marine corps ground crews on Henderson field, working in mud and dust, under shelling and bombings, to keep the planes flying, have made possible the brilliant successes of our aviators here.

Their tools are few, and some primitive. They have no elaborate machine shops or weather-proof buildings. They have little rest. Many of the tattered planes which they put back into the air would discourage less determined repair gangs.

Throw Book Away

"The book" on proper organization and methods for maintaining planes has long since been discarded. The men have improvised repairs, patches, stop-gaps that would make the book writers groan.

They've worked miracles of repair which have spelled success for the others who defend this American stronghold in the Solomons.

"We salvage everything but the bullet holes," said 2d Lt. George Cole, 41, San Diego, Cal., who since mid-October has been in charge of heavy repair work on Henderson field.

"Take, for example, Number 117," he said. "She needs an engine change, both elevators, both stabilizers, the right auxiliary gas tank, the right and center section flaps, the right aileron, windshield, rudder, both wheels, and brake assembly will have to be replaced by parts from other ships."

"Then after some quick figuring she'll be in the air in six days. What we used to do in six months we do here in six days. Here a motor is changed in two and a half to three hours. Back home we considered three days a fast change."

Hard Work Does It

"Experience went all to hell in favor of hard work. We have taken kids who don't know anything about the work and after a little while they can produce. Before we thought they had to have long training."

"What makes it so enjoyable (what a word to describe work under such conditions) is the willingness of everyone to chip in and work in the midst of shells, bombs and everything else."

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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

December 22, 1932 (It Was Friday)

Senate postpones vote on return of beer bill.

Postoffice to be open all day Saturday for Yule mailing.

France launches direct negotiations for war debt payments.

Occasional rains. High 51, low 34 degrees.

Central Oregon is hit by blizzard.

Community Christmas Tree to be held at Armory.

Sheriff recount race check up delayed by trip of sheriff-elect to California.

First snow of season falls in city, but melts fast.

Return of Fatty Arbuckle, film comedian to movies announced, after discrediting.

Loan by America to Germany to pay war debts held unlikely. Germans told they realize their obligations, and deflate notions of own importance.

State militia dispatched to quell Klan uprising in Louisiana.

Man found under Jackson street bridge suffering from self-inflicted wounds.

Carl Y. Tengwald named new leader of Legion.

Phoenix Christmas tree to be held tomorrow.

Permits issued to build many new structures here.

Rain predicted. No change in temperatures.

ROOSEVELT FACES WORK IN YULETIDE

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt looked forward today to a lot of hard work during the holiday season.

Like millions of his countrymen, Mr. Roosevelt and his wife will observe the tradition of Christmas. But like many others, he will spend most of the holidays hard at work and, because they are with the armed forces, will not have his sons with him.

The president was expected to devote much time preparing the budget for the next fiscal year—a budget that may approach an all-time record of \$100,000,000,000. He also will work on his state of the union message which he probably will deliver in person to the new congress on January 7.

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