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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The assassination of Admiral Darlan of France in the government palace in Algiers is the prize "Who Dunnit?" mystery story of the year and probably all time. And, there is no turning the last page of the book to find out whether it was the butler or the blonde who pulled the trigger. The Admiral spent his adult life, wearing a uniform, and a claw-hammer coat, plus striped trousers, practicing international and diplomatic intrigue. He was a genius at it. In French politics he played both ends against the middle and prospered. The prim British envoys and the vile Laval knew him well and watched him the same way. So when Admiral Darlan was named high commissioner of Algiers the plot began to thicken, for neither friend or foe approved. It was like naming Al Capone secretary of state. In European capitals nobody trusted him. His "number was up." And, last Thursday late, the deed was done and an Admiral of France died. Saturday there was a military funeral and the assassin crumpled before a firing squad while raiding airplanes roared overhead. The killer was "an obscure youth," the son of an Italian mother and a French father, press dispatches say. His name is a secret and promises to remain so forever. The day of the murder the "obscure youth" roamed the government palace halls, hid in closets, did as he pleased, in precincts supposed to be guarded. How come? Many wonder.

YE ED GIVES UP!

(Bend Bulletin)

"Another unsigned letter comes to hand, this one evidencing about as morose an attitude and understanding as has come to our notice in many a day. Its argument is that in smoking Probation Officer Loomis sets a bad example for the minors of Bend. Sample sentence, according to Mr. Lincoln in his famous Gettysburg address, 'all men are created equal.' Therefore if Mr. Loomis can smoke why can't they? There's no use trying to make any comment on that one."

Due to reverses in Russia and Africa, the Nazi armies may be "neutralized" for the remainder of the winter and not likely to invade any land, not even England. Saying they are "neutralized" is a polite and pretty way of saying the late world conquerors have started "to fold."

"He would not talk for publication during the exclusive interview I had with him."—(S. F. paper).—Dave Hazen, the Oregonian's indefatigable interviewer could have done no better.

The "stop-gap" plan did not work so well on gasoline. The idea was all right but should have been aimed at the Congressional vocal chords.

Quite a few of the Older Girls have taken time by the forelock and yanked the last leaf off the calendar as a friendly gesture towards the approaching New Year.

ROBBING THE CRADLES!

(Walnut Creek Kernel)

"Boys born between July 1 and August 31, 1942, register during the week ending today. Those born between September 1 and October 31, 1942, register in the week between December 18 and 24."

Grocers deplore announcement of rationing of canned, frozen and dried fruit and vegetables a month before it happens. They claim this will start a nationwide drive for tinsars before they have been opened.

Use Mail Tribune Wants Ads.

No Complaint

In the much publicized food broadcast of yesterday Elmer Davis said "rashun" and Secretary Wickard said "ray-shun".

Elmer Davis, as usual, was right—at least Fowler's "Modern English Usage" sustains him.

But this was a detail. The two estimable gentlemen agreed food is one of the strongest weapons in the U. S. arsenal, and the time has come to use it as such—putting the needs of our army and allies first, and the needs of our civilian population, second.

TO do this there must be rationing (short "a" please) as soon as the details of administration can be worked out, particularly in the direction of certain canned fruits, dried fruits and canned vegetables.

Because of the enormity of the task at home the rationing will not go into effect until some time in February. But both speakers were confident an overwhelming majority of the American people would cooperate voluntarily in this victory drive, and not try to hoard food, in the time allowed, even though it might be possible so to do.

THEY are entirely right. In this, or any other regulation to win the war, and win it at the earliest possible date, the people of the country are 100% behind the government. As Elmer Davis pointed out, even with this new rationing system, the people of the United States will be the best fed in the world—and they will be.

It is certainly a trivial thing to ask that certain types of food be restricted or even eliminated so our boys at the front can be properly fed, when as a result of such action, both an adequate and well balanced diet will be maintained.

In fact our one criticism of the broadcast was the implication that there might be some material opposition to this food regulation. We have yet to find any citizen hereabouts (or we believe anywhere else) not eager and willing to do everything that must be done to aid in winning this war. The only fly in the ointment has been where some doubted the NECESSITY, or felt the necessity had been caused by bungling or inefficiency higher-up.

MESSRS. Davis and Wickard were, we believe, over-apprehensive. We don't mean there will be no chislers or cheaters at all. That would be too much to expect.

But there will be so few that those in charge of the administration of this food rationing, will never know they exist.

Does Tojo Admit Defeat?

What a difference just a few months make! Less than a year ago Premier Tojo of Japan was telling his parliament how the U. S. navy had been knocked out and Japan had conquered a new empire, in the shortest time in human history.

Yesterday what a different tune! No boastful pronouncement at all. Only complaints of the size of the growing allied forces, increasing difficulties of the Japanese armies and navy everywhere, even the climatic conditions in the Solomons and Aleutians were deplored.

BRITAIN'S army in India, Tojo declared, had reached 1,600,000 men and was steadily increasing. Approximately a million Chinese and Communist troops are fighting the Japs in China—(how COULD they be so inconsiderate!)

And in the Aleutians the "hardy little men" are enduring "almost unimaginable privations and difficulties", bemoans the Jap generalissimo.

IN fact, the Japanese premier's speech was so surprisingly pessimistic the suspicions of this department have been aroused.

Until the press reports of this speech are duly substantiated, we shall indeed take the speech with considerable NaCL. For it is our belief—

Either the U. S. censorship sent out ONLY the encouraging features of the speech (encouraging that is to the United Nations) or—

This wily and tricky Tojo, purposely put out a super-bearish statement to either shield an all-out Jap smash in some part of the Far East—perhaps Siberia—or lull the allies into a sense of false security.

CERTAINLY, unless the Japanese war-lords have changed their spots overnight, truth-telling, when the truth happens to be unfavorable to Japan, has no place in their technique at all.

That the honeymoon is over for General Tojo is certain. That ultimate defeat for him is certain, no informed person would deny.

BUT that the Japanese Premier would admit as much and virtually confess the dream of that new prosperity sphere in the Pacific for Japan is over, simply doesn't make sense at all!

We refuse to believe the U. S. report of the speech is the correct one until it is confirmed by some authority not subject to censorship.

Mice Make Nest Of Gas Ration Tickets

Delton, Mich., Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—William Smith, a garageman, opened his desk drawer and found that mice had woven his gasoline ration stamps into a nest.

He also found seven baby mice huddled in a corner of the drawer. The nest they had fashioned represented more than 100 gallons of fuel.

The rationing board shipped

the nest to Washington today in the hope of an adjustment.

TRANSFER WORKERS

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—Transfer of 1,250 Mexican workmen, imported from Mexico to aid in harvesting California crops, from beet fields in the central part of the state to citrus orchards in Ventura, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and San Diego counties will begin Tuesday. It was announced today by L. I. Hewes, Jr., regional director of the farm security administration.

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.

INSOMNIA IS NOT RESPONDENCE

With most people the habit of retiring at a certain hour at night and getting up at a certain hour in the morning is strongly fixed, and when anything disturbs this routine people are prone to regard it as harmful to health.

There is a widespread belief among the laity that sleeplessness or insufficient sleep or insomnia—insomnia means prolonged inability to sleep, not just occasional restlessness—is likely to cause insanity. There is no basis for this notion. Some insane persons have insomnia or are mentally or physically active when they should be asleep, but it is the insanity that causes the insomnia.

Infants naturally sleep most of the time. Children sleep nearly half the time. Boys and girls in the 'teens should sleep nine to ten hours. Adults should sleep eight hours. Any one doing hard physical labor or getting much exercise needs more sleep than he or she needs when doing only mental work or when getting little exercise. Elderly folk need less sleep than younger adults. Seven hours is generally plenty of sleep for a man or woman past sixty, and many healthy persons past seventy thrive best on only six hours sleep.

The trouble with a good many people who suffer (in their own imagination) from insomnia and are forever seeking hypnotics or sedatives to "make them sleep" is simply that they don't work hard enough (physically) or play or exercise enough to earn a good night's sleep. Mind, now, I say a good many people—I do not say that this applies in every instance of insomnia or insufficient sleep.

No hypnotic or sedative can possibly produce the restful restorative sleep that comes to one who is really tired from vigorous physical exertion, indoors or outdoors, summer or winter, work or play.

Sedentary folk who do not readily go to sleep at night should take a dose of this medicine—a brisk walk of a mile or two in the evening, or at least a rendition of a few movements of the

Last Brady Symphony (for words and music sent ten cents and stamped self-addressed envelope), or even just a dozen somersaults before hitting the hay. Any good exercise tends to equalize the circulation and promote natural sleep.

A good health habit for any one and every one, especially for one who feels tense and unable to relax completely at sleeping time, is Belly Breathing. Instructions for this available on request if you provide stamped self-addressed envelope. Belly Breathing quickly relieves cold feet, too. Incidentally, one who does not readily fall asleep at night should make sure to keep the feet warm, either by wearing suitable foot warmers or by using artificial heat for the feet.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Something to Chew on—
Peptic ulcer. Radiograph showed fuzziness at roots of teeth. Hospital dentist urged extraction. Home dentist advised wait. I conceived this hypothesis:

1. Absence of nerve meant tooth had lost power to recuperate.
2. Disease caused stagnation in blood supply of tooth.
3. Stagnation of blood permitted microbes to invade root.
4. Exercise restores circulation.

I began chewing regularly on a rubber disk. In the course of a few months my arthritis (ankle) cleared up. (C. D. N.)

Answer—All I know is that most of us do not enough chewing, but I suggest chewing plain wheat, other unrefined cereals, fresh fruit, etc., rather than gum, "baccer," rubber, paraffin or pitch. Chew and eat an apple (skin and all) last thing at night.

Zinc Fumes
Constantly exposed to the fumes from burning and welding galvanized steel plates. What effect will this have on my health? (D. W. K.)

Answer—Practically the only ill effect is from possible chronic arsenic poisoning—arsenic being a common impurity in zinc.

Shortage of Vitamin C
By experimenting I believe I have found which vitamin I need. Tooth showing tendency to abscess. I took considerable A and D, but found that C seemed to give best result. Being allergic to most foods containing C I have probably not had enough of it in my diet. (M. E. W.)

Answer—That is very likely. Shortage in C intake often accounts for sore gum, loosening of teeth. (Copyright 1942, John F. Dille Co.)

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states served by the privately owned lines of the Ebasco (Electric Bond & Share Co.) system.

What ex-Congressman Pierce forgets is that "Uncle" Fred Delano, in an early Bonneville hearing, testified that Bonneville power should be taken to Utah and elsewhere, and that the late J. D. Ross, first administrator, talked of sending power from Columbia river into Montana and then on to Chicago.

It has also been the policy of Dr. Raver to promise to provide power at any location upon request, and this policy has resulted in heavy consumers being scattered over Washington and parts of Oregon instead of concentrating all industries in the vicinity of the dams. In the event FTC or FPC undertakes an investigation of the pool it will offer the spectacle of one government agency looking for dirty work in another federal agency.

MEN as close to the president as his undershirt are saying that he made a political mistake when he designated Herbert H. Lehman, ex-governor of New York, as the man in charge of relief and rehabilitation of the rest of the world. Mr. Lehman is a wealthy man. The banking house of Lehman Brothers is among the major banks in the United States. The brothers operate ocean liners (or did before the war) and passenger carrying airplanes in international service. Their financial connections are many and their ramifications spread in numerous directions. Governor Lehman is the soul of integrity, but with billions to spend and the varied interests of Lehman Brothers there is always the possibility of someone starting a scandal.

In the matter of money to rehabilitate a stricken world and

feed some 400,000,000 hungry mouths, there is a determination on the part of many senators and representatives that Director Lehman will have to come to congress for an appropriation instead of drawing some three or four billion from RFC on an executive order from the president. The legislators say they want to know where the money is going. This is no reflection upon Lehman but is criticism of the slipshod methods of handling finances through a blank check. Herbert Hoover was the logical reliever, but he is disliked at the White House and his name is associated with the start of the big depression, so all his experience in feeding Europe has been disregarded.

SECRETARY OF War Henry L. Stimson rejected the suggestion of Senator McNary of Oregon last summer, that soldiers be given furloughs to work in hop fields, pick pears and save the crop. That was the secretary's view a few months ago, but there is a prospect that he will change his mind in 1943. In New Zealand soldiers not otherwise engaged are being sent where there is a shortage of manpower. The British have been doing the same, and American troops in England have assisted in gathering the harvest. In 1943 there will be a large number of teenage soldiers who will be "soft."

Now in the debating school of the Army and Navy club is a proposal that these youngsters be given a few weeks on the farm, hardening them for the work ahead. Farm work, it is contended, is ideal for conditioning a young man.

British Trainmen Threaten Walkout

London, Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—The new year may see a railroad strike in Britain, with soldiers operating the trains. W. P. Allen, secretary of the associated society of locomotive engineers and firemen, warned today.

Allen said there would be an emergency meeting Wednesday to protest the recent wage increase granted engineers, firemen and engine cleaners. The rise, in most cases ranging from 3 to 5 cents a day was called insufficient by the trainmen.

A strike would be illegal.

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

Friendly Help



ALGERIAN NATIVE ARABS joke with British troops while showing them the way to the Maison Blanche airbase. An entire British Army, under General Kenneth Anderson, landed in Algeria and is battling the Nazis in Tunisia.

Army Books Advise Soldiers On Conduct Foreign Lands

Washington.—(U.P.)—When American forces stormed ashore in North Africa along with their other necessary equipment including tommy-guns and grenades, they carried handbooks telling how to get along with the North Africans.

Such handbooks are becoming "must" equipment for American forces in foreign lands.

The twin purposes of the combat soldier—or of any American—are to destroy or immobilize all of our enemies and make friends of all who are not," said a recent Army Orientation poster urging American soldiers to make the most of their guidebooks. "Both purposes call for study. In one case, the study of weapons, tactics and the elements of self-protection. In the other, the study of human nature, race characteristics, national customs, religions, taboos and the simple rules of decency which are about the same in any language."

The poster said American expeditionary forces must not only be able to fight battles, they must also be the "best informed army in the world." By winning the confidence of peoples with whom they come in contact, and convincing them of their goodwill, American soldiers will find many shortcuts to success over the enemy and lay the foundation for international understanding essential to a worthwhile peace.

To Issue One On India

The above explains why the army has issued several such booklets and is now publishing several more. Those now being printed or distributed include booklets on New Caledonia, China New Zealand, and a revised booklet on North Africa. Another book on India, will be issued shortly.

Books on Britain, Northern Ireland and Australia were distributed previously. They were received with approval by the peoples of the countries they concerned, and won enthusiastic reviews in the local press.

Many persons have collaborated in preparing the handbooks, including Americans who know the countries concerned and citizens of those countries in the United States, including diplomatic and military representatives. An American officer who had been on duty several months in New Caledonia was of great assistance in preparing the book on that country, because he had first-hand experience with many of the problems that confronted the soldiers as a result of their ignorance of local customs.

Lists Rules

The Special Service Division, Services and Supply, has summarized the suggestions contained in the various booklets prepared to date in the following rules for getting along in foreign countries:

1. Make it easy for the other fellow by being friendly.
2. Shun political and religious discussion.
3. Learn as much as possible about local customs and regulations, and don't boast that "we know how to do it better back home."
4. Be careful what you drink. Better take boiled water.
5. Learn the local laws and treat them with respect.
6. Treat tradesmen courteously. Learn money values, and don't get overcharged.
7. Treat allies with respect, speak fairly of their achievements and express confidence in the common cause.
8. Act with the dignity that is expected of an American soldier even when he hurts.
9. Pick up the new language just as quickly as possible and speak it.
10. Get fun out of duty whenever opportunity offers.
11. "Learn to Bargain"
12. Become interested in native taboos, rituals, etc., but never make light of them.
13. Learn to bargain where bargaining is the local custom.
14. Never go bareheaded in a tropical country.
15. Learn local landmarks and terrain.
16. Fraternize with allies and give them a good opinion of the United States.
17. Lend a hand to the local

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 28, 1932
(It Was Thursday)

Long session of special session of the legislature looms. Meet next week.

Farmer is held key to return of prosperity to nation.

Freight rates on pears reduced.

Cloudy with showers. High 43, low 36 degrees.

Miss Louise Fluhrer is fined in justice court for reckless driving.

Mrs. G. A. Gitzon undergoes operation for appendicitis.

Portland unemployed plan "hunger march" to Salem.

A total of 37 autos are stolen from streets of city last year.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 28, 1922
(It Was Wednesday)

Legion head certain bonus bill will be passed over president's veto.

American construction firms busy in Japan building boom.

More rain. High 53, low 36 degrees. Precipitation past two days .52 of an inch.

Ralph G. Bardwell leaves for Los Angeles on business.

D. O. K. band under direction of Wilson Wait to give band concert in park next Sunday.

Porter J. Neff to build building on North Central avenue at Sixth street for Economy Groceries.

Ex-President Wilson is honored on 66th birthday.

FRIEND OF THE DOUGHBOYS

Elyria, O. (U.P.)—Mrs. Charles Yost of Elyria might well be voted the champion friend of the American doughboy. She keeps up a correspondence with more than 180 soldiers in camp and overseas. Although she has four nephews in the armed services, Mrs. Yost writes to many soldiers she does not know personally.

"CHARMS" AXIS INSTEAD

Alameda, Cal. (U.P.)—Merrill Jordan, 37, former professional snake charmer, who charmed snakes in the French Folies Revue, by his flute playing, is now playing the same flute in the uniform of a member of the band of the United States Coast Guard.

F. D. R. ABANDONS BROADCAST PLAN

Washington, Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt has abandoned plans to make a radio address to the nation before the first of the year, it was learned today.

On two occasions recently, the president said at press conferences that he planned to deliver such a speech this month. His decision not to do so will give him more time to work on the budget for the next fiscal year and to prepare the State of the Union message which he will deliver to congress on Jan. 7. He has been spending considerable time on those two tasks in recent days.

FRIENDLY TUSSELE CAUSE OF DEATH

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—A "friendly scuffle" at a Christmas Eve party today was believed by Berkeley police to have caused the death of Henry K. Kunert, 47, Berkeley soap company employee.

Kunert's wife, Irene, found him unconscious in his bed yesterday morning. A doctor said he believed Kunert died of a broken neck.

Mrs. Kunert told police her husband said he had been to a party at the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet company and that he had wrenched his neck in a friendly scuffle.

Four Airmen Die In Plane Crash

Washington, Dec. 28.—(U.P.)—Bolling Field officials announced today that one officer and three enlisted men were killed in an airplane crash at Haymarket, Va., last night.

Those killed were Major Horace J. Wins, 37, pilot, formerly of Phoenix, Ariz.; Staff Sergeant Walter R. Best, 23, Washington; Pvt. George E. Blanc, 23, Denver; and Pvt. Vernon M. Kragner, 24, Glyndon, Minn.

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