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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Military experts are unable

to figure out the strategy of the

Nazis, in retreating in the Caucasus

before the advance of the Russians.

The same experts last September

predicted the Reds were not strong

enough to conduct a winter offensive, but they

are, London dailies hint Hitler is

up to some Teutonic trick. The German

is in approximately the same jam

as in the fall of 1918, in the Argonne.

His strategy then, and probably

as of now, is to run as far as he

can towards the Rhine, before

bawling, "Kamerad!"

The claim of the charming

and gracious First Lady, that

hoarding of canned goods would

be stopped by neighbors spying

on the hoarders, is not working

at all, in these parts. No Older

Girl has reported the lady next

door has three cans of corn

meal. It's chilly enough

without getting the cold shoulder at the

bridge party.

"It's been over a year now

since the crafty Jap sneaked up

behind us and cut his throat."

—(Hutchinson (Kam) Review)—

A nifty and potent mouth-full.

The first pussywillow of the

year is reported from the Port-

land area. Word comes from

Ruch the first pussywillow

switch of the year, was cut back

of the school house Tuesday.

MERE GIGGLING MATTER

(Kansas City Star)

"Governor-elect Dewey's

decision to save New York

state \$25,000 with a stream-

lined inaugural ceremony next

month has caused considerable

mirth down at Washington,

where the thought of saving

anything seems amusing,

and the thought of saving

\$25,000 is positively hilarious."

The WACCS and the WAVES

experience difficulty in tying

4-in-hand ties, an adornment

their uniforms require. It's as

simple as wringing out a dish-

rag.

"An Irish stew on a real cold

night is a great antidote for

divorce."—(Eugene Register-

Guard)—Guess what ye ed had

for supper.

Cancellation of major sport

events for the duration is

recommended by the California

state game rationer, because

of the misuse of B and C ration

Psychology of Fear Used By Germany's Warlords To Keep People in Line

On the German Frontier, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—The psychology of fear is sweeping Germany, and the Nazi warlords are using it to keep the German people united in the Axis war effort.

There is little doubt that the Axis military setbacks have damaged the prestige of the Nazi party and aided in the deterioration of civilian morale. But Paul Joseph Goebbels, preaching "Conquer or Perish" has successfully propagandized fear of the day of reckoning.

The German people fear the swelling allied military power. They fear coming events on the battlefields. They fear that the day of vengeance for the Russians, Poles, Czechs and other Nazi victims is coming. But most of all they fear the Gestapo.

EVENTUAL COLLAPSE CERTAIN

Observers reaching the frontier believe that Adolf Hitler's gift of fear to the Germans has united them for the country, but they are certain that eventually it will result in swift and complete collapse on the home front when the Axis armies are beaten decisively.

There are undercurrents of unrest apparent already. Goebbels' slogan, "Wheels Roll for Victory," has been distorted into a popular cynicism, "Heads Roll for Victory."

There is no sign of a real military or popular uprising against Hitler yet, but observers agree that Munich, the birthplace of Nazism, is the center of outspoken grumbling and complaining.

It is questionable whether this is a serious threat of revolt or merely a Nazi-approved "blowing off steam," giving an illusion of freedom and providing an outlet for futile opposition that the Gestapo could easily quench.

In Munich Hitler is criticized openly without respect for the swarming Gestapo, and "the dirty Prussians" are blamed even for the deterioration of the famous Munich beer. Some travelers report the existence of several embryonic peace movements there, but more reliable sources agree the unrest is mainly harmless grumbling.

INTELLECTUAL SIDE REJECTED

German's intellectual life has reached a new low level. Almost no books are printed because of the paper shortage. Allocation of paper supplies of the churches has been suspended and prayer books are unavailable. The Swedish Protestant church offered to provide prayer books for Germany, but the government refused the offer.

Male students in universities are rare, although there are more women students than ever before.

Fear and unrest are reflected in widely separated sections. Discontent is reported in Austria, where the Catholic church is unfriendly to the Nazi party and the strong Socialist Workers movement never have been completely crushed. Austria is described as "the German's bomb shelter" because of the hundreds of Nazis who have fled there from Royal Air Force raids.

Mysterious fires and breakdowns have been reported in factories in the Ruhr Valley and even in Berlin. A few strikes against the 70-hour work week have been quickly and ruthlessly suppressed in the Ruhr.

Fear has penetrated even to the army ranks. It is reflected by repeated official appeals to the German people to "write cheerful letters to the troops and avoid any depressing remarks."

ESCAPE FROM REALITY SOUGHT

The constant fear and uncertainty has created a sort of escapism in Berlin and other cities where an effort is made to escape the strain.

There was a spurge of enthusiasm for horse-racing last autumn and a rush for the most expensive seats in the theaters and movies, which were sold out for weeks in advance. The overpriced luxury restaurants turned aside all but their oldest customers. The less expensive eating places likewise were crowded, although dancing has been banned since the start of the Russian campaign.

Cocktails usually are made of wine and fruit juices. The legitimate and motion picture offerings are heavily propagandistic, but they also are largely escapist. One movie hit was billed as "giving the most lovely illusions of love and happiness." The State theater presented Salome. The Winter Garden advertised a dance review with "a dozen real Shetland ponies." Scala has burlesque, which like many other stage shows, presents the greatest degree of feminine nudity.

The feminine question itself has presented a major problem for the Nazis, with 8,000,000 foreign workers within the Reich. Draconic penalties, including death, recently were instituted for war prisoners who have relations with German women. Travelers, quoting Italian diplomats in Berlin, said statistics showed that at least 8,000 illegitimate children had been born to Berlin women during the past year.

SOLDIERS HAVE HOME WORRIES

Letters found in possession of Germans taken prisoner on the fighting fronts reflect the home-front worries of the soldiers. A Rumanian in Germany, writing a friend on the Russian front, said: "The German women are losing control of themselves. They are very depressed. Karl, home on leave, divorced his wife because she was with child by a war prisoner."

The Nazis increasingly refuse women permission to travel outside Germany because, officially, "they talk too much."

Travelers describe Berlin as a city where mostly women and foreigners are seen on the streets. There are few soldiers. Italians predominate, but there also are French, Poles, Rumanians and Czechs.

The Jews steadily become fewer. Not many are seen now during the "Jews' hour" after 4 p. m., when they are permitted to shop in certain areas.

Jews constantly are being shipped to the east. They are given 10 marks (nominally about \$4) and a suit of clothes. Their other property is sold and the proceeds given to the Nazis' winter relief campaign.

FRANCES E. DODDS NEW DIRECTOR OF USO AT ASHLAND

Miss Frances E. Dodds, new USO director of the Ashland USO center, has arrived to take up her duties. Miss Dodds, whose home is in Tacoma, Wash., was engaged in USO work in Bremerton, Wash., before coming to Ashland. She expressed enthusiasm over the Ashland center, interest in plans for its refurbishing and announced her intention to plan an enlarged program at the Ashland center and to encourage greater attendance. She was accompanied to Ashland by Mrs. Clara Alcroft, associate regional supervisor. Monday Miss Dodds met at luncheon with Mrs. Will Dodge, Dr. Ralph Poston and Mrs. Charles Haines, committee in charge of refurbishing to go over plans of redecorating submitted by Miss Mary Ann, chairman of the art committee.

Sunday morning Miss Dodds and Mrs. Alcroft met for breakfast at the USO center with the Junior Hostess League of Ashland. Miss Margaret Bartholme,

president of the league, presided and introduced the honored guests. Mrs. Gary Newton and Mrs. Veri Bartholme served breakfast and Miss Myrtle Funkhouser, information desk, reported an attendance of 35 junior hostesses and their guests.

Mrs. Alcroft spoke on the topic of duties and obligations of a junior hostess and the necessity of education for the work. "Nobody," she stated, "is a good junior hostess at first, but must learn the work."

CHICKEN RAISERS GRANTED RESPITE

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Western chicken raisers today were granted temporary permission to disregard a recent office of price administration order to reduce prices, in a move to stimulate poultry production. The OPA said raisers in the five Pacific coast states would be permitted to charge prices prevailing for broilers and fryers under maximum price regulations established during the period Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

The temporary provision will be effective until Feb. 15, when a new schedule of permanent prices will be announced.

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.

EVERY DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Now is the time for every doctor who has not already done so to establish his own clinic. It does not mean that Dr. John Brown of Thisburg or Thatville should take his own name off from his office door and erect instead a sign informing the public that he is a doctor. That, of course, is merely a racket—a means of advertising and catching unwary customers without being hauled up before the medical society censors for conduct unbecoming a physician of standing.

When one, or better a little group, clique or gang of doctors who are not doing any too well in private practice and yearn to get business from farther afield go into a huddle and start a "clinic," their prime motive may be to give more people the boon of their services but at the same time they generally seem fully cognizant of the fact that, as a "clinic," they can get a great deal more publicity than the combined publicity they could get as individual physicians.

That's the moving spirit of the "clinic" game as the game is played today. You see the old code of medical ethics, lately renamed the principles of medical ethics, was and is clear and explicit that "it is unprofessional to employ any methods to gain the attention of the public for the purpose of obtaining patients."

That commandment was intended to keep in line the physician who practices under his own name. It has little restraining influence over the system employed by the big clinics. The traveling salesmen employed by the big clinics seldom openly boast of the cures they personally achieve, when they are reading papers or delivering addresses before medical societies about the country, but merely imply that the "clinic" gets fine results in such cases—and how can they help it if a newspaper reporter or two is on hand to get a story for the paper?

Every doctor who practices under his own name has his share of patients who can pay only a fraction of the ordinary fees or patients who can pay nothing at all. Now with so many doctors in military service the practitioners who carry on for them at home receive a credit on the victory tax. This will be 40 per cent for a married man and 25 per cent for a single man, and a two per cent credit for dependents. Adjustment of these credits will be made a year hence, March 1944, when the income tax is paid. Hopefully, the government expects the employer to make the deduction in the event a worker shifts from one boss to another, but realists in government predict that several million potential taxpayers will escape.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt recently resented criticism of the planned increase of the army to about 8,500,000 (including 10 per cent officers) by the end of this year. The total figure wavers up to 9,500,000. The criticism was not against a great army, but it was argued such an army cannot be transported overseas; there are not sufficient ships. The critics have not given ground and intend convincing, if possible, the president that they are correct in their estimate. With everything favorable, not more than 2,500,000 troops can be sent abroad this year. Such an army will require every ton of shipping available to ferry the troops and their supplies.

Less than 1,000,000 American troops are in north Africa yet the drain on transports, freighters and tankers is terrific. The acute shortage of fuel oil and gasoline in the eastern states is attributed to the demands of the men in north Africa; there is not enough oil to warm a house to 65 degrees; there is no gasoline for other than essential driving, and very little for that. The 500 cargo ships sent to north Africa are all oil burners and they must have oil coming and going. If it is argued, less than 1,000,000 men can upset the economies of the eastern half of America, what will be the result if 2,500,000 additional men are sent to foreign soil this year?

There is a warning in this for the Pacific northwest states. Some fine day convoys will leave the northwest and California for unknown destinations; there will be scores and scores of transports and cargo carriers, with a fleet of oil and gasoline

must take care of these part pay or no pay patients of the absent physicians as well as their own. In order to systematize their work and be of the greatest possible service to the public health, they should have clinics in their own offices, for instance designating certain office hours or certain days when certain classes of patients may obtain special attention. On his clinic days the doctor may give worthy patients the benefit of low fees keeping them off the charity list. Or he may devote his clinic days to diseases of children, chest diseases, geriatrics, orthopedics or whatever specialty he may prefer. The experience he gains in this way is what makes the true specialist.

Now is the time for every honest doctor to catch up with his patients who are inclined to run away to well advertised clinics.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Little Tina Doctor

Home nursing instructor told us there is danger of taking too much vitamin, especially for children, and said too much vitamin D might make a child 13 grow to be six feet tall or more. (A. L.)

Answer—Nonsense. There is no evidence that "too much" vitamin does any harm. Most children get too little.

What! One Grand?

I am 61, born in England, in business, happily married, one son in service, in past several years troubled with occasional when I consulted physician here he laughed and said probably some of his patients would give \$1000 for my trouble. I have never forgiven him for that remark. (R. E.)

Answer—Well, sir, the doctor may have been indignant but I agree with his view of the matter. That is, you should ignore it, as there is no serious significance about it.

Perforated Eardrum

"Son had had ear opened twice when he was eight. He is now twenty. Have been told that if he goes into swimming pools the chlorine in the water will cause ear abscess. (Mrs. K. F. L.)

Answer—The chlorine in the water would tend to prevent such infection. But your son should wear suitable ear plugs (of a waxy material or lamb's wool (not absorbent cotton) in the ears also a special clip or clamp to keep nostrils closed and breathe entirely through mouth while in the water. It is from polluted water (polluted or infected by other swimmers who may have sinus trouble, ear trouble, infected throat, etc.) getting into ear cavity thru perforated drum or thru eustachian tube from back of nasal passage) that ear abscess, sinus infection, etc., is likely to occur in patrons of swimming pools.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Employer Must Collect Tax

F.D.R. Resents Big Army Critics

Coast May See Oil Shortage

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7 It won't apply to labor on the farm, to domestics (if any) or to casual labor, but aside from these exceptions every person who receives more than \$12 a week will have five per cent of pay deducted on each pay day from now on—possibly 10 per cent in 1944. The internal revenue bureau has compiled a list of employers in the Pacific northwest and has directed them to make the five per cent deduction. The task of making the collection is laid in the lap of the employer; he is responsible, and the internal revenue bureau will not look to the worker but to the boss who pays the wages.

In most of the war industries of the northwest the employer will have to increase his staff of bookkeepers; the sawmills, the lumbermen, the aluminum plants, aircraft factories, shipyards, wholesalers and retailers, the plywood plants, the milk industry, the cheese factories and these and others have been advised to make the five per cent deduction. Although agricultural labor is being paid in excess of \$12 a week, farm workers have been allowed an exemption from the so-called victory tax. Casual labor, drifting from place to place without any fixed track of and it also escapes the tax. The victory tax was adopted instead of a sales tax because of supposed opposition to the latter, but the victory tax will, it is estimated, take more from the wage-earner than a sales tax.

After the war the citizen will

Belgians in Tunis



BELGIAN AIRMEN SHOWN HERE on a Tunisian airfield are taking an active part in the fighting in North Africa. Moreover a powerful column of Belgian Cossack forces have come all the way from Central Africa to attack the Axis in the Sahara.

tankers to supply ships and airplanes. The oil and gas will come from California wells and refineries, source of supply for Oregonia and Washington. It is quite possible that a shortage will develop in the northwest such as now exists in the Atlantic states.

PLUS the needs of the troops overseas, the commitments of the United States to the United Nations tie up an enormous tonnage for the delivery of lend-lease supplies, and these commitments will continue and increase. If it is impossible to handle more than 2,500,000 troops this year, the president will be told that instead of building up the army, a few million men who must inevitably be inducted should in the meantime be placed in war industries to speed up production, as there is little the excess troops could do in the next year or 18 months.

WAIL from the northwest is that there is a growing shortage of plumbing supplies and no way of obtaining more. Also there is a shortage of plumbers, but the supplies shortage has become serious. As plumbing comes under the head of public health it is expected that the situation will be eased.

Communications

Dog Lover Dissents

To the editor: After just getting back from a 38-mile trip to buy my dog 45 cents worth of meat, I picked up the Mail Tribune of December 21 and saw where Wm. D. Roberts said if dog meat was a dollar a pound there would be fewer dogs. He may be correct but I'll bet him my cur is worth \$9.98 a pound more, pound for pound, than he is or anyone else that would make a remark like that. And if Doc Phillips gets him near his dog hospital and don't chloroform him he don't need to speak to me any more.

Also saw where a Mr. King thinks it time for the Lord to step in and make this world safe for pure democracy. Then along comes the Deacon and wants the spirit of Christ to come and jump on our president. I'm neutral and didn't vote for Mr. Roosevelt but I don't advise any picking on him.

As far as Stalin is concerned, he and Chiang Kai-Shek have the only two countries fighting for themselves, the rest of us are all fighting for democracy and if your dictionary don't define democracy as the whim of a half-baked democrat it's out of date.

Hope George Iverson gets to raise his rents a couple of quarters a month. He sure needs it. But if he doesn't make it, we can pass the hat for him.

I'm down here where the good-looking girls in the airplane plants can't thumb rides. They have to shake their social security button at a driver with an "A" sticker, and of course I've got an old "T" sticker.

C. E. Jagger, Simi, Calif.

Santa Fe Train Hit By Engine

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—The locomotive and three cars of a southbound Santa Fe streamliner were derailed and two passengers were seriously injured when the train struck a switch engine near Stockton late last night.

The switch engine was entering the main track from a "Y" when the streamliner hit. The locomotive of the passenger train and one car were thrown from the right-of-way into a ditch. Two other cars were derailed, but remained on the right-of-way.

More than 11 million books were donated by the public in the 1942 Victory Book Campaign, and about half of these, after sorting for condition and for subject matter, were considered suitable for distribution to our fighting men.

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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

January 7, 1933

(It was Saturday)

Mail-Tribune to run series of articles on "Technocracy."

Special session of legislature fails to pass sales tax and adjourns. Matter to be referred to the people.

Local citizens appeal to governor to end turmoil at courthouse. Corridors jammed daily by large crowd of men, some from Josephine county.

Cloudy and moderate. High 38, low 34 degrees.

Local dealers showing models of 1933 autos.

Local skiers flock to Siskiyou slide over week-end.

Medford quint defeats Weed, 19 to 5, in rough contest.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

January 7, 1923

(It was Sunday)

Columbia river towns and Eugene menaced by high water. Flood conditions delay opening of state legislature.

France plans to seize Essen to force Germany to pay war reparations. Invasion held only argument that will impress Germans.

Rain. High 61, low 41 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodford return from trip to San Francisco.

No mail received at postoffice since Friday from north and east, due to flood and storms. Arthur Middleton, famous baritone, to appear at Page.

Moscow stages burlesque on world religions.

Clark Gable Wins

Wings as Gunner

Tyndall Field, Fla., Jan. 7—

(U.P.)—Lieut. Clark Gable, movie star who entered the army air forces after the death of his wife, Carole Lombard, today was one step nearer his wartime goal with his graduation from the air forces flexible gunnery school here.

The wings of an aerial gunner were pinned to his chest by Col. W. A. Maxwell, commanding officer of the school. Gable's whereabouts had been secret since his graduation from an officer candidate school at Miami Beach, Oct. 28.

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