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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A nice old lady wearing an old fashioned sunbonnet, starched stiffer than a board showed up on the Main Stem yes, and created more excitement than if she wore a bustle.

The invincible hordes of Herr Hitler, breaking their military necks to get back to Der Fatherland, pursued by Gen. (B. & G.) Patton beyond where their dads first yelled "Kamerad" in the last war, have emitted the first whimpers for peace. They hope for an easy one, and that as a nation they will not be classified as "publicans and sinners", by its terms. Now is the time for the allies to show "the indomitable will" of which Mr. Schickelburger boasted when at his gabblest.

PRETTY MUCH HUMAN

(Salem Statesman)

"The armory was jam-packed Friday night, the queue to gain admission reaching nearly across Liberty street to Crystal Gardens. The attraction was the weekly 'grunt and groan' act and more particularly the facial ugliness of one of the grapplers. The same night a Walt Disney film of fantasy filled one of the theatres after running for several days to packed houses."

The government announces there will be ample shotgun shells this fall for hunters to shoot birds, each other, their own big toe, trespass signs, country cats, and sudden, informal nuptials.

Only another day left in August (Gus).

"From hamlet and from dale; from the hilltops and from the valleys; from city and from country comes the same cry: 'We are governed to death.'"

(Editorial, Pendleton East Oregonian, 50 yrs. ago.) How things don't change item.

The Poles at home in Poland, are having a time, not wanting to be governed by anybody, including themselves. They say meaner things about each other, than they do the Germans.

IT'S FAST ENOUGH

(Press Dispatch)

The British Press unanimously hailed the good military news in Prime Minister Churchill's speech in the house of commons today—especially the prediction that Japan might fall sooner than xzvbqkq the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog's back."

The political pot is far from seething, at this stage of the campaign. The picture of the President in the movie news reels does not inspire enraptured New Dealers to arise and pull up the seats in their idolatry.

NO NEWS IS NO NEWS

"If somebody would have a fight or do something it matters not what, he would win our everlasting gratitude. The item market is bare, the demand exceeding the supply by 100 per cent. There are no drums, no fights, no weddings, no births, no deaths, no tidal wave, no earthquake, no anything except nothing. We don't like to be compelled to apologize for a dearth of local news, but we can't afford to hire someone to stir up trouble, and we have not time to do it ourselves."

(50 Yrs. Ago Col. The Dallas Chronicle.)

"PERFECT" INDIAN AX

Kingsdon, Mo. (U.P.)—D. E. Robinson, farmer near here, discovered one of the finest specimens of Indian relics found in this section recently. The farmer dug up an Indian ax in perfect condition and weighing 13 pounds. The ax was 13 inches in circumference and 13 inches long.

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Won't Be Long Now

For nearly five years the German people have been told victory was certain.

Only about a month ago Hitler declared Germany would never capitulate and only perseverance was needed to bring the final triumph.

Now with the German armies beating it for the fatherland on all fronts General Kurt Dittmar, spokesman for the German High Command, admits victory is impossible, unexpected defeats have been suffered, and if the allies will only drop their demand for unconditional surrender, the Third Reich will quit.

At least that is the sense of the London report of the broadcast, as interpreted by most of the allied commentators.

CAN the German people TAKE it?

After being buoyed up all this time by assurances of their invincibility and ultimate world mastery, can either the people back of the front or the common soldiers at it, continue to fight,—not for victory,

That is officially out,

But for,—

the difference between surrender without conditions, and surrender with them?

That is the question to answer now, for those who are still trying to catch the elusive date for the end of the war in Europe.

THE skipper of this department doesn't KNOW the answer. But our guess is neither the German people nor the soldiers at the front, can, or will "take it."

It is one thing for a nation, or an individual, badly battered and gasping for breath, to make a final supreme effort to snatch victory from defeat, putting everything on a chance,—a last all-out punch,—

It is quite another thing to gather all one's energies and resources for a final do-or-die smash, when it is known the jig is up, victory can't be attained, the only gain to be the difference between one type of surrender and another.

That just isn't human nature, and especially isn't German nature, as we see it.

WHY Hitler abandoned a policy of 10 years at this critical stage of the game and after deluding the people all that time, should now tell them the awful truth, is a mystery to this department.

We had an idea the old reprobate, would stick to the Nazi line to the end, sink or swim with it, as long as he, or his followers, had a spark of life left.

But certainly Dittmar did not speak without Der Reichsfuehrer's OK. So for some unexplainable reason it was decided, up at Berchtesgaten, with everything starting to crumble about their ears, to at long last tell the German people the truth.

WELL, we shall see what we shall see!

But it is this department's prediction "it won't be long now."

The Nazi zealots may continue the struggle, for they can lose nothing by so doing; but not the people of the Third Reich as a whole.

After being fed on lies and false hopes for a decade, to suddenly drop the line and feed them on the bitter disillusioning truth, will simply be too much of a shock!

The Teutonic stomach won't be able to stand it.

Better Keep Still

The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse. After being in secret session for half the week, and in answer to various and sundry demands from high places to ease up on the rigid censorship the three power conference at Dumbarton Oaks called a press conference and announced the following achievements to date:

1. An assembly composed of representatives of all peace-loving nations based on the principle of sovereign equality.
2. A council composed of a smaller number of members in which the principal states will be joined by a number of other states to be elected periodically.
3. Effective means for the peaceful settlement of disputes, including an international court of justice for the adjudication of questions and also the application of such other means as may be necessary for maintenance of peace and security.

Well isn't that just dandy!

It adds up to exactly zero.

In fact those three achievements represent nothing but a slightly—very slightly,—rehashed and warmed over version of the late and lamented League of Nations.

That too had an assembly, a council, and of course a world or international court, with such "other means as may be necessary for maintenance of peace and security."

All of this could have been announced in fact before the conference met.

We hold no special brief for secrecy. But as long as the conference has really accomplished NOTHING we see no point in making any public announcements of that disappointing fact!

SUICIDE PLOTTED DEATH OF WIDOW

Peotone, Ill., Aug. 30—(U.P.)—

Charles Gitsenke tried repeatedly to kill his family, his wife said today, and he nearly succeeded after his death.

Gitsenke, 46, a grocer and civic leader, killed himself with a 12 gauge shotgun Sunday. The next day, his widow, Anna, her sons, Jack 15, and Joseph 13,

and Gitsenke's brother and sister-in-law became ill.

Dr. William McNally, toxicologist for the Cook county coroner's office, investigated and found that coffee which they had been drinking had been poisoned with arsenic. The widow said her husband had poisoned their food four other times in the past two months.

BOUNTY FOR SAILORS

Washington, Aug. 30—(U.P.)—Rep. Henry M. Jackson, D. Wash., has introduced a bill providing for a permanent federal unemployment insurance program for merchant seamen.

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SECRECY OF KIN AIDS BOY 15, AS BATTLE VETERAN

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 30—(U.P.)—

His parents' ability to keep a secret is credited with placing 15-year-old Pvt. Robert Hall of Tacoma among the nation's youngest veterans holding battle starred campaign ribbons from the American and European-African theaters.

Today, Private Hall, honorably discharged from the army has returned home after two years in the service, including action on the Anzio beachhead and at Cassino.

The boy left his Tacoma home at the age of 13 after penning a note to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hall, that he was going to enter the service. Shortly afterwards, they received a phone call from their son in which he said that he had joined the army as a radio operator.

Last November he was shipped to north Africa and subsequently landed at Anzio in January. He was transferred to the infantry and after six weeks in front-line foxholes on the beachhead, was shipped to the mountain battlefields around Cassino.

Hall finally acquired a case of frozen feet and was hospitalized.

The hospital was bombed constantly, and he was transferred to "safety" in Naples. But German planes penetrated to the city, and the hospital once more became a target for German bombers, which killed three of his nurses.

It was at this time that his mother saw a news reel in Tacoma that pictured her son in a foxhole.

"That was too much for me," she explained. "The front lines are no place for a boy of 15. I sent the war department his birth certificate."

ALLIED BOMBERS POUR RUIN UPON FOE IN PACIFIC

By United Press

Allied bombers, continuing intensive raids through the Pacific, were revealed today to have dumped a peak load of 188 tons of explosives on Ambalua, former Dutch naval center in the East Indies, and to have struck new blows at a dozen other scattered enemy bases.

The Ambalua raid was carried out Monday by more than 75 bombers and fighters which concentrated on the major port of Ambon and left it in flames. The enemy offered no resistance.

Air patrols again blasted Kace village on Halmahera in the series of neutralization raids on the enemy base 250 miles south of the Philippines. Other airmen attacked the port of Davao on Mindano in the southern Philippines.

Fighter-bombers struck the Kaimana and McCluer gulf area at the western end of Dutch New Guinea and destroyed or damaged six coastal vessels barges.

Other bases attacked included: Yap and Palau in the western Carolines; Paramushiro in the Kuriles; Iwo Jima in the Volcanos; Fagan and Alamagan in the Marianas; and enemy positions in the Marshalls.

NAVY ADDS 65,000 SHIPS IN 5 YEARS

Washington, Aug. 30—(U.P.)—

The navy has added almost 65,000 vessels aggregating 9,000,000 tons to the fleet since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe five years ago, Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal announced today.

He said that nearly 36 per cent of the total were combatant ships, 22 per cent landing craft and the rest naval craft of other types.

Forrestal issued the statement to a press conference and called attention to the fact that it came two days before the fifth anniversary of the start of World War II on Sept. 1, 1939.

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Booby Trap Removed by Nazi



The safest and fastest way to remove German booby traps is to capture the Nazi who set them and make him do the dirty work. Here Pic. Victor A. Heinenbrann, Cross Plains, Wis., watches a Jerry captured near Chartres, France, remove a booby trap from a doorway. Signal Corps radio-telephone photo.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

August 30, 1934

(It was Thursday)

Textile mill strike called.

President urged to act.

Coming week to show trend of autumn business.

Continued cloudiness. High 96, low 60 degrees.

Oregon labor unions endorse Peter Zimmerman for governor.

Government eyes rise in price of food throughout nation.

Democratic Nominee Upton Sinclair for California governor granted audience with president.

Martial law is declared in New Orleans as violence greets invasion of Huey Long forces.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 30, 1924

(It was Saturday)

Willow Springs Bartlett's are shipped to California cannery.

Allies sign agreement to enforce Dawes plan on Germany.

Klan riot at Herrin, Ill., results in nine deaths.

Fair and cool. High 92, low 44 degrees.

All stores to be closed next Monday, Labor Day.

Army fliers complete flight to Laborador.

Upstate hunter packing flashlight is mistaken for cougar and killed.

BUTTONS EXHIBITED

Springfield, Mass.—(U.P.)—

The first display of button collections ever held took place here recently as 800 collectors gathered in convention. The more than 1,000 visitors saw hundreds

of thousands of buttons on display—many of them more than three centuries old and others from the clothing of famous persons.

SIMPLIFIED PLAN FOR INCOME TAX REPORTS MAILED

Washington, Aug. 30—(U.P.)—

The treasury announced today that it has completed plans for putting into effect the new tax simplification law which will spare some 30,000,000 income taxpayers the trouble of figuring out their 1944 income taxes.

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., commissioner of internal revenue, said the government is now distributing to employers withholding tax receipts which, when filled out, can be used by most employees in place of regular tax returns.

Under the new procedure, he explained, all taxpayers receiving less than \$5,000 a year income, on which they paid withholding taxes, will receive from their employers by Jan. 31 a receipt showing their wages for the year and the total amount of taxes withheld from their paychecks.

On the receipt will be a few simple questions, together with brief instructions explaining just who is eligible to use the receipt instead of a return. The estimated 30,000,000 who will be eligible will simply forward the receipt to the treasury before March 15, 1945, where experts will figure whether or not the correct amount of taxes has been withheld. If they find a

difference, the taxpayer will get either a bill or a refund.

SENDS 5-LEAF CLOVER

Chicago (U.P.)—Sgt. James Weible, 20, an aerial gunner with the American Army in Italy, will soon receive a five-leaf clover which his mother, Mrs. Catherine Weible, found growing beneath a neighborhood plaque bearing his name. She previously mailed him a four-leaf clover, emblem of good luck.

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"Yes, and I can give you an example of how true that is, Fred. In World War I the chief uses of alcohol produced for war purposes were found in smokeless powder, medical supplies and chemical warfare materials. In this war the need for this product is far more vital because it is also used as a fuel to propel torpedoes, to make shatterproof glass

for airplane windshields and instrument covers, to make lacquers used in camouflaging equipment and as a base for synthetic rubber needed for tires, gas masks, paratroop equipment and dozens of other things.

"Every time I think of it, Fred, I realize how fortunate we were in having a beverage distilling industry in existence when war broke out... ready and eager to convert 100% to the production of this critically needed war product. I'm mighty sure bootleggers wouldn't have been of much help."

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