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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Christmas was a dreary day for Germany and the Germans. The self-styled 'master-race' found nothing in their stockings, but Herr Hitler still in their hair, a plea was made to save them from a 'harsh peace', as word came the V-bombs of the Nazis were raining death and ruin upon new non-combatant areas.

Editors are still discussing at great length and learnedly, the whyfores and wherefores of the cigarettes, the land hasn't got.

There is some talk of steps to 'reform the legislature'. The best way to reform the legislature is not have any.

The year long demands of the Older Girls for a 'white Christmas' were ignored by weather sources, but already the fight for one next year is underway. Yesterday instead of throwing a snowball at their grandson, and hitting an innocent bystander, they basked in near-April sunshine, and swatted stray flies in the kitchen. The nearest they could come to a 'white Christmas' was to feel sorry for the Eskimos, and read it was 87 below in northern Minnesota.

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)
If any reader has been hunting far and wide for the recipe for turlu gujev, we are delighted to tell him, or her, where it can be found. Furthermore, if it's the recipe for misov spannak that is wanted, or for misov compoug, which some people prefer, or for haligain kebab, or even for Victory garden dolmas, that information also is available. See page A4946 of the Congressional Record.

The C. W.ig Ashpole boy, Chuck, is coming along fine with his music. He sings and welds a cornet.

Tokyo reports their submarines are again operating off the Pacific coast. There should not be confused with the German underwater boats, that were seen off the coast of Florida, in the early stage of the 1940 campaign, and scared New Deal moguls back to Washington, D. C.

THAT'S DIFFERENT!
(Bend Bulletin)
The latest from the ninth service command publicity office at Fort Douglas, Utah, is a couple of pages on the virtues of chili con carne. There are recipes, too. We are not acquainted with the one, soldier, WAAC, or officer, who is doing this job but our idea is that he would be better back in civil life or out where the fighting is going on. If neither is to be done let him (or her) read up on paper saving."

New food rationing rules hit the nation, whereby 85 per cent of all meats will again be rationed. It comes just as the annual pig-sticking gets underway in the rural regions, and steaks in the original package, are clustered thick around haystacks.

Citizens have started making their New Year resolutions. The main ones are as unbreakable as the windshields of automobiles were once supposed to be.

Late December robins are still on the job hereabouts. The misery of sticking around here all winter, just for the honor of being the first robin of spring, is not worth it," reports J. Cochran Robin.

The firing rate of the Army Ordnance 50-caliber aircraft machine gun has been increased from 650-750 to 950 rounds per minute.

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One Extreme to Another

Yes, how we Americans do love extremes! Six months ago the war in Europe was 'in the bag,' the end definitely and "officially" set for the month of October. Now the same source responsible for that claim, can see no end to the war at all! We quote:

"No responsible military authority here will hazard a guess as to the end of this war, in Europe or against Japan. It may be six months, or it may be six years! The experts have been so confused and confounded by this unexpected counter-offensive by the Germans that they are in a panic. One can't pry a definite prediction as to the end of the war from any one of them. They just won't talk for publication. Six months ago they wouldn't do anything else!"

THAT sounds like Washington. Washington in war, wouldn't be Washington if it were calm, deliberate and on an even keel.

It seems only yesterday Washingtonians were rushing anti-aircraft guns to the top of a certain building on K street and scanning the heavens for a fleet of Nazi planes they were sure would come.

Now they are warning the populace of robot bombs crossing the Atlantic ocean almost any time!

SIX months ago orders went out from the national capitol to dismantle certain war plants—the war was practically over—ease up on food-rationing, return all bridegrooms to non military activities, while the Washington rank and file spent their week-ends at the horse races near Baltimore, and on the golf courses closer to home.

Now horse racing is ruled out, all over the land, food rationing is clamped on harder than ever before, all munition factories have been returned to a 24-hour shift, and army quotas have been boosted from Tampa, Florida, to Puget Sound.

AND no one really complains. The American people are willing to do anything that has to be done to win this war—and win it at the earliest possible date.

But it does seem rather juvenile—this insistence upon Uncle Sam soaring to the heights of over-confidence one day, and down to the slough of pessimism and despair the day after.

Yet that is youth—our great strength, as well as our weakness. And youth, the bounce and bounteousness of youth, is going to win this war in the end!

An Optimistic General

It will take more than any allied reverse in Europe however to ever dim the ardent optimism of General MacArthur.

If our lugubrious friends in Washington want something to cheer them up, as far as the present status of the war is concerned let them go over to the War Department and ask for the files of the General's dispatches since he left Bataan for Australia, nearly three years ago.

It was then the General remarked "I shall return!" Well, the General did return. Now from his headquarters in the Philippines comes official word that:

"The Leyte campaign is over, and the Japanese under General Tomoyuki Yamashita have sustained perhaps the greatest defeat in the annals of the Japanese army, with nearly 150,000 casualties to less than 12,000 for the U. S. A. Japan has also lost nearly 3000 planes in the past few weeks, ten Jap convoys, with 27 warships and 41 transports have, been sunk with approximately 30,000 Japanese troops drowned."

The only fly in that ointment might be in noting that nearly two months ago dispatches from General MacArthur's headquarters claimed organized Jap resistance on Leyte had ceased, only a mopping up program remained, and the Philippines would soon be back in American hands forever!

Wise After the Event

None of the many U. S. war commentators has been more concerned with POST-WAR problems than the esteemed and highly remunerated Walter Lippmann.

Even before the sweeping Allied victory in France, the N. Y. Herald Tribune pontificator was drawing up blue prints showing in detail just what should and what should not be done in Europe when the certain collapse of the Axis had become an historical fact.

Many times some of the less sanguine and self-satisfied commentators have been bold enough to suggest that the "Great Walter," seemed to be taking a great deal for granted.

One of them wrote as follows:

"Wouldn't it be wise to leave the post-war picture of France with a few vacant spaces, which later can be filled in, instead of not only completing the picture but framing it in the Herald's Park Avenue salon, for all readers to admire? There is an old saying about the wisdom of not counting your chickens until they are hatched. Mr. Lippmann is not only counting them, but has built a chicken house to hold them with steam heat, patent sun-lamps, and all the fixtures."

But on Christmas Day we note Mr. Lippman had a marked change of attitude and mind as the following quotation will show:

"This is a very bad time indeed to minimize the gravity of the German offensive by reminding ourselves how soon after Ludendorff's break-through in March, 1918, the German armies surrendered. Let us remember that the tide of battle was not turned in 1918 by a comforting analogy; it was turned by the desperate fighting of our allies and by an enormous speeding up of the American reinforcements."

"The blunt truth is that all of us—and I know of no exceptions—have underestimated the power of our enemies. We have allowed ourselves to see things as we wished to see them, and not as they are. The spectacular victories which we won in Europe and in the Pacific caused our enemies to concentrate furiously in order to wage war."

"The victories caused us to be off guard, to think about reconversion and demobilization, and to theorize and quarrel about peace. What we have to do now is to regroup our forces, mobilize to a far higher degree than we have yet done, and readjust our political ideas to the realities of a long and hard war."

Q. E. D.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 26.—A strong, generally thoughtful editorial writer who is against the Roosevelt, particularly Mr. Roosevelt, regime spoke out in several metropolitan papers recently; (note, I think the radicals called him fascist-minded during the last campaign, although the charge was of a political nature and therefore not intended to be believed literally):



Paul Mallon

"There is only one way to assure ourselves of military strength, whenever needed. That way consists of a system of compulsory military training."

THAT is simply not true. There are many ways of assuring ourselves of military strength, whenever needed, a logical, straightforward way consists of putting military training into the high schools and colleges to develop, and keep trained, the necessary officer personnel, and enlarging and modernizing the national guard, giving it weapons, including airplanes and tanks, artillery, ammunition and commissary to develop a private personnel.

That would be the more efficient way, because it would be constant, always up-to-date, always ready to handle the latest implements of warfare scientifically and efficiently, although there are of course many other things which must be done, including the maintenance of a greater permanent military inventors' council with laboratories, continuation of West Point and Annapolis at war size or larger, and an alert, ever watchful and efficient war department to see that we do not fall asleep to dangers from without.

These are democratic ways. The taking of a boy from his home, work and career for a year of service in the army is a Prussian method instituted by the Prussian militarists after the war of 1870. It must be an inefficient way of developing an army because the Prussians have never won with it.

ON the opposite side of the same fence a radical editorial writer in a metropolitan daily, (I think he is the very one who called my above friend "fascist-minded" and certainly he thinks the Roosevelt regime, and particularly the Mrs. Roosevelt regime, is just about right on everything), wrote recently: "The only way this country can get away from maintaining a very large army and developing a militaristic caste system after this war is by compulsory military training."

Is this not the strangest collection of bedfellows upon any world mattress? Radicals, conservatives, people who think each other fascists or communists, Mr. Roosevelt and the chamber of commerce, PM and the New York Herald-Tribune, Mrs. Roosevelt and "the fascist minded" all enjoying this same delusion—instantly.

For there is no more truth in saying this is the only way to "avoid a large army" than that it is the only way to maintain an army. It would be a new large army each year.

But it would hardly be what we would call a skilled army. We would have to maintain another one for older men for defense. We would have to have an air force constantly alert, a corps bent on nullifying the effect of rocket bombs, and what other new weapons, daily, a whole war department of just as much strength as if we did not have compulsion in training.

These trainees would only be reserves—reserves that might otherwise be obtained more efficiently by a real national guard.

BUT a great many other people are saying daily in the papers a year of national service would cure juvenile delinquency, promote youth health, make better citizens. These are all non-military excuses for a military step, which lacks sound military grounds.

We handle crime otherwise. Well why not handle our non-military problems in a non-military way, or least in a democratic way?

NEWBURN SENTENCING DELAYED BY ILLNESS

Passing of sentence upon Woodrow Wilson Newburn, found guilty by a circuit court jury of statutory rape, scheduled for today, has been indefinitely postponed due to the illness of Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna. Newburn is held in the county jail. A motion for new trial, will be filed by his counsel, Attorney O. H. Bengtson.

Increase in the enrollment of new student nurses in the U. S. cadet nurse corps this fall approximated 30,000, Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, announced.



Mrs. Louise Peete, who spent 18 years in prison for murder of Jacob C. Denton in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1920, hides her face with purse at backyard grave in Pacific Falls, Calif., where she admitted burying body of her employer, Mrs. Margaret Logan.

Sales Make Jobs

Babson Quizzes CIO's Demand for More "Shops"

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 22.—(Special Correspondence)—When Vice-President Wallace spoke to the CIO convention in Chicago he gave "small business" a big hand. This drew another big hand from the conventioners. Said he in substance: "After the war, this nation eventually must provide sixty million jobs. To promote employment, I urge that a man of ambition and ideas find a shack in an alley, start up a business, and hire workers."

Mr. Wallace further asked for tax relief for "the little man with the big idea." Although constructive in intent, Mr. Wallace's talk stopped far short of the core or the trouble. When the unemployment crisis emerges—three years, say after warfare ends—why more "shops"? The need will be not for more inside shops but for more outside salesmen. Small businesses rent stores but they do not make jobs.

Shortage of salesmanship will be the reef on which some of Mr. Wallace's cleverest mechanics may fall apart. Apparently some of the employment analysts invite disillusionment if they believe that every expert tool-maker can take his patent or project and shoestring it into a fast-growing, heavily-payerolled industry. The mechanical genius normally is an indifferent businessman. He can handle any metal but gold or silver. He can hold to the thousandth of an inch more readily than an inch more readily than the hundredth of a dollar. My friend Thomas A. Edison was somewhat of an inventor. He used to tell me: "Babson, it takes more to get an idea rolling than to get the idea."

Bumper Harvests Grow From Seed-Corn

I would be the last to disparage humble beginnings. My own business activities originated 40 years ago in the kitchen of a cottage on a narrow street in a quiet village; but the growth was very slow. Most large employers of labor today treasure faded photographs of the modest buildings where the enterprises began. But the men who created these industries spent their time outside selling on the road, not inside waiting for customers. Also, may we remember what U. S. failure statistics show.

With all goodwill toward aspiring founders, the evidence compiled by the credit reporting agencies proves the frailty of lone-man ventures. There are long years of battling before the corner is turned and the enterprise can provide employment in and substantial volume. Unless all past records are meaningless, the only prompt and realistic way to enlarge "Help Wanted" advertising columns is by strengthening the selling and merchandizing campaigns of existing and established concerns.

Sales Careerism the Real Independents

Nobody begrudges independence of action. Aspiration is at the heart of Americanism. However, thousands of strongly connected salesmen, allied with sound organizations, are in reality in business for themselves. Backed by resources and reserves, well-placed salesmen win a free-swinging career—and a breadth of accomplishment—impossible for the average hand-to-mouth, caged proprietor. Ostensibly the proprietor is his own boss and working for himself. In truth, he may be

the unregistered employee of his creditors. He may be paying a ceiling price for his tin badge of independence. Hats off to every ambitious auto-repair shop and newscount-er. We need such. Nonetheless, employment stems from sales and more sales and still more sales. This is true whether the enterprise in a hole-in-the-wall or a Willow Run. Tax relief will aid. Less interference by Washington is urgent. However, you recall that failures were high even back when tax levies were low. Moreover, the first essential of taxation, is to have something to tax. That something originates from outside salesmen,—who also have their "big idea," namely, the power and inspiration of teamwork. Therefore, as a statistician groghded in the records, I insist that a step-up of merchandizing efficiency is the most hopeful answer to the question of how a man can help most to create sixty million jobs. Furthermore, this likewise answers the query: What is the best preparation for those who want to have a business of their own? It is, become an outside salesman for an established concern.

WIFE CONFESSES STRANGLING MATE

Highland Park, Mich., Dec. 26 (U.P.)—Wayne county authorities said today a first-degree murder Mrs. Nina Housden, 33 who confessed she strangled her husband across the street from the police station and started to St. Louis with his dismembered body in the trunk of her automobile.

Mrs. Housden, who accused her husband, a cross-country bus driver, of bragging of his affairs with other women, was arrested at Toledo, O.

Mrs. Housden said her husband returned home from his run Thursday. They went to a motion picture theater, then had several drinks. She succeeded in getting him drunk, she told authorities, then took him to her apartment facing the Highland Park police station. She strangled him with a clothes line, she said, then went to bed. She kept the body in her apartment for two days, waiting for delivery of an automobile she had bought.

Unable to carry the 200-pound body down the stairs, she dismembered it with a razor, stuffed it into a canvas bag, put it in the trunk of the automobile and started to St. Louis where she planned to dispose of it.

ASSASSIN PRAISED

Paris, Dec. 26 — (U.P.) — The newspaper Franc Tireur paid editorial tribute today to Fernand Bonnier De La Chapelle, who was executed two years ago today for the assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan. The editorial called him "a young hero who died gloriously after striking down Darlan, a man of Petain and a man of Hitler."

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 26, 1934
(It was Wednesday)

Trial of Bruno Hauptmann, charged with the murder and kidnaping of son of Col. Lindbergh to start January 2.

Tragedies, causing 166 deaths through nation mar Christmas holiday.

Outlook for 1935 bright but dubious.

Japan to consider largest military budget in its history.

Cloudy with occasional rain. High 42, low 31 degrees.

New Ford models on display here Saturday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 26, 1924
(It was Friday)

Gold Hill to fight legislation curbing powers of cities to make arrests for speeding.

Illinois preacher and woman found guilty of poison murder of her husband.

Fair and continued cold. High 46, low 26 degrees. Forty-mile-an-hour wind blows all night over valley.

All Christmas day records broken by low temperature of 11.8 degrees, high 42.

France reports discovery of gun and munition depot in Berlin, in cunningly devised hiding place. Evacuation of Cologne delayed.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
December 26, 1910
(It was Monday)

John Wilkinson, with ticket No. 591 wins "Flanders 20" car raffled for benefit of Crater Lake road fund.

Christmas day was bright and cheery, with warm sun shining.

Name of Jackson street is changed to Jackson boulevard.

McLeod

McLeod, Dec. 26—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coon and son, Jimmy, left for Los Angeles Dec. 23 to spend the holidays.

Elk Creek school held its Christmas program the evening of Dec. 22 with a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. William Staples left Dec. 21 for Los Angeles where they will spend the holidays. Accompanying them as far as Sacramento were Mrs. Lee Meriman and son.

Upper Rogue grange had a potluck dinner Dec. 21. Following the dinner a program was enjoyed by a large crowd. Mrs. Carl Richardson decorated the hall for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Blair entertained with two tables of bridge Dec. 16. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coon and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell.

Among those attending the Prospect "night club," Dec. 21 from the McLeod district were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolenshek, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ash, Mrs. Clarence Lande, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Axtell, Mrs. Neil Hoyez, Miss Mary Ann Brill and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson left Dec. 22 for San Jose, Calif., to make their home.

Miss Alice Brill arrived home Dec. 23 from San Jose college to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brill.

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WAITRESS ADMITS KILLING BOY LEFT IN HER CUSTODY

Yakima, Wash., Dec. 26.—(U.P.) Virginia Ivey, 19-year-old waitress whom police had sought for more than a month for the slaying of 5-year-old Virgil (Butchy) Langley whose foster parents had left him in her care, calmly admitted today that she killed the boy with a wine bottle after returning from a party.

"He had gotten out of his bed and he refused to go back," she told Deputy Prosecutor Lincoln Shropshire, who said she would be arraigned, probably today, on first-degree murder charges. The slaying occurred in her apartment at Toppenish, Wash.

Miss Ivey was arrested at Portland, Ore., Christmas eve in a hotel where she was working as a chambermaid. Authorities had picked up her trail twice before and missed her by a matter of minutes as she moved on. She said she had been on the verge of giving herself up several times.

Miss Ivey said she agreed to look after the boy when his foster mother, Mrs. Grace Langley, went to Mullen, Idaho, to work. His foster father, Virgil Langley, was working in California, she said. The Langley's had reared the child since infancy, although they had never legally adopted him, she said.

The blonde, mild-mannered waitress said she had never spanked or mistreated the child until the fatal beating on November 22. Miss Ivey, who police said had been picked up in Spokane several times on morals charges, showed the effect of her month of flight. She was nervous and her finger-nails were chewed to the quick.

Of those persons examined by tuberculosis control officers, 13 persons in every 1,000 showed evidence of significant pulmonary tuberculosis, the U. S. Public Health Service said.

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