

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—I know of a man who had a rather odd experience the other day.

He was driving from Portland to Seattle, and on the way he picked up a tramp. The fellow was not one of your modern hitchhikers, but a plain old-fashioned tramp. However, he was pleasant and courteous, and thanked the driver when he got out. As he left the car he said mysteriously, "You'll be carrying a corpse before you get to Seattle."

And sure enough, a little farther on the fellow came upon an ambulance stalled by the roadside, so he took the sick passenger into his car and sped on toward Seattle with him. And the man died on the way.

But the main point of this strange occurrence is another prediction made by this authenticated seer. He stated flatly to this same motorist that the war would be over by July.

Well, he may be a mystic, and maybe he can predict corpses, but about the war I'll betcha.

Shucks, No Fun at All!

THE GIRLS in the coffee shop here at the Hotel Californian had read about me paying \$1.94 for bacon and eggs in Tacoma, so they organized a joke to play on me when I came back to San Francisco.

All the girls know what I eat for breakfast, for I never vary. So whoever got me on my first morning back was going to make out my bill for \$3 or more. Well, I got wind of it, so I was all set. I was just

going to look at the check, never crack a smile, sign the manager's name to it, and walk out.

But the girls spoiled the whole thing by forgetting to do it.

Just This and That

IN A RESTAURANT up in northern California the other day I heard a fellow telling about having a small auto accident out in the country, which necessitated his hitchhiking to the nearest town to get repairs.

And when he got back to his car, some patriotic citizen had stolen the tires right off his wheels. I'm broadminded about murder any mayhem, but I'm not so sure I don't favor capital punishment for tire thieves for the duration.

HERE IS A new war peril we must all guard our children against.

A letter from an Albuquerque friend says her young son is staying home from school with a sort throat, which he attributes to the fact that his sergeant in high-school military drill the day before wouldn't let him spit!

I have another friend—quite a girl, too—who has just written me of a lifelong ambition, in case she ever gets rich. It's to wear nothing but red shoes (oh, clothes of course, but only shoes that are red) and have a boy follow her around constantly with a tray full of fresh celery, so she can nibble all day.

I've been trying to think what I'd like if I were rich. And all I've been able to think of is that I'd like to be the boy who carries the celery tray.

Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

FABIAN SEVITZKY pitched into the rough-and-tumble of the Butler University Forum the other night. Gave a good account of himself, too. . . . The Rotary's guests at Tuesday's luncheon were city councilmen, county commissioners, etc., and when

Thomas Reed hauled off with his vigorous demand for a single-unit county government, you could almost hear the moans of anguish from the various tables. . . . Todd Stoops of the Hoosier Motor Club just called up to spike a rumor. Todd says a lot of people have the idea that you can drive down to Mexico and get all the new tires you want. "I have a wire from Mexico City now," said Todd, "and that rumor is just whole cloth. The only way you can get a tire in Mexico is to break down and be stranded. They'll let you buy a tire then to get you off their hands. But that's the limit." Well, there goes our last chance, Shucks.

Stars for the Mayors

STAR LICENSE plates (the kind some people would give their right arms to possess) are being distributed by Secretary of State Jim Tucker to Indiana's mayors. The reason, it's explained, is that the mayors usually serve as civilian defense directors for their home towns, and the star license plates are supposed to facilitate their movements in "case of emergency." And besides, it's good politics, since about 70 per cent of the mayors are Republicans. Personally, it's hard to imagine a mayor needing star license plates to make his home town police treat him respectfully.

The Fishing's Fine

FROM FLORIDA writes Oscar Wuenst, of 4022 N. Illinois st., with the news that the fishing's fine. The speckled trout are plentiful, he reports, with the sheephead running as large as 12 pounds. . . . Bob Loring, of the secretary of state's office, is back from

a business trip to Washington and he says it made his hair stand on end to see signs directing pedestrians to bomb shelters. . . . Some of our state officials have been preaching tire conservation. And then, some other State officials still are using their State-owned cars to make week-end trips back to their home towns, a mere 100, or 200 or more miles round trip. . . . George Schricker, of Shortridge, the Governor's youngest son, will be 19 on Washington's birthday. That's how he got his name.

Hair? Er-er, Brown

MAKING THE ROUNDS is a yarn about a certain bald headed man who was among those registering last Monday for the draft. This bird was so bald he didn't have a hair on his head. When the woman clerk came to the physical description, she glanced rather confusedly at his head, then looked away and inquired: "Color of hair?" "Maybe you can tell; I can't," he replied. The clerk still insisted that the regulations required her to put down the color of his hair. "All right," grinned the registrant. And with that, he unbuttoned his vest and shirt and displayed his hairy chest. The clerk blushed prettily, then wrote: "Hair, brown."

Around the Town

THE ALLISON PLANT publication advises employees: "Don't be a dope and spread inside dope." . . . The publication also carries an ad: "For Sale—Five nearly new tires with 39 DeLuxe Ford Coupe—heater and oil filter—very low mileage. Cliff Berger." . . . Maybe Cliff's mad at the car because he locked himself out of it last week. . . . The state conservation department is taking a fish and game census by sending questionnaires on last year's kill to a representative list of license holders. . . . Here it is only February, and the Indiana State Beekeepers association is thinking about state fair week already. The association's February bulletin suggests that fair displays of honey be in variously colored cellophane wrapping and also that some beautiful damsel be crowned the queen of the honey show. It isn't clear whether the cellophane idea is to extend to the honey queen.

Washington

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—He's done it. Donald Nelson has used his new power as chairman of the War Production Board to shake airplanes loose from the cramping clutches of hide-bound brass hats.

He has just ordered all materials needed for military aircraft put into the same top priority rating as tanks and naval vessels. After Pearl Harbor the Navy shoved in higher priorities for ships and the Army for other equipment. This left aircraft with lower ratings as compared with ships and tanks. Nelson is moving in now to overhaul the whole situation so that the most urgent equipment will come first in the light of the changed war picture.

He is driving particularly for airplanes. England is using 92 per cent of her aluminum for planes. We are using only 55 per cent. The remainder being diverted by the Army and Navy for other uses. Nelson is attempting to break that up. Nelson explains that as a matter of fact the W.P.B. has been taking care of the situation by arbitrarily allocating materials for plane production regardless of whether they had top priority rating officially. So that his formal action now is taken, as it is explained, largely for psychological reasons—to rescue the Air Corps from a feeling that it was being pushed out of the picture by not being able to get top priority rating.

It's Hardly Reassuring

THAT EXPLANATION, intended to be reassuring, is actually anything but reassuring. It is alarming to be told that at this late date the Air Corps feels it is being pushed around by the brass hats. Now, if ever, the air corps ought to be favored.

Is it possible that the Army and Navy still haven't awakened to the primary place the airplane has taken in this war?

The evidence would fill books. Pearl Harbor.

My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—Yesterday, because of lack of space, I could not go more fully into the question of the bill for old age pensioners. It seems to me fairly obvious that the principle of this bill is good. The timing may be bad, so perhaps it should wait until this war is over. There may be amendments which are necessary in order to prevent people from getting a pension except on an insurance basis.

It may be embarrassing to vote yourself a pension, but who else can do it? And you are voting for the future as well as the present. I think it is important to have the principle of insurance for old age established for every group of citizens, and doubly important for the public servant to be secure and, therefore, beyond temptation or threat.

I want to add to this to clarify the whole situation; so much that the people are discussing today is obscured for them by the press and radio, instead of being made simple and clear.

We had a most interesting dinner here last night at which Dr. Jerome Davis and Dr. Dri Davis spoke for the Y. M. C. A. work among the prisoners of war. The young men, Harper Miller presided, and

Crete. The way the Germans used air protection to get their battleships through the Straits of Dover the other day. The cry of everybody in the Far East for planes. Cecil Brown reports from there that 30 flying fortresses six weeks ago might have changed the story.

Dutch officials have begged our Government frantically for just a few planes—far less than a month's production. Harold Guard, the United Press correspondent, tells us how brave British troops had to lie in the mud at Singapore while Japanese planes machine-gunned them with not a defending plane in the area. Every dispatch from out there cries for planes. They are not asking for battleships. Battleships are no good without planes to protect them, as the British have finally discovered.

Do Brass Hats Learn Too Late

LAYMEN CAN HAVE only the vaguest ideas about such matters as these. We are obliged to give the benefit of the doubt to professionals. Yet there are times when the evidence seems so clear to the layman that he cannot repress astonishment at what appears to be stubborn resistance, or at least a habit-bound inability to see the obvious.

It is like the British officer who says they didn't think it was possible for the Japanese to come down to Singapore through the back jungles. The British sat there at Singapore waiting for the Japanese to come in by water. When the perverse little devil did just the opposite, the British couldn't understand it.

For a long time the Army continued to reject aluminum sheets for airplanes because they were discolored. Only after plane manufacturers proved to them that the sheets were just as strong in spite of slight color blemish would the Army change its specifications.

It's that kind of attitude that shakes the confidence of laymen in professionals who are supposed to know their business. Of course, always we remember what the Army did to Billy Mitchell. It makes you suspect that sometimes the brass hats learn too late.

If I may judge from my own feeling, everyone must have gone away inspired by a realization of the work which is being done, even though it may not cover the whole range of need.

The number of prisoners behind barbed wire all over the world today is quite appalling. It did not surprise me to have both Dr. Jerome Davis and Dr. Dri Davis emphasize the fact there is such a thing called "barbed wire sickness."

To have nothing to do mentally or physically, to know that those you love are anxious about you, to be anxious about them, and yet have no way of working towards your release, must be a horrible situation.

Anything that we can do for our enemy prisoners seems to me to justify itself. We have a double incentive when our permission to help the allied prisoners of war depends upon the work done with the enemy prisoners.

A morning of work at the office of civilian defense and a most interesting talk with a young doctor in the District of Columbia, who is thinking along the lines of preventive medicine. By that I mean that he believes that healthy people should have a health examination and check up every so often, so that they need not be treated as medical cases. By doing this we might easily prevent serious illness and better habits of living will keep us in good health.

BATAAN: A New and Glorious Page for American Histories



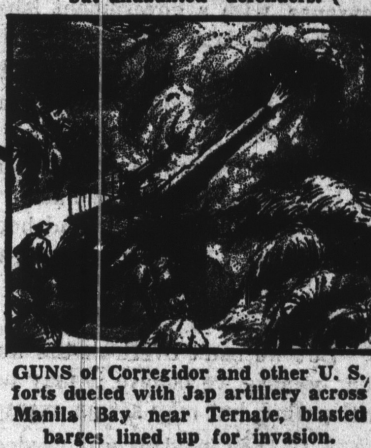
WITHDRAWAL to Bataan followed this pattern. MacArthur, pressed by Jap landings on Luzon, retired to peninsula and Corregidor.



ON BATAAN PENINSULA, a mountainous, jungled region half the size of Rhode Island, Gen. Douglas MacArthur has commanded American and Filipino troops in a stand-rivalling any battle in U. S. history for intensity and heroism. MacArthur's men have stood off land, sea and air assaults with continued tenacity, slowly retiring toward the rocky fortress of Corregidor Island, supply and communications base protecting their rear.



BARRIER of Jap bases and seized areas ringed Bataan has kept aid from reaching Philippines "doomed but undaunted" defenders.



GUNS of Corregidor and other U. S. forts dueling with Jap artillery across Manila Bay near Ternate, blasted barges lined up for invasion.



U. S. TORPEDO boats made two daring dashes into Subic Bay to sink Jap supply vessels, hit another enemy ship in Manila Bay raid.



"A BRAVE LOT, not afraid of death," one chronicler called the men with MacArthur. Pressed by 200,000 Japs, they have battled blitz in the jungles of Bataan with the strategy of American frontiersmen. When the enemy charged with planes, tanks, troops, U. S. forces have retired to prepared shelters in the mountain forests, only to emerge, make a stand, then counter-attack and drive the wearying foe back. Anti-aircraft units have bagged many a Jap plane, asked for more; accurate artillery fire has blasted out enemy positions before the attackers could get moving; and plucky Americans and Filipinos still asked to go on the offensive after two months of pounding.

VICHY PUTS WAR CHIEFS ON TRIAL

Hand-Picked Court to Hear Charges; Case May Last 4 Months.

RIOM, France, Feb. 19 (U. P.).—Five leaders of the third French republic today went before a court set up by the Vichy government, to answer charges that they were responsible for the fall of France.

They were Edouard Daladier, premier when the war started in 1939, Leon Blum, the Popular Front premier in 1936, Gen. Maurice Gustave Gamelin, supreme allied commander until Dunkirk, Guy La Chambre, Daladier's air minister, and Pierre Jacomet, general secretary of the war ministry under Daladier. Pierre Cot, air minister under Blum, who is in the United States, was being tried in absentia.

The court, consisting of seven judges, had spent 17 months investigating records and drawing voluminous indictments.

Say Daladier Nervous

The defendants had been imprisoned since a few weeks after the fall of France in castles, and were moved to a prison here yesterday. Daladier was said to be extremely nervous. Blum, it was said, would need only four minutes to present his defense—a soldier, he followed orders; La Chambre was in the United States when France fell. He returned voluntarily to defend himself.

The trial was expected to last four months.

Daladier was charged with having failed to consult with the supreme war council; with having permitted the shipment of arms needed by France to the Spanish Republicans during the Spanish civil war; with having failed to deal adequately with subversive activities, with having neglected to mobilize the nation's forces.

Gamelin was charged with having failed to obtain sufficient arms and to solidify the frontier defenses, with having lacked military energy and of disastrous decision.

La-Chambre was charged with gross official negligence; Blum with having created class struggles and social disorders; Jacomet with having failed to provide war materials; Cot with having failed to build up military aviation.

Red Hair Saves American Pilot

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BATAVIA, Feb. 19.—America ought to start building a separate aviation corps of red-headed pilots for duty in the future campaign for the recapture of the Philippines.

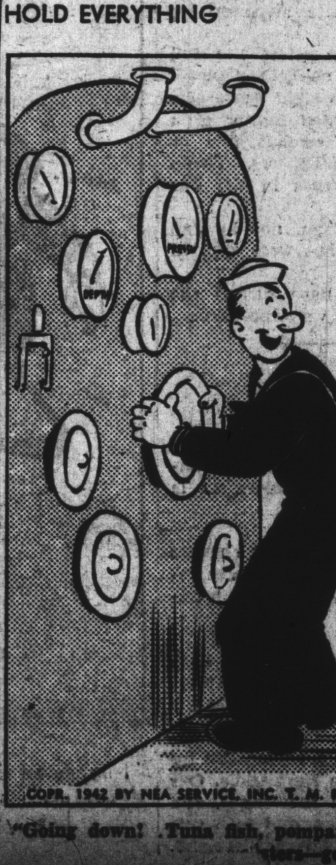
An American pilot, who parachuted into the jungle, had his life saved from the Japanese-hating Filipinos through the orange hue of his hair. Seeing him fall and not having observed his plane's insignia they began firing but halted as the red-head drew near to earth, explaining afterward:

"We knew it couldn't be a Jap. We never saw a Jap with hair that color."

TECH TO HEAR ZIEMER

Gregor Ziemer, author of "Education for Death," will speak to Tech students at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday. He will talk on his experiences in Nazi Germany.

HOLD EVERYTHING



2D GENERATION JAPS ARE HIT

Face Forcible Evacuation From Strategic Points Along Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (U. P.).—Plans for forcible evacuation from strategic Pacific Coast areas of second-generation Japanese who are American citizens will be announced in a few days, officials said today.

The plans, which also would affect any other citizens deemed dangerous to national security, are being discussed in Joint Justice-War Department conferences.

Under consideration are plans for martial law, the licensing of all persons, citizen or alien, in huge areas from which the unlicensed would be barred, and the asking of legislation which would permit arrest for "protective custody" and removal of unrestricted areas of citizens and aliens alike.

Gin Rummy—No. 3 Bonus Points in Scoring Add Greatly to Interest

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

America's Card Authority

IN MY ARTICLE yesterday about Gin Rummy, I explained that any player may go down, that is, expose his hand and end the play, if his odd cards total 10 or less.

In totaling the odd cards, face cards are counted at 10 each, the ace counts as 1, all other cards count their pip value.

When a player goes down with an incomplete hand, his opponent plays any odd cards he can on the exposed sets, then totals the remaining odd cards. If the player who went down still has the lower total, he wins the difference of the totals.

But if the opponent of the down player shows an equal or lower total of odd cards, he wins the difference of the totals plus a bonus of 10 points.

IF A PLAYER lays down a complete hand, with no odd cards, this is gin and the opponent may not play any of his odd cards on the sets. The winner is credited with the full total of the adverse odd cards, plus a bonus of 20 points.

It is usual to play for a game of 100 points. A running total is kept of the scores of each player. The game ends after the hand in which one player (or both players) reaches a total of 100 or more points. Then the difference of the totals is credited to the winner, plus a bonus of 100 points for game.

The rules also provide that in settling up a game each player is credited with 25 points for each down he has scored. That does not mean that the bonus goes to the player who first laid his hand down, but to the player who scored the points after a down. As we have seen, the opponent of the player who goes down sometimes beats him.

THERE IS SOME difference of practice as to this bonus for downs. In some circles it is omitted, and in others different amounts are given. In my opinion a bonus of at least 10 points is necessary, in order to make it worthwhile to go down. The very object of this form of rummy is to make the downs more frequent and the whole game faster than straight rummy.

If there is no bonus for going down, many players will try to "gin" every hand and of course without a bonus, "sand-bagging" must be resorted to as it is often

the only safe course. "Sand-bagging" is failure to go down when able—waiting for the opponent to go down and then trap him with a lower hand.

When the stock is pretty well exhausted, you must try either to go "gin" or if you do go down it must be with a very low count—otherwise your opponent might trap you and not only gain the down but the bonus of 10 points.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- 1.—The city of Batavia is in Malaya, Java, or Fiji?
- 2.—To whom does a taxpayer pay his federal income tax?
- 3.—What is the name of the statue surmounting the dome of the Capitol in Washington, D. C.?
- 4.—Hens' eggs with brown shells are more nutritious than white shelled eggs; true or false?
- 5.—The Declaration of Independence drawn by Jefferson was slightly amended by which two men?
- 6.—Who composed the "Minuet in G"?

Answers

- 1.—Java.
- 2.—Collector of Internal Revenue of his district.
- 3.—Freedom.
- 4.—False.
- 5.—John Adams and Benjamin Franklin.
- 6.—Faderewski.

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