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U. S. Coast May Be Attacked!

The people who live on the coasts of the United States understand the danger of enemy sneak-attacks, even if they are unable to visualize hostile action as an immediate threat.

We, who live in Wilkes county, cannot imagine an invading army of foreign men sweeping through the land, destroying property, executing civilians and attacking women without regard to the morality that is expressed in our civilization.

We might as well face the hard truth that slaps us in the face as we slowly recognize the stern fact that Japan has marched fast and far along the road to victory in this war.

The loss of the Far East is not a death blow to the United States—not yet. It is the breath of life to Japan, whose military machine will grow stronger as it feeds upon the rich resources of conquered lands.

The Fifth Column Danger

Almost every day one reads of the arrest of Japanese or Germans, long resident in this country, accused of possessing contraband, including ammunition, short-wave radios and binoculars.

Americans should not overlook the possibility that there are large numbers of Japanese and German people in this country, ready to act in concert with any force that approaches our shores with hostile intent.

The situation on the West Coast, where thousands of Japanese reside, is reported serious. Our little brown brothers have been adept in espionage and there is reason to believe that they are well provided for fifth column activities.

The behavior of the Japanese and Germans in the present war has been so treacherous and dangerous to the countries in which they reside that other countries are justified in excluding them from residence altogether. This would undoubtedly work a hardship on certain good people but there is no way for another nation to distinguish between the good members and the bad.

In calling attention to the possible danger that may exist in this country from Japanese and Germans, now in our midst, we do not wish to arouse undue public anxiety. Certainly, we do not intend to instigate any persecution against the members of these races wherever they may reside. It is just as well, however, for us to recognize the potentialities of the facts in the case.

Borrowed Comment

FIGURES SURPRISE
(Statesville Daily)

The one wholesale liquor concern which has been obliging enough to make report of its shippings to dry territory in North Carolina, presents some very interesting figures covering its December business with bootleggers in this state.

There are some three to four thousand of these Wholesale concerns in the United States, and doubtless many of them do some business in North Carolina, but this single concern reporting reveals that it shipped 59,975 gallons of liquor into this State in December, every gallon of which came to what is supposed to be dry territory.

North Wilkesboro handled more than a fifth of all that came to the state—12,981 gallons to be exact—and this volume went mainly to just two liquor dealers over there. Purllear, a little cross-roads post-office settlement with a population of only 50, received 2,292 gallons.

Those figures are surprising, because Wilkes county is supposed to be self-sufficient in this respect. If reports of boot-

leg seizures in the county are correct, most of the liquor cars heading toward their supply of joy water in Wilkes haven't heard of any shortage of raw material such as would hamper the style of the moonshiner. Good apple crops have been in order, and wholesale grocers have continued to order sugar in carload lots. Just why the native bootleggers should have to fall back on imports isn't plain to the naked eye. But there are the figures, and nearly thirteen thousand gallons of liquor in one month, is some liquor, if you're asking us.

The two Wilkes dealers handling most of the 12,981 gallons in December, are said to have carried bigger stocks than most of the ABC stores in counties which have legalized the sale under special legislative action. It is reasonable to assume that this liquor is not stored for a rainy day. It is being sold, and in the selling the law is broken, for while the containers bear a federal label, it is not supposed to be recognized in dry territory.

We confess that we haven't seen the report from this obliging wholesaler. We get these figures from Tom Bost's comment, and don't know what gallonage was addressed to Statesville in December, but inasmuch as we were not mentioned we assume that the shipments were smaller than our drunks would indicate. Maybe Wilkes, as usual is our source of supply.

OFFENSE AND DEFENSE (Lenoir News-Topic)

By this time the people of the United States ought to know that successful defense requires much more than sitting at home and waiting the onslaught of the enemy.

If the present war has taught anything, this is the lesson. Everywhere the enemy, on the offensive, scores gains. While the United Nations seek to protect their lands, they permit the enemy to select points of attack for overwhelming assault.

Sensible defense plans include preparations for offensive action and it is encouraging to believe that this spirit will be apparent in the early future.

Courage alone justifies survival of a people, a nation or an individual.

Singapore was a bitter loss but the Far Eastern situation can become worse.

Newspapers are rarely thanked for public services; they should not expect thanks.

Your own opinion is the most valuable thing you have but it is not as valuable to other persons.

This time next year millions of Americans will become interested in gardens for food. Wait and see!

When the young swain calls his sweetie "sugar" nowadays he is certainly paying her a compliment.

It's mighty hard to fool yourself in the morning when the war-time clock says its time to get up.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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Hiddenite, N. C.

EMPTY LIVES

We see so many empty lives
Throughout the land today,
Where nothing great and noble thrives,
Nor goodness seems to stay,
Until we wonder what to do
To help the sinful throngs,
That they might have a higher view
And overcome their wrongs.

They're empty of the love of God,
Of grace that is Divine,
And so the path of sin they trod
Where glories never shine;
Nor where true values fill the soul,
Nor beauty's found the most,
But where the gems of life are stole
By Satan and his host.

They're empty of the finest traits,
Of righteousness and truth,
But take the way our Master hates
That wrecks them in their youth.
They're empty of uplifting aims,
Of purposes most great,
Who oft resort to idle games
That bring them to their fate,

O empty soul and heart and mind,
There is a pathway bright,
And if you'll seek you'll surely find
The road to some great height,
Where you'll be filled with noble thoughts,
Your hands with deeds most kind,
That when life's battles you have fought,
You'll leave your mark behind.

Dragon Reverses Jap Atrocities

Chungking, March 15.—The atrocities were charged against the Japanese today by the British in a communique based on a story told by Miss Phyllis Harrop, a plucky government employee who fled Hong Kong and arrived in Chungking Wednesday night.

A three-tunnel Japanese cruiser was blown up on Deshpwar bay off Hong Kong island on January 26 and it was believed the warship was sunk by a United States submarine, Miss Harrop stated.

Killed by Bayonets
Miss Harrop was quoted as saying that prisoners were seldom shot to death by the Japanese, but died on the ends of bayonets.

"Chinese as well as Europeans are the victims of shocking atrocities," Miss Harrop said. "My own houseboy was killed. He was bayoneted in the stomach for no apparent reason."

"Fourteen Chinese were killed in the same house.

"My own amah was attacked three or four times and was in a very serious condition when I last heard from her.

Slashed with Knife
"Foreign women also were attacked, including an English woman of my acquaintance, who first was slashed in the face with a soldier's knife. Her husband was found alongside her body with a bayonet wound in his stomach," the communique quoted Miss Harrop as saying.

Miss Harrop said that civilian women and children—Dutch, American and British—were interned at Stanley. War prisoners are at Shan Shuto and Ardley Street, Kowloon, she said.

The communique estimated that approximately 3,700 civilians—3,000 British, 600 Americans and 70 Dutch—are held in buildings which were formerly used for schools and residences.

"Equal treatment is being given Chinese and Europeans," Miss Harrop said.

Internees are given two bowls of rice each day, to which is "added a little vegetable." Occasionally they are given fish, but never meat. No foreign food is available.

No visitors are allowed in the internment camps. Friends are permitted to bring food purchased on streets, but are not allowed to converse with the internees.

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Officially Dead, Soldier Turns Up

Sumter, S. C.—Sergeant Patrick McGuinness, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and recently of Pearl Harbor, who is visiting Charles A. Murphy, S. C. O. director, at Sumter has the unique distinction of being officially dead, although he is tall and very active in the flesh.

Recently when he walked in on his family, his mother fainted, the hired girl became hysterical and his bother could only gasp: "Man, you're dead." A few hours before Pearl Harbor Sergeant McGuinness and other soldiers left on a transport for San Francisco and were well out at sea when Japanese planes flew over and gave them a few bursts from their machine guns. The soldiers did not return the fire, but they did not understand about it and were not informed until just before they landed in California. In the meantime the

Judge Finds Still On Timber Land

Reidsville.—Judge Allen Gwyn ordered at least a double and possibly a three-day service to his country yesterday. While inspecting some timber on a farm in Caswell county, he discovered a completely equipped still which was placed in operation. The men who were preparing to make the moonshine, ran when they heard him coming. After doing his first patriotic deed in breaking up the illegal work, Judge Gwyn loaded the still into his car and brought it to Reidsville where, after procuring Sheriff L. W. Workman's permission, he turned it over to the salivga committee to be used as scrap to beat the Japs.

Hero Of Hawaii Raid Is Honored

Washington.—The distinguished service medal, was yesterday received by Staff Sergeant Joseph L. Lockard, who delivered the unheeded warning of the approach of planes to Pearl Harbor shortly before the Japanese attack December 7.

Undersecretary of War Patterson presented the medal to Lockard for "exceptionally meritorious service to your country" with the declaration, "May the warning of danger to your country never go unheeded again."

Lockard, who will enter the Officers' Training School at Fort Monmouth, N. J., today, accepted the medal with a modest, "Thank you, Judge Patterson."

Parents Present
Lockard's father—a mechanic in an aviation plant—his mother, sister, Ethel Mae, 16, and brother, Daniel, 11, accompanied the 19-year-old soldier from their home at Williamsport Pa., to witness the award.

They arrived too late for a luncheon engagement with Representative Harness (R) Indiana, who first made public the name of the young soldier after he had been mentioned anonymously in the Rober's commission's report on Pearl Harbor.

They also were late arriving at the War Department, but Harness obtained a police escort to rush them to the station and Patterson held up some appointments so he could make the presentation.

Lockard admitted that he had a sweetheart in Williamsport, Pat Seidell, but his mother said "she couldn't come because she was too bashful."

Plan Watauga Fair For Next September

Boone.—Stockholders of the Blue Ridge Fair association met this week and decided that, notwithstanding the war, the Watauga County Agricultural fair will be held again next September, on a bigger and better scale than last year, when the event was described as being very successful. The initial exhibition showed a small profit, it was said, whereas most county fairs are a losing proposition the first year of their existence.

N. C.'s Income Taxes Roll In

Raleigh.—Record-breaking State income tax receipts were given an unprecedented boost Tuesday with collection of \$2,409,703.42, the largest sum received in a single day this year.

The total collected this month is \$3,381,950.14, compared to \$719,717.78 received during the same period last year.

A tidly bag is a small canvas bag used by sailors to stow small articles.

Will Be Purged From Relief Rolls

Raleigh.—Governor Broughton, emphasizing a call for farm labor, today urged an immediate purge from relief rolls of all able-bodied persons who refuse to accept employment.

"It is a deplorable fact that while there is such a crying need for labor on the farms and elsewhere, it is still true that a large number of able-bodied men, white and colored, in the towns and in some rural areas are still living on relief and apparently unwilling to go to work."

The Governor said he was calling on all relief agencies to study their rolls carefully and get off relief in those cases where able-bodied persons refuse to take available employment.

He also asserted that he had requested the commissioner of paroles to consider the pardon of many prisoners whose cases are meritorious and who have definite opportunities for farm employment when paroled.

Save Lunch

The picnickers were obliged to cross a railroad track in reaching the place where they were to have lunch, and little Bobby going ahead, saw a train approaching. Eagerly he shouted to his father, who was still on the track: "Hurry, daddy, or else give me the lunch."

IN THE ARMY THEY SAY: 'CAMELS!'

IN MY OUTFIT WE DON'T SAY CIGARETTES, WE SAY CAMELS. THEY'RE FIRST WITH MEN IN THE ARMY

CAMELS ARE FIRST WITH ME, TOO. THEY HAVE THE MILDEST TASTE THAT COUNTS

Actual Sales Records in Post Exchanges and Sales Commissions show the favorite cigarette with men in the Army is Camel

Camel

THE CIGARETTE OF COSTLIER TOBACCOS

FOR DEFENSE BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

This empty socket

IS A SYMBOL OF UNPREPAREDNESS

It might be in your basement, in the attic, in that dark closet, or over those seldom used back stairs. Proper lighting costs little, so why jeopardize your life and limbs because of negligence?

A dark room or staircase is an ACCIDENT TRAP. Don't bumble about in the dark.

SAVE MONEY! For night insurance, keep a supply of fresh Mazda bulbs in proper sizes. Stock up at your nearest dealers, or—

Duke POWER COMPANY

HOURS 8 to 5

Personal Bridal Shoes

PUT Style in a Comfort FOOTING

5.50

A Specter Sport Pump finest workmanship with a soft leather lining. Coff trim and dainty perforation.

Bell's Department Store