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APRIL SHOWERS ON NIPPON

Drifting out of the China Sea on Sunday last came news that was unctious to the souls of millions of Americans.

News from distant islands where the fronded palms dreaming in the oriental sunshine were swayed by blasts of lyddite, and where giant bombs scattered terror and death to uncounted Japs, shattered industrial plants, uprooted war factories.

It was the foretaste of awakening vengeance of the stupendous power of America wielded by that genius of battle, Douglas MacArthur.

Remembering the tragedy of Pearl Harbor, remembering the unparalleled suffering and devotion of the heroes of Bataan and Corregidor, MacArthur struck home in his first gesture of vengeance.

The high ups of the Jap high command have not yet found out what it's all about. Consternation hit their councils. The fanged brute who has chosen the White House at Washington as the place where he will dictate peace terms, was dumb.

Where did the planes come from? It was 1000 miles to China, 650 miles to Vladivostok, 2900 miles to Dutch Harbor, 1700 miles to the Philippines, 3300 miles to Australia, 3700 miles to Hawaii.

Were they from carriers in the sea?

Washington was silent, Australia was silent.

After the bombardment which lasted several hours, burning the bamboo houses, paralyzing the inhabitants, the high command said the damage was infinitesimal, only a hospital blasted and a hundred or two children killed coming from school.

This lying propaganda did not fool the world. The world knows that vast damage was inflicted on the criminals of the Pacific.

And hordes of yellow reptiles scampered about stunned and amazed at the exploded divinity of their bastard god, who was supposed with his rat empire to be impervious to harm.

LOCATING THE SMOKE

Columnist Cannon, one of the bright young men on the staff of the Greensboro News, is curious about the recent fire in our mountains.

He has the following, under the heading of "Where Was the Fire?":

"The Danbury Reporter, Stokes county journal, which has kept its subscribers informed on the events of importance in its neighborhood for lo these many years has viewed with a great deal of complacency the reports scanned in some of the furrin' journals about its imminent destruction. Taking exception to what it termed an 'Orson Welles description' in which 'hundreds of people were pictured fighting back the raging flames, thousands of acres of valuable timber being destroyed, volunteers rushing in from Madison, Walnut Cove, Stuart, Va., and other neighboring towns to save the capital of Stokes,' the Reporter calmed the fears of its clients as follows:

"This time it was about the average. A hundred or two cords of wood were destroyed and several hundred acres of woodland, often burned over before, were burned again. One old abandoned log house half a mile from town was consumed. But little excitement in Danbury and but little danger."

"Anyway the Reporter probably surmises that

if there is to be any saving of the Stokes county seat the job ought first to be entrusted to Sheriff John Taylor and his Democratic organization. Salvation is mostly a matter of politics everywhere, isn't it? Nevertheless you can't blame some of the rest of us after seeing so much smoke rising in the Sauratowns from wondering if there was not a little fire there."

In order to assist in these speculations and inquiries, we would suggest that March winds would hardly permit our smoke to drift as far as Greensboro, and that what Cannon saw was probably that smoke screen from the lately banked fires around the Guilford county court house.

LOCALS

Ringo C. White of King was at the courthouse Monday.

J. A. Rhodes was here Monday from Madison.

News is received that the "blessed event" has happened to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Earl German at their home in Elmira, New York. The boy weighs 9 pounds. Mrs. German is the former Miss Nell King of Danbury.

Wallace Webster, prominent farmer of Germanton, was in town Wednesday. In speaking of old times Mr. Webster said his grandfather was one of the jurors who convicted Reuben Wright, hanged for murder here May 19, 1868.

T. J. George of Stuart, Va., was here today. Mr. George, who is one of Stuart's most successful businessmen, is a son of the late Rev. R. W. George of Francisco, Stokes county.

Death Of J. P. Simmons At Winston-Salem

John Powell Simmons, aged 80, of Winston-Salem died last Sunday night at 10:15 o'clock at a Winston-Salem hospital. He had been in ill health for some time and his condition was serious six weeks.

Mr. Simmons was born in Surry county, February 14, 1862, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Simmons. He spent his boyhood in Surry county and resided in Missouri for several years.

He was a member of the Junior Order and First Baptist church. His wife, the former Miss Victoria Clay, died 15 years ago.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Agnes Apple of Greensboro; Mrs. B. E. Aiken of Sanford, Fla.; Miss Della Simmons of Winston; and Mrs. Ola Ramirez of Winston; ten grandchildren; three great grandchildren; three brothers, Rev. W. A. Simmons of Iowa; R. K. Simmons of Westfield and G. M. Simmons of Mount Airy; three sisters, Mrs. Nora Jessup of Mount Airy; Mrs. Flora Crumpler of Germanton; and Mrs. Emma Ayers of Stuart, Va.

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KING ITEMS

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large report for last week. Here it is: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rhodes, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nance, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Griffin, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cromer, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Venable, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hayden, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Griffin, a son.

Press Sally who resides at the William Newsum estate just west of town is quite sick, his friends will regret to learn.

Farmers in this section are very busy preparing land for another crop.

Dr. C. V. Kiser, veterinarian, will be at Priddy's store in Francisco April 25th, from 10:00 a.

m. to 4:00 p. m. to vaccinate dogs against hydrophobia.

Harry Lawson and family of High Point, formerly of King, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Carroll Sunday.

Clyde Kirby, stationed at Camp Bowling Green, Va., is spending a short furlough with his mother Mrs. Anne Kirby in Walnut Hills.

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