

ATTACK ON AMERICA

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INSTALLMENT SIX

THE STORY SO FAR: In an effort to substantiate rumors that 200,000 foreign troops were in Mexico preparatory for an attack upon the United States, Intelligence Officer Benning went to Mexico City. Here he joined the staff of the unsuspecting Van Hasek, leader of the

CHAPTER VII

In the War Department at Washington the evening had passed on a feverish staff preparation for future trouble, but with small belief that the first thunderbolt of Van Hasek's attack would fall before midnight. Even Flagwill, gifted Chief of Military Intelligence, had muffed the ball, interpreting the evening rumors from Fort Sam Houston as symptoms of a slowly brewing mischief that might not fester into violence for days or weeks.

On getting clear of the staff sessions in General Hague's office shortly after eight o'clock, Flagwill put his shoulder to the wheel of what now had become a major responsibility of his own section. He assembled his sub-chiefs and announced his decision.

"Gentlemen, the President has authorized a spy roundup with the gloves off. I needn't tell you that in past months we haven't even scratched the surface. You all know your leads, now get into action. With gloves off, and nobody to be spared who looks to us like a foreign agent. Any questions?"

In grave silence the small group of officers rose. They knew that not even an order of battle had greater significance nor more vital importance. A secret army of termites, entrenched by years of organized stealth in arsenals and factories, was more dangerous than a dozen attacking divisions. By means of an organization that reached into every agency of investigation and law enforcement throughout the United States, our G-2 would launch attack on organized espionage at once.

"Very well, gentlemen, that's all," Flagwill said when he read from their faces that his section chiefs had no questions to ask. He added, swinging his level eyes to Benning, "You will wait, Captain, for special instructions."

Benning stood in front of the Flagwill desk until the swinging doors closed behind the others. The colonel spoke at once.

"In your report on Van Hasek's headquarters at Mexico City, Benning, you mentioned that Colonel Bravot left on some mysterious mission, ostensibly to Europe. I think you said your Austrian friend also disappeared the last day you were in Mexico."

"Yes, sir," Benning affirmed. "You'd better have a look-see among the hot spots in Washington. It's entirely possible you'll see someone you know. A break of that kind might lead us anywhere."

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"That means we are at war."

Benning walked casually up to the Fincke table and sat down beside the Van Hasek spy.

"Hello, Fincke," he said. Fincke started, his right hand jerked toward his pocket, then he relaxed with a nervous laugh as he recognized his unexpected visitor from the Palacio Nacional.

"My, Bromlitz, but you startled me!" he gasped. "I didn't know you were within a thousand miles of Washington."

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Designers Use Chinese Styles In Spring Jackets, Capes, Hats

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



SPRING 1941 promises a program of exciting new fashions. In answer to the challenge flung to American designers to carry on the style traditions of the world, there has been projected into the field of costume design a to-do and to-dare spirit that makes for refreshingly new ideas in clothes this season.

The jacket to the left credits green as a leading color for spring. The Chinese influence is apparent in its neat, trim lines and the gentle, natural shoulder slope. An all-around pleated black skirt completes this winsome. That the fashion group sponsors green is again evidenced in the jacket to the right, which also is Chinese-inspired. Note the styling in the black skirt.

And now for a most breathtaking thrill—capes! Watch capes go on parade this season along the high-ways and byways of fashion. There will be more capes than you can count, and doubtless you will be wearing a cape yourself for designers are turning them out in endless types, and in every length from short to long.

Easy to Make



There is sort of a gypsy charm and fascination about the new dresses, be they cotton, silk, linen or rayon. The skirt has just enough fullness, introduced in subtle ways, to give it the casual look.

For evening, lovely gowns are made of printed silk done in resplendent colors. A fitted bodice may surmount a skirt of billowy white mousseline on which is applied at strategic points flower clusters cut from the same print that fashions the waist.

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Coats Take On Dressmaker Touch

Dressy coats show much dressmaker detail. Wool weaves used are light weight and yield beautifully to fabric and surface treatments.

Handsome Plaids Come Into Picture

Coats, dresses, capes, jacket suits are being made of handsome plaids. Made up in the new coolie jackets, plaids top a monotone colored skirt.

Causes of Sty And Means of Preventing It

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

"A sty is really a small boil and begins as a hard swelling which forms a hard lump and causes a swelling of the whole lid and sometimes a bloodshot appearance of the surface of the eyeball."

In most cases it is due to organisms which cause an infection in the little oil glands. The opening of the oil gland gets plugged up, the oil becomes thick and a yellow pus forms.

When a sty occurs the first thought naturally is to get rid of this disgusting boil or lump. The usual treatment is the application of hot cloths to bring the little lump to a head and then squeezing out that yellow cheesy matter.

What is needed is a "building up" treatment that will strengthen the body so that the youngster will take a greater interest in school and play. The old fashioned but effective cod-liver oil, plenty of fresh air and attention to regularity of bowel movement will usually prevent the formation of more stys.

Our eye specialists tell us that some stys are due to eye strain and other eye defects, but agree that in the majority of cases the youngster and the adult also, is below par physically and needs a thorough examination by the family physician and dentist.

When there is a succession of stys, one following after another, it may be due to one infecting a nearby surface of the eyelid, but it is more likely to be "strong evidence" that the patient requires a tonic.

Nervousness Affects All Body Processes

OSLER, the greatest physician of modern times, had three ideals: One, to do the day's work well and not worry about tomorrow. Second, to act the Golden Rule. Third, to cultivate a measure of calmness.

In speaking of the various symptoms affecting the body processes due to lack of calmness or nerve control, Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Mayo clinic, in the Journal of the American Medical Association says, "Often as I listen to the stories of these patients, it seems to me that their symptoms can most easily be explained as due to instability of the involuntary part of the nervous system which causes it to play disconcerting tricks on the heart, blood vessels, digestive tract, kidneys and skin."

Poor Year for Wheat Causes Premium Deficit

Crop insurance last year offset heavy losses by wheat growers, particularly in four of the largest producing states where near-record abandonments occurred, according to Leroy K. Smith, manager of the Federal Crop Insurance corporation.

Agricultural News

The New York-New England area produces 16.6 per cent of the national apple crop and has 16.9 per cent of the population.

FARM TOPICS

BULL HANDLING IS DANGEROUS

'Quiet' Animals Suddenly Become Vicious.

By DR. GEORGE E. TAYLOR (Extension Dairyman at New Jersey College of Agriculture, Rutgers University)

Every day is a "lucky day" for the dairyman who is careless about handling dairy bulls—he's lucky to be alive!

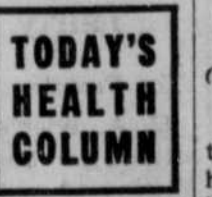
It is often the "quiet" bull that suddenly turns on his caretaker. And dairy bulls which are closely confined are likely to get playful when they are handled, and just as soon as a playful bull discovers his own strength, he becomes vicious. But there are numerous ways to insure reasonable safety.

The bull stall should be constructed of durable material that will withstand heavy blows. Cement or extra heavy metal tubing is satisfactory. The fence surrounding the outside exercise paddock should also be built of extra heavy material.

A strong bull staff which is attached to a heavy metal ring in the bull's nose should always be used when handling becomes necessary. A bull should be trained to a staff before one year of age. It is also wise to remove the horns at about one year of age or when the bull shows the first signs of becoming ugly.

From a management standpoint, it is advisable to provide a pasture exercise paddock of several acres. On larger farms where several bulls are needed, they can be turned together in pasture. Thus they will get ample exercise and will not store up a lot of energy that must find an outlet sooner or later.

It is, however, a good practice to handle bulls occasionally in order to keep them accustomed to it. This should be done without taking any undue risk. Bulls that are never tied or handled in any way actually get afraid of a caretaker in time and may be most unruly. Always remember that any animal is usually able to sense when the caretaker is shy and timid. Train a bull so he will always understand that you mean business and that you are not afraid. A bold front plus safety precautions will avoid unnecessary injury.



Dr. Barton

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Another Absorbing Installment

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