

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—Harold McCracken, explorer for the American Museum of Natural History, says Japanese in the Aleutians are just like Germans in Florida, and **Must Be Bayoneted Out, Not Bombed** he says further more that we can't bomb them out. They can hole up like gophers in the native huts, and in Mr. McCracken's view must be "chased with bayonets into the Bering sea," if we are to dislodge them at all.

This should qualify as expert testimony. Mr. McCracken knows the Aleutians. In July, 1928, heading the Stoll-McCracken expedition, he unearthed a sarcophagus, on top of an almost inaccessible Aleutian rock islet, containing the mummies of three adults and a child. This culminated his 11-year search for stone age remains along the Aleutian land-bridge.

As an archeologist and explorer, the author of a number of books, he has studiously pieced out the historic jig-saw puzzle of his various findings and taken due account of their bearing on war and peace and the present and future of mankind. In 1934, he elaborated a plan for an "international grand jury" to end war which, in some aspects, was the first of several suggestions for fusing individual interests, across national boundaries, rather than grouping sovereign nations. More pertinent to his current observation is his previous conclusion that the Japanese invasion of the Aleutians was long planned and carefully prepared.

Mr. McCracken, a lean, gentle man with horn-rimmed spectacles, doesn't look like a man who has killed about 20 Kodiak grizzly bears, but he has, and such encounters are a minor detail of his desperate adventures in shipwrecks, blizzards and lonely treks in the frozen wilderness.

It was in 1915 that he first went to Alaska, heading an expedition for Ohio State university, his alma mater. In 1919 and 1920, he placed pay dirt on the Alaska peninsula, and into 1922-23 headed up a moving picture expedition, again for Ohio State university, to film big game. This led him into the production of travel and documentary films.

ONE of our first stories, as a beginning reporter in Chicago, was a rock and sock fight between some Jugoslavs and another Balkan group, down around the Hegewisch steel mills. The Jugoslavs were outnumbered but they won.

They were more versatile than the opposition, better in knee and elbow work, and could land a chunk of slag or a slug of pig-iron on an exposed skull with skill and authority. Their own skulls seemed strangely resistant to such missiles.

As to the fight, they seemed to enjoy it, and when it was over set up a patriotic song which ranged far over the slag heaps and far into the night.

It would be nice to recall that the defeated challengers were Italians, but they weren't and that good news has been held for another day.

The Jugoslav guerrillas, 18 battalions of them, are chasing the Italians out of the former province of Bosnia. At the time of the Axis attack on Yugoslavia, we recalled that Hegewisch battle and would have made a bet with any taker that something like that would happen. In the above and other encounters we have noted that in fighting the Jugoslavs seem to have their mind on their work more than any other combatants. And, again, they seem to enjoy it.

His flaring black mountaineer's mustache has become a gonfalon of hope to those who want to believe that victory will be won by a stout heart and not necessarily by the biggest tanks. It is reported that 3,000 Italians have been captured or killed in the last two weeks and that the general's forces have now wrested 11,000 square miles from the Axis. They didn't try to make their second front a jug-handled deal.

The rocky-faced General Mikhailovitch, a colonel of artillery several years before the war, came out of the First World war with a strong distaste for the German military clique.

Household News

by Lynn Chambers



It's a Good Morning With Flapjacks in Syrup!
(See Recipes Below.)

Breakfast Time

Whether you wake to the crowing of the rooster or the jingle of an alarm clock, it's a signal to be up and about seeing to the day's work. But first! A hearty breakfast is in order so that the system can get started on its day's routine in the proper form. No matter whether it's the head of the family going off to the defense plant, daughter on her way to the nurses' aid class, mother or the youngsters, no one should skip blithely over this meal of the day.

For years doctors and dieticians have looked askance at those who passed up a real up-and-at-them breakfast because it doesn't give the body a chance to start functioning early in the day. If you're fat, you need fruit-egg-toast-and-beverage breakfasts to start your metabolism working at top speed to start tearing down of excess tissues.

If you're thin, then you need just as much of a breakfast with a few more trimmings, to start building yourself. If you're normal, you still need the hearty breakfast so you can maintain your health and give your body its daily nutritional requirements. And one of the best recommendations for a real breakfast is the good way it starts you on your day's work. None of that drowsy, it's-hard-to-wake-up-in-the-morning feeling. No, Ma'am!

Hardest thing about breakfasts is that it's easy to get into a rut by serving the same foods morning after morning. This is rather strange, considering how much time and effort is spent on getting variety into the other two-squares a day. Well, why not variety for breakfast?

You can have this variety in fruit. Yes, I know you like juice pretty well, but you'll get out of the morning doldrums quickly enough if you punctuate the breakfast with favorite fruits-in-season, other fruit juices and some of those canned fruits you put up during the summer months.

Toasts! If you insist on toast, try using whole wheat, rye, raisin, cracked wheat, etc. Naturally, the bread should be enriched so you'll get the most out of toast. And then there are all sorts of hot breads that will send the family cheering off to work—blueberry muffins, pecan rolls, muffins, and flapjacks!

Eggs in all manner of ways are a good standby. Poached, fried, coddled, baked, scrambled, a la golden-rod, or combined with ham, sizzlin'!

Lynn Says:
Tips for Breakfast Fruits: You're going to be a little short on sugar so do the most with what you have. A little salt in cooked fruit or sprinkled on such things as melons brings out true fruit flavor, requires less sugar. Lemon or lime juice with melon enhances the natural sweetness. Try it.
Orange juice, chilled before the fruit is squeezed, is an excellent pep-up-up. Let the sugar stand on grapefruit a while (while the coffee percolates) and the sugar will melt and go further. Try eating fruit or juice first, but saving half to finish off your breakfast—it will leave a fresh taste in your mouth.
Fruit stewed should have sugar added after it is stewed, with a pinch of salt. You won't need as much sweetening, this way.
Cook dried fruits with a slice of lemon or orange. These citrus fruits have an affinity with dried apricots, peaches, prunes and apples.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

Sub Chasers Instead of More Ships? . . . What About Over-Optimism Concerning the War?

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WASHINGTON. — Cancellation of the contract for a new shipyard near New Orleans has been distorted by some persons into a belief that the administration is figuring on a short war. The explanation given by the Maritime commission—that the steel a new yard would require is needed for other war purposes—is correct.

As a matter of fact the starting of aluminum plant in New York, which is not expected to get into production for a year, is the best answer. New York is far from an ideal site for any war plant—too convenient for a surprise bombing attack. However, there was another consideration which entered into this decision. Unemployment in New York city has become a problem, and the government wanted to do something about it.

Adding one more plant would not greatly complicate the bombing risk. It is frankly admitted that bombs dropped anywhere around New York would do plenty of dollar damage, and, in entirely too many locations, war damage as well.

Folks are accustomed to magazine articles telling what big bombs would do to the New York skyscrapers. Actually the government would infinitely prefer the destruction of half a dozen of them to 10 per cent of that dollar damage in other New York areas, where plants are turning out badly needed war material.

Safe From Bombing

Fortunately, most of the aluminum plants of the country are located in spots as safe from bombing as though they had been planned for war conditions, which they definitely were not. But the whole situation of war production has developed to a point where safety from bombing is not the most important consideration.

The No. 1 requisite now has become human transportation—that is, the selection of a site convenient to a large supply of labor. Cancellation of the ship yard contract, however, is a straw in a more important direction so far as war policy is concerned than either the location of plants or guesses as to the duration of the war. It indicates that the group which has been advocating more submarine chasers instead of more submarine targets has scored.

It has been known for months that Harry Hopkins, closest person to the President, was favorably impressed with the idea of building more corvettes, destroyers and other PTs to combat the submarines rather than putting additional steel—over estimates already approved—into more ships.

The idea here is that if our forces sink one submarine we have saved an indefinite number of merchant ships.

War Situation on 8 Fronts Critical

High administration officials are worried about what they regard as the excessive optimism of the people generally with respect to the war. The war, they tell you privately, is not going well.

The situation on eight different fronts is critical.

- These are:
1. Russia—specifically the Nazis drive toward the Caucasus.
 2. Shipping—because enemy submarines are actually increasing in number, and because ship sinkings exceed new construction, and have for some time.
 3. The North Pacific—where the Japanese landings on the Aleutians seem to cause more worry than newspaper articles indicate.
 4. North Africa—where no one knows when Rommel may begin another successful offensive threatening Alexandria and the Suez canal.
 5. China—where the Japanese are making the possible air bases for attack against Nippon more and more distant from their hoped-for targets.
 6. The Southwest Pacific—where the Japanese, despite occasional losses, are steadily increasing the efficiency of a possible springboard against Australia.
 7. Burma—from which an attack on India can be launched whenever the Japanese desire.
 8. Murmansk—which is in constant danger from German air attack.
- In every one of these theaters of war, which are not listed here in the order of their importance, the situation is menacing. No one of them is there any reason for the well-informed United Nations military observer to take any comfort. There is not one of the eight which might not suddenly boil over into a tragedy for our side.

Farm Topics

Cut Your Fuel Wood During Slack Periods

Release Transportation, Improve Forests That Way

By J. E. DAVIS
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Woodland owners can release transportation for war purposes by burning their own wood and supplying wood for similar use in towns and cities.

Fuel-wood cutting according to a definite plan to correct poor forest conditions resulting from mistakes of the past is suggested.

Fuel wood can be obtained from misshapen trees, dead and insect-ridden trees, other cull trees, from tops of trees cut for saw logs and from suppressed or unthrifty trees cut in thinning or woodland improvement operations.

Trees suitable for lumber, veneer logs, box bolts or other special products should not be taken for fuel. Large quantities of oak are needed for ships, hickory and ash for handles and lumber and pulpwood for other war industries.

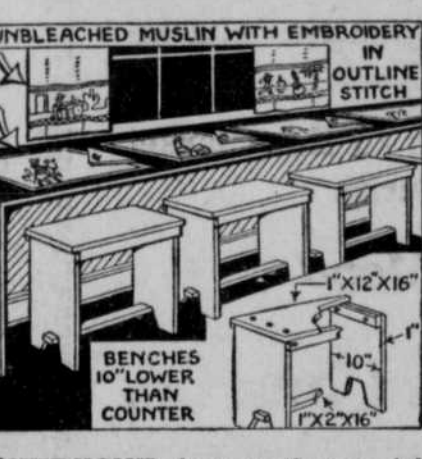
These products can be obtained only from well-formed trees, and cutting them for fuel is a waste of valuable resources.

During Slack Periods. Fuel wood can be harvested during slack periods on the farm, but some time must be allowed for seasoning. Cutting should also be planned to promote a better stand of thrifty growing timber by removing "wolf" and "weed" trees.

For seasoning, the wood should be stacked, not heaped, on bed pieces over dry ground, and preferably in an open yard to get greatest air circulation. Fuel wood burns more efficiently and yields much more heat when it has dried at least six months.

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"Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye, that no man shall be hurt when I pass by. Thou gavest life, and I pray no act of mine, may take away or mar that gift of Thine. Shelter those, dear Lord, who bear me company from the evils of fire and all calamity. Teach me to use my car for others' need, nor miss through love of speed the beauties of Thy world; that thus I may with joy and courtesy go on my way."

Dangerous Low Notes

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Agricultural Notes

Adequate curing of the hay crop reduces the danger of a barn fire.

Government purchases now take four-tenths of all pork and seven-tenths of all lard produced in federally inspected packing plants.

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