

LISTENINGS

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Mush On!

JOSEF STALIN gave it words when he said to Harry Hopkins of America: "We Russians will win the war. . . . Russia is big and inexorable. . . . The Russians are fighting for Russia. Once we trusted this man." (Hitler.)

Mr. Hopkins adds: "I hope I shall never be hated as Stalin hates Hitler."

Hitler can't complain that he has got the bird when his carrion crow of hate comes home to roost.



The British are not accomplished haters. Generations of sport may explain it. A fellow just can't hate the chappie who bowls him out first ball or dives between his legs and scores between the posts. The fellow with an extra ace up his sleeve is a cad and is dismissed as completely as though he had passed out while cutting the first deck. Perhaps ridicule is a refinement of hate—hate in top-hat and spats, but none the less deadly for its well-bred air. Britain seems to do pretty well without taking hate straight. Every nation to its own notion!

The French can hate but, unfortunately, their hate is late. Nevertheless it is piling up rapidly and will eventually fall upon the Reich and help to ratify humanity's pact with decency.

Hitler knows the efficacy of hate. He has always regarded it as a German weapon. He must be annoyed to hear that Stalin has adopted it and improved on the Boche design by fitting it with the bomb-sight of inexorability. Hitler must be snarling: "This hate that we invented, Goebbels! How did the Russians get hold of it? There has been treachery somewhere. Shoot everyone in the hate department! You may exempt yourself—for the time being. To think that, after hating my way to the top, on my own merits, I should find my original design pilfered and improved on by another. I've half a mind to try

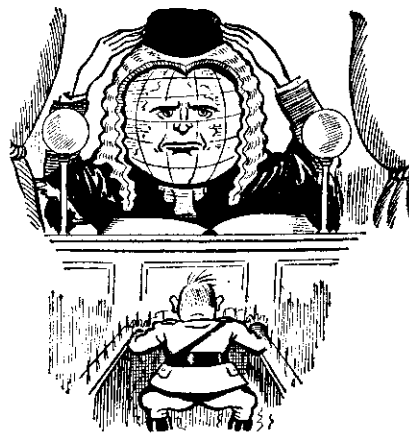
brotherly love. But I'm so out of practice. Besides, it's un-German. Issue an order that everyone must tighten his belt and hate harder. If we don't out-hate Stalin we are gone coons. Besides, hating takes the mind off the stomach."

Hitler and his Killy Gang are finding that the hate they have roused against themselves is likely to prove stronger than the Boche brand. Hitler has created a hell of hate in Russian snow. It has proved to be the hottest snow that ever was. He is beginning to wonder if he really *did* sign up Victory on the dotted line and guarantee delivery of the world, f.o.b., Berlin, in blitz-time. He now shouts to his soldiers, "Mush on! Freeze to final victory! Mush, mein heroes!"

"They Make Me Happy"

HOWELL WALKER, a staff representative of the "National Geographic Magazine" who, as reported in a recent "Listener" interview, came here to find out what "makes Anzacs tough," found after a fortnight in New Zealand that he wanted to say "Hello" to everyone he met. Here is an extract from a letter written to J. W. Heenan, Under-Secretary of Internal Affairs, as Mr. Walker was on his way to Auckland to catch the Clipper:

"Driving along by myself today, I had plenty of time to think. I considered the New Zealander as an individual—quiet, serious, solid, and bent on getting his work done. Yet, as a people, New Zealanders have an extremely happy attitude. To be among them makes me happy; I want to wave or say 'hello' to everyone I see. I am not altogether sure why this should be so. Perhaps it's the land they live in. Despite the 'misty gorges,' formidable mountains covered with snow, heartless winds and dreary rains, it is a happy land. It is not the happiness I associate with other countries. The gayest tropics are tinged with sadness; Nordic lands have a harsh foundation; Mediterranean countries fret; Asia mystifies. But New Zealand has a stable, good nature; I've never seen it cry. Rivers are really running; livestock has something to feed on; and the people know that the next cup of tea will taste as good as the last. And they keep the kettle boiling!"



"Mush!" mutters a general who knows. He is taken for a walk with a squad of soldiers.

He who hates last hates longest, as Hitler may find when the world puts on the black cap while pronouncing sentence on him in the Court of Decency.

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THE DOCTOR'S DIARY

Blood Pressure means the force of the pressure of blood against the walls of your arteries. Toxins (poisons) in your blood cause High Blood Pressure. This common case of High Blood Pressure will interest you.



Doctor: (After examining patient): "Your Blood Pressure is far too high. We'll have to get that down."
Patient: "But, Doctor, I thought when you had High Blood Pressure you became practically an invalid."
Doctor: "No. Not at first, because simple High Blood Pressure can be treated quite easily—if you neglect it, of course, it will wear out your heart and kidneys."
Patient: "What are the symptoms, Doctor?"
Doctor: "Dizziness, Bladder Weakness, Surging of Blood to Head, Palpitation—these often indicate High Blood Pressure. Headaches, Falling Sight, Aches in Shoulders and Limbs, Swellings, Back Pains are other everyday symptoms."
Patient: "Tell me, Doctor, actually what causes High Blood Pressure."
Doctor: "High Blood Pressure is caused by toxins (poisons) in your blood stream. As these toxins increase, your blood becomes congested and the blood pressure gets higher and higher, putting great strain on your heart—affecting your Kidneys. Thus High Blood Pressure can be the cause of such common ailments as Rheumatism, Kidney Trouble, Palpitation, Backache, and the other complaints I've mentioned also."
Patient: "Then it's apparent that a normal blood pressure is most important from a health point of view?"
Doctor: "Decidedly. If you keep your Blood Pressure normal you will live longer and healthier. But there is no need to fear High Blood Pressure."

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