

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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**Roosevelt's Attitude on 'Unified Command' ... Sea Otters for Light Shipping Not Yet in Production ...**  
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WASHINGTON. — The President takes seriously the fact that under the Constitution he is commander-in-chief of the army and navy. It may be for that reason that he does not take kindly to the notion of a department of national defense, to include army, navy and air force, as advocated by Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri and others.

The President's theory is that there is a "unified command" already, which is himself. Naturally he is fairly well satisfied with that, and considers the insertion of another executive between the present organizations and himself just the addition of that much unnecessary organization, with no resulting advantages to be had for the U. S.



Senator Clark

There is much to be said for his position. But there is also something to be said against it, though there is nothing new on either side of the argument.

The sharpest objection lies in our own form of government. Conceivably a man might make a fine President in all other respects, but not be a military genius. It is not fashionable to belittle Abraham Lincoln, or even to hint that he was not the essence of perfection in every respect. However, the fact remains that as commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the Union he blundered around for practically the first three years of the war, trying one general after another until in Grant, Sherman and Sheridan he found the right prescription.

### President: Military Strategist

But the President of the United States is elected for a fixed term. Nothing can be done no matter how inept he may prove himself as a director of military strategy. Indeed, it is most unlikely that his ABILITY as a strategist would be the issue even when he goes to the country, at the end of a four-year term, in the midst of a war.

Thus when Abraham Lincoln faced George B. McClellan in the 1864 election the main issue was not that McClellan, as a soldier, would make a better war President than Lincoln, as would have been a logical enough campaign talking-point, but whether the war should be continued at all.

The Pacifists of that day wanted to stop the war and have peace. As they proposed that McClellan, if elected, should make peace, naturally they did not bother much to stress his qualifications as a military leader for continuing the war. On the President's side in the present controversy, it is unthinkable to have a war President who would not have the right to appoint whom he pleased as head of the "unified command" should there be one, just as he has the right and power now to name the secretaries of war and the navy and the generals and admirals who shall direct the high strategy. So the President would not be divested of responsibility.

Realizing which, the President prefers to operate without the added office of Unified Command.

### Small Ships Would Release Larger Ones for War Work

Information as to what has happened to the Sea Otter is an experience as human as a man's liking to wear old clothes, or a woman wanting a new hat. It is the same type of thing which leads a city man, who has kept a few chickens in his back yard, to quit his job and start trying to make his living with a chicken farm.

Here was a very good idea for small craft, to supply a crying need for coastwise and short-distance water transportation, and which would release regular ships now in that sort of service for more important war work. So the naval designers get hold of it, and immediately begin to improve it. They saw how they could make the sea otters bigger, make them carry more. They began to think about using them in the transatlantic war supplies ferry service.

As a result the idea, very good for its original purposes, has gotten nowhere. Naturally, with the enlargement of the proposed ships, they drew more water. That made them, as the President pointed out, unavailable for the originally been designed. Also, with the added notion of their crossing the Atlantic, or making similar long voyages, came the question of danger if sufficient supplies of gasoline were taken. So we have no sea otters!

## MacArthur's Australian Campaign Heightens Spirit of All America



General Douglas MacArthur

A fighting General for fighting mad people is he . . .

NOW you are going to see some real fighting.

That is what thousands of persons said, some of whom might have said it to you, when word was flashed from Australia that General Douglas MacArthur was down there to assume the supreme United Nations command in that region.

Ever since the war in the Pacific region began, the story of the ground warfare has been continually, and dishearteningly the same but with one exception.

Newspaper and radio accounts have related of continual retreats and, finally, surrenders by the Allied armies. But the brilliant exception to all this defensive warfare is and was the activity of General MacArthur, his aides, and his native and American troops fighting on the Bataan peninsula.

Not only did MacArthur stop the Japs—and thereby causing the commander, Gen. Masaharu Homma, to commit hara kiri—but he also put through two brilliant, strategic offensives which prevented further enemy advances at the time.

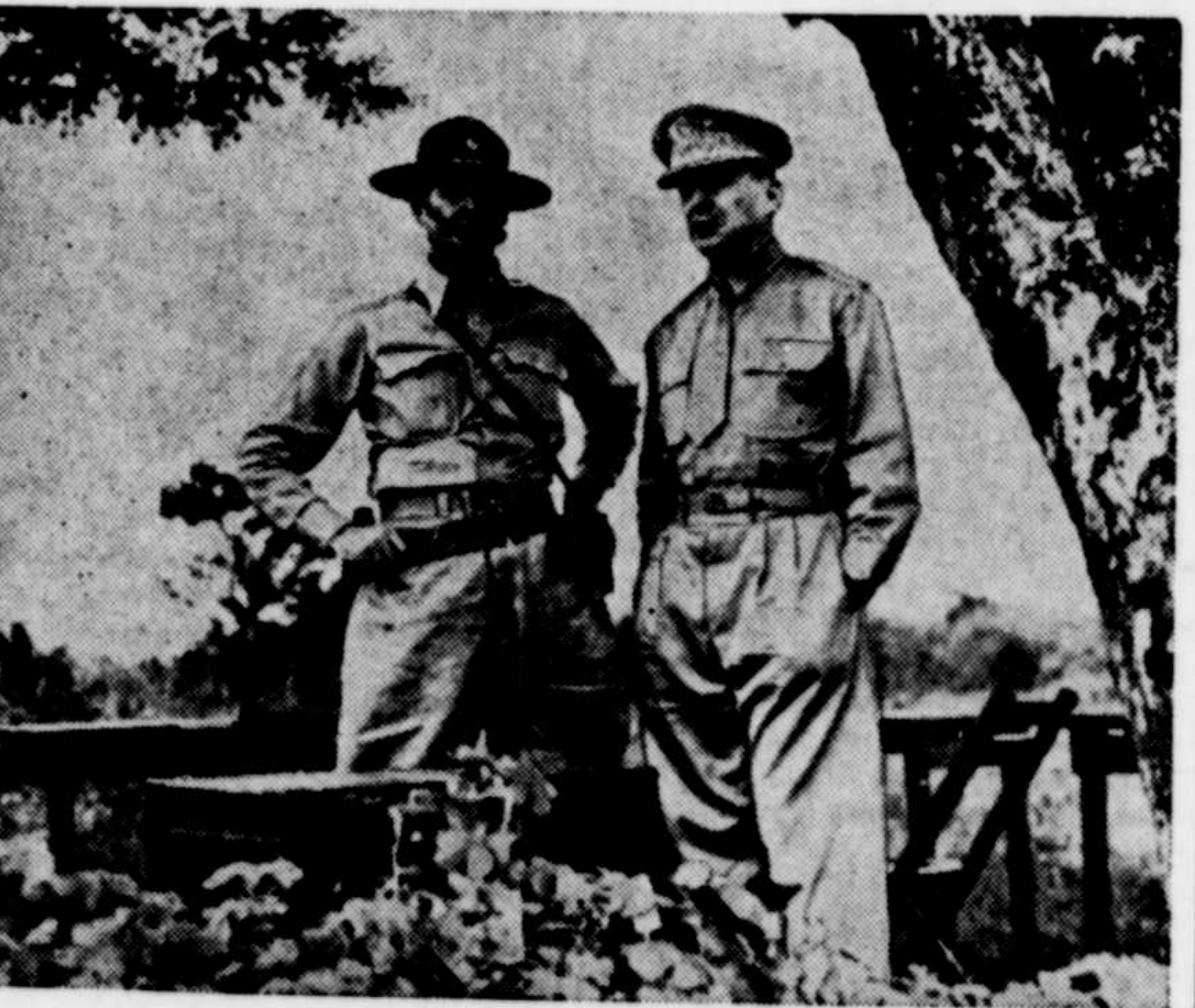
### Reason for Australians' Respect.

Such immediate background of this brilliant general, this Number One officer of the United Nations, was the cause for the increasing clamor of the Australians to have MacArthur come down there and help them, with American, British, Australian, and native soldiers, resist the Japs in the last Pacific region stand. So, after receiving orders from Washington's birthday from the President to go to Australia, MacArthur made plans with his successor, Maj. Gen. Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright, a brilliant tactician, for further defense at Bataan.

### "Mac's the Man."

When a "roving reporter" for one of the outstanding Midwest newspapers went out to interview pedestrians as to how they felt about the new shakeup in military control in the Pacific region where General MacArthur was given complete military control, the consensus of opinion was, "Mac's the Man."

One fellow said that it was the best news he heard since the U. S. entered the war. A housewife said



Since General MacArthur has taken his new command in Australia to stop, and then push back, the Japanese drive, Maj. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright (left), shown talking with Gen. MacArthur, has been appointed to the command of the forces that outfought, despite 20 to 1 odds, the Jap forces on the Batjan peninsula in the Philippine Islands.

### Like Father, Like Son

General Douglas MacArthur, and his deceased father, Lieut. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, experienced military lives exceedingly interesting because of their striking similarity as available information proves.

Lieut. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, like his son, Douglas, was advanced over the heads of many older officers to more important posts.

Both father and son, Arthur and Douglas MacArthur, showed great strategical talent. One of the father's Civil War tactics of battle eventually became a war department standard officer examination. The son's strategy in the Philippines is well known to all newspaper readers, who have been following his brilliant leadership.

### Future General??

Little four-year-old Arthur MacArthur, son of General and Mrs. MacArthur, is starting early in a possible war career. Besides having a famous general as a father, Arthur's grandfather, a Civil war veteran after whom he is named, commanded a Manila brigade in 1898 when U. S. forces captured that city.

When war broke out in the Philippines little Arthur and his mother, the former Miss Jean Faircloth of Murfreesboro, Tenn., were reported safe on the island. The next word that came through as to their whereabouts was when their arrival in Australia with the general and his staff was announced.

mission in 1905-'06. On three different occasions he saw extended army service in the Philippines. In 1935 he went to Manila as the commonwealth's president, Manuel Quezon's military adviser.

That his advisory capacity to President Quezon was of a successful nature is now seen in the successful manner in which American troops, Philippine scout professionals, and Filipino reservists, under his command, fought.

So, at the age of 50, after many years of active service, it looked as though General MacArthur's military life was at an end. It seemed that he was then destined for obscurity after being chief of staff for five years. But, it has often been stated, that it is the seemingly little incidents in a person's life which eventually develop into significant, extremely important matters. What would have happened had MacArthur, upon being "retired," not been sent to the Philippines to shape up a military force there is impossible to say.

Once again, MacArthur's life is showing that fact is oftentimes more interesting than fiction. Here, in MacArthur, you see a story book



Mrs. Douglas MacArthur  
It is now up to her husband . . .

soldier, cool, even tempered, poised, admired by his staff and men, preparing to do a titanic job despite heavy odds against it.

Even the general's air-flight of 2,000 miles to Australia had a touch of the dramatic to it. For the zone over which he and his officers and aides flew in two planes, has been conceded as being the "hot spot" of the southwest Pacific. This is the zone where both enemy and Allied planes are continually on the alert. Fighters, bombers, and interceptors, always ready for battle. When you look at a map and see the territory you will fully realize that MacArthur has not lost any of his boldness. It is such daring, skill, and calm that has put all the confidence of the Allied nations' people directly on his shoulders. The Yanks, and Aussies, being what they are in temperament, and disposition as to being ready for a fight at all times, now have a man as their leader they know will not fail them.

### Congressmen Behind Him, Too.

That this attitude even goes for officials and congressmen in the nation's capital is noted in the comment of various congressmen on the day that MacArthur's safe arrival was announced in a special official war department communique. Sen. Millard E. Tydings, (D., Md.) said that Australia now has real leadership . . . that he was very happy to know that MacArthur was down there where a man such as he is needed.

Rep. Joseph J. Mansfield, (D., Texas) put in a comment which all Americans fully understand. He said that MacArthur is sure going to "raise hell" with the Japs providing we can keep him supplied with a continuous line of supplies and men.

House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin (R., Mass.), said he was happy to hear of the famous soldier's appointment. He further added that such an appointment will add to the confidence of the American people.

The day that MacArthur's appointment, and successful fight to Australia was announced, the President in his press conference also had words of encouragement for the American people. He said that the purpose of the transfer was not to develop further defensive measures, but primarily, and definitely to "win the war." President Roosevelt said at that conference that he felt, too, that every American man and woman held the same admiration for the fighting, brilliant general that he held.

## Star Dust

By VIRGINIA VALE  
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TAXICAB business boomed recently at one of Hollywood's major studios, unaffected by the rubber shortage. Richard Carlson and Martha O'Driscoll drove off in one to be married, with Cecil Kellaway at the wheel. That was in New York. Then Burgess Meredith and Louise Platt rode to a railway station in Newark, N. J., in the same cab. Finally Allan Ladd and Bonita Granville took the same cab to Brian Donley's home in a Middle Western city. Same cab—mounted on a fixed platform, never turning a wheel; it had no wheels!

In case you're interested, the pictures for which that taxi worked so hard and so faithfully are "My Heart Belongs to Daddy," "Street of Chance," that being the new title for "The Black Curtain," and "The Glass Key."

Almost ten years ago Red Skelton played his first vaudeville act in Wooster, Mass. June Earle danced and played "straight man" for him. Tommy Mac was also in the act.



RED SKELTON

Now they're together in the new "Maisie" film, June and Mac doing the same skits they did then, and Red Skelton—or so he insists—telling the same jokes he told then. But he's now earning more than \$7 a week for doing it!

Basil Rathbone has a new contract (with Metro, this time) but he'll continue being a villain. In "Crossroads," with William Powell and Hedy Lamarr, he holds the key to Powell's past, Powell being a French diplomat branded as a former underworld character.

Jean Atkinson, stand-in for Madeline Carroll for the last six years, has been called Hollywood's composite woman; she's been stand-in for Fay Wray, Vivien Leigh, Frances Farmer, Claire Trevor and many others, "because she looks like many actresses rolled into one." She's been a stand-in for ten years, and says that she has no ambitions to be an actress.

William Powell took time off from his work to give a farewell party for Richard Barthelmess, before the latter left for Norfolk, Va., to serve as a naval lieutenant. Years ago—long before they knew their present wives—those two and Ronald Colman were bosom companions.

With practically all of Hollywood doing some kind of war work, (and really doing it, too; no fooling) Hedy Lamarr got busy right on her own home grounds, when she saved her hairdresser, Eddie Hubner, from serious burns from an exploding gas stove.

Bob Hawk's having to do a lot of explaining. He decided to invest in a restaurant. Found one, signed a lease, and the sign painter went to work. The place was to be called "The Griddle"—but the painter made a mistake—and Hawk's explaining to friends that he isn't really in the griddle business.

Columns could be devoted to Norman Corwin. A newspaper man, five years ago he pursued major radio executives with program ideas to revolutionize the airwaves. Only a small independent station in New York would give him a chance. Today he's engaged by four major networks. He directs the government series, "This Is War," heard every Saturday. Many of his original radio dramas have been broadcast. "We Hold These Truths," celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, was heard by 60,000,000 people. He directs radio propaganda for the government. His "This Is War" is heard round the world.

ODDS AND ENDS—The U. S. navy likes Metro's two-reeler, "The Battle," so much that the picture will be used for recruiting purposes . . . Director George Cukor's directing "Her Cardboard Lover" for the third time; once with Laurette Taylor, once with Jeanne Eagels, now with Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor . . . Sidney Chaplin, Charlie's 15-year-old son, when interviewed by Vox Pop at his prep school, said he wants to act and direct, like his father. He weighs 175 . . . RKO suspended Lucille Ball from salary for refusing to play the second feminine lead in "Strictly Dynamite," for which they'd lent her to 20th Century-Fox.

## ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

### The Questions

1. What color is the bottom stripe of the American flag? And the top?
2. According to the 1940 census, what percentage of the U. S. population lives in urban centers?
3. A frugivorous man subsists on what?
4. While France spent \$250,000 on the construction of the Statue of Liberty, how much did the United States spend on its erection?
5. A man who works per diem, does so by what?
6. What is the singular of "dice"?
7. What is meant by the astronomical term Penumbra?
8. In what year was the Dominion of Canada established?
9. How great does the temperature of the oceans vary?
10. Can you name six kinds of citrus fruits?

### The Answers

1. Red on top and bottom.
2. A total of 56.5 per cent.
3. Fruit.
4. The United States spent \$350,000 on the pedestal and erection of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor.
5. By the day.
6. Die.
7. Partial shadow.
8. 1867.
9. The Fahrenheit temperature of the oceans varies from 27 to 88 degrees, while that of the air varies from 130 below to 149 above zero. Thus the natural temperature of the air can become 157 degrees colder and 61 degrees hotter than sea water.
10. Lemons, oranges, grapefruit, limes, tangerines and citrons.

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