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Ye Smudge Pot... By Arthur Perry

Rescue by Russians of men straggled over the Polar regions by the expedition and cowardice of General

Lyman Hight, who is being hotly pursued by the Pope during this campaign, has a neighbor who is being chased by a Baptist sister.

This burg was the first of the state to abolish any enthusiasm over the establishment of an airport. Our metropolis and way points regarded such as an unnecessary outburst of progress.

Refusal of the owners of the proposed sites to donate the land. If this obstacle is held before the people have an opportunity to vote on the fish bills, they will not stroll to the polls and vote on the fish bills.

Medford is a natural aviation center. Times counting the fishermen have to stop here. This was the lamented guess of Jacksonville on the opening of the railroad.

There is a fair outline of the main governing points. The subject has been reached the stage where the advantage gained by an early aviation start is lost, and it will take three letters and a telegram to Congressman Hawley to save the day, and even then the favor will not be what it should be.

Lightning Hits Bar Twice... BROOKLINE, Mass.—Lightning does hit in the same place twice. Mrs. Frances W. Caper made a 150-yard hole in the Chestnut Hill Golf club in one. Forthwith she went up another hill and did it again.

MR. RASKOB TALKS TOO MUCH

It must be admitted Mr. J. Raskob, Al Smith's campaign manager, is no pussy-footer. Perhaps before the campaign is over it will also be admitted that, as a vote-getting tactician, he is a good automobile promoter.

For Mr. Raskob, we fear, is talking too much, overplaying his hand for the wet vote a trifle. Either that or the Smith campaign is to be brought closer to the rocks of the old saloon issue than most people supposed.

"I want to relieve this country of the damnable affliction of prohibition," says the Democratic National chairman, "and favor a school of control of the sale of intoxicating liquor under which it may be had for home consumption."

The American people won't overlook that "intoxicating liquor." Not light wines and beer, not raising the percentage of what is legally intoxicating, not even a suggestion of adopting the Canadian or Scandinavian form of liquor control—but intoxicating liquor in the home!

There are millions of homes in this country—most of them good homes, some of them not so good.

If one home can have intoxicating liquor, all can. And if all can—well—

How many men and women will ask this question? "How far will SOME of those 'homes' be from the old-fashioned saloon?" Before the campaign is over, Mr. Raskob, we fear, will have to figure that out.

It will not be enough to say, as Al Smith has said, that he opposes the saloon. Everyone opposes the saloon. The question will be just how will the moral equivalent of the saloon be prevented, when hard liquor is introduced into every home. Mr. Raskob has gone far, but he must go farther. He has raised the issue, now he must be extremely explicit about it—lay his hard liquor program in the concrete on the table.

For once let the idea get abroad that a vote for Al Smith means a vote for the old saloon and—good night! This pretty little scheme to extend the domain of Tammany Hall to the White House will be over.

The only way to prevent that is to be vague—suggest, insinuate, not define. For the Tammany strategy is for the Democratic ship of state to serenely sail between the Charibdis of the saloon and the Scylla of Prohibition, giving a grateful people the benefits of both and the evils of neither.

Isn't it a pretty picture?

Well, it's probably pretty enough to get the votes of thousands of thirsty Republicans, and thousands of Republicans not so thirsty, who don't like Prohibition, and, in a vague way, want to slap it.

And the scheme may work if it is cleverly executed. But the first essential of clever execution is not to talk too much—above all not to be too explicit.

Condemn prohibition, that will get the anti-Volstead vote; oppose the saloon, that will satisfy the anti-saloon vote. Leave it there. Let Old Man Psychology do the rest.

But this has not been Mr. Raskob's procedure. He explicitly states he wants "intoxicating liquor" in the home.

We fear some of the boys on Fourteenth Street will whisper a few strong words into Mr. Raskob's ear in a day or two, if they haven't already done so.

QUILL POINTS

Hokum and sense are easy to tell apart. Nobody ever garnered 200,000 a year by talking sense.

Convictions are those things a candidate buries out back of the barn when they seem offensive to a majority.

People don't starve to death. They could fast 40 days. In times of famine they just get scared to death in about two weeks.

Wife: A person you harangue in defense of some act that troubles your conscience.

Wouldn't it be a good plan for Mr. Byrd to get his rescuers started for the South Pole before he leaves?

Remember the queer old days when you could tell a married woman every time by the way she acted?

The city man pays most of the income tax? Well, the only fellow who can furnish the cream is the one who milks the cow.

Americanism! A universal conviction that the other driver is a damned fool.

Correct this sentence: "A widower with nine children is courting her," said the gossip, "but he probably doesn't mean business."

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Did Thirty-four Miles of Roadwork Last Night

Comic strip panels with dialogue: TUNNEY'S WAITING! HE WANTS US TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS TEN MILE RUN... KID SNEEZE, YOU CAN TELL GENE THERE'LL BE NO ROAD WORK FOR ME TODAY! HO HUM... BUT YOU'RE ONE OF HIS TRAINERS. ARE YOU SICK?... NO! I'M JUST EXHAUSTED. I DID ENOUGH ROAD WORK LAST NIGHT TO LAST ME A WEEK... DEAR ME! AND MY INTENTIONS WERE SO GOOD WHEN I WENT TO BED AT NINE O'CLOCK... THEN WHAT POSSESSED YOU TO GET UP AND RUN?... I GOT TO DREAMING. I DREAMED I WAS A HORSE AND I RAN AND RAN, AND WHEN I WOKE UP I WAS 17 MILES FROM HOME AT TWO A.M... AND OVER SUCH ROADS. HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU GET BACK HERE?... I LAID DOWN, WENT TO SLEEP AND DREAMED I WAS A HORSE AGAIN AND RAN BACK... BY HORTENSE DEBRIS. DEAR MISS DEBRIS: MY GIRL INSISTS ON BLOWING SMOKE IN MY EYES, AND CIGARETTES SMOKE SMARTS. HOW CAN I PUT A STOP TO THIS? SHE ALSO KNOCKS ASHES ON MY WHITE PANTS. GRAY B. DEAR GRAY B: WHEN A GIRL HAS TO ENTERTAIN HERSELF WHAT'S SHE GONNA DO? LOOSEN UP AND TAKE HER OUT OCCASIONALLY. MISS DEBRIS.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if they contain a return address. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

THE PREVALENCE OF WEAKFOOT

Experience enables one to surmount some of the difficulties of translating medicine and hygiene into lay language or thought, but art is long, as some one has remarked, and I had been at this for 10 or 12 years before it dawned on me that what we doctors recognize as ataxic gait, flatfoot, promoted flatfoot, is known to the laity as "weak ankles."

You see, I had thought of the ankle as a joint merely. I could conceive of a small or large joint, a stiff or flexible one, a hinge or socket joint, but not a string of weak ones. Let us compromise on the term weakfoot. That fairly conveys the idea.

Weakfoot is still quite common among children in their early teens, especially girls, but only too frequent among boys where the schooling or the home training is poor. Weakfoot is most likely to occur when the child's general nutrition is faulty—not lack of food but faulty hygiene—and particularly when parents favor a haphazardly training and willingly permit the child to avoid or escape all vigorous play, athletic activity, rough games or, too often, even gymnasium classes if this town is any example.

Although this condition is pretty common, I have an impression that it is not so common as it was 10 to 20 years ago, and I would ascribe that to the gradual decline of the haphazardly idea in education and the gradual introduction of physical education into our backward educational system.

The young victims of weakfoot may or may not complain of pain or fatigue, either in the legs or referred to other parts of the body, but will inevitably manifest lameness for wholesome play or sports or athletic activity that requires agile use of the feet. I have no intention of suggesting any symptoms of weakfoot, here or elsewhere. Parents too often do much harm by attempting to deal with such a condition themselves.

The one obvious characteristic of weakfoot is the rolling inward of the ankles when the child stands or walks. It is rather striking if the child is "compelled" to wear high, narrow heels. Associated with this "knock-knee" tendency of the ankles is an upward turning or pointing of the toes. This turning out of the toes was formerly affected deliberately by sickly young ladies in seminary training, but the modern girl strives rather to keep her feet as nearly parallel as she can when walking, as this gives a graceful gait.

A secondary reason for the decreasing prevalence of weakfoot, in my opinion, is the reform in the manufacture of shoes. Ten or 20 years ago normally shaped shoes could be bought only with great difficulty and searching; today every shoe manufacturer provides lasts for men, women and children, that fit the undeformed foot as well as anyone could wish. But this reform has come about, I believe, only as a consequence of the demand created by better physical education. The doctors were clamoring for such shoes many years before the public began to demand them, and the shoe manufacturers gave the doctors a lead—either left the matter to one of two "orthopedic" or "surgical" factories.

The inner edge of sole and heel is more worn down when the wearer has weakfoot; normally the outer edge is more worn.

The prevention and the management of weakfoot will be the subject of further readings.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Food Vagaries. Is it true that the continual drinking of milk will make one bilious? What effect is produced by taking such combination as orange and milk at the same time?—H. H.

Answer—I do not know what you mean by biliousness. That is a meaningless term. A diet consisting largely or entirely of milk may be inadequate for proper nutrition, but is not in itself harmful. There is no outward effect from any combination of wholesome foods that appalls to one's taste. Milk is not laxative, neither is it binding or constipating, as some people imagine.

Please tell me something that will rid a place of rats. I have set rat traps and caught a few, but they seem to know and won't go near the traps any more.—J. H.

Answer—Keep a cat, or a terrier, or a snake.

And the Band Plays On. Our boy is three months old and I had removed his hands. Our doctor gave orders to put it on again and leave it on all summer. He said the baby wouldn't have any support for his stomach without it. He is a very healthy, strong baby and he tries to sit up all the time and it is hard to keep the band in place. What should we do?—Mrs. P. W.

Answer—God, that's tough on the baby. On the one hand, you should follow the doctor's orders for the doctor. On the other hand, it is going to be a long, warm summer, and it will be so annoying every time a teller tries to sit up—he won't know whether the contraption is a strangle or a brace or maybe a headband, but what diff as long as it supports his tummy?

Just between friends, and for goodness sake don't let the family doctor know, if it were by bimbo I'd swipe the band when the baby reached the age of two weeks, and use it to polish shoes.

Physical Training. Do you recommend a course in physical training? If not, could you tell me where I can get a good book about physical training?—W. M.

Answer—The "course" is a matter of order, in my judgment. A book called "Exercises for Health and Correction" by Drs. Dickson and Dixey, is published by J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia, \$2. A classic on "Exercise in Education and Medicine," by Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, was published about 16 years ago or more by W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia.

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Abe Martin



A hick, or E-flat town, is one where every body but a bank examiner knows every body else's business. Who's backin' young Hickman out in California is almost as big a scandal as how Mrs. Rip Van Winkle paid her rent. Copyright, John F. Dille Co.

Communications

Doesn't Like the "Tuner Circle." To the Editor: Before coming to this town 60 days ago from Kansas I was a reader of your paper. I was told that it would not be announced to strangers that the atmosphere and conditions would be congenial. Having been here two months I do not find conditions quite like described. One business concern in which I have went into an average of every two days and purchased a certain article each time acts as if I were a perfect stranger.

How many years I will have to go in there before they speak to me as though I resemble a man they used to like I do not know; probably they already have more business than they care for. Labor conditions are bad, as

Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason.)

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TWO U. S. PALS ON PACIFIC FLIGHT HAVE A RUCTION

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 19.—(AP)—In the cabin of the Southern Cross, a friendship and association of long standing between Navigator Captain Harry Lyon and Radio Operator James Warner worked against the successful culmination of the most daring trans-oceanic flight in the annals of flying, but that friendship was dissolved here last night when Warner announced that "there absolutely will not be any negotiations between Harry and myself, and I refuse to be a party to any other project which includes him." Warner's statement followed his removal from the Los Angeles hotel where both have been staying to a hotel in Hollywood where he said further that Lyon contracted obligations in San Francisco for the two of them by cable from Australia "without his knowledge. Lyon was said by Warner to have taken nearly \$100,000 of whom he did not approve into his confidence, against his wishes and judgment.

Warner indicated that he would accept one of several theatrical offers within the next few days.

When informed by the Associated Press of Warner's statements, Captain Lyon said he was "amused at this chatter of Warner's."

"I am amazed to hear the statements made by Jim Warner of our supposed split, dating more or less from the time of our landing in Australia.

"The main point at issue seems to be that we are not to be associated together in immediate future movements. The biggest reason for this is that, whereas Jim Warner is prepared to accept theatrical engagements, I personally do not wish to commercialize the success of the flight of the Southern Cross in this manner, especially bearing in mind the fact that my father was an admiral in the United States navy, now retired, and I consider it would be a great loss of dignity and prestige to link myself with a theatrical or picture circuit.

"My greatest wish and desire is to make available the experience I have gained in navigating the Southern Cross from the beginning to the end of the journey in the interests of aviation.

"Regarding the suggestion that I entered into a contract involving financial embarrassment to Jim without his knowledge or consent, this is entirely incorrect. I never entered into an engagement involving Jim without his entire approval.

"Jim recently engaged a manager of his own without consulting me, and of whom I did not approve."

This is thought to be Parkard De Flores of San Francisco, now staying at Warner's hotel with him and said to be acting in the capacity of adviser.

Lyon added: "Regarding a possible future trans-oceanic flight, I have tentatively planned one, but Jim had not been included in it."

"Jim mentioned that he disapproved of certain of my friends. My own personal friends I consider are entirely my own concern, and all of them have records of which I am proud."

Chief among these is said to be Captain "Bill" Lancaster of the royal air force, a contract involving the flight of the Southern Cross, as I do not care to live amongst strangers the rest of my life.

Also am not without a certain amount of influence in the middle west, as I am writing for two newspapers, and have received inquiries from three different states concerning conditions in this valley. My replies to these are going to be colored to a certain extent by the attitude of the people of the city to a stranger.

I do not know whether or not a large per cent of the people of the valley are affected with a malady termed lock jaw. However, as long as you peel the roll everything seems alright, but immediately following this a change seems to come over them. They lapse into a comatose condition and it is impossible to get a grain out of them. If that malady is prevalent in this section, I should not like to locate here.

HARRY LECLERC, 709 N. Riverside.

"Captive" Decision Later. SAN FRANCISCO.—The superior court took under advisement arguments on a permanent injunction asked to prevent showing of the play, "The Captive," at a theater here. The play recently was barred from Los Angeles.

land has gone to the dogs. England refused to let him live, and he is glad to be back in his own country, where you can do as you like if you have the price.

The Hughes law, in New York state, which sentences fourth-rate officers to prison for life, even for comparatively trivial crimes, has reduced crime considerably.

It evidently pays to frustrate criminals even if you have to be brutal about it. Incidentally, you notice that it is life imprisonment, not the electric chair, that frightens.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 19.—(AP)—Three opinions were expressed today by Dr. Henry Suzzallo upon his return from a seven months tour of continental Europe on behalf of the Carnegie foundation.

One, that the rights of European minorities, guaranteed as Versailles, are being disregarded and that in this situation lies a threat of future warfare.

The second, that the League of Nations should be continued and strengthened for the benefit of European nations, but that the United States should remain out of it.

And the third, that dictators are becoming popular among European peoples in that the establishment of such a regime frequently means a revolt against politicians and a subsequent measure of political peace.

SUZZALLO SEES DANGER OF WAR IN MID-EUROPE

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