

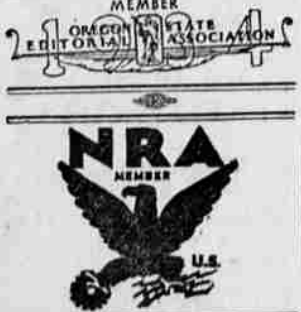
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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Ferry.

Anyway, the San Francisco Communist, in jail, who refused to eat or talk for one whole forenoon, had the right idea, as long as it lasted.

Several have purchased new cars with which to keep the same old wolf away from the garage door.

Democrat showed up last evening in their sweetest smiles and cleanest collars, due to the arrival of their gubernatorial nominees.

This is the "era of change." A Northern California motorist backed into a switch engine on a crossing, instead of using a Fordenberg butt.

THEORIES.
A little less for you, and a good deal more for me—That is the rule of conduct wherever men may be.

The government has launched its campaign, "for brighter, better and bigger homes," to rush back too, after the Saturday night dances.

JOB FOR DOCTOR.
Dear Sir: Walter got to wear his dark glasses only a couple of hours. He was in our yard when Bertha Backus, a 20-year-old daughter of Hattie Backus, a constable, came up back of him and grabbed him by the hair and hands, turned him around and hit him in the face.

Prospects for rain continue slim. Some want to pray for it, and some want to fool the weatherman, by talking about a county fair.

The new fall hats that give the ladies "a surprised look" have arrived. The hats do not cost enough to cause the "surprised look" to appear on the face of the payer, instead of the wearer.

CANOPUS.
When quacks with pills political would dope us.
When politics absorb the livelong day.

Greatest of visioned suns, they say who list 'em;
To weigh it science always must despair.

Its shell would hold our whole dinged solar system.
Nor ever know 'twas there.

When Temporary Chairmen utter speeches,
And frenzied henchmen howl their battle hymns,
My thoughts float out across the cosmic reaches
To where Canopus swims.

When men are calling names and making faces,
And all the world's a jangle and a jar,
I meditate on interstellar spaces
And smoke a mild seegar.

For after one has had about a week of the argument of friends as well as foes,
A star that has no parallax to speak of
Conduces to repose.

—(Chicago Tribune, 1910)

SEDALIA, Mo., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Horse of Charles McCormick of Portland, Ore., won all awards in competition for jumpers at the Missouri state fair here last night. Her Hindustan was first, Rusty second, and Bachelor third.

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More Government Interference

HERE'S another case of the government interfering in business!
After the first of the month if you want to buy a machine gun, you must first get a permit from a federal commission. Then, you must have your finger prints taken. Third, on the already high price, you must pay a \$200 sales tax.

Yes, that's interference with the sacred right of the individual and the corporation—doing business, as they wish to do it, and have done it, lo—these many years. It is also regimentation—making free American citizens conform to certain rules and regulations. It's a body blow to rugged individualism.

BUT isn't it a good thing for the country?
We think it is. We believe most people will agree.
Naturally the munition makers don't like it. They manufacture machine guns, and have found them highly profitable. What is done with the machine gun is not their affair,—whether it is used in a foreign war or used in bank hold-ups is not their concern. This is a free country. There is a market for machine guns. If one corporation doesn't make them, another will,—why should a meddling government interfere?

ONLY one reason—because the machine gun is the corner stone of the gangster's arsenal, and Uncle Sam has at last set himself to work, to stamp out organized crime. No law-abiding, peaceful citizen, NEEDS a machine gun. The rugged individual who buys one hereafter, will have to be registered and identified, before the lethal implement is delivered. There will be few purchases under such a regulation.

SUCH regimentation and governmental interference will receive the approval of public opinion. Because it is a blow PLAINLY aimed at violent crime.
Yet other forms of governmental interference, and regimentation, have the same END in view—the elimination of dishonest practices, and destructive methods,—so that honest business may have a better chance, and this may be made a better country in which to live.

But it is not so easy to SEE that.
The Big Business Highwayman, the petty grafter and the little chiseler, don't buy machine guns, to spray out competition; nor do they go to work in armored cars, or wear masks when they put over a midnight job. There is no visible way of distinguishing them from honest law-abiding citizens.

So while an anti-machine-gun law is popular, an anti-stock-jobbing law isn't. And it probably won't be, until the people as a whole, see the subtle moral connection between the two.

Heroes of Peace

THREE C. C. C. men, fighting fires in the state of Washington, yesterday were burned to death.
This shocking tragedy, brings into sharp relief, the valiant work being done, throughout the year, by the members of the Civilian Conservation Corps in protecting and preserving the forests of the Northwest from destruction.

Although this has been a dry summer,—and usually under such conditions by mid-summer the valley is filled with smoke, until yesterday, no forest fires of consequence had been reported in this part of the state, and the small blazes had, thanks largely to the C. C. C. camps, been promptly extinguished.
Not only have the C. C. C. boys been busy building fire trails, and clearing out inflammable underbrush; they have been subject to call night or day, with a well-drilled and well-equipped fire department.

There is real danger in this work as the tragedy in Washington clearly demonstrates. But tragedy in Southern Oregon is unlikely for the C. C. C. work is so much farther advanced here than it is to the north.

And the absence of wide-spread destruction in our forests this year, can be largely attributed to the establishment of these C. C. C. camps. They have more than paid for themselves, in actual dollars and cents, in this direction alone.

UNDERPASS WORK IS BEING RUSHED

Work on the undercrossing near Ashland, which is being reconstructed to eliminate a dangerous road hazard, is progressing rapidly. Lewis Ulrich, manager of the local office of the National Reemployment Service, stated today.

CUBAN POSTAL STRIKE DRAWS NEW FORCES

HAVANA, Aug. 14.—(AP)—A strike of Cuba's postal and communications employees grew more serious today as treasury department workers, some bus and trammen and a group of dockworkers threatened to join it.

Barrow's Betrayal Receives Pardon

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 14.—(AP)—For lending information that led to the slaying of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, the southwest's worst outlaw couple, Henry Methvin, their former crime companion, is free from a Texas prison sentence.

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 a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

BEWARE OF CLOSED CAR.

A large proportion of all automobile accidents—some engineers who have studied the question estimate 85 per cent—are unexplainable. What makes a good driver who is sober do a queer thing such as driving his car off the road to crash against some obstruction or driving it into a ditch or over a cliff? Asleep at the wheel? That is probably a common cause of such accidents. I met such a driver one spring afternoon, saw his car strangely weaving from one side to the other as he approached, got as far off on our side as possible, but he hit head-on into our midship and smashed us. "Sorry," he said when we counted up the property damage, and divers cuts, bruises, fractures and shocks. "I must have fallen asleep—I have been driving all last night and all day today." Subsequently the beggar swore that he had tried to avoid us, but we had come at him on the wrong side of the road and without giving a signal. When a driver feels drowsy at the wheel and finds it difficult to resist the desire to sleep, he can save time as well as peril to himself and others by stopping off the road and indulging in a short nap. After the nap he will feel refreshed and alert and can continue his journey in comfort and safety.

It costs more now to insure a car on all forms of risk than it does to supply the car with gas and oil. Unfortunately folk of the stripe of the wretch who wrecked us do not carry any insurance? They should worry! This is a free country.

In fifteen cities engineers studying the question found that practically every motorist interviewed had noticed strange spells or feelings when driving, which might be due to slight carbon monoxide poisoning. I have had such experience several times, a sudden sense of incapacity to drive carefully and fear of continuing in traffic. At first this worried me, for I feared it might presage something like syncope, apoplexy or hydrophobia or palsy. But the second time I realized it was monoxide. Opening the windows and letting the wind blow through quickly dispels the trouble. So now, no matter how strong the force of the wind, I ventilate the instant I feel even a suspicion of such a spell.

On highways in Connecticut in mid-summer engineers who tested the

gone back to the scene of her husband's first diamond triumph—Beaumont—to live. Perhaps the least known of wives in baseball heroes to the public, she was nevertheless a keen student of the game. Many Giant players did not know her by sight. Yet she sat inconspicuously at innumerable games and her advice was almost invariably accepted by her husband. McGraw had at one time an enormous fortune but much of it was lost in unfortunate investments.

There's no place so gay as midtown just before everybody arrives for work in the morning. There are the brass sign polishers, always whistling at their chore; the porters—ad why are most porters bandy-legged?—filled with sudden smiles and bright greetings. Truckmen, going by with early loads, exchange banter with the sidewalk sweepers and polishers. Policemen going to their posts often indulge in special pleasantries. It's a brief interlude soon wiped out by the furious swoop of later crowds.

Madison avenue is to have a store that caters exclusively to the pajama and lounging robe tastes of dandies. Every garment will be tailored with pajama prices ranging from \$12 to \$50 and robes from \$40 to \$105. London has several such shops. The increased use of such apparel is due largely to their exploitation in stage drawings. They were grotesque vintages and amusing but his meter is the unpredictable and cock-eyed disorientation on any topic that comes to mind.

Bar is a strapping near-six-footer temperamental as a diva and a thorough-going family man. When he is indicated to sit at a banquet board, his ladies leave diners protesting. George Baror once told me of hunting up Baror on the night of his first arrival in Paris. The humorist was in longue suit reading Spinoza.

Bert Levy, vaudeville cartoonist, was recently trundled in a chair to a cartoonists' dinner in Los Angeles, where he made the wittiest speech of the evening, and was returned to his sick room. For years his whistling-cartoon skit was as well known in Europe and Australia as in New York. He had been wrestling with a strange malady for eight years through the sheer force of indomitable courage. He was one of the first men I ever saw wearing a Vandyke.

At Lindy's they were discussing an unpopular figure in the Broadway parade. Someone asked George Jessel's opinion. "It would take only a minute," he said, "but why waste a minute?"

The cafes, night clubs and smart strollers once had a classy clientele known as "Cuban spenders." They were the wives, sons and daughters of the rich sugar and coffee planters and nothing was too expensive. Jewelry merchants found them betwixt customers. Of course, for the majority fortune has vanished. The old regime Cuban aristocracy now lives mostly in brownstone boarding houses in the West 40's when not where "tasting guests" drop on stoops at night. And look far away

The widow of John J. McGraw has

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

W. E. LAMM, of the Lamm Lumber company, of Modoc Point, addressing a Southern Oregon service club the other day, made this statement regarding business conditions:

"I believe we have passed the low point of the depression and are in the recovery period, but I believe also that recovery will be slow. It will be slow for these reasons:

- "Uncertainty as to what will happen next.
"Government interference in business.
"Stagnation of credit.
"Political and economic confusion abroad.
"Widespread labor unrest."

UNCERTAINTY always holds back business expansion—and we must have expansion if we are to have recovery.
Business expansion involves taking risks, and people just won't take any more risks than they have to. If they feel that by waiting they can lessen the risk they will WAIT.

IT MAY be, for example, you would like to build a house. But building a house involves the risk that it may cost more now than later, or that you won't be able to earn the money to pay for it and so may lose it. And so on.

So you wait until you are a little more certain as to what you will be able to do.

As a result of all this waiting, few houses are being built.

GOVERNMENT interference in business adds to the uncertainty, for men with courage enough to go ahead don't know what the government will PERMIT them to do.

So they wait.

BUSINESS can't expand without credit. And credit is stagnant—stagnant being a big word meaning "standing still, without current or movement."

Credit is stagnant because those who have the money are afraid to lend it and those who have the ability to use money profitably, so they will be able to pay it back when it comes due, are afraid to BORROW.

More uncertainty, you see. And more waiting.

POLITICAL confusion abroad adds to uncertainty here, because business all over the world is tied together. Ruin of one country loses markets for another.

Europe and most of Asia are in a hair-trigger state of tension where ruin can come to almost any country overnight. That would mean loss of markets and disruption of business for us.

So, you see, we WAIT. Wait to see what will happen.

AND so it goes with labor unrest. Business expansion, as already stated, involves spending money and going heavily into debt. People won't spend money and go heavily into debt as long as they have reason to fear that all they have risked, in order to expand their business, may be LOST because of an unjustified strike.

So again they wait.

THERE is reason to fear unjustified strikes, because of the obvious success of unprincipled, radical agitators in intimidating honest workmen.

There is nothing to fear from honest, sincere working people in this country so long as they act on their own fair judgment, but when they are misled and intimidated by radicals whose only purpose is destruction of what we have built up in this country, there is reason to fear.

The recent strikes here on the Pacific Coast have proved that.

SUMMING UP present conditions, people everywhere are waiting to see what is going to happen—waiting until in their judgment the risks are less and it is safer to go ahead.

There isn't much that can be done about it—certainly not much in the way of passing new laws, for every new law that is passed merely ADDS to the uncertainty. The most effective thing the government could do to restore confidence and start things going ahead would be to announce that it will do NOTHING MORE at all until we have had time to digest and assimilate and work out by the process of trial and error the many, many new things we have already undertaken.

ACTOR'S FAMILY WITH HIM IN COURT



George Bancroft, film actor, shown with his present wife, Mrs. Octavia Bancroft, and their daughter, Georgette, in a Los Angeles court where he was a defendant in a separate maintenance suit brought by Mrs. Edna Brothers Bancroft, the actor's first wife from whom he said he believed he was divorced. (Associated Press Photo)

In time we will get over our fears and regain the courage to step out and do something.

PEACH HARVEST NOW AT HEIGHT

Harvesting of J. H. Hale, Elberta and Tuscan Cling peaches of the Rogue River valley is now under way, and will be completed within the week. The crop is moving fast, and is of good quality, according to Horticulturist Lyle P. Wilcox.

Good returns are being received from shipments to Los Angeles markets, according to the county side and growers.

Picking of Jonathan apples is expected to start about September 1, and Newtowns about September 15. Wilcox estimates there will be from 400 to 450 cars of apples in the valley. A strong demand and good price is anticipated, as eastern states this year have but half a crop.

Picking and packing of Bosca, D'Anjou and Comice pears started yesterday. The heavy flow of pears into the packing plants will cause night and Sunday work until the peak is passed.

The tomato crop of the valley started moving to the canneries today. W. A. Gates, tomato expert, figured that the pack will run in the neighborhood of 100,000 cases. Some damage has been sustained from "split" and hail. Gates estimates that this loss will run between 10 and 15 per cent.

ARMED MEN LIBERATE WOUNDED PRISONERS

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Two prisoners at the St. Louis county hospital were freed early today by two armed men who forced attendants to give them the key to the prison ward on the fourth floor of the hospital.

William Olin Perkins of Newburg, Mo., held for bank robbery, who has a broken right leg and was carried down the stairs by one of his deliverers.

The other prisoner was Paul Mills of Overland, Mo.

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