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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

As a means of "de-emphasizing college football," the president of the University of Chicago, proposes to cut the admission price to a dime.

The former King of England, now the Duke of Windsor, and the Duchess of Windsor, will spend Christmas at a south of France chateau.

"Credit the Administration with supplying another great need and long-felt want. It has issued the first 22-cent postage stamp."

Now that the basketball season has started, coaches report they can fine six-foot kids every place, but on the basketball team.

Los Angeles sport writers deride the University of Southern California for selecting Duke, instead of Texas Christian, as Rose Bowl opponents.

HIGHER EDUCATION (Oklahoma Covered Wagon) "Fitting about the Phi Mu chapter garden is that gay butterfly of society, Rachel Hefferly."

A discussion is underway in the Portland papers, on how to start a fire in the hills. If and when the matches are wet, the type of matches packed by the hill folks around here are ignited when wet, which they seldom are.

The "Little Hitler" of Rumania, and 13 followers, all agitators, were removed from further activity by bullets. It has long been generally observed that nothing so effectively stops agitation as an undertaker, or a warden.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes, according to press dispatches, had been approached by Chicago citizens, who desire he run for mayor next year. The civic sacrifice is dimmed by the fact, there is no chance for the nation to have that much luck.

A townsman has returned from California, where he encountered a mild quake but no Hittlerian Utopian notions.

"With European affairs in the most dismal and distressed state since the World War and with our Nation struggling with a depression that produces a larger deficit each year, we are happy to report that the Orange county Y.M.C.A. is not only holding its own, but showing definite progress."

Fingerprints Undoing SALINAS, Cal., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Sheriff Carl H. Abbott said today fingerprint records had identified a man held here on petty theft charges as Walter Coomes, 29, who is wanted in Dallas, Ore., for escaping jail with five other prisoners.

Award Battleship Job WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The Navy department awarded today a contract for construction of a 23,000-ton battleship at the New York Shipbuilding corporation, Camden, N. J., at an agreed price of \$52,794,600.

At British state occasions, the archbishop of Canterbury takes precedence over everyone but the sovereign and his close kin.

The cyanide, a wild shrub of Mexico and the southwest, causes permanent paralysis when eaten by livestock.

Hollywood Is Dumb

WHY can't we have more films like "A man to remember", which (unfortunately) closed last night at the Rialto? Here was a real gem,—a true work of art,—and yet as far as we can learn had not been heralded as such. At least it had to play here second fiddle, in a two-reel program, to such a complete wash-out, as Fredrick March and Virginia Bruce in "There goes my heart", at the Craterian.

There was no excuse for the latter, except to waste the talents of two excellent artists, on a dish of warmed over shop suey.

While Edward Ellis and Anne Shirley in this simple, but authentic and moving story of a small town country doctor, hit the high spots of Hollywood production, for at least six months,—in fact in the judgment of this amateur critic it's nothing less than a five-star classic.

NOT that the story was so new,—the rather familiar theme of the lovable and impractical physician doctor indifferent to making money, consecrated to relieving suffering and saving human lives. But the TREATMENT, was so skillful, so intelligent, so restrained,—not a last note, a sentimental blood from the first flicker to the last,—a thing of flesh and blood, from the start.

IN short whoever wrote and directed this "A man to remember" had brains, taste, dramatic genius,—just as whoever wrote and directed "There goes my heart" either possessed none of these qualities, or didn't think it necessary to use them.

Of course the answer will probably be that, the former will lose money and the latter will make it,—the eternal box-office alibi.

In that direction this department however is from Missouri. We have yet to hear anyone who would pay a nickel to see that March-Bruce opus again, and yet to hear of anyone who WOULDN'T walk a mile for another "A man to remember."

And we don't believe Medford's taste for movies is essentially different from that of any other community of its size in the United States.

Entirely from the mercenary standpoint,—vulgar dollars and cents—this column is convinced Hollywood is missing a bet, in not putting out MORE skillful and sincere but relatively unknown artists like Edward Ellis, in plays like "A man to remember," and fewer—far fewer,—high priced big shots like March and Bruce in twaddle twaddle like "There goes my heart!"

Fascism Marches On!

PEOPLE historically inclined might keep their eyes on Europe. Things are happening over there which may prove of great significance. For example: Dispatches from Paris claim Premier Daladier, has won a great victory for his democratic government, by breaking the back of a general strike by the use of the army.

Dispatches from Bucharest, Rumania, claim the outlawed "Fascist Iron Guard" has suffered a crushing defeat by the "mass killing" of Codreanu (which sounds like a drink), Rumania's "Little Hitler", and 13 of his followers,—also a great victory for the government, under King Carol.

Taking these two reports at their face value, one would conclude that in both instances, the cause of totalitarianism (Fascism in one instance, Communism in another), has suffered a definite set-back.

But we doubt if any competent historian looking as historians must, beneath the surface, will agree with such a conclusion.

FOR what is Fascism? Essentially a despotism, directed by one man, with the support of the army. That is also Communism, with this difference,—Fascism strongly opposes any dictatorship of the proletariat, Communism upholds it.

In other words when Premier Daladier, granted dictatorial powers, crushes a general strike by calling out the army, he becomes to all intents and purposes a Fascist ruler, and nothing is more certain than that the more vigorously the workers of France resist, the more certain a Fascist government will be.

NOMINALLY King Carol is putting down a Fascist insurrection, but only nominally. For he is practically speaking a dictator now with the army behind him, and while he found it expedient to liquidate the "iron guard", labor and workers will never find Magda's boy friend, losing any sleep in their behalf.

A Tragedy of Errors

MEDFORD'S first tragedy of the air,—the crash of the Medford midnight plane near the Golden Gate,—appears to have been a tragedy of errors.

Of course, for the exact story, one should await the official report, but it appears clear that had the passengers stayed in the cabin of the plane instead of climbing outside, they would have been saved.

Had the ship landed practically anywhere but where it did,—at the foot of a high precipitous cliff,—there would have been no lives lost.

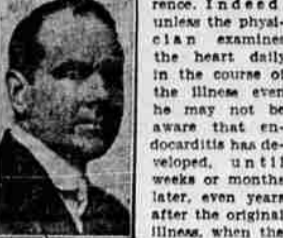
Had the skipper of a nearby ship, USED his head, instead of losing it, no doubt a rescue would have been made, within a few minutes after the forced landing.

Such tragedies are deplorable enough under ANY circumstances but when the loss of life appears needless, they are particularly hard to take.

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, Calif.)

MOST ENDOCARDITIS PASSES UNRECOGNIZED to the heart is a "murmur," but this abnormal sound is produced only when the trouble occurs in a valvular area. A "murmur" alone by no means indicates endocarditis, valvular or other heart trouble, for a murmur may occur from simple anemia and in other conditions where there is no question of valvular or other heart disease.



What happens is that some of the bacteria responsible for the arthritis, or perhaps only streptococci, or scarlet fever, or chorea (St. Vitus' dance), or septic sore throat, lodge upon the lining of the heart and set up some inflammation there. If this happens to be an area of the heart lining covering a heart valve, the exudate, or "vegetations" associated with the inflammation, may distort the valve slightly so that it no longer closes the orifice completely, and hence some backflow or leakage of blood occurs with each beat of the heart.

While there is no pain or other distress pointing to the heart, and indeed no indication of heart mischief in most instances, still, if the physician has the patient under close observation he may make a fairly accurate diagnosis of acute endocarditis if there occurs a markedly increased rapidity of the heart's action, perhaps slight irregularity, and an increase in the fever without apparent aggravation of the joint trouble or other primary illness.

It is this complication the competent physician has in mind when he insists on REST, perhaps rest in bed, in the early stage of the illness mentioned, even though the patient would like to be up and about. Not because the heart is "weak" but because bacterial metastasis — travelling of bacteria from the primary lesion through the circulation to lodge elsewhere in the body—is less likely to occur if the patient remains quiet and the heart beat is correspondingly slow and easy.

The characteristic sign of endocarditis the physician hears listening of a long exercise he used to practice as a cub.

After that the music trailed off into technically good but dull runs along the keyboard. But the first eight bars was lovely.

So he communicated with the DeBussy estate abroad and advised them of his intentions of building a modern song around DeBussy's "lead."

The governors of the estate were horrified, also aghest. Here was affronting and a sacrilege.

But this particular exercise was not copyrighted in America. So Larry wrote his song, recorded it, and sent it abroad for the DeBussy people to hear. For a while the cables were hot. They were delighted. Not only were the American rights okay—it could be published all over the world where popular music is played.

Net result: the outstanding hit of today. His recording for Victor is that company's best seller in three years. Lovely little Ben Wein, who sings the refrain, already has become known as "The Reverie Girl."

Robbins published the sheet music, giving full credit to Claude DeBussy. Now all the big names and the wistful crooners are rightly and mightily twanging their heart strings with "Only a poor fool—never schooled—could be so cruel—as you are to me..."

Maybe that DeBussy had something. He certainly could start things. All he needed was a Larry Clinton to keep him on the right track.

It pleased him. It irritated him. It haunted him and it charmed him. But he didn't know whose it was, or from whence it came. All he knew was there it was, bobbing up like a dim remembered picture for fleeting moments and running away.

One night (this was that hot August night I mentioned) he sat at the keyboard, letting his fingers idle alone, and before he knew it that ragged refrain, maybe four or five bars, bobbed up again. Mr. Clinton hastily reached for a pencil and jotted it down.

Once on paper it began to appear like something from an old acquaintance. Maybe DeBussy. He began thumbing through his library. It wasn't there. He ransacked the country for DeBussy exercises. And finally he found it. It was the first eight bars

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AMONG the world's messes, considering that of France. With a powerful and ambitious Germany facing her across the Rhine; with Italy, Germany's ally, threatening to establish a base of operations at her back door, in Spain; with Britain, upon whose armed might France has leaned dependently for long decades, weakening rapidly, France is faced with INTERNAL TURMOIL amounting almost to civil war.

FRANCE finds herself in the position of a half dozen men marooned in a cabin in the deep forest and surrounded by hungry wolves but so BUSY FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES AS TO HAVE LITTLE TIME LEFT TO FIGHT OFF THE WOLVES.

FRANCE, for years, has been flirting with the something-for-nothing idea, complicated by demagogic-inspired class hatreds. As a result, efficiency has declined and PRODUCTION HAS FALLEN.

In Europe, in these days, production means pretty largely production of war materials.

IT IS as if you were a Kentucky feudsmen and spent so much of your time fishing and loafing that you were able to get only one gun, whereas you opposing feudsmen worked harder and loafed less and so were able to get TWO guns.

In that event, you'd stand a pretty good chance of getting wiped out when the ruckus started.

FRANCE has been working short hours, talking the millennium is here and haling politics. Germany has been working long hours, taking her politics as der feather hands it out and getting ready for the big scrap.

PREMIER Daladier, foreseeing what must happen if this continues, is attempting to increase French production, so that the tremendous advantage Germany now possesses will be somewhat offset. He realizes that if French production isn't increased to keep pace with Germany's, the inevitable outcome will be German conquest of France.

As a step in the direction of increased output, he has cancelled France's 24-hour week, and in protest a 24-hour general strike was called. Daladier, believing he faces a national crisis, met the strike with force.

That is the French situation in a nutshell. It isn't a very encouraging situation from the French standpoint.

The Capital Parade

(Continued from Page One) fouls the nest of the liberalism it seeks to aid. John L. Lewis was once the Communists' public enemy Number 1, when he purged the mine members out of the United Mine Workers. When the opportunity presents, he is likely to repeat the performance with the CIO.

At the other end of the lunatic fringe, inquiry will be as richly repaid. In the last months, the trickle of anti-Semitic propaganda has grown to a steady stream of poison. There are said to be over 100 publications dedicated to the cause of race-hatred. It would be interesting to know who is paying the bills. It would also be interesting to know who is paying the bills for the American Nazi bands and similar organizations.

How far can a democracy go in permitting totalitarianism to use democratic freedoms to undermine the democratic spirit? That is the great question. You can understand why the question has not been answered by the Dies committee when you realize that an important committee investigator is said, on excellent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Railroads rejected today a plea from Secretary Wallace for an emergency reduction in citrus freight rates, explaining the financial condition of rail lines was the most critical in their history.

A. P. Cleveland, vice-president of the Association of American Railroads, told the secretary in a letter existing rates on citrus fruits were much lower than the maximum authorized by the interstate commerce commission.

He said the association's traffic advisory committee had been informed by the agriculture department the season's record crop of oranges and grapefruit was no larger than the normal production which could be anticipated in years to come.

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Stabber Acquitted COQUILLE, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A Coos county jury acquitted Jesse L. James 85, of Coaledo last night of a second degree murder charge in connection with the fatal stabbing of his neighbor, H. E. Henderson, 45, James admitted he wounded Henderson in self defense during a fight last July 1. Circuit Judge J. T. Brand instructed the jury Henderson was the aggressor.

A case in point is that of Harper Knowles, the mysterious fellow who described himself as "chairman of the Radical Research Committee of the California American Legion" and denounced about half the California citizenry as "Reds." Knowles was flatly repudiated by the California legion, and Dies, in a brief spasm of contrition, promised to hold hearings on the matter. Now no hearings are to be held, "because of lack of funds," and the Knowles charges remain on record.

Such going-on confirm "Dies" right to his self-given title, "Dominator of the demagogues club of the House of Representatives." They do not produce the real facts. And since the Civil Liberties are intimately involved, only the real facts are acceptable.

Public schools to open tomorrow Monday air mail service to start coming week. Butte Falls celebrates installation of electric light service with big dance. Large crowd attended.

Six Medford people hurt, none seriously, when Chaska, limited is derailed near Roseburg. Senate protests President Wilson's trip to Europe on grounds "much insidious mischief might result."

Syd Brown is confined to his home with the flu. Boys threaten the chimney of the Liberty street with paper, causing the movie audience to cough. The boys have not been caught, as yet.

November rains not up to normal. State chamber of commerce to be organized. Bridge Tender Killed PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The 85-year-old steel bridge gate tender, William Hart, was fatally injured by an automobile early today as he closed the draw to traffic. Hart apparently stepped in front of the last car permitted to cross. The driver, Florian Church, took the victim to a hospital.

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