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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

An upstate scribbler reports no topic is so irritating as the one that starts off, "The young people of today are not what they used to be."

Come to think of it, neither are the old folks.

A Northwest military leader reports the nation is unprepared for war. He hasn't noticed the 2nd lot in cream colored britches, and a 25c shine on their puttees.

It has been so hot in Los Angeles the past week, the half-baked notions for which the city is notorious, are well done, and promises of "ham and eggs" fry on the sidewalks.

CLEAR AS MUD

(Oakland, Calif., Tribune)

Research by the two scientists have caused them to conclude that the infective agent of the virus, isolated 10 years ago, is either the elementary body or micro-organism, an invisible particle not separable from the elementary body, or an invisible particle of the same size as the elementary body, with emphasis placed on the first theory.

All the Nazi chiefs, but Herr Hitler have made arrangements for a rainy day at home, by cash investments and life insurance policies in foreign lands, totaling \$34,873,500.

As for Der Fuehrer, as far as investigators can find out, he lacks even a friendly buzz-saw to flee to in a neutral land, when he has to.

Press correspondents in Poland are determined to keep the Poles fighting until the typewriters are shot from beneath their hands. The latest contribution to the war news of the day, is the report a Polish submarine, with 10 torpedoes, is at large in the Baltic, menacing the foe's shipping, if any.

Some sort of a medal is due the sporting editor of The Dallas Chronicle who, contrary to all tradition, views the 48-0 defeat of Redmond last week by The Dallas high, as nothing to cause state title visions.

The massed crew had nothing, he states, but a big tackle, and their offense consisted of little efforts to recover their own fumbles. Frequently such lopsided victories inspire such enraptured accounts of the home team, its members are unduly inflated, and their hats don't fit for three weeks.

HEIGHT OF GAIL

(NY, Herald-Tribune)

"But if we cultivated any sympathy for these people it would probably be misplaced. The man who has the 'crust' to hang Lincoln's portrait up with Stalin's and to face an American audience under them would sell tickets to the Beezlebub's benefit ball at the Gates of Heaven and yell for the protection of the celestial police if any one jostled him."

All reports and signs indicate the American people do not intend to be oratorically bamboozled into any other European war. The rank and file, who do the shooting and the shouting, and the bleeding and the dying, while profiteers rake in and count the cash, are ominously unemotional. Furthermore, no catchy phrases thought up in high places, have appeared to lure common sense from its foundation. The unofficial slogan, seems to be: Once Is Enough.

A roan and rural calf is exhibiting a spot ail, where a bullet that mistook him for a deer peeled away the hide and hair late Wed.

Weather

Northern California: Partly cloudy and occasionally unsettled tonight and Saturday. Scattered afternoon thunderstorms in mountains and foothills; somewhat cooler near coast Saturday afternoon; light northerly wind off the coast.

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; scattered afternoon thunderstorms in mountains; little change in temperature; gentle north wind off the coast.

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Editorial Correspondence

STREAMLINER, CITY OF PORTLAND (somewhere in Idaho), September 20.—This is our fourth trip East on the Portland Streamliner but we find it an entirely new train,—a duplicate of the Union Pacific's "City of Los Angeles", they say. It is larger, newer, and more comfortable than the old and original "yellow streak", but in one particular it is disappointing. On the old train all the Pullman sections were really little compartments, with metal doors one could shut,—lavatory, drinking water, etc.—in short a compartment at the price of a lower and night-occupancy upper. There is one car on this train with similar equipment, but we didn't draw it.

We opine the time is not far distant when all first class Pullman accommodations will provide single or double-room compartments. The old fashioned open sleeping car is really as out-of-date as the public drinking cup.

Idaho hasn't changed since our motor trip through it three or four years ago this month. It's a long, tiresome stretch of jack-rabbit and sage brush desert,—with a few oasis of hay, grain and alfalfa,—most of the latter now cut and stacked. Last night we were held up an hour and a half by a freight wreck near Pendleton so the "yellow streak" has been streaking over the surface of the earth a little faster than usual—which is plenty fast. Had made up half an hour when we reached Pocatello and the porter says we will reach Green River, Wyoming on the dot.

It's hard to realize we will be in Chicago in the morning,—or around noon to be exact. The train used to leave Portland at 3:30 in the afternoon, now it leaves three hours later,—to connect with the train from Seattle. Seattle, it seems, has no Streamliner so many Seattleites go East on the City of Portland.

Walked through the train without seeing a familiar face and then returning ran into Dave Hazen, veteran feature writer of the Oregonian, whom we have known in a very casual fashion for many years. Dave is en route to visit his daughter in Ohio and George Ade in Indiana, after which he will take in Washington, New York, and sundry other points of interest for a month.

Dave has almost as active a "gypsy foot", as your correspondent,—he has been in Europe two or three times, in the Orient once, and coast-to-coast in this country, at least a hundred times. He says if he owned a paper (he has done everything in the journalistic vineyard but that), he would travel all the time. But if he DID, he WOULDN'T,—or visa versa!

Dave covered the world war for the late Portland Telegram, when the Wheeler Brothers owned it,—he stayed over there for nearly two years and when he returned originated the idea of an American Legion paper within a regular daily,—this being his popular feature of the Oregonian for many years. Naturally after such an experience Dave has his ideas about the present war and doesn't like any part of it.

We were rather surprised to find he has fallen for the idea that Johnny Bull is all washed up. That was what the Kaiser thought in 1914! Of course it MAY be true this time. Empires don't last forever. But we are going to believe it when we see it,—and not before. Our own idea is John will probably be swept out of the Far East by Japan, but Europe,—that's another kettle of fish!

Yes we were never more confident than we are this bright September morning,—as we slip so smoothly and swiftly over the rails, toward the peaceful land of our birth, that whether it will take seven years—or seventeen years,—Hitler ISN'T GOING TO LAST—he is too crazy and his cause (or what passes as one), is crazier still. He is going to make a terrific dent in the earth's crust,—he has already done that, but as such things go it won't be long, before all will see he was a shooting star, NOT A PLANET! The shame,—the tragic pity of it is,—that such a he should be able to cause such wholesale suffering and destruction!

Yes, what ghosts must one of these days haunt him! And yet we have no doubt that he, like all paranoiacs, is convinced he is the sacred medium of his fatherland's salvation! He doesn't know just WHERE he is going, but he has no doubt a Divine Destiny is guiding him on his way!

Furthermore we believe the man is just crazy enough to have believed England and France wouldn't fight if he invaded Poland, and if they did, would stop when the invasion had gained its end. Complete absence of clear thinking where illusions of grandeur are concerned, is one of the striking characteristics of his ailment. And as there are no moral principles in his ideology, he can credit others, with none.

There is one objection to these trains,—they are so popular one hasn't much room in which to roam around. Not only are all the lowers taken, but most of the uppers,—there are no compartments or drawing rooms. As a result the diner problem is a real one. They solve it by having two hours for dinner and you can eat at no other time—6:45 or 8:00. Moreover, you must take what they give you,—boarding house style,—but it's all piping hot and very delectable, including, if you wish, wine and a cordial. The service throughout couldn't be better,—the Union Pacific even blew ye editor to a free meal! (Thank you, Mr. Cummings!)

P.S.: The porter just informs us this isn't a DUPLICATE of the City of Los Angeles but the old City of Los Angeles ITSELF, TRANSPLANTED. The names of the cars indicate as much—"Santa Anita", "Cinema" and "Boulder Dam."

R. W. R.

The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—While the status of the neutrality act occupies the main stage, longer-term aspects of the war emergency, are receiving much attention behind the administration scenes. A good sample is the puzzle of prices, which has not been forgotten just because the first frenzied days of the war boom are now over.

Sooner or later, wartime price rises are expected to become serious, and methods of dealing with them are being carefully although informally canvassed among the president's lieutenants. They were a main topic, for instance, at an evening meeting last week, when Attorney General Frank Murphy, Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson, SEC Chairman Jerome N. Frank, SEC Commissioner Leon Henderson, the new deal econ-

omists Laughlin Currie and Isador Lubin, and the presidential handymen, Benjamin V. Cohen, gathered for a long general discussion.

To decide who should deal with what aspects of which problems was the meeting's object. In this direction nothing was accomplished, but the talk naturally revealed the different points of view of the men around the council table. The viewpoints on prices, as on most other topics, were exceedingly divergent, yet very interesting as indications of possible lines of future administration action.

Among the men who attended the meeting last week, there is support for at least three main expedients for controlling prices, with many subsidiary permutations and combinations. Number 1 is that sponsored by Attorney General Murphy, who would rewrite and revise the Lever act, held unconstitutional during the last war. The principle of the Lever act was direct governmental price control by an administrative agency, which Murphy argues can be made acceptable to the courts by judicious definition of the government's powers.

Expenditure number 2, which has the support of new deal theorists, is the passage of stern excess profits and capital gains taxes. For it, the argument is that taxation is simple, impartial and without the complexity of direct price control, yet equally effective in keeping speculative tendencies within bounds.

Expenditure number 3, which originates with Assistant Attorney General Thurman W. Arnold and is not considered adequate by itself, is the use of anti-trust enforcement to prevent monopolistic price rises. Much is

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A complex, says Webster, is an assemblage of related things; a whole made up of complicated or interrelated parts; an intricate combination.



What we formerly called plain vitamin B has been found to be not one vitamin but at least half a dozen well defined vitamins and perhaps an

other half dozen not yet clearly identified. It would be confusing to attempt to review the recent history of the vitamin B-complex and the recognition of the outstanding members of the vitamin B family. It will give a fair idea of complex to mention several of its recognized factors:

First, these four factors of components of the B-complex have been identified and are available in pure form for experimental study or for remedial use: (1) Thiamin or B1, which prevents beriberi in man and polyneuritis in animals. (2) Riboflavin, necessary for growth in chicks and rats and for prevention of cataract in rats. Riboflavin is also called "vitamin G." According to Sherman:

"When the food is poor in vitamin G for any considerable length of time, digestive disturbances, nervous depression (different from the symmetrical polyneuritis of vitamin B deficiency), general weakness and deterioration of tone, and an unhealthy (or "thrifty") condition of the skin is apt to develop; the incidence of infectious disease seems likely to be increased, vitality diminished, life shortened, and the prime of life curtailed by the early onset of senility." (3) Nicotinic acid, the factor probably preventive against pellagra in man, preventive and curative against black tongue in dogs. (4) Vitamin B6 or H, prevents dermatitis and acrodynia in rats.

Then besides the four definitely identified factors, there are several others in the B-complex which scientific investigators believe present and more or less essential for perfect nutrition but have not as yet clearly identified. Among these are a chick dermatitis factor, a pigeon weight factor, a rat growth factor and an anti-gray hair factor—all named obviously from the effects of their absence from the diet of the animal.

made of its psychological effect.

Finally, at the treasury (which was not represented at the meeting), there are supporters for two more plans. One calls for voluntary, cooperative price control by key industries, under the supervision of the war resources board or some similar agency. The other proposes the use of the temporary national economic committee as a sort of public price controller, before which suspected price profiteers would be called to defend themselves, to suffer the unpleasant scrutiny of publicity, and to be threatened with punitive legislation.

These teeming ideas are doubly interesting, not only because one of them may be acted upon, but also because their very multiplicity foreshadows the policy conflicts of the future. The opponents of the taxation expedient will accuse the transaction men who talk cooperative price control of wicked leanings toward NRA. The treasury may combine with Attorney General Murphy to attack the tax plans, as punitive deterrents of business activity. Murphy's idea of exhuming the Lever act is popular with no one but himself, and there are few with much high hopes of anti-trust action as Arnold. And so it goes.

Two fortunate signs may be noted in passing. The first is the inclination, even among men formerly accounted most anti-business, not to rock the recovery boat too much. Even those who call for new taxation talk of working out the taxes in conference with leading business men. And the second is the realization that hasty, ill-considered steps must be avoided like the plague.

Indeed, no one anticipates a definite decision on price policy for several months. The price situation was well forecast at a recent commerce department assembly of representatives of U. S. Steel, Sears Roebuck, Scudder, Stevens and Clark, and other large companies on good terms with the administration. They agreed that the present distinctly speculative bulge would be followed by a leveling off lasting about six months, with the real wartime price jumps beginning early next spring. This forecast is generally accepted and full acceptance will be taken of the time it allows for careful study.

phases of policy "re-enforcing American safety" that should be considered. Among them he listed:

1. Keeping American merchant vessels out of danger zones.

2. Preventing Americans from traveling on belligerent ships.

3. Requiring buyers for foreign nations to take title here. (Cash and carry.)

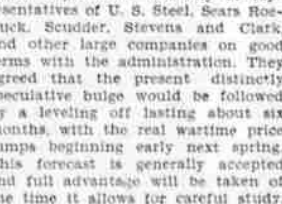
4. Preventing extension of war credits to belligerents.

WHAT congress will do with the President's request can not at this moment be accurately predicted. The CHANCES ARE, in this writer's judgment, he will get what he asks.

There are wide differences of opinion as to which is best—arms embargo or selling to all who can pay cash and carry their purchases away. With opinion divided, there will be strong pressure from business to sell all we can sell.

THIS writer, speaking frankly, DOESN'T KNOW which is best. If he felt certain an arms embargo would keep us out of war, he would be for it. If he felt that cash and carry would be most likely to keep us out, he would be for cash and carry.

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What if the embargo is repealed, he adds, there are other

The big issue is KEEPING OUT. In the long run, PUBLIC OPINION, not "neutrality" legislation, will determine what we do. If the American people CONSIDER AMERICA'S INTERESTS first, we will stay out unless attacked. If they permit their sympathies to become inflamed, as in 1917, we will GET IN.

THE President's message is moderate and conciliatory, and his statements are reassuring. He says:

"In my candid judgment, the United States WILL SUCCEED in its efforts to stay out of war." He adds strikingly that our job is to keep civilization alive in the Western Hemisphere. He says: "The peace, the integrity, the safety of the Americas—these must be kept firm and secure."

That is sound American doctrine.

MEANWHILE assassination (as differentiated from battlefield killing) enters the picture in the Balkans.

Rumania's anti-Nazi premier is machine-gunned in the streets of Bucharest. The killers are officially alleged to be members of Rumania's Nazi Iron Guard. As this is written on Thursday, the prospects of a Nazi revolution appear good.

Such a revolution would turn Rumania over to Germany.

THE stake is Rumania's oil, which is vitally necessary to Germany's motorized war machinery. A violent diplomatic struggle has been on in Rumania between Germany on one side and Britain and France on the other.

Resort to assassination may indicate that the British and the French were winning the diplomatic battle.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

September 23, 1929

(It was Sunday)

John Coolidge, son of ex-president, is wed.

Oregon State beats Willamette in first football game.

Fred (Red) McDonald, high school grid star, to enter Oregon State.

Elimination of death curve on Crater Lake highway near Prospect sought.

C. C. Lemmon defeats Earl Tully in golf match.

President Hoover comes out for tax slashes.

Elks lodge to celebrate 20th anniversary of establishment here.

Deer reported plentiful and tame in hills of county.

Twenty Years Ago Today

September 22, 1919

(It was Monday)

Eight hundred Elks and families attend picnic at new grounds of lodge on Rogue river.

First game of world series to be

played October 1 at Cincinnati with the Chicago White Sox.

Bob Pelouse of Medford to play end on Stanford team.

State department to aid in dry law enforcement.

Fear war will break out in Balkans over Italy's seizure of Fiume.

Champ Clark of Missouri comes out for "profit-sharing as the means of industrial peace."

First industrial plant to use Bon-

neville energy will be the Chapman Chemical company, which has had its eye on Bonneville for a couple of years. With the war in Europe shutting off the company's supplies from Germany, the organization is preparing to establish itself in the Bonneville area as quickly as possible.

Interior department, which is overlord of Bonneville, believes the war will "do great things" for that enterprise because of its cheap power and location at tidewater. And in the meantime Administrator Raver intends weeding out the staff which he has inherited from the late J. D. Ross.

SEVERAL million of the 40,000,000 social security cards are so badly bungled that many who expect to be drawing benefits next January will be disappointed. The cards are run through a machine and a girl has to handle about 2,800 a day. The speed is so high and the tension so severe that a number of the machine operators have cracked up and have been sent to sanatoriums. Owing to the strain, the workers are seeking transfer from this slave-driving division to one where the tempo does not produce jittery nerves.

In no other agency where card machines are used is such a high minimum imposed as a day's "stint." The speed-up is responsible for about five million records being practically worthless.

At The National Capitol with John W. Kelly

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the national capitol, will be chief of information for the government-owned Bonneville dam hydro-electric project in the Columbia river. Unlike most of the Bonneville staff selected in the east, Wheeler knows Oregon and Washington and worked as a newspaperman in Spokane and other western cities before his assignment at Washington, D. C. It will be his job to help sell power.

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