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Ye Smudge Pot

In Canada "flat feet" have been ruled no bar to military service.

New autos are equipped with "dual horns." This will enable the horn friend to change horns as well as hands, without missing a foot, while honking for the girl friend to hurry up.

"A drink of milk is like a drink of pure spring water," declared a dairymen Mon. before he thought. (Name on file).

Lack of funds has caused the state welfare commission to rule there shall be no new cases added to the Old Age Assistance lists, or increasing the allowances of those already upon them.

The first member of the so-called weaker sex for this season, has made the trip to Crater Lake and back on the rear seat of a motorcycle.

All of the old grade of "Old Oregon" have returned from Portland, where they attended to business, and suffered through the trouncing of OSC. by Troy last Sat.

NO BLACK SHEEP (South Umpqua News) "This Sunday some the second week of the revival being conducted by the pastor. The congregation has been good from the stars and Dr. Bray is much encouraged over the outlook."

Another huntman has shown up on the sporting pages with nine-point elk horns, and no accurate count of the number of steaks in the two rear hams.

The Governor proclaims Thursday, November 23, as Thanksgiving Day. Only one blue note is hit: "Organized society is threatened with collapse." Civilization has been doing that for years without number.

The Hob Denel ice wagon was scotching around this morning, and seemed to be losing interest in its work.

The last fryer pan has been waved in the California Ham and Egg election. It is consensus of opinion, if Ham and Eggs are voted today in the sister state, it will be necessary to go to some other state to get them.

Editors of this commonwealth are offering alibis and apologies for the "Trick and Treat" Hal-low-e'en. They agree it is okay, but not exactly proper for small children to engage in the monkey-business, but when citizens who cast their first vote for the New Deal at the last election show up on the front porch with their hands out, it indicates an ornery streak, and savors of "boondoggling."

Ex-Senator Dies Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 7.—(P)—William E. Chilton, 81, former U. S. senator, publisher of the Charleston Gazette and for many years a Democratic leader in West Virginia, died today.

Closing time for Two Late to Classify Ads is 4:30 p. m.

On Censoring the Censorships

WE can't agree with those who hail with wild enthusiasm, the innovation of a California newspaper. Disgusted with the conflicting and meagre war reports from Europe, this newspaper, has undertaken to tab every cable with a key letter,—as an aid to the reader, in the pursuit of what is true, and what isn't.

One letter is for pure unadulterated propaganda; another for suspected propaganda; a third for official reports, a fourth, for confirmed authenticated reports,—that is for news that comes from one side and has been generally confirmed by the other. It is all very interesting and a praiseworthy effort, but in our judgment is likely to make a bad matter worse, instead of better.

FOR unless the cable editor,—or whoever handles the foreign war bulletins,—has some new and mysterious method of checking these reports at their source; trying to tag them as they come piling in, with any degree of accuracy whatever, is simply an impossible task.

IT is also dangerous. For what looks like propaganda may not be; and what doesn't MAY be. One day an official report may be absolutely correct, the next day from the same source, it may be entirely incorrect.

In one situation, it is to the interest of a belligerent nation to tell the truth. In another situation, it is just as certainly to the interest of the same nation, NOT to tell the truth.

And all these war reports without exception, have one common denominator and only one,—they are designed to promote the best interests of the nation issuing them. This goes for all of them. In fact this is the only justification for censorship, and today censorship is universal.

THERE is another thing. The same type of report, may differ greatly, depending upon its source.

Official bulletins from England, from a factual standpoint, rank far higher in reliability than the same kind of bulletins, from Germany, Russia, or even France. England sometimes delays news,—frequently in fact. She seldom manufactures it. And nine times out of ten, the British news however bad, eventually comes out.

THIS is not the practice in the totalitarian countries. In Germany, Russia, Italy or Japan, to qualify as a censor one must not only know how to keep out bad news, but how to put in good news,—and make it click.

So, to tab, all the official reports, as "official" instead of aiding the reader to get at the truth, would do exactly the reverse, for it would place all official reports on a par, when they are very far from it, when in fact they differ, all the way from jet black to snow white.

IN short, as we see it, the best thing for a newspaper to do about the war reports from Europe is NOTHING. Make it clear to all readers and sundry that, without exception ALL the war news from abroad is censored at the source; that nothing is allowed to get out, that any country regards injurious to its cause,—and then let it go at that.

Trying to do more than that,—trying to serve as a sort of super censor a Delphian Oracle of war communiques picking and choosing between those dispatches that are all true, half true, and not true at all; can only lead to more confusion and trouble, than exists at present.

And that is a consummation devoutly NOT—to be wished!

The New Soviet Technique

IN the matter of war news the most depressing example to date, has been Russia.

There was a hope,—in this department at least,—that while the Russian experiment might fail completely in some directions, in others it might succeed. And among the latter would be the revolutionary practice, internationally and diplomatically-speaking, of TELLING THE TRUTH.

AND generally speaking in the post-war years, this seemed to be the Soviet practice. At least if one will read the proceedings of the League of Nations, and the speeches made by the Russian representative, a refreshing amount of candor and fact-fact, will be evident.

IT is now clear that what was taken as a new technique, a complete divorce from the time-honored practice of regarding diplomacy as a method of concealing the truth,—was nothing of the sort.

Litvinoff told the truth, because when he was foreign minister, the truth best served his country's interests. Soviet Russia then had no territorial aims, no desire for expansion through armed conquest, not even a desire to extend its communistic program, beyond its borders, through revolutionary agitation from within, or through force. Russia only wished to be let alone, and given a free hand, to put its own house in order. The truth therefore best served it.

BUT the war changed all that. With Germany invading Poland, and with Russia's house internally in better shape, the Soviet government not only abandoned the policy of truth-telling, but to date has outdone even its rival dictatorships, in the extent and variety of its mendacity and pretense.

Disregarding the truth in war time is nothing new. But for the official spokesman of a country, to refute his own statements, in the same speech IS,—at least as far as this department can recall at the moment.

Twice now within a few weeks, Premier Molotoff in the same address, has pledged his country to peace, while he extolled the conquests of its arms; condemned the imperialistic and militaristic aims of England and France, while he justified the imperialistic partition of Poland, and the militaristic hegemony of Russia over the former independent republics along the Baltic. With one hand he has pledged eternal peace, neutrality and friendship; with the other he has pointed proudly to Russia's armed might, urged the workers in other countries to armed revolt, and scathingly flayed the sordid aims and greedy motives of supposedly friendly countries with which Russia is at peace.

OF all the inconsistent make-believe and insincere, spurious hocus-pocus, which has characterized so-called capitalistic diplomacy through the years, we believe the recent fulminations of the Foreign Minister of Soviet Russia, deserves a place at the very top of the list,—the Machiavelli school did pretty well, but the Molotoff school, before the war is over, promises to do better

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.

GALVANIC SORE MOUTH AGAIN

Everett S. Lain, M.D., and G. Sherrill Coughron, D.D.S., in a contribution on electrogalvanic phenomena in the mouth where dissimilar metals are present—such as gold and zinc, aluminum or tin, or silver or mercury (amalgam) and gold, or platinum and aluminum or chromium or strontium. These authors give a list of two dozen or more metals used in dentistry, some of which are electrogalvanically positive and others negative. Presence of two metals, one positive and the other negative, in the mouth, is sufficient to produce a miniature galvanic battery effect, with the normal saliva serving as electrolyte.



In some instances, despite the presence of two dissimilar metals and a scientifically measurable galvanic current passing between them, the patient experiences no particular trouble save occasional metallic taste or sometimes a slight shock when some metal conductor placed in the mouth happens to bridge the space between the electrodes.

But in a good many instances obstinate irritation or actual ulceration and sores, resembling canker sores or leucoplakia (white patches) on gums or tongue or cheek lining opposite one or the other metal or in the path between them, persistently recur or refuse to heal until one or the other metal is removed from the mouth.

A correspondent (R. H. W.), whose technical or scientific qualifications are not known to me, says a simple experiment will prove that electric current can be produced by dissimilar metals in the mouth. Thus, if you place a silver dime and an iron wire in a pool of saliva close together, but not quite in contact, then connect the terminals of an ordinary 0-1 milliammeter, such as is commonly used in radio work, to the two pieces of metal, a current of as much as 700 or 800 microamperes will be recorded, which is certainly enough to produce effects of electrolysis.

If that is correct, as I believe, then these members of the medical and dental professions who

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Native Notion of X-Ray Is It possible in all cases to detect tuberculosis, ulcer, cancer, etc., etc., by X-rays? (B. F.)

Answer—X-ray at best perhaps confirms the opinion of the physician who knows the patient's history and present condition. Only X-rays present that X-ray searches out or detects disease. It is pretty silly business for a layman to have his X-ray picture taken on his own initiative in any case, and stamped envelope bearing your address. To Doctors of Dental Surgery and Doctors of Dental Medicine (provided stationary or card reads John Smith, D.D.S., or John Smith, D.M.D.—NOT Dr. John Smith)—I'd like to send a copy of the booklet with my compliments. Dentists ask for it and enclose 1-cent stamped envelopes bearing your address.

Save Your Teeth By now, I hope, you have that booklet on Saving the Teeth ready. You mentioned it some time ago and I requested you to send me a copy when it was ready. (Mrs. A. H. G.)

Answer—For copy of "Save Your Teeth," send 25 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address. To Doctors of Dental Surgery and Doctors of Dental Medicine (provided stationary or card reads John Smith, D.D.S., or John Smith, D.M.D.—NOT Dr. John Smith)—I'd like to send a copy of the booklet with my compliments. Dentists ask for it and enclose 1-cent stamped envelopes bearing your address.

War has appeared on cheek in the last year. Getting larger. What should I do about it? (Mrs. J.)

Answer—Consult your physician. Do not attempt to treat it yourself. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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both houses of congress. Somewhere on this long journey it always suffers amateur improvement. In recent years, for example, the lawmakers have had a way of ear-marking large sums for airplanes, but making no provision for men to fly and take care of them. Thus the general staff has been forced to build up the air arm at the expense of other equally vital branches.

Then, on top of its budgetary troubles, the war department has had to deal with the senatorial and congressional passion for army posts. Due to the exigencies of the Indian wars, there are about 100 of these in the country. Senators and congressmen hold them as dear as their farms and hope, so that the army corps are helplessly dispersed all over the United States, unable to get the proper training, uselessly defying redskins who have long since been bundled off to reservations.

Fortunately, however, the army's needs can be met fairly easily. The president and Secretary of War Harry Woodring have already ordered the first mass maneuvers in the south. Under the president's proclamation of limited emergency, the regular army is now being brought up to full peacetime strength of 280,000 and the national guard will also be increased to full peacetime strength of 320,000. Of the anticipated deficiency appropriation for national defense, about \$120,000,000 will go to the war department to house, feed, clothe and pay its new recruits.

Then in the next fiscal year the army needs money for desperately needed additional material. (2) Between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000 for regular recurring expenses, (3) About \$200,000,000 for desperately needed additional material. (3) Between \$700,000,000 and \$850,000,000 for material which will give the nine army corps absolutely complete modern equipment. As will be seen, these sums come to more than the \$1,500,000,000 request predicted above. The figure of \$1,500,000,000 was taken as a minimum, allowing for the possibility that not all the army corps equipment will be appropriated for in one year, since it will take two to manufacture.

Let economists take fright! It should be added that, when all material has been paid for, recurring army expenditures are expected to settle down at around \$700,000,000 annually. This does not seem too much to pay for a hemispheric defense force.

Flight O' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 7, 1929 Strong buying support causes rise in Wall Street prices, and U. S. Steel gains six points.

The OSC Rooks and U of O football teams will play here Saturday, Bill Bowerman, Cliff Garnett, Ray Moore, Al Stoehr, Bernie Hughes, Jack Hughes and Bill Morgan are members of the Fresh squad, and Red Mc-

Donald the Medford representative on the Rook squad.

State Highway Commissioner C. E. Gates will attend the national meet in San Antonio.

Gus Newbury performs a memory feat, by remembering the names of fourteen early day sheriffs of Jackson county.

Postoffice ready to handle Christmas rush.

Virginia Lindley submits prize essay in Community Chest contest.

Twenty Years Ago Today November 7, 1919 German plot to organize IWW in United States revealed.

Red Cross drive in city nets \$600 first day.

Grants Pass-Medford high school football game tomorrow at Grants Pass may be called off on account of muddy condition of the field.

John H. Cochran journeys to Grants Pass to attend to his insurance business there.

Trigon oil company plans to start work as soon as possible in Fern Valley.

Ashland to join Medford Legion in celebration of Armistice Day.

4 TRAPPED WHEN RESIDENCE BURNS

Plainfield, N. J., Nov. 7.—(AP)—Three girls and a boy trapped in second floor bedrooms, burned to death early today in a fire that quickly consumed their two-story frame home.

The dead were Dorothy Harris, 17; Raymond, 8, a brother; Margaret, 4, a sister; and Ann Finkblener, 20, of Newark, a cousin who came to take charge of the household after the children's mother died several months ago.

The only one to escape from the second floor was a brother, Robert, 15, who responded to cries from his father, George Harris, 35, one-legged painter, who slept downstairs.

Garner Plans Fishing Uvalde, Tex., Nov. 7.—(P)—Vice-President Garner, home from the special session of congress, plans to get in some fishing while waiting for the deer season to open. Mr. and Mrs. Garner hoped they would be able to spend their first Christmas here since 1933.

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The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

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Washington, Nov. 7.—There are arresting signs that the regular session of congress may be asked to appropriate more than \$1,500,000,000 for the war department alone. Since huge sums for the navy and a national defense deficiency appropriation of \$275,000,000 will also be requested, the total bill for American preparedness is going to be pretty staggering. Nevertheless, if the best authorities are to be credited, every penny for the army is urgently needed. With a world war in progress, the state of the army ought to be a matter of grave concern. The army morale is excellent, and its top professionals are of unusually high type, but, speaking bluntly, the army is a mere skeleton. The fighting unit in modern warfare is the army corps. The United States army at full strength is planned to consist of nine corps. The backbone of the army corps is composed of the corps troops—heavy artillery, certain types of transport, medical, anti-aircraft, searchlight and signalmen. And of trained and supplied corps troops, the army has only enough for a single corps. Furthermore, each corps, in addition to corps troops, is supposed to consist of two national guard divisions and one army division. While there are eighteen national guard divisions (none near full strength), there are now only five army divisions to head up the corps. Existing ordinance, transport and other vital material is not entirely adequate even for these five army divisions and eighteen divisions of the national guard, and about half the material on hand is not of modern type. Finally, the army has never had the chance to practice mass maneuvers, which are as basic in modern military strategy as the army corps is in modern military organization. No individual is to blame for this serious state of affairs. Successive general staffs and secretaries of war have attempted to correct it. But the war department budget must go first to the budget bureau and then to the White House and then back to the budget bureau and then through the proper committees of

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