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Ye Smudge Pot

The Russian press boasts, "Communism produces no Al Capones". But how Russia needs a regiment of Al Capones, for a St. Valentine Day massacre in Moscow.

The Older Girls are now in the maelstrom of Christmas shopping, and hiding gifts where they can't find them later, they fear.

Every time peace is mentioned to a warring European nation, the answer is always a "flat no". By way of a change, one of the lot, one of these days will reply with an egg-shaped Yes.

A sports writer on the Eugene News is sore perplexed, because only one Eugene high footballer is named on the All-Star No Name League squad. It may be for the same reason Eugene picked but one Pearpicker, and that on the second string, of their All-Opponent team, after absorbing a 20-6 licking, at their hands.

LET'S BE DIFFERENT! (Enterprise Record-Chiefman) "Practically all the white girls they observed, had "permanents" or had their hair curled in one style or another. They were unanimous in their aversion to straight hair. The colored girls all had their locks treated or plated to make them look quite straight. They were unanimous in their aversion to curly hair."

Wrestling with the flu continues as the leading indoor sport. There is no use. The flu has too many holds.

Vern (Shotgun) Canon, a local democratic faction, has come out with Secy. Ickes, Willis Mahoney, and Mr. McAdoo of California, for the third term notion.

A high ranking officer of the Communist party, charged with passport frauds was arrested at Bend. Uncaught, he might have been a candidate for something in the spring.

"The subject discussed was 'For the Want of a Nail.' This topic dealt with the adolescent need of a feeling of security." (Muddy Creek News in Baker Democrat-Herald) — Keep on hammering!

A movement has been launched in New Jersey for one license plate on an auto, as an economy move. This should not be confused with the Oregon school of thought, that favors none at all.

"The English people are being urged to get their minds off their troubles by keeping goldfish. This is sound advice for Americans, too. A glittering golden fish, drifting and darting around a bowl of pale green water, rippling his feathery fins, is a soothing and comforting possession." — (Time Mag.) — Turn collegiate, and swallow them.

Sheep Herding Motorized Tulare, Cal. (UP)—The automobile and trailer have replaced the horse, tent or modest creak house of former sheep herding days. Only the sheep dog remains of the former manner of sheep herding on the ranges.

Oregon "Onion State" Portland, Ore. (UP)—U. S. Market Service statistics show that Oregon probably will become eventually the "onion" state of the union. Preliminary figures for this year show a record breaking yield of 84,800 sacks.

Medford at the Top

WITH figures just announced for the first six months of Oregon's traffic safety contest, Medford is tied for first place in division one with Portland. That is a record to be proud of. And while this city dropped to fourth place for the month of October, the excellent records of earlier months keep this city in the top flight.

Members of Medford's Traffic Safety Council, city officials and public-spirited citizens who have cooperated in this safe driving effort should certainly be commended.

IF our showing for the months of November and December are favorable, this city has a mighty good chance of winning the state award as the contest will close December 31st. The distinction of being "Oregon's safety city," at least as far as the larger communities are concerned, will be gratifying. It will point to the fact that Medford has a "safety conscious" citizenry, alert to the importance of caution and common sense behind the wheel.

IT might be pointed out that this month is the most hazardous, according to National Safety Council statistics. The geniality and excitement of the holiday season are so frequently converted into suffering and sorrow.

The council blames the weather, which makes streets and highways doubly dangerous, more hours of darkness, and the holiday rush for this blight on Christmas-season happiness... and so much of it is needless!

LAST year, 3,430 persons died in December traffic mishaps; experience shows that the December death rate on a mileage basis is one-third higher than the average for ALL months; the season when joy and happiness should reign supreme is marred by traffic tragedies that make this time of year one and one-half times as hazardous as the safest month—June.

Thus, the Christmas spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Man" undergoes an ironic transformation. Isn't it time to make it a SAFE Christmas as well as a Merry Christmas?

IN the hope that Medford will enjoy a SAFE Christmas this year and swing solidly into FIRST PLACE in the state-wide, inter-city traffic contest, we offer these suggestions:

- Drive CAREFULLY. Visibility is poor at this time of year, streets are wet and slippery. No excuse can be given for speed that may cost a life. —Be courteous. Let the true Christmas spirit be reflected in YOUR driving. —And again we say, if you drive, don't drink; if you must take a holiday nip or two, DON'T DRIVE!

IF you will follow these simple, sensible suggestions, EVERYONE will enjoy a joyous and SAFE Christmas—Medford will win the coveted traffic safety award—and all will be happy!—H. G.

Douglas Fairbanks Sr.

ONLY those who know their Hollywood, will appreciate how genuine will be the mourning there, over the death of Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. For while the great romantic screen star, had in a sense retired both professionally and socially, he was still regarded as the Grand Exalted Glamour Man of that fantastic Bagdad known as Hollywood, and was literally first in the hearts of its grease paint and floodlight citizenry.

Yes, Doug had the rare distinction of being a sort of Hollywood tradition and symbol, and also very much alive. He was the irrepressible Peter Pan who never grew up—or grew old,—because he had the rare good judgment, to quit the silver screen when he was at the very apex of his career,—still leaping over the garden walls, still the cambrie-shirted cavalier with a dew-kissed rose for his lady love and a gleaming rapier for the "Will-un"—and so in the Hollywood sub-conscious he remained. Moreover he was rich and as such things go in Hollywood, self-respecting and respectable. In a very real sense he was Hollywood's king without a crown.

HAD he cared less for himself and his role, and more for his heart he would have gone the way of the Barrymores. But none of that for Doug. He had all the money he needed, considerable fame, he decided to quit while the quitting was good, let his role be immortal while some chance for romance in real life for him remained.

A Smart man was Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. And yet the role he insisted upon playing was really his undoing,—for while he retired from the movies he never could relinquish that romantic role and played it to the end. The mainspring of that role was youth,—exuberant, irrepressible, tireless youth,—particularly along the line of physical dexterity and fitness.

OTHER men started to slow up in their late 40's and early 50's. Blessed with a marvellous constitution and excessive animal vitality, the senior Fairbanks refused to do so. Others might truckle to the old boy with the scythe, not HE!

Perhaps he would only play 18 holes of golf instead of 36; dive from the 20 instead of the 40 foot level; jump the garden gate instead of the hedge, but durned if he was going to get fat around the middle, and call for his hot milk and bedroom slippers. And look at that, girls and boys, his biceps just as hard, and a trifle larger perhaps, than ever!

AT least this is the grapevine report from the Hollywood press bureau and we see no reason to question it. And that undoubtedly is the cause of this sudden and unexpected demise at the age of 56. For after all the best human machine is only a machine and if you drive it as hard at 100,000 miles as you did at two or three hundred, something is going to break, and in all probability something vital. So Douglas Fairbanks' role of eternal youth, really killed him.

YET it's hard to picture Douglas Fairbanks ever playing the role of an old man. This sudden passing is a terrible shock to his family and friends,—he was always so very much alive it is hard to believe him dead—and yet,—

Our Don Q and Son of Zorro with false teeth and a white beard! Let that tireless buoyant spirit of youth go marching on to its Valhalla,—it's just as well, brethren,—just as well!

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.

POTASSIUM FOR ALLERGY

Insufficient intake or faulty assimilation and utilization of calcium (lime) is a contributing cause of numerous common ailments classified by physicians as allergic. Among these ailments are hay fever, asthma, recurring hives (urticaria) and giant hives (angioneurotic edema) hypereesthetic rhinitis (sudden stuffiness and watering of the nose which clears up after minutes or hours as inexplicable as it began), some cases of periodic sick headache (migraine), some cases of ordinary headache (neuragic or "nervous" headache) and many cases of eczema (salt rheum, tetter).

One function of calcium is to control or check cell irritability and undue permeability of the capillary channels or spaces. An adequate intake of sunshine vitamin D is essential for normal assimilation, utilization and retention of calcium. For this reason it is generally advisable to administer vitamin D when calcium is given in medicinal form.

I have a monograph on Daily Requirement of Calcium. Calcium Feeding, Vitamins Everybody Needs — for copy send stamped envelope bearing your address. Recently many sufferers from the various allergic conditions mentioned have found potassium remarkably beneficial. Five or ten grains of potassium chloride taken dissolved in a glassful of water twice daily for several days will bring much relief; in some instances a single dose of five or ten grains—always taken dissolved in plenty of water, never swallowed as powder or tablet—gives relief. Their is practically no objection to such use of potassium chloride, and if necessary it may be taken for four or five days or a week at a time, with a rest then until it may be needed again. If it brings no relief in four or five days it is useless to take any more.

Potassium acts pharmacologically like epinephrine (adrenaline)—in fact some physiologists believe the effects of epinephrine (adrenaline) are actually the effects produced by potassium.

slum mobilization which epinephrine causes. Readers report that druggists inform them there is no such medicine as potassium chloride, that I must mean potassium chlorate (which I do not mean), or that it can be sold only on prescription, or that it is poisonous—all incorrect. It is almost as harmless as sodium chloride (common table salt). Five grains dissolved in a glassful of water is nearly tasteless. Ten grains in a glassful of water tastes salty. It is difficult to produce a soluble tablet, but it can be done and may be obtained in this form—I just dissolved one and tasted the solution, so I know.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Hemia plus Diabetes. Last April you recommended Dr. — for treatment of hernia. I had had the hernia twenty years. While taking treatment it was discovered I also had mild diabetes. Wish to state Dr. — has cured my hernia and cleared up the diabetes. I am grateful to you for recommending him. M. B. Answer—Thank you. Makes me feel as happy as though you had been my patient. The ambulant (injection) treatment of hernia, which does not interfere with the patient's regular work, is now giving the radical operation a serious setback which is a good thing for the public, a good thing for surgery. Between you and me and the lamp post I take some pride in the part I have played in popularizing the modern treatment in the face of the snarls of many of the self-constituted "leaders" of the somewhat muddled medical profession.

Care of Hair. In summer my hair is soft and oily enough to look nice. In winter it becomes dry and stringy-looking and the slight natural wave or curl disappears.—M. C. W. Answer—Hair and skin feel blighting effects of excessive aridity as artificially heated air through the winter. If no built-in air conditioning, use simple tank wick humidifiers to insure evaporation of not less than gallon of water daily in every room. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for monograph "Care of the Hair".

Diathermy. Appreciate your advice as to whether a fibroid growth on the tonsil would be stimulated by diathermy treatments. (C.D.) Answer—Probably electro-coagulation (diathermy) in the hands of a physician skilled in the technique would take care of the growth along with the tonsil. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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privately curse him will be casting their votes for Dewey and carrying Dewey banners when convention time comes. Although a small number of anti-Dewey delegates will get behind the upstate majority, Frank Ganney, the vast majority of the delegation will be pro Dewey. This is because he managed to make himself the state's outstanding candidate by his conduct of the district attorney's office and his campaign for the governorship. The New Yorkers could not go anywhere else at the same time, even in New York. Dewey's position is far from secure. For example, Ken Simpson and Dewey made up their bitter quarrel at a night-long peace conference. When the pair parted toward 4 a. m., Dewey had agreed not to attack Simpson's leadership, and Simpson had promised that his delegates would be for Dewey. But Dewey's original desire had been to pick the New York City delegates himself, and this he did not achieve. They will not be Dewey men.

They will be Simpson men voting for Dewey, which means that, unless Dewey is seeking delegates and has, at the start, Simpson will be able to trade with other candidates. The candidates who may expect to gain from the politicians' dislike for Dewey are the two senators, Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, and Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan. Taft already has an impressive, smoothly working organization, centering around the former assistant secretary of the navy for air, David S. Ingalls, former Representative John Hollister and other Ohio friends. He has a good many friends, and has got a good many. Since his slump at the time of his gridiron speech last spring, Taft has come up again immensely. He is close to Herbert Hoover, who should exercise considerable influence, and he is known as a good party man. If the president runs again, Taft's chances will be pretty poor. In that case, the Republicans will want a personality candidate, and Taft does not put himself forward well. Yet, as a sound, solid, able and well-tested man, Taft will have great appeal as an alternative to Dewey. Then, if both Taft and Dewey fail to pull it off, there is Vandenberg waiting to be tapped. This is the Vandenbergian strategy, as revealed to date. Outside Michigan, there is no scramble for Vandenberg delegates. Beyond the simple necessities, no elaborate Vandenberg organization is being put together. Vandenberg is already making and keeping friends in both Taft and Dewey camps, and, when the time comes, he will be extremely available. At present, associates are betting on Vandenberg because they think his strategy is shrewd.

All of which only means that the Republican future will be excessively

Out of Subway at Last

murky until Dewey is further along with his series of speeches. His first, though limited to a general statement of his position, was finely written, finely delivered, and pretty well received. If its successors are good enough, Dewey may go into the convention looking like an obvious winner. If he looks that way, he will win. If he doesn't, he may be counted out, and the field will be open.



In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins. THE British admiralty announces that a British submarine reports seeing the 51,000-ton Bremen on her way from the Russian port of Murmansk to her home port in Germany, but refrains from attacking her without warning because attacking an unarmed ship without warning is AGAINST THE RULES of sea warfare.

IF THAT sounds screwy to you, ask yourself this question: "If I were known throughout my home town as Honest John (or Bill, or Sam), would I steal something I COULDN'T USE just because the chance to steal came along?" You probably wouldn't.

BRITAIN, having more merchant ships than anybody else and NEEDING THEM ALL, is all for observing the rules against sinking merchant ships without warning. It would spoil her story if one of her submarines took a pot shot at the Bremen.

Besides, it would do her little good to sink the Bremen, which Germany can't use anyway unless her submarines and her airplanes can master the British fleet and clear the seas for German ships.

WHAT Britain wants is to CAPTURE the Bremen, and a slow submarine can't hope to do that. So the sub commander showed good judgment when he let the big German merchantman go. But here's betting his fingers itched and the blood pounded in his ears when he saw her in the crossed hairs of his periscope.

ICKES, referring in one of his characteristically sneering speeches to Cleveland's relief troubles, says: "Governor Bricker (of Ohio) deliberately chose to risk starvation rather than spoil his own selfish plans for a budget-balancing record in his own state."

Bricker, replying, says: "The New Dealers are playing politics with human misery. There has been no starvation in Cleveland, no neglect of relief in Ohio. Ickes is merely endeavoring to smear the good name of Ohio for third-term ballyhoo."

Remembering that both Ickes and Bricker are politicians, you will be reasonably wise if you BELIEVE NEITHER. HERE is another fairly safe rule: Whenever you hear it for granted that politics enters into the situation somewhere, it would be possible to handle even relief without getting into a mess.

(If politics could be kept out, WE MIGHT NOT EVEN NEED RELIEF.)

Communications

Sees Bremen a Peace Omen. To the Editor: The German super-liner Bremen slips out of Murmansk, Russia, and safely reaches a German port.

What of it? The English were asleep to let the Bremen steal through their blockade? Possibly. Is the return of the Bremen of no great importance, then? Let us see. Recent rumors have it that Germany may soon effect a truce with the Allies and then turn against her will-o'-the-wisp partner, Russia. Rumors are rumors, but this one may not be as fantastic as some think. The return of the Bremen may be an important indication of the way the wind is blowing. Germany, if the rumor has foundation, would naturally mistrust the Bremen in Russian hands.

There is more to bolster the rumor than this, however.—Russia has recently out-Hitlered Hitler in land grabbing. Russia is muscling into the Balkans, which Germany and Italy have long desired to dominate. She is moving into the eastern Baltic, again infringing on Germany. Hitler and most German higher-ups, as well as Mussolini, intensely hate Bolshevism, the recent Russo-German pact notwithstanding. The "Drang nach Osten," the thrust-to-the-east, which Germany has cherished since before the first World war, may yet be revived at Russia's expense.



"Not vagrants but victims," that's what a New York police magistrate termed James McDowell, 39, jobless chef, and his wife, 35, (above), who were brought into court by a policeman after they had lived seven days in the city's subways. When found, they had not eaten for 24 hours. Several philanthropic agencies promised them a home and work.

Children Lining Up Against Tuberculosis



Negro school children receiving tuberculin test to detect possible presence of tuberculous infection. Tuberculosis associations are carrying on such year-round activities through income received from Christmas Seals.

First, however, there is peace to be made between Germany and the Allies. If this war had begun like the last, with slaughter and atrocities on a grand scale, peace would probably be out of the question until both sides were exhausted or until one side had "won." But, fortunately, this has so far been a war of "feeling-out."

Hitler and his advisers perhaps are not as mad as some think. Observe how they have held their great air-force in leash. No bombing of London and Paris at the outset of the war, as commentators were practically unanimous in predicting. No smashing through Belgium or Holland in violation of treaties, although it appears Hitler almost yielded to the temptation a month or so ago. No great mass onslaught of armies. Only sea warfare, in the main, and that on a scale to arouse no inextinguishable animosities. Evidently, Hitler has decided that to smash through into France as in 1914 is not feasible. Evidently, he has decided that to bomb London and Paris would only cause retaliation that would bring the war home to the German masses in a way that might embarrass the Nazi regime.

Peace may yet be made between Germany and the Allies. But faces must be saved. And how better than at Russia's expense? Germany would have to double-cross Russia, true. But what's another double-cross in Europe today? And, the beautiful part is, Russia asked for it, especially in invading Finland. Russia, the great foe of imperialism and fascism, protector of the weak and upholder of the sanctity of treaties. Oh, what a neck is there extended!

Double-cross Russia, then, we might hear Hitler taking counsel. Save your face. You can yield to the Allies in restoring non-Sudeten Czechoslovakia. You can restore part of Poland and hold a plebiscite, which you will almost certainly win, in Austria. Small price to pay for the rest of Poland, access to the Ukraine, and the crushing of Bolshevism.

Germany, backed by England in the west and Japan in the east, would make short work of Russia, whose military ineffectiveness, in spite of a big build-up, is already being demonstrated against Finland. A pipedream? Perhaps. But the Bremen did take the risk of slipping back to Germany.

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Flight O' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 13, 1929 (It was Friday) Interstate Commerce commission orders railroad to be built in eastern Oregon from Crane to Crescent Lake.

Civic council take steps for concentrated purchase of Jackson county products by Jackson county people.

Fairgrounds unsuitable for a dog pound, and council seeks new site.

Christmas mail at postoffice grows.

OSC survey shows Oregon housewives work 63.7 hours a week.

Rogue River fish problems to be tackled by federal bureau.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 13, 1919 (It was Saturday) City is frozen up by a record breaking storm, and mercury drops to 9.7 degrees, record cold for the last forty years. Scores of water pipes throughout the city were frozen, causing much inconvenience. Hundreds of phones are put out of commission, and the electric power service was hampered.

Upstate areas hit by coldest period in years. Columbia river frozen over at Vancouver, and Marshfield isolated from rest of state.

University of Oregon, invited to play Harvard in the Rose Bowl game, starting practicing at Eugene.

Industry to give workers \$10,000,000 in bonuses at Christmas.

Advertisement for Christmas Seals, featuring a seal with a child's face and the text "MORE DAYS TO BUY AND USE CHRISTMAS SEALS 1939".