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Ye Smudge Pot

General Sherman's description of war fits Finland, but with four feet of snow and below zero weather, to make it more so.

Basketball is now the order of the day. It is too early for a vanquished quint defeated 59 points, to be informed by an admiring scribe: The score failed to indicate the closeness of the game.

"Long Creek, Dec. 20.—Emery Crowley is a married man, now. He was married in Walla Walla during the week-end." (Long Creek News). The always inconspicuous but highly important second fiddle of every wedding, finally gets a break on the society page.

Only 364 days to Christmas. Shop late.

Dewey Hill, the Prospect glamour boy, has departed for Hollywood, with the threat never to return to his hollow log in the hills.

"If Secretary Ickes wishes to do something worth while in behalf of the progressive cause at a time when help is needed he should take a swing at his own jaw and swing hard." (Pendleton East Oregonian). Then throw himself downstairs, by the seat of his own pants.

All the amateur Santa Clauses, including St. Nick Fluhrer, and K. Kringler Hogan, emerged unidentified, unscathed and their false whiskers untinged.

ROMANCE GOES KER-POW! "I recall that I bought my sweetie an \$18 toilet set when my salary was \$8 a week. A few weeks later she flipped me for a drug-store cowboy."

Which reminds me, once in the dear old days beyond recall, girl who handed around the provender to the boarders where I hung out, and who drew only 75 cents a week above her board and lodging, bought a \$1.50 silk handkerchief and put it on the Christmas tree for me, giving me an advance tip that Santa Claus was going to give me a present. It was on hand all right, but another fellow named "Mr. Daniele" beat me to the front when my name was called, and carried away the gift. I tried to argue him out of it, but he was a bartender, and was built like a pugilist, so I faded away. The girl was so pleased because I didn't put up a fight and get the handkerchief that she at once lost interest in me.—(Houston Bar Items).



CALLER—Recent visitor at White House was Edwin L. Neville (above), 53, Cleveland-born minister to Thailand. Thailand is now the official name of Siam whose people call themselves "Thai," pronounce "tie." Thai is ancient Siamese name.

Lest We Forget

WE ADMIT it has been said before, but perhaps it is one of those things, that should be said every now and then. For within reason, we doubt if it can be said too often. Namely that, we the people of the United States, are just too lucky to live,—(ALMOST). Not only to have what we have,—for as a nation we have practically everything we need,—but above all and before all to have PEACE!

WE ADMIT this column's attitude has changed somewhat since the war started. When the Germans first marched into Poland, and we envisaged Russia following suit, we not only believed in the repeal of the embargo and the sending of every aid to the allies short of war, but the prospect of actually joining in the war later on, did not shock us particularly. But the situation has changed materially since then,—and for the better. Unless the totalitarian powers have something up their respective sleeves which haven't been revealed (and we doubt that) we can see no chance of Britain losing control of the seas, and less chance of the red hordes of Russia getting to first base, on the land. And not only one, but probably both of these things would have to happen, before there would be any occasion for the United States, to actually enter the European mess.

SO-O-O-O- We are now disposed, to go HALFWAY at least with those roaring and ranting isolationists, who irritated us so acutely in Washington last October by maintaining in effect there could be nothing worse than war. There can be, of course, and no country worth its salt should be allowed to forget that fact.

But as the situation is now shaping up, we agree there could be nothing more needless and more suicidal, than for the United States to stumble into the mess NOW, as it did in 1917, for neither technically nor actually, do the conditions which existed then, exist today.

YES its pretty hard to think of ANYTHING that would now justify the United States, in sacrificing the priceless boon of peace, and the more we are disposed to appreciate this fact and our blessings in this direction, the more likely we are to retain them.

This is neither pacifism, nor Shylockism. In one of Amoses nutshells, it is merely sound statesmanship and common sense,—taking advantage of our opportunities to serve the world and the cause of peace, BEST.

Mrs. Lindbergh's "Prayer"

SPEAKING of war and peace,—The leading article in the current Readers Digest is a "Prayer for Peace" by Mrs. Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

The article opens with a poem from the Chinese, and remains a poem throughout,—a poem in prose, which, in our judgment, places Mrs. Lindbergh high up in the ranks of the literary artists of this generation,—a beautiful, a touching and theoretically at least a convincing piece of work.

But unfortunately theories, however sound in logic, are not of much moment, in the world at present. Mrs. Lindbergh is quite right in declaring:

"The world faces many problems today just as serious as war and far more worthy of sacrifice. None of these problems is going to be solved by this war. They will all be left staring at us in even more aggravated forms when it is over. They will be left for our children to solve, in an atmosphere of even greater fear, bitterness and mistrust than that in which we live today. How can these problems be solved without peace. And on their solution perhaps the future of the world rests."

But when one comes down out of the clouds of beauty, and aspiration, yes and truth, and lands on the plain dirt of this war-mad world, just WHAT does one FIND, that can be utilized to bring what Mrs. Lindbergh so passionately believes should be brought,—an early and lasting peace? We fear very little.

Mrs. Lindbergh has the logic of it, the humanity as well. War is not only wicked, as far as any lasting benefits are concerned, it is futile. And if we were a logical or a truly enlightened race wars would never start.

BUT unfortunately we aren't, and so wars DO start. And, also unfortunately the genus homo has been a fighting animal for many more centuries than he has been a THINKING one.

So with those elemental passions once released,—the dogs tearing at each other in the pit, as it were,—just WHAT can stop them, except force of some sort, either exerted by them, or by some one else? We fear nothing.

FOR the fight today in simple terms is for the mastery of Europe. Of course England and France will talk peace,—BUT not a peace that would place them under the control of Hitler and Stalin.

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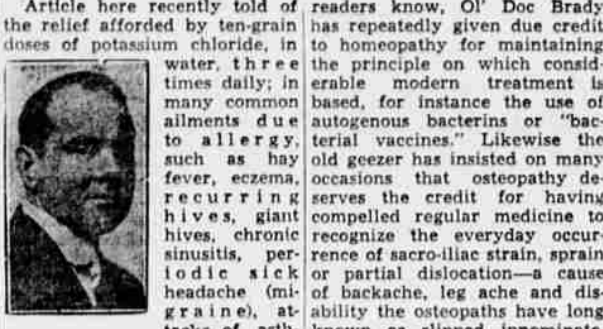
So there you are. Mrs. Lindbergh can write her prayers for peace,—and thus contribute to the permanent literature of her country,—Pope Pius can do likewise, and President Roosevelt as well,—but we fear the constructive and practical results of all such efforts at this time will be EXACTLY nil.

It is horrible and senseless, but it is we fear inevitable,—until we learn either to POLICE the world for peace or as NATIONS learn to behave like human beings!

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.

WHOSE FIELD IS THIS ANYWAY?



Article here recently told of the relief afforded by ten-grain doses of potassium chloride, in water, three or four times daily, in many common ailments due to allergy, such as hay fever, eczema, recurring hives, chronic sinusitis, periodic sick headache (migraine), attacks of asthma, hyperesthetic-rhinitis or sudden stiffness and watering at the nose without rhyme or reason. Often considerable relief is felt within an hour after the first dose. The remedy is comparatively harmless for anyone to take. It is nearly tasteless if taken dissolved in plenty of water—a glassful. Most sufferers take it for several days at a time, at intervals, as they need it. It cures nothing, merely brings symptomatic relief. Physiologists find that potassium chloride has an effect strikingly similar to that of epinephrine (adrenalin) or that "effects attributed to epinephrine are actually the effects produced by potassium migration which epinephrine causes"—that is, epinephrine liberates potassium from the tissues, and when the tissues are sufficiently depleted of potassium epinephrine can no longer relieve the symptoms of allergy. It seems fair to conclude that potassium chloride complements or supplements the action of adrenalin, and that if adrenalin gives any relief at all potassium chloride should prolong the effect or perhaps maintain it without the aid of adrenalin.

One reader took that article as his test for this gentle recommendation: "I wonder if you are not stepping into the field of Homeopathy with your article concerning the effects of small quantities of minerals, salts or what have you. The Homeopathic treatment, as you know, is the application of remedies in small quantities (potencies) according to the law that 'similar cures similars.' Allopathic doctors are just beginning to see this law—witness your article. Why not come out and say frankly that the Homeopaths have something there?" In the first place, ten grains of potassium chloride dissolved in a glassful of water, three times daily, is scarcely a small quantity. It is a fair average dose.

In the next place, as many

readers know, O' Doc Brady has repeatedly given due credit to homeopathy for maintaining the principle on which considerable modern treatment is based, for instance the use of autogenous bacterins or "bacterial vaccines." Likewise the old geezer has insisted on many occasions that osteopathy deserves the credit for having compelled regular medicine to recognize the everyday occurrence of sacro-iliac strain, sprain or partial dislocation—a cause of backache, leg ache and disability the osteopaths have long known as slipped innominate.

Not personally, but just to keep the record clear, I must protest against the correspondent's application of the epithet "allopathic" to the medical profession at large or the main body of physicians who never accepted the theory (not "law") advanced by Hahnemann. There never has been a school, system or schism of medicine which could be properly classified as "allopathic." There is just medicine, regular medicine as practiced by 99 percent of the world's physicians, and various offshoots, "schools" or systems, such as osteopathy, homeopathy, eclecticism. You pays yer money and takes yer choice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Dynamic. I use dynamite sometimes. Occasionally have to cut the cartridge open and handle the dynamite. Always within a few minutes I have a swell nitroglycerine headache. I don't believe dynamite is so volatile as to be inhaled in sufficient quantity... absorbed through the skin of my hands.—(A. G.)

Answer—Nitroglycerine is exceedingly volatile. Persons aiding in such work, who do not touch the dynamite at all, are as susceptible to the characteristic effects of inhaling it as the individual who actually handles it.

Corn or Callus. Kindly print your corn and callous remedy again. I've mislaid the formula.—(Mrs. S. C.)

Answer—Come, now, it isn't callous. Paint the corn or callous with a solution of 30 grains of salicylic acid in one-half ounce of flexible collodion, once a day for a week or two.

Proof of Parentage. Is there any positive way to prove that a given man is the father of a given child.—(J. C.)

Answer—No. Blood grouping tests, however, can show that a given man could not be the father of a given child; or such tests may show that a given man MIGHT be the father of a given child. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

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Washington, Dec. 26.—Most people have spent the past week in a frenzy of shopping and wrapping, be-tinseling and be-treering, all leading up to the happy climax when the little ones burst in at a ghastly hour, shrieking, "Merry Christmas" with all their little might.

For the president of the United States, however, someone else does the Christmas chores, and family pleasures do not take all day. He has given most of the past week to preparing the nation's next annual budget.

The new budget has not been prepared in the open-handed spirit appropriate to the season and customary in previous new deal budget-making. As everyone knows by now, economy has been the order of the day. What is not known is how grimly the President has insisted on cuts.

Possibly the President may change his mind at the last minute, but reports from the prolonged budget conferences at the White House all tell the same story. The gizzard has been sliced out of farm budgets. Relief appropriations have been reduced to a record low. The CCC and NYA have suffered. Reclamation projects are not what they used to be, and even the great Boulder dam, dear to the President's heart, has been stunted to a point where it will take a couple more years to finish. Desperately though the army needs extra funds for minimum program, national defense increases have been held to only \$800,000,000.

So run the reports. With national defense needs starting the country in the face, everyone had

expected this budget to make all previous ones look pretty stingy. Incredible as it may seem, the word now is the cuts are so deep and additional defense appropriations so small that this year's budget will be appreciably lower than last year's.

Four factors may be discerned behind this astonishing result:

1. The new dealers, feeling that a spending row would hamper their third term drive, have not made their usual stand for spending. The President, a budget-balancer at heart, has thus been free to follow his inclination.

2. Government economists have changed their minds again, canceling their earlier predictions of a sharp recession in January. With prosperity booming along, and even the new deal's darkest pessimists hoping to avoid a slump, it has been possible to slice relief appropriations more sharply than was anticipated.

3. There is an elaborate strategy behind the new budget. Most of the cuts have been made in places where they will seem daggers in the bosom of pork-minded congressmen. Congress is likely to restore many appropriations to their former generosity. Thus congress will take the blame for the deficit.

4. By taking the blame for the deficit, the lawmakers will put themselves in a position where they must either increase the debt limit or vote new taxes. The President favors taxes for national defense, including a war profits tax. He also wants the government's \$45,000,000,000 debt limit removed. But he is extremely anxious to avoid taking the initiative in either of these problems.

As of today, no law can be discerned in this presidential strategy. The President is reported to have managed to hold the budget to a point where the next deficit will not exceed the debt limit. Some jangling has been necessary. In the national defense field, for example, appropriations have been strictly limited to money the army and navy can actually spend during the next fiscal year.

Now practice would dictate immediate appropriation for everything the army and navy need, but the time what will be paid for later is being appropriated for later. Then, too, the treasury's working balance may be reduced from over \$1,500,000,000 to around \$800,000,000, so that some borrowing is being avoided by the simple expedient of spending cash laid up against a rainy day.

Nevertheless, pagging of this sort is too complex to be turned to account by the President's enemies

The President can stand on his simple claim, "I have reduced the deficit, I have made progress toward balancing the budget, just as you all said I should." Congress, disliking the President's cuts, hating to levy new taxes in a campaign year, and very loath to remove the debt limit, will be sadly uncomfortable.

The President is quite human enough to derive sweet pleasure from the spectacle of congressional discomfiture. He has impaled congress on the horns of a dilemma. His motto will be "Now wriggle."

At the National Capitol With John W. Kelly

(Continued from Page One.)

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MR. ROOSEVELT has been informed that there will be a warm fight in Oregon if he and Garner are on the ticket. Congressman Walter M. Pierce, new leader, has been telling that to every reporter in the national capital and Pierce has not been predicting which of the two will win, explaining that former Governor Charles H. Martin (who served with Garner in congress), will line up a large following for the Texan and the Commonwealthers are strong politically.

IN THE death of F. A. Silcox, chief forester, the lumbermen of Washington and Oregon have lost an understanding friend. Silcox knew the Pacific Northwest from first-hand. He has been active in endeavoring to bring about the program of sustained yield and forest management, which would give those states a perpetual supply of timber and prevent the depletion of the forests. His annual report, issued a few weeks ago, deals extensively with this subject and contains warnings which the timber states should take to heart.

At the time of his passing, Silcox was anxious to have the government acquire a substantial tract in western Oregon for reforestation and planned a survey and cruise within the next few weeks.

There was such confidence in Silcox that every organization having dealings with the forest service—stockmen, lumbermen—rallied in opposition to the President's reorganization plan, which would shift forestry from the department of agriculture to Ickes' department of the interior. This protest was so great that the President abandoned the idea, at least for the time being, when he found the western senators and representatives would not approve the transfer.

Secretary Ickes, not realizing that opposition was against him personally, supposed the resistance was on account of the chief forester. Now that there is a vacancy, Ickes is preparing to again campaign for control of the forest service.

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In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins PROPAGANDA Minister Goebbels, speaking in Berlin, says: "World PLUTOCRACIES have arisen and are trying to strike down social-minded Germany." "But," he adds, "on Germany's part it is a PEOPLE'S WAR, and the German people are fighting for their lives."

Demagogue talk, you will note, is the same, the world over.

NAPOLEON, an accomplished demagogue, did a lot of talking about the people, but in the end he scuttled the French republic and made himself emperor.

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A DISPATCH from Washington today (Friday), commenting on the forthcoming budget estimates, says: "President Roosevelt was described by usually well informed sources today as reconciled to a THREE BILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT in spite of his announced desire to limit the deficit to two billions."

Micawber, you will remember if you are a reader of Dickens, was ALWAYS GOING TO balance his budget, but NEVER DID. He was ALWAYS IN TROUBLE.

IF YOUR boss should tell you: "Quit spending more than you make or I'LL FIRE YOU," you'd probably balance your personal budget. At least, you'd make a determined effort in that direction.

In this country the people are the big boss. Whenever they say to their employees in Washington: "Quit spending more than you can possibly hope to take in or we'll GET SOMEONE WHO WILL," the federal budget will be balanced. But not before.

NO SPENDTHRIFT ever quits spending until he has to OR ELSE. That goes double for government spendthrifts.

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Flight O' Time

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

December 26, 1929 (It was Tuesday)

Christmas spirit sweeps the nation. City prepares for big celebration and many family reunions.

Postoffice to deliver all Christmas mail by late tonight.

Liquor violator fined \$300 for possession of a quart of moonshine.

State Senator A. W. Norblad assumes governorship of state. Last rites held for Governor Patterson.

Bill Jones looms as coach at Oregon.

December 26, 1919 (It was Friday)

Francis X. Bushman, male movie idol, to appear in person at the Page theater News Years.

City observes Christmas with many family reunions and rejoicing.

Ex-Kaiser to take up residence at Doorn, Holland, in February.

Foll shows Jackson county is for the Wilson peace treaty, by two to one vote.

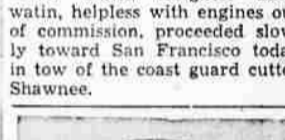
Over one hundred imbibers of poisonous liquor, believed to contain wood alcohol die Christmas Day.

The Oregon team now at the peak of condition for the game with Harvard in the Rose Bowl. Heavy line of Eastern squad worries Webfoot.

TEACHERS ARRIVE FOR PORTLAND CONVENTION

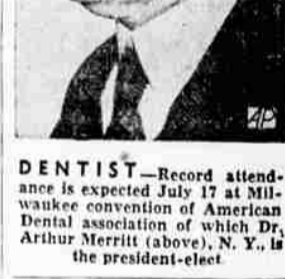
Portland, Dec. 26.—(P)—Scores of teachers arrived today for the opening of the 40th annual Oregon State Teachers' association convention tomorrow. Members of the board of directors, meeting for a pre-convention session, estimated attendance at 3000.

Freighter Disabled San Francisco, Dec. 26.—(P)—The Dutch freighter Salawatin, helpless with engines out of commission, proceeded slowly toward San Francisco today in tow of the coast guard cutter Shawnee.



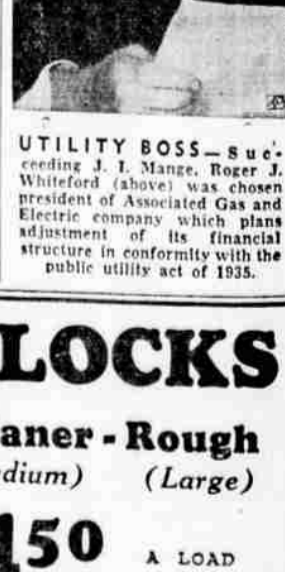
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DENTIST—Record attendance is expected July 17 at Milwaukee convention of American Dental association of which Dr. Arthur Merritt (above), N. Y., is the president-elect.



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