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Ye Smudge Pot

The Russian army tactics in Finland is to attack and retreat. In plain American, this amounts to: Finns again; Gone again!

A Berlin dispatch boasts Herr Hitler appeared on the Western Front last week, distributing gifts to Nazi soldiers. It is further stated: "The informants said he would have made an easy target for French guns."

There is some objection to Robert A. Taft of Ohio as a GOP. presidential nominee, because he is a graduate of Yale. On the other hand, there is the Harvard man, who has been deliberating since last September, on whether or not Harry Bridges, the Pacific Coast alien hellraiser, should be returned prepaid, to his native Australia.

About six weeks of turkey, and the fullness thereof, convinced the Older Girl it's time for pig backbones, a rough and ready dish, that like the roasting ears, can be eaten with the fingers, in good taste.

YE ED. LETS LOOSE (F. Wayne (Ind.) Sentinel) "A survey of the entire controversy in this community reveals that the whole State House case for repeal of the embargo has relied upon unimpeachable bundles of quasi-argumentative tripe stewed in a kettle of palpable political piffle and excessively seasoned with irrelevant argumentum ad hominem."

An autoist parked at the post-office curb yesterday, drove out from same, after looking behind and ahead, to make sure he would cause no near accident, it is rumored.

The Sales Tax is again proposed as a cure for the school financial problems of the state. The Sales Tax always has two outstanding faults—it works, and nobody can get out of paying it. This means its doom at the polls.

"BATTLE OF THE SEXES" Canyon City, Dec. 26.—There has been a rumor around here for some years that the males really complained when women demanded the vote, and there has been some suspicion since (among some males) that the gentler sex has really occupied the pants, but what some of the bearded and bushy-browed gentry think was the final straw was delivered in town today: "The women, they say, have even gone into 'skin games'!"

Mrs. Roy Moore of Mt. Vernon, or thereabouts, has reported 15 coyotes—and that's official. Running down the report, your reporter found she had been doing that some years. Not only that—he found other women of this region had been doing it, too. —(Pendleton East Oregonian)

Two-Headed Snake Kyoto, Japan.—(U.P.)—Local residents are marveling at a two-headed snake now on exhibition near here. The unusual reptile was found slithering across a road by a schoolboy, who captured it. He put it in a glass bottle and took it to his school where it is being exhibited. The chances of eventual death from tuberculosis for the colored baby are virtually two and one-half times as great as they are for the white baby.

Hitler Loses Italy

THE visit of Pope Pius XII to the Quirinal,—the first in some 70 years,—is of importance of course. But the visit next week of Mussolini to the Vatican, is of more importance. For ever since the formation of the post-war dictatorships, the Catholic Church,—and other churches,—have been friendly enough with their various governments.

But the various governments have most decidedly not been friendly with the Catholic church,—and churches. In Russia and Germany, in fact there has been open warfare, between the religious and secular branches, with practical liquidation for the established religion, in the land of the Soviets.

EVEN Mussolini started out this way. He too accepted the theory, that in establishing a totalitarian government, there could be no division of authority. The state had to be EVERYTHING or NOTHING. And under the heading of everything came religion,—not God but the state had to be worshipped.

But clever opportunist, and shrewd statesman that he is, Benito soon realized that in Italy, at least, any government, that declared war on Catholicism soon faced a country divided into two warring camps. So he formed a working agreement with the Vatican, as he did with the King,—realizing he couldn't beat them, he joined them.

The call of King Victor Emanuele on the Pope, a few days ago; the call of the Pope on the King yesterday, to be followed by Il Duce's visit to the Vatican a few days hence; shows how successfully the compromise has worked.

MOREOVER this sealing of the bonds of the Italian triumvirate, renders any military alliance between Hitler and Mussolini, even less likely than it has been, since the present war started, which is equivalent to saying it has been reduced to approximately, if not absolute, zero.

For while Il Duce still isn't going to take any chances becoming involved with the losing side, this domestic consolidation, with King and Church, both mortal enemies of Russian Communism, renders any involvement with Nazism extremely remote.

In fact only a sudden and smashing victory by Hitler and Stalin, over England and France, could ever bring about such a complete reversal of policy,—and all evidence points to exactly the reverse result at the present writing.

Thus the isolation of Nazi Germany grows!

Mussolini Is Smart

YES Mussolini is smart. We have an idea history will credit him with being the smartest dictator of the post-war period.

For unlike his two contemporaries in Moscow and Berlin, he appears to have realized from the start, that the so-called totalitarian ideology, was a transitory, not a permanent, political conception.

It was the product, not of a new order, but of a violent world revolution, out of which would eventually COME a new order.

And being both a temporary and volatile phenomenon, it was a part of wise statesmanship, to watch its progress carefully and be ready with quick and far reaching adjustments.

THIS extreme nationalism, for example, this sacrifice of every consideration, human and divine, to the state. Either El Duce detected the essential fallacy of such a concept, or circumstances forced him to act as if he possessed this discernment.

FOR that extreme viewpoint is the revolutionary viewpoint, and passes when the force of the revolution passes,—which doesn't take long.

YES, as so many wise men have said, man can not live by bread alone. He can endure an excess of emotion, or any other excess, just so long. During a crisis he may accept the theory, that there is nothing in this life but the growth and glory of the state,—all home ties, all spiritual ones must vanish before it. Such a oneness of purpose is essential to a successful revolution no doubt.

But when the revolutionary phase passes, as all such phases do, that kind of wild irrational fanaticism PASSES with it,—just as the deluge passes and the seeds that were once drowned, start to sprout and grow green in the sunlight once more.

AS BEFORE stated, either Il Duce appreciated all this, or circumstances surrounding him, made it impossible for him to go to the extremes, his dictatorial contemporaries did.

In either case, it is fairly safe to predict Italy will suffer least of all from its totalitarian excesses, will be the first to return to normalcy and unless historical tradition is overturned, the man who happened to be at the head of the government,—Benito Mussolini,—will get the credit for it.

MUSIC MASTERS USED FOR SWING

Minneapolis, Minn.—(U.P.)—Musical composition of the old masters, Bach, Beethoven and Wagner, are much in demand at the Minneapolis public library. Minneapolis bandmaster who bequeathed a musical library of 12,585 items to the library when he died in 1936, would have been gratified by the demand for his classical composition. But the frank opinion of Miss Dorothy Amesbury, head of the music department of the library, is that young Minneapolis musicians are taking liberties with the rhythms—"swinging" the old compositions, and tossing in a few "jitters" into the harmony. John P. Roessler, veteran

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.

THE TRAGIC TOUCH

In the operating room a doctor, if he is adequately trained, as well as in the sickroom where infectious or contagious disease is present, is ever conscious of fomes (plural of fomes, pronounced fom-itez), that is, substances, surfaces, or things which may possibly be contaminated or polluted or infected or visibly or invisibly soiled by virus or germs of disease and hence may be the medium or means of spreading infection. This scrupulous, meticulous, conscientious care in conduct of manner can be learned only by actual practice under competent instructors. It is part of the training of physicians, surgeons and nurses. It is called aseptic technique. Asepsis means a state of freedom from disease germs. In an aseptic environment the endeavor is to keep things as nearly as possible sterile, free from germs. This is as different from "antiseptic precautions" as good nutrition or good dentistry is from the rite of brushing the teeth.

Contrary to a common belief, there is nothing in the dressing or medication a doctor applies to wounds to promote healing. Certainly no antiseptic agent has such virtue. It is a distortion of the truth to imply that an antiseptic remedy even "helps" or "aids" healing. The truth is that at best an antiseptic can only prevent delay in the normal healing process in certain circumstances. If you prefer to think that this effect is virtually promotion of healing, all right, it's a free country. But for my wounds, burns or other lesions, no antiseptics, if you please. I prefer aseptic treatment, simple cleanliness plus rest, scientific neglect or intelligent let-alone. No, children, there is no magic touch in the healing business. Ah, but there is the antithesis of it, the tragic touch,

which so often and so easily undoes all the exquisite pains taken by doctor and nurse to prevent infection, either the contamination of a clean wound by invisible germs or the spread of contagious or infectious disease from the patient to others. Every doctor and every nurse who has had proper training in aseptic technique know how difficult it is to maintain aseptic conditions when the patient is not under strict professional surveillance, so to speak. Even in the first aid treatment or the after-treatment of the simplest wound a touch by an inquisitive finger or a single application of some fancied remedy which, though purporting to be "antiseptic" or "healing" is contaminated, may have disastrous results.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Goat's Milk. Skin tests showed that I am allergic to cow's milk. Using goat's milk, but cannot stand the taste after it is boiled. Understand Bang's disease prevalent among goats and the raw milk unsafe to drink. (T. S. M.) Answer—Your physician or your local health authorities will know whether Bang's disease (contagious abortion) is prevalent in your vicinity. If not, then raw goat's milk is wholesome and healthful. Bang's disease, contagious abortion, brucella fever or brucellosis, undulant fever, Malta fever, Mediterranean fever, are different names for the same disease. Probably most cases in man occur from accidental infection in eating raw livestock, handling hides, etc., and from drinking raw milk from infected animals.

Jodin Ration. Your Jodin ration has helped me very much and I am grateful. I believe if the psychologists would suggest it to their introverts they'd hear no more from them. (A. H. T.) Answer—After all, I'm a psychologist. I have been suggesting it to introverts for years, in their teens who are moody and given to daydreaming; mature adults who are a bit stale. For instructions for taking the Jodin ration send a three-cent stamped envelope bearing your address. (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. 29.—Despite John Nance Garner's shrewd handling of his position, the vice-presidency is not an office to attract a normal man. Garner himself did not want it, and only consented to accept the nomination in 1932 because there was no other way to swing his rebellious Texans into line for Roosevelt. This, it is extremely curious to see the vice-presidency being played with as though it were one of the biggest counters in the political game.

The new dealers, for example, hope to use it as the blue chip of their third term movement. House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn is their choice for the office. They want him because they imagine that, with Rayburn second on the ticket, Rayburn's friend and patron, Garner, might be induced to accept renewed top billing for the president.

The scheme has a good deal of surface ingenuity. Rayburn is a wise, tolerant fellow who has managed to get on with all factions in the party feuds. The new dealers have a great liking for him, remembering how well he worked, hand in hand with the team of Coker and Cohen, to put over the securities and exchange acts and the public utilities holding company act.

At the same time, he is Garner's particular protégé, served as Garner's floor-leader in the 1932 convention, and will serve again in the same capacity in 1940. Being from Texas, he would give representation on the ticket to the south, where the conservative Democrats are strongest.

Beneath the surface, the scheme has obvious bugs. In the first place, there is no reason to suppose, as yet, that Rayburn wants to be vice president. In the second, there is no solid foundation for the supposition that Garner would abandon his anti-third term stand in order to make a deal in Rayburn's favor. In the third, it is distinctly doubtful whether the Garner type of convention delegate will stand for such a deal if it can be made. But the new dealers are still full of hope.

Meanwhile, there is more and more talk that, if the third term is out, Postmaster General James A. Farley will accept the vice-presidential nomination in return for throwing his support to Secretary of State Cordell Hull for president. Jim Farley has as hard a head as any man in politics. He is fully aware of the obstacles in the way of his own presidential candidacy, among which the most important are his religion, his build-up as a strictly practical politician and the probable attitude of the White House. At the same time, he has the experience and the following to make something real of the vice-presidency. Just as Garner has.

December, to do homage, pay tribute and respect the memory of the most reverent and wisest of men.

Last Christmas day He had been 1,939 years conceived on earth and we need not look much further than ourselves to realize why He sacrificed His life. Look about you, and at yourselves and then ask "Was His sacrifice worth it?" Look again and what do you see that may in the least be in accordance with His teachings and laws?

Can we say that we are in accordance with Him in our despair, self-pity, vanity and fear? These are not what He wanted us to portray.

I do not condemn any specific human, but do beseech those more fortunate to help these people, do take not away what little they have.

If we do these things, then we are not in violation of His laws of life and on the coming Christmas, He will be pleased and say "These are my people. They are not lovers of themselves, boasters and liars. They are thankful and obedient and show natural love for their parents in their old age. They also are not true-breakers and accusers of one another.

These things he will see and the transformation will lead him to say: "Men are soft and kind, whereas they were fierce and hard; they despise not those who are good and intellectual, they are not headstrong, and loving pleasure more than their loved one and my Father, and they do not think themselves too powerful to fear God and show love for Him, therefore fearing His power."

But in a larger sense if we do not live up to His expectation there is but one alternative, "the destruction of the world; with distress of nations; men's hearts failing them for fear. Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. People will starve and earthquakes shall put forth their destruction."

The things He spoke about are now obvious fact. The world today is on the verge of a crisis never equaled before. To avoid it we must resolve to share alike; the poor and the rich, the weak and the strong, the good and the bad and the young and the old, and in that way we can never forget that "God must have loved the common people—He made so many of them."

Jerry M. Tarantino. Ring Out the False, Ring in the True.

Considering the present-day situation and the conflicts of the past year, the words of Alfred Tennyson have never been more pertinent or timely. They merit, we think, careful rereading, and in the interest of their fulfillment we would urge their reprinting.

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light, The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die. Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

"Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws. Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease, Ring out the narrowing lust for gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace."

Rudolph I. Coffee, 1945 Broadway, San Francisco.

Is Russia "Freeing" Finland? To the Editor: To paraphrase a little: 40,000,000 Americans can be wrong. The reason why that large number are not "all wet" on some important points is because a few more than that have not read your editorial "Brothers Under the Skin" in Dec. 5 issue. The points raised are only half truths.

Hitler wants peace not because "he got what he wanted" as you say. He got only half what he wanted. And Stalin got nothing; i.e.—material,—nothing to exploit. However, he did free some 8,000,000 people from predatory economics, which is something of great importance.

Stalin supported Hitler's bid for peace because peace pushes the people into action against predatory economics—helps it along "on its way out" immeasurably better and faster than does war. This fact explains why collective security, which Russia has been working for the past few years was shot to pieces by the pseudo-democracies.

If Nazism is to stand it must expand. If the pseudos are to continue on their old base they must not contract. If Russia (and society as a whole) is to maintain, predatory economics must go. It has served its historical mission, and like everything else in nature, it must charge into something else or suffer annihilation. This universal law the "God inspired" politically ambitious Martin Dies will find un-American and the laws more or less conscious agents especially all of us will suffer. But not being god, it is hard to see how he can repeat it.

The "thrust to the east" against anti-predatory economics, misnamed communism, is definitely out. The thrust through Finland is in. This, it is believed, is the key to the understanding of the world's catastrophic condition as now obtains. Stormy days ahead. R. Hegner, Gold Hill, Dec. 27.

Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 30 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 29, 1929 (It was Saturday) Autoists warned they must get new licenses before January 1 or face arrest.

Senator Borah in speech demands action from president to end "dry law hypocrisy."

Auto sales in 1929 increase. Stanford defeats Army 34 to 13.

State teachers endorse unit school system. Banks and stores of city to close New Year's day.

Fruitgrowers of valley protest "Mediterranean fly" regulations.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 29, 1919 (It was Monday) Charles Comiskey, president of the Chicago White Sox, offers \$25,000 for evidence that White Sox threw the world series with Cincinnati.

Governor Olcott announces he will appoint new game commission. Shortage of turkeys in city and valley hits New Year's day feast plans.

Heat wave hits southern California and Harvard and Oregon football coaches worry over outcome of Rose bowl game.

The "Order of the Camel" is launched to combat prohibition. January 6 is set as date for signing of peace treaty between the Allies and Germany.

Radio Highlights

The East-West Shrine game will be broadcast Monday over Mutual network, starting at 1:45 p. m., according to C. I. Hays, local sales agent of Tide Water Associated Oil company. (The broadcast may be heard locally from station KUIN, Grants Pass, (1310 on the dial).

By Associated Press (Time is Pacific Standard) New York, Dec. 29.—(P)—Two hours wasn't enough to get in all of material WJZ-NBC is planning for its New Year's eve salute to broadcasting and its talent. So another 30 minutes has been added to the program, "Curtain Calls of 1939," making its time on the air Sunday 10-30 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Among guests expected are Dr. Walter Damosch, Joe DiMaggio, Clifton Fadiman of Information Please, Alec Templeton and his piano, John Charles Thomas and many others.

Tonight: Europe, WABC-CBS, 5:35, 8; MBS 6, 7:20; WEA-FNB-east 8.

Saturday: Europe, NBC-CBS, 5 a. m. New Year's features, WEA-FNB, 3:45 p. m. MBS, 4:15, opening Santa Anita race track. WABC-CBS 8:30 a. m., New York stock exchange final trading 1939; 12:15 p. m., Orange bowl preview.

May Be Raised Campbellton, N. B.—(U.P.)—Dredging operations with a view to salvaging an old French warship buried in the mud off Restigouche have been resumed. The vessel, Le Marquis De Malauze, was a ship of the line in the final engagement of the Seven Years' war, the battle of the Restigouche.

Never Tardy Columbus, Ohio.—(U.P.)—John Bray, a letter carrier for the Columbus postoffice for the past 21 years, has retired from service with a record of never having reported late for work during his entire service and having missed only two days because of illness.

Notice To Creditors In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson. In the Matter of the Estate of Martha J. Hosmer, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Martha J. Hosmer, Deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County, and all persons having claims against said Estate shall present the same, duly verified, as required by law, to Beulah C. Anderson at Route 1, Murphy, Oregon, or to Orval J. Millard, her Attorney, at the Courthouse in Grants Pass, Oregon, within six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this notice.

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION December 29, 1939. BESSIE C. ANDERSON, Administratrix of the Estate of Martha J. Hosmer, Deceased.

On Golf Course Cleveland, Ohio.—(U.P.)—Two deer—a doe and her fawn—were seen on a golf course in suburban Parma, nine miles south of the Terminal Tower—the heart of downtown Cleveland.

Invades Front Porch Peter's Junction, Ill.—(U.P.)—empty truck caused a stir at the Gus Brockmeier residence when it left the highway at an intersection, overturned on a four-foot embankment and landed upside down on the front porch.

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Communications Peace On Earth To the editor: North, east, south, and west, and in every corner of the civilized world, we, the people, look forward to the 25th of