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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. A locomotive whistle at Albany, Ore., due to a balky valve, kept the town awake for 35 minutes the other night, before it was hit a lick with a hammer and silenced.

"FIRST DAYS OF 1940 SEE SOCIALITES MUCH ON GO; TRAVELERS COME HOME"

A distinguished scientist reports the "smashing of two atoms is of more importance to the world than the war."

IS THIS RUSSIA? (Lakeview Examiner) "The plan is to install a check in meters of delinquent accounts permitting water to drip slowly but not flow, taking about three minutes to get a glass of water and probably the better part of a week for a small tub bath."

Prosperity Note: Citizen shining up his specks with a new \$20 bill in a lobby.

No less a personage than the state chairman of Oregon Democracy has come forth with the dark warning that unless holders of federal plums and pie punge up more freely to the national exchequer, they face the grim spectre of a Republican victory, come next November.

A PRINTER STUMBLES "Cal-Ore has been the recipient of much favorable advertising from those who have seen and enjoyed their frool show."

"Time" recently printed the rather aged quip about the woman who had three sons—"two living in Seattle and one in Portland."

IT'S STILL BALONEY (True Screen Mag.) "Every morning Mrs. Taylor, nee Barbara Stanswick, eats apple sauce for breakfast, not grapefruit, not peaches, not melon nor raspberries with cream, but apple sauce always, winter, summer, spring and fall."

R. Milache, G. Humphries, et al, compose a quartet who spend their Sundays playing bridge, after scolding their better halves for doing the same thing on Saturday.

Hold Jewish Refugees Haifa, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Five hundred and twenty Jewish refugees seeking to enter Palestine without permits were arrested last night within Palestine territorial waters aboard a schooner and brought to Haifa. They were from Germany and other parts of central Europe.

Another War Casualty

TO SOME it may be rather surprising to find the American Federation of Labor opposing Secretary Hull's trade treaties, and yet that is the traditional policy of the A.F.L.

In the good old days of Samuel Gompers, one of the strongest bulwarks of the Republican high tariff policy, was organized labor on the ground that the more prosperous American manufacturing the more jobs for the workers and the higher the wages.

The picture has entirely changed since those gay nineties but the tariff group of the A.F.L. doesn't seem to realize it.

The members even favor returning the ratification of the trade treaties to the Senate, which will return them to politics, and the fat will be in the fire, as far as any realistic, rational or constructive tariff policy is concerned.

HOWEVER, when the European war broke out, no doubt the reciprocal trade treaties were doomed anyway. They represent the only sane policy for a peaceful world, and are indeed a strong force in the maintenance of world peace.

In other words, not only do reciprocal trade agreements tend to promote peace, they can only flourish and flower in an atmosphere of peace, for war automatically destroys the foundation of good will and cooperation upon which they rest.

This is no reason why the fight to maintain the treaties should not continue, but it makes the cause pretty hopeless, until world peace is restored again.

The Hore-Belisha Incident

WE DON'T KNOW what is really behind this resignation,—or expulsion—of War Minister Hore-Belisha—probably no one on this side of the Atlantic does, as yet.

But we like the way England is handling it,—with full publicity in the press, and various and sundry more or less irate citizens talking out of turn.

IMAGINE what the procedure would have been in Russia or Germany if a similar show-down had been reached between the "All-Highest" and some subordinate official.

There wouldn't have been a word uttered, from the first break to the final curtain. The friends and family of M. Hore-Belisha would have suddenly missed the Right Honorable gentleman, at his accustomed place at his dinner table and the club, and after a week or ten days it would have been officially announced that the War Minister had been killed while visiting the western front, or shot himself in the head, while in a fit of depression over certain unannounced reverses.

Too bad, but the unfortunate gentleman was "spurlors versenkt."

BUT old Johnny Bull just kicks the Right Honorable out on his ear, in broad daylight, lets him talk as he does or doesn't wish, and promises to render a complete account of the incident—or as complete as public policy in war time permits—at the coming session of Parliament.

That sort of procedure may have its drawbacks on the basis of efficiency, but it is certainly heartening to all who still believe in freedom, liberty and general human decency.

We trust we will not be accused of any Anglophile propensities—for we really suffer none—when we express the hope that when the war is over, this democratic method of changing the personnel of government will be sustained, rather than the totalitarian!

"The Mighty Have Fallen"

RUMANIA, a fourth class power in Europe, is perking up and making mean snoots at big Russia. Every Balkan country and every capital from Budapest to Bombay is breathing deeper now that the Finns have pulled the mask off the Russian bear, revealing him merely as a polecat, with some nuisance value, but no great physical menace.

The Russian military collapse—and that is what it amounts to—is the result of trying to run a country without recognizing the value of brains, that is, without giving brains their proper leadership and guaranteeing to brains their proportional rewards. There is the rotten core of the socialist philosophy.

Of course, society should not confuse brains with predatory powers and the acquisitive instinct. But often brains are predatory and they are sometimes naturally acquisitive.

THE nice task for democracy is to give men of brains their will and way and still keep them from taking too great a proportion of the gross income of any enterprise, whether it is war, religion, politics, business or what not. In America we have done very well. Of course, our "big shots" have been hogs often times, but by giving them their "head" and taking the loot away from them in taxes we have maintained leadership of the world in commerce, and incidentally in politics.

But the Russians last year and the year before shot their military leaders when the leaders began to step out and threaten Stalin. So today Stalin is naked to his enemies. And Rumania thumbs her nose at her slavish overlord.

How the mighty have fallen!—Emporia (Kan.) Gazette.

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 SILVERY SCALE DISEASE

The cause of psoriasis, a chronic skin disease characterized by dry rounded or oval patches covered with silvery scales, is not known.

It is the third most common chronic skin disease, a acne (blackheads and pimples) being the most common, eczema (salt rheum, letter, dermatitis) next. It is not contagious. It is generally worse in winter than in summer, in cold climate than in a warm climate.

For local patches of psoriasis a cosmetic cleanser or oil is to be used. A solution of vitamin D in bland neutral oil is praised by many, although I doubt that vitamins applied to the normal skin are absorbable or have an effect at all comparable with the effect of vitamins taken as food or medicine.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Deafness Relieved Ten years ago specialists assured me nothing could be done for my deafness which had been coming on gradually for many years. I gave up all treatment. It remained about the same. Then I saw your recommendation of the vitamin B treatment as helpful in some cases. I tried it for twelve weeks, and my hearing improved wonderfully, so that now I enjoy conversation and the movies and church, where I do not forget to say a prayer for Dr. Brady. (Mrs. T. D.)

Ans.—At the movies? Well, wherever you say it, thank you for reporting your experience. The vitamin B treatment is not a cure for deafness, but does help in some cases. Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on Head, Neck and Deafness.

Please give a list of helpful health pamphlets for the home, if you have any that are free to readers. (M.S.) Ans.—For any one of the following send a stamped envelope bearing your address. For more than one, inclose ten cents coin for each four you want.

Chorea (St. Vitus's Dance) Acne (pimples, blackheads) Whooping Cough Eczema Gaining Weight Group Psoriasis Syphilis Athlete's Hives Gonorrhea Hay Fever Bolls Headache Diabetes Pruritus (Itching without skin rash) Piles Styes Hives Insomnia Constipation Home Sanitation Sweating Pimple First Aid Kit Displacement Foot Itch Leucorrhea Bed Wetting Menstruation Menopause (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

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Washington, Jan. 8.—In connection with James H. R. Cromwell's appointment to be minister to Canada, two anecdotes spring to mind with the happy lightness of a mating deer. The first concerns a certain genial chairman of the Democratic national committee, and a polite functionary with some knowledge of foreign affairs. The chairman was telling the functionary that, by all accounts, Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, had made a "grand" ambassador to Poland, whereat the chairman replied musingly: "Ummm—a about twenty-five grand."

For Jimmy Cromwell, such a sum is mere chicken-feed. If the smile on the usually dour face of Boss Frank Hague of Jersey City means anything at all, Cromwell will be a much "grander" minister to Canada than that. All of which explains the second anecdote, concerning the moment during Cromwell's Indian honeymoon with his bride, Mrs. Doris Duke Cromwell, when the happy pair were struck by the beauty of the Taj Mahal.

The mogul's memorial to his lovely wife so charmed the Cromwells that they rather wanted a Taj Mahal of their own. Orders were given for reconstruction of the Taj in the pleasanter climate of Palm Beach. Everything was to be exact, down to the minutest and reflecting pool, and the architect was informed that the garages and offices must be in a suitably similar architectural style. This led the architect, possibly after the order had been wisely countermanded, to refer rather freely to the "Daraj-Mahal."

The truth about Jimmy Cromwell is that he is an amiable, probably rather high-minded young man, with a rich mother, an immensely rich wife, and a tremendous lot of money which he is willing to shell out

to powerful political personages. Very likely he wants to go into public life from the highest motives, having already sponsored one strange plan for saving the nation. But, though personally slim, financially he is the fattest cat of his time, and Ottawa is his reward for being so fat.

He had been trying to get a job long before he was given Ottawa, and he had been a thinker even before he decided to become a statesman. His personal program is contained in his two books, "The Voice of Young America," and "In Defense of Capitalism." The latter volume is described on the fly-leaf as an "explanation of the functioning of our capitalist system of today and of specific measures which would correct its defects." The most remarkable of these measures is Cromwell's celebrated "negative interest" plan, under which the government would pay people handsomely for borrowing money.

His books were his misfortune, however, for in the course of his literary labors, he made the mistake of endorsing birth control and the sales tax. In 1938, he and Hague had made their connection, and Hague was all set to run Cromwell for the senate when he heard that his candidate was a writing man. This news, plus the information about what Cromwell had written, so upset the Jersey City boss that he changed his plans.

Possibly Cromwell was expressing his disappointment when he visited New York's mayor, Fiorello La Guardia, along with Frank Murphy, then lame-duck governor of Michigan, and Ohio's lame-duck senator, Bob Bulkley, to discuss the formation of a progressive third party. The party was to be financed by the Duke-Cromwell wealth, to whose more equitable distribution it was also to be dedicated.

On the face of it, there is nothing wrong with Jimmy Cromwell except that he is a nice young man with a lot of money who doesn't mind being generous to politicians. He can do no harm in Canada, for American-Canadian relations are too soundly based to be damaged by anyone. They have already survived Uncle Dan Roper, which was a pretty severe test.

There is even an off-chance that Cromwell may turn out to be a good diplomat, untrammelled though he is. The functionary was perfectly sincere and thoroughly well-informed in his remark to Jim Farley about Tony Biddle, who obtained his embassy in the same way that Cromwell got his legation. Despite the fact that he parts his hair down the middle in back as well as in

front, Biddle has proved an excellent reporter on foreign affairs. "What is distinctly wrong, however, is the system under which, fat cats are rewarded by being permitted to represent their country abroad. It is all very well to make ambassadors or ministers of men of important standing, high in the president's confidence, like William C. Bullitt and Joseph P. Kennedy. Every nation does that. But why should we flaunt the rather sordid financing of our political parties before the world at large, hence alone know."

AT THE National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly

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he would not attend the opening of congress and listen to the message unless the document dealt with his pet subject.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace was less fortunate. He wanted the president to say something favorable for his "certificates" plan for a process tax. Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., who doesn't like the plan nor his fellow cabineteer, prevailed on the president to ignore the proposal.

The official family is not harmonious. His fellows think little of the secretary of war, even less of the secretary of labor. The secretary of the interior's intimates are the little group who are sniping at the post-master-general. Mr. Roosevelt has his own troubles trying to mollify the heads of his departments and if he displays the slightest special attention to one the others are jealous.

HAVING to kill 15 minutes before his cue to appear and address congress, the president jolted the committee of escorts in the reading room behind the desk of the speaker of the house. Picking on Oregon's McNary, republican leader, he kidded him for refusing an invitation to listen to the president's speech at the Jackson day dinner; offered to reserve a room in the Mayflower and put in a radio where the senator and his republican friends could gather and listen without having to associate with the celebrating democrats.

McNary said he would like to propose a question to the president and the latter replied he would be delighted to answer, and inquired what it was. Of course, there is just one question everyone is anxious to make and only Mr. Roosevelt knows the answer. "You know what I wish to ask," said the republican, "because you are clairvoyant. You can guess what is in my mind."

"I may" pause, "reserve that room for you." Which is as much satisfaction as anyone has about whether Mr. Roosevelt will seek a third term. (Note—McNary Attended a Jackson day dinner several years ago as a guest of Senator Pat Harrison and heard the president speak. It was not an election year and caused no comment.)

JOSEPH F. Singer, known to every politician in Oregon, as an assistant doorkeeper of the United States senate, marched to the house with the togamens and managed to ease himself to within a few feet of the president. Then as Mr. Roosevelt made a speech which was listened to by millions in all parts of the world, Joe folded his hands, closed his eyes and slept through the important address.

Joe had just arrived from Oregon after four days and nights on a train and was tired. Oregon's Rufus Holman and Congressman Jim Mott, who also made the trip, were wide awake ready to pick flaws in the speech.

NAZIS CONTRIBUTE FOR NEW GRAF SPEE

Berlin, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Public funds are being raised for the construction of a new warship Admiral Graf Spee, it became known today.

The original Admiral Graf Spee, one of three 10,000-ton pocket battleships built by Germany to meet naval restrictions after the World war, was destroyed in Montevideo harbor December 17 after a battle with British fighting craft.

Public contributions and entertainments are being used to raise funds for the new ship.

JACKSONVILLE P. T. A. MEETING WEDNESDAY

Jacksonville, Jan. 8.—(Sp)—Jacksonville P. T. A. will meet Wednesday in the high school gymnasium at 8 p. m. The home economics department will have charge of the program.

Dr. Wayne Wells, of Southern Oregon College of Education, will be principal speaker.

J'VILLE BUSINESS MEN WILL ELECT TONIGHT

Jacksonville, Jan. 8.—(Sp)—The Business Men's association of Jacksonville will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at The Nugget.

Election of officers will be held and other important business disposed of.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

STRAWS in the wind:

1. King Carol, reviewing his troops, planes and tanks at Chisinau, capital of Bessarabia, 12 miles from the Russian border, says: "Bessarabia will ALWAYS REMAIN RUMANIAN BY FORCE OF OUR ARMS. (Bessarabia was taken from Russia by the peace treaty and given to Rumania.)"

2. The commander of the troops reviewed by Carol responds: "Our whole army, from the first man to the last, is ready to defend our EASTERN (Russian) border."

3. Russian, Ukrainian and German minority leaders publicly swear allegiance, for themselves and their followers, to King Carol and Rumania.

WHAT these straws indicate is this: Rumania, watching Stalin's bogged-down Finnish campaign, is saying, "Stalin isn't so hot. If he can't take back Finland, he CAN'T TAKE BACK Bessarabia."

OLIVER CROMWELL, building an army of commoners to oppose King Charles and his cavaliers, said to parliament: "I'd rather have a captain in plain russet who knows what he is fighting for and LOVES WHAT HE KNOWS than a cavalier and a gentleman who is nothing else."

Because they knew what they were fighting for and LOVED WHAT THEY KNEW, Cromwell's captains in russet defeated the cavaliers of King Charles and established parliamentary government as definitely supreme in England.

HERE'S a tip to Carol, watching mighty Russia's poor showing against little Finland and trying to draw conclusions from what he sees: These Finns know what they are fighting for and, like Cromwell's Ironsides, love what they know. They are fighting for freedom, and they LOVE THEIR FREEDOM.

Before Carol opposes his relatively slender army to Russia's vast hordes, he'd better be very sure his people know what they are fighting for and LOVE WHAT THEY KNOW.

CAROL, too, is a dictator—considerably more limited than Stalin, but still a dictator. If history proves anything at all, it proves that there's ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD between a people fighting for their homes and their liberties and a people fighting merely against a CHANGE OF DICTATORS.

ELDERLY MULCTED BY SHORT CHANGE ARTIST

Portland, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—George O'Day, 29, confessed to Detective A. L. Eichenberger yesterday that he had mulcted more than 60 persons of approximately \$500 within the last year.

He was arrested last Friday and was held in lieu of \$5000 bail. He said he frequently masqueraded as an old age pension investigator and bilked elderly people under the guise of making change for bills.

EX-KAISER HAS COLD; HALTS WOOD CHOPPING

Doorn, The Netherlands, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Former Kaiser Wilhelm, 80, remained in his room today under treatment for a cold, but his household expressed no alarm over his condition.

The former kaiser, who will be 81 Jan. 27, is vigorous for his advanced age. Until his illness, he braved the winter weather for strolls through his gardens and engaging in his favorite exercise of woodchopping.

Crossing Crash Fatal

Salem, Jan. 8.—(AP)—An automobile driven by Georgetta Ames, 18, collided with a Southern Pacific switch engine Saturday night, killing Mrs. Clara Hayden Knowles, 43, Salem. The driver escaped with minor cuts. The crash occurred during a heavy fog.

Skater Drowns

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Hundreds of skaters who braved the danger of thin ice to enjoy a long delayed outing on Mendenhall lake, rushed to the safety of the shore yesterday when the ice began to crack. But one skater did not escape. Herbert McLean, 22, drowned when he fell through the cracking ice into the lake.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Flight O' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

January 8, 1929 (It was Wednesday) City council votes to enforce city dance ordinance providing for the presence of a matron at all public dances. Controversy rages over the matron issue.

Cold weather hits the Pacific coast from San Diego to Seattle and smudge pots are lighted in the citrus belt.

Marie of Belgium and Humbert, heir to the Italian throne, are wed amid pomp and ceremony at Rome.

Rush for auto licenses ends at the sheriff's office.

County court plans a re-creation of county timber.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

January 8, 1909 (It was Thursday) San Francisco named as scene of Democratic national convention to be held June 28.

Labor joins farmers in fight high cost of living.

Rogue river fish bill causes furore in legislature, and valley sportsmen swoop.

Cold waves sweeps the valley, and the mercury drops to 24 degrees.

Editorial urges that Herbert Hoover be "drafted" as Republican candidate for president.

Ershal H. Hedrick, superintendent of the Central Point schools, spent the holidays with relatives at Drain.

HIGHWAY CONFAB AT EUGENE JAN. 15

Eugene, Jan. 8.—(AP) Highway-minded and tourist-conscious Oregonians from Portland to Ashland will gather here January 15 for the annual session of the Oregon Pacific Highway association. It was announced today by Manager Carl Ryerson.

Among out-of-state speakers, prominent in the vacation industry field, who are expected to attend are Clyde Edmondson, San Francisco, general manager of the Redwood Empire association, and George I. Warren, Victoria, B. C., manager of the Victoria and Island Publicity bureau. Harold B. Say, Salem, director of the travel and information of the Oregon state highway commission, will speak on new tourist fields for the state.

The association, reorganized a year ago for the promotion of highway modernization and tourist travel, has been supported during 1939 by chambers at Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Eugene and Salem, and Lane, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties.

GERMANY BALKS HELP FOR FINNS

Berlin, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Authorized Nazi sources today confirmed reports that Germany had refused to permit Italian planes destined for Finland to pass through the reich.

These sources said no nation under international law was obliged to accept war material as transit goods. Each such case must be decided on its merits, they said.

Russia, they asserted, would have objected violently if the planes had been allowed to pass, and Germany deemed it expedient to refuse such transit as a means of preventing extension of the war area.

Hood Climbers Safe

Portland, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Just as a group of searchers were about to start a hunt for them on the stormy slopes of Mount Hood last night, Bill Wood, 34, and Herbert Rasor, 27, reached safety. The two Portland mountaineers left at 5:30 a. m. Sunday to climb the peak, Oregon's highest.

For Once

St. Clairsville, O., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Asked if there were any reason he couldn't serve on a jury, F. D. Kirkpatrick said his wife was in the panel. "Well," smiled Judge C. L. Belt, "you two could agree for once, couldn't you?" So Kirkpatrick joined his wife in the box.

Results With Vengeance. Columbia, Mo.—(AP)—Newspaper advertising certainly brings results. Dr. C. M. Sneed lost a sow and advertised the fact in the Columbia Tribune. Back came the sow—plus a litter of nine pigs.