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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

An item in the 50 years ago column of the Yreka (Calif.) Journal, reveals in 1890 influenza was known as the "Russian Influenza."

The auto horn that unleashes a midnight shivaree every time it is tooted, is known to the police, and has not been to town for four days.

NONE SUCH HERE (Woodland (Calif.) Democrat)

"We have told you about this boy before; how he is mentally abnormal, how he drove up on the sidewalk before the grammar school for the thrill of frightening the little children, how he rockets along the highways doing a serpentine at fifty-or-so per. Now he turns corners on Main street on one wheel, how he has been in the county jail for chastening, how local police have worn the soles off their shoes and the gizzards out of their motor-cycles chasing him."

The British are now excited over the canning of their secretary of war, and the wrath of the land is upon the head of the premier who so distinguished himself at the peace of Munich.

Democrats who gungled up \$25 for the Jackson Day dinner at Portland, report they are not worried about the \$25. Maybe they are worried about where they will get another dinner.

The Oregon Roadside Council plans to beautify the highways by planting trees and shrubs where none grow now.

THE DESCENT OF MAN. "We are now able to account for the fact that nineteen out of every twenty husbands are so woefully henpecked. It is because the boyhood days of the present adult generation were spent in grade schools which had none but women teachers. The habit of obedience—sometimes inspired by puppy love for dear teacher and other times by fear of the rod she wielded—persisted into manhood and made easy marks for wives who otherwise might never have thought of wearing the pants.

"Juliet" puts chill on San Fran "Romeo"

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—(P)—Pretty Isabelle Deslier says it's all off — her "romance" with John B. Adams, the 32-year-old Romeo who took to the law courts in an effort to prevent his prospective mother-in-law from cramping his romantic style.

Heppner Has Snow

Heppner, Ore., Jan. 10.—(P)—Farmers found pleasure today in a 14-inch snow covering for wheat fields but blanketed ranges meant the first feeding of the season in the livestock industry. CCC enrollees from camp Heppner assisted in clearing pedestrian lanes yesterday.

The New Morality

"GERMANY'S policy," said Prime Minister Chamberlain, in his Mansion House speech yesterday, "is a threat and a menace to the moral standards on which western civilization is based."

That isn't just some more allied propaganda. It's the truth. Nazi Germany,—and also Soviet Russia,—have no use for western-world moral standards, or any others.

There is only one morality for them—that is the state. Whatever promises to aid and advance the state is good; whatever doesn't is bad.

If lying, stealing, double-crossing, murdering promise to aid the holy cause of nationalism, fine and dandy, go to it! If they don't,—don't bother with them, or with anything else.

Nothing is wrong that helps the state; nothing is right that injures it.

THIS is the new morality of Central and Eastern Europe, just as Nazism and Communism are the new political ideologies.

And if Germany and Russia should win, these principles—or lack of them—would survive, and spread over the entire continent of Europe.

WE have no illusions regarding the power of the war psychosis, and realize how Messrs. Hitler and Stalin would sneer at such a bourgeois idea.

Nevertheless, we are inclined to regard this moral factor as of considerable importance when the final test of strength comes,—as it eventually will.

For say what you will, the genus homo, regardless of where he may reside, has a certain instinct regarding right and wrong. He can deceive himself unmercifully, particularly under clever leadership, but there are those moments, particularly when things aren't going so well, when that "little candle" starts to throw its beam, no matter how extensive has been the wandering.

AND THEN, you apostles of might over right,—watch out!

True, Napoleon said God was on the side of the heaviest battalions, but there are certain IMPONDERABLES in that "heaviest" as he found out, to his sorrow, at Waterloo.

And the most important of them is that moral factor,—the sense of fighting for the RIGHT!

Yes, Tennyson is terribly out of date, while "Sir Galahad" is positively taboo. But one of these days, if they live long enough, we have a pious idea, both Joseph and Adolph will admit there was a profound truth in that familiar couplet:

"My strength is as the strength of ten, Because my heart is pure."

John Speaks "Our Language"

LORD LOTHIAN, the new British Ambassador at Washington, is a most UNimpressive looking person, but he has said some extremely wise things since his arrival.

Number one on the list is his approval of this country's determination to stay out of the European war, until, like England, its vital interests are at stake.

"Geography," he remarked in New York the other day, "has been extremely generous to your country; how foolish you would be not to take advantage of it!"

WE have no doubt there was more shrewd diplomacy in that statement than "Yankee candor," but it was extremely smart nevertheless. Great Britain would be more than human if she didn't wish American help in her hour of peril, but her leaders are too intelligent to admit it, or to even hint there is any effort being made to secure it.

And here is another extract from another Lothian speech, worthy of consideration:

"One of the great blunders of the post-war era, was the belief that a war stricken world could recover by a system which combined immense international indebtedness with unrestrained tariff protectionism.—This was probably the major cause of the world depression of 1929."

Old Johnny Bull has many faults, but in this day and age, stupidity is certainly not one of them.

And with the world in such a turmoil, with the old landmarks so rapidly disappearing, what a satisfaction it is to find ONE country on the other side of the ocean which does speak "OUR language" in more than ONE sense of the term!

Aid For Finland

FINLAND may well say with Pyrrhus when his friends congratulated him on his victory over Fabricius:

"Yes but if we have another such victory, we are undone!"

For there is a limit to what a small army, however superior in quality and leadership, can accomplish against a much larger one.

Time is the essence of it. For eventually, merely as a matter of arithmetic, the overwhelmingly larger force must overcome the smaller, unless the latter is reinforced.

It was reassuring, therefore, to learn from the British Prime Minister's speech that Britain's aid to Finland "will be no mere formality" as it certainly was, as far as Poland was concerned.

Realizing the innate conservatism of the Chamberlain temperament, this statement may be taken to mean that England and France are already engaged in arranging for the dispatch of men and guns to the Russian border.

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 numbers 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.

CUPS THAT CHEER BUT NOT INEBRIATE

A reader says she wants the five children of her only daughter to develop physically, mentally and morally as they should and fears my approval of coffee drinking may encourage the children to cultivate the habit which she believes would be detrimental, especially to the sixteen year old child.

A young sixteen year old seems a mere child to her, and at that age young people are likely to form wrong habits, though in my judgment children under sixteen years of age should not be permitted to drink coffee, tea, cocoa or chocolate. Milk is the beverage for children.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Dilated Venues Following an obstinate eruption which I found out eventually was poison oak, the backs of my hands were covered with a network of small red broken veins. Several doctors said there was nothing I could do about it. The condition remained for several years. Then I began massaging my hands by rubbing a pencil vigorously back and forth across the backs. Soon the appearance improved and before long the discoloration had disappeared except a small spot. This spot now is only faintly visible. (M. S.)

Ans.—Thank you. Of course the w. k. Andrew J. Coincidence M. D. should not be ignored in such cases. The message can do no harm. Obliteration of dilated venules about the face by electrodesiccation is described in 80-page booklet "Save Your Skin" dealing with common skin troubles, complexion, cosmetics, home made and drug store compounded. For copy send 25c coin and stamped envelope bearing your address. A Great Secret. I have received a great deal of help from your column and think you have accomplished untold good with your articles. (Miss A. A. C.)

Ans.—As to the latter opinion, I'm inclined to agree with you. At any rate most readers keep the good a great secret if they mention the matter at all. Some day, I hope, some one will take me into his confidence and explain whether my articles helped by cutting the coal bill or by preventing worry about going insane or by making the baby happy over his food. It may not be immediately apparent, but criticism, favorable or unfavorable, which applies clearly to the matter in question, always has influence; whereas the good or bad opinion without instance or example to hinge it on, makes little impression. (Protected by John P. Dille Co.)

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could do this by dropping a few warships from his proposed list.

ONE reason there is a Chittiman's chance for the Hayden-McNary bill is that congress is not rushing to give the president everything he asks for national defense. Republicans in the senate have gone into a huddle, and a number of Democrats in the house, with similar huddles in the house, with the purpose of making a thorough inquiry into national defense. These members wish to know why the administration thinks the navy should be expanded; also the identity of the prospective enemy whose attack must be anticipated by the expenditure of a couple of billion dollars.

As the national defense is placed under fire by Republicans and Democrats the president may see the strategy of including military roads if he is to carry his own objective. A nod from the White House would sweep the Hayden-McNary resolution through congress—and its prospects are fair without the nod. Every state touched by a military highway would find its congressional delegation for the marine corps, with similar huddles in the house, with the purpose of making a thorough inquiry into national defense. These members wish to know why the administration thinks the navy should be expanded; also the identity of the prospective enemy whose attack must be anticipated by the expenditure of a couple of billion dollars.

At the National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly (Continued from Page One) extended to the states through which the military highways run. Highway commissions would spend the special appropriation on the military routes, which would permit the federal aid to be applied elsewhere. It would not be "match money" under the Hayden-McNary resolution. As a national defense, if the plan succeeds, explains the Oregon senator, it would furnish money to improve the Pacific highway south from Eugene to Ashland, eliminating some mountains and twisting sections. And the senator adds he wants the Pacific highway given a better grade over the Siskiyou mountains into northern California.

OREGON highway commission and federal road officials know what is needed to make the route south of Eugene in line with what the war department would like, but the great cost has been a deterrent. The senator says his resolution can solve that problem.

THIS Hayden-McNary measure was hatched when the public discovered the immense sum the president is asking for national defense, particularly for the navy, and protests and criticism rolled in. These senators, a good new dealer and the Republican leader, figure that the president would be playing good politics by including military highways as part of the national defense and insofar as the next is concerned the \$100,000,000 required for a single battleship would go far toward constructing super-roads for military purposes.

As yet neither the senator from Arizona nor the senator from Oregon have any idea of what the cost of military highways would be, but they are satisfied that the president's defense program would be more acceptable if he mixed up road building with battleships and Mr. Roosevelt

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, addressing diners at his party's \$100-a-plate Jackson Day dinner in Washington, says that "motive in the long run is what counts," adding: "If leaders have good motives... you can be fairly safe in assuming that they won't wreck your government."

WEBSTER defines motive as "that which incites to action; anything prompting or exciting to choice, or moving the will."

This writer hopes the outstanding motive of the next president of the United States is to insure the solvency of his country by spending less than is taken in and so reducing the now dangerously high public debt.

History teaches us that every nation that has gone on the rocks has done so because of reckless spending without regard to income.

ROOSEVELT, in his Jackson day speech, left his intentions in the way of a third term still a mystery. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, after listening to his chief, pipes up: "I hope the Democratic nominee in 1940 is Roosevelt."

Here is the point: If Roosevelt goes out, the new deal office-holders go out with him.

EVERY time you hear a new deal office-holder beating the drum for a third term you may be sure that in the back of his mind is this thought: "If Roosevelt goes, I go too."

To an office-holder, nothing in the world is so important as his job.

THE mere fact that new deal office-holders and hangers-on are practically unanimous for a third term doesn't mean necessarily that F.D.R. has made up his mind to go after a third term.

THE President's Jackson Day speech, incidentally, was humorous, tolerant and philosophical, and carried all the personal charm with which he is so richly gifted. If one had the \$100, it would have been worth \$100 to listen to it.

The three Republicans who declined the invitations sent them missed a good show.

(Franklin Delano Roosevelt is one of the world's best showmen. Whoever aspires to be the next president of the United States will do well to keep that undeniable fact in mind.)

Communications

Resolved in 1940

To the editor: Resolved, in 1940, through-out the year, I shall be thankful I am here. That I live in the United States. Rather than be compelled to meet the fates Of poor souls in Europe.

Resolved, in 1940 that my curiosity of doctrines, Will not deter me from the sins Of failure to be ever glad; that in my search —I can attend Of all the "isms"—I can attend the "church—"

In this free country. Resolved, in 1940, to cease the blaming of my plight On the U. S. government, therefore I hereby indict Myself and a million others on a charge of conspiracy, For failure to appreciate, and joyful be— That we are Americans.

Anonymous. (Name on file)

Thank You Mr. Moore! Your editorial in last night's paper on Roosevelt impels me to again express my regard for, and personal appreciation of the editorial page of the Mail Tribune.

J. A. Moore. 834 Pennsylvania Ave.

Town Meeting Here Thursday. To the Editor: It is my pleasure to inform you that Town Hall Medford held a meeting in the chamber of commerce building Jan. 4th at 7:30. There was a good attendance. The topic from Town Hall New York was commented upon. The meeting was held for the purpose of electing officers and starting a "Town Hall" listening discussion group. The following were elected to serve for six months:

Mrs. B. L. Barry, president. Mrs. F. R. Fairweather, secretary-treasurer. R. Mitchell, D. A. Crawford, G. I. Maxwell, board of directors.

G. I. Maxwell, Moderator. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fluhrer, Mrs. Geo. E. Owings and James Boyle.

A cordial invitation is extended

ed by Town Hall to all business men and citizens of Medford and vicinity to attend the next meeting January 11th at 7:30 in the chamber of commerce building, Medford. The subject will be "Should We Extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreement?" Thanking you again for your public spirited cooperation in Town Hall work in Medford. GEO. IAN MAXWELL, Moderator. 504 Penn. Ave., Medford.

Ye Poets Corner

Ballad of the Bug (By Russell Mitchell)

A fish set out to clean his pool Of foreign bugs and snails; And all the little fishes helped With mouths and fins and tails.

They worked and swept with all their might; They searched beneath the stones, And scared the bugs out of their wits By rattling bricks and bones.

But one there was from far away Had come to make his home; And having settled down to work Was loath to start to roam.

He organized the bugs and snails In opposition to the fish, Which made their angry bristles stand; Their tails made waters swish.

Well, then they went before the courts (The which had owls for judges.) The wise old bird hiccoughed and said, "I'll deport him if he fudges."

"O, does he fudge! Your Honor, Sir, His ideas are something runny, And I'm afraid he'll try to teach Them to my little sonny."

"And, Mr. Judge, he came to us Without your own permission, So we would send him out again Because of this omission."

The court adjusted belt and specs Remembering his own rule, That fish deport all alien bugs That lived within their pool.

"But if his papers are correct And he salutes when bugles call, I won't deport him for ideas, Ideas are free for all."

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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 January 10, 1930 (It was Friday)

House backs up President Hoover on dry law enforcement. Valley is visited by a five-inch fall of snow, and bobsleds appear on Jacksonville hills. Scrapers remove snow from Jacksonville Highway.

Pussywillows reported in the Climax district. Mercury drops to three below zero in city, for the third coldest day in history.

Boundary board decides on a three to seven cut in the costs of operating the Butte Falls school, after a hearing.

Grand jury indicts William Donoghue for torturing of local junk dealer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 10, 1920 (It was Saturday)

Noah S. Bennett presents the Elks lodge with a barrel of cider and then tells of the days when whet sold here for 30c a bushel. Mr. Bennett arrived here 30 years ago in the midst of a snow-storm.

Peace treaty put into formal effect between Allies and Germany. Report filed stating irrigation can be secured in valley for \$125 per acre.

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