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Ye Smudge Pot

By ARTHUR FERRY

Out of the welter of war news yesterday there came one item of cheer, and one of advice, that was neither hysterical or political. A French general was reported captured. This no doubt was humiliating to the general, but nevertheless cheering. It indicates all hands are battling. In the technique of war a general is not supposed to wander close enous up front to be caught or shot. The advice worthy of deep consideration, was written by DeWitt MacKenzie, a commentator, who wrote:

"I can only add that even if the Nazi claims are true, it does not mean that the allies are out of commission. This is a swell time for us to keep our shirts on and not get panicky."

The President announces in America's rearming policy and program there will be no millionaires created, and no strikes permitted. In World War No. 1, only 180,000 of the former were created, and prospects are high for the same number of the latter, in the current struggle abroad, unless a restraining halter is placed upon the Australian alien and labor leader, who is the especial pet of the only female cabinet member extant. Steps are also promised to prevent the importing of spies and 5th columnists. Governmental roughness is needed just now for those already here.

"Some day we shall be able to get four hundred miles to the gallon, says Charles F. Kettering, the motor engineer. We assume that every brand of gasoline will be superior to all others, as now." (New Yorker)—If not more so.

Larry Schade, the watch tinker Sunday squelched M. Hogan, the Wall St. representative in the presence of his boy Mike, who thinks his paw is a combination Samson and Espee freight engine, when it comes to muscular feats. The boy took his Papa to the timber, and en route home, a hind tire collapsed. After the elder Hogan had failed in an hour of herculean effort to remove a single nut, along came Mr. Schade, who manded the monkey-wrench, and removed the nuts, as easily as tearing the innards out of an Ingersoll. Mr. Hogan had been assiduously twisting the wrong way all the while, and it will be the end of the week, before he is again a full-fledged hero to his boy.

YE ED. BAWLS OUT SELF. "Last week our inefficient staff and force caused us embarrassment after the paper was out, when we found that despite strict and repeated instructions, to a man they failed to write, indite, print or give visible mention to a matter that was deserving of publicity, and which would have been most interesting to local people."

It Looks Better

WHY not gather a few rose buds while one may? The war news today is more encouraging. The French have recaptured Abbeville and Arras, while their new Commander issues an order to pinch off the Boche salient along the Somme.

The present Blitzkrieg has had a way of swinging back and forth,—bad news one day, not so bad the next,—due largely to the Germans taking a breathing spell, after a telling smash. So tomorrow the pendulum may swing in the other direction.

On the other hand it may not. For when all is said and done, the situation for France and England is not much more desperate than it was just before the first battle of the Marne, 26 years ago.

And sooner or later that counter attack is going to come. And this much is certain, when it DOES come, there will be no half-way measures about it,—Weygand does not fight that way. Hitler may survive, but we venture to say he will never forget that battle for the channel ports. And the recapture of Abbeville and Arras may be the start.

WHILE on this subject,—of which we know nothing,—we have just been looking at the latest war map, showing that British, French and Belgians, surrounded, some 800 thousand strong, along the coast.

But how about the Germans being surrounded also,—that German salient to the channel being cut off by the British, Belgians and French! This much is certain, the Germans have enemy forces on both sides of them. Why can't a pincer be made of this,—with what might be termed reverse English?

There is probably some catch here. But anyway things look much better at the present writing. The stock market is recovering, and after so much bad news for so long, we think it only sensible to make a note of the good news coming in on the morning of May 22nd.

Nothing Decisive as Yet

THE best evidence to support the above comes from the German command in Belgium, in an interview with the A. P. correspondent, Louis Lochner.

Said General von Ruthenau, veteran of the first World War:

"Nothing decisive has happened as yet. The big test is yet to come. I feel confident of the outcome, but after my experience in 1914 when we celebrated victory after victory, only to be vanquished in the end, I am not to be caught in any premature predictions. The French, British and Belgian armies are still intact. Until they are destroyed, there is nothing to celebrate, there is nothing to do but fight."

True, there is no confession of weakness there, and plenty of self-confidence. But to those who have interpreted the recent German advance as little better than a funeral march for the allies, should find considerable encouragement in it.

When in view of recent triumphs, the chief of staff on the Germans' right flank, admits nothing decisive has happened as yet, one can certainly accept that verdict as a fact!

War Hysteria

A CORRESPONDENT who doesn't sign his—or her—name deplors the hysteria that is sweeping this country into another war in Europe.

Well, no doubt there is hysteria,—and those who, like our correspondent, can keep perfectly cool and collected in the face of what is happening in Europe, are to be congratulated.

On the other hand isn't this true? Doesn't the present fate of Poland, Norway and Belgium demonstrate that had there been a little more "hysteria" in Europe before Hitler struck, instead of after, the situation today would not be so desperate.

In other words, isn't it far better to overdo the matter of preparing to resist a danger, than not to do enough.

We may be going to extremes. Probably are. But with the world in its present condition, how can anyone KNOW.

And what sane person would advise any country to take a chance? Far better, with Europe in flames, to get together a fire department TWICE as strong as we need, than one that proved when the flames came, it wasn't STRONG ENOUGH!

Minority Govt. in Oregon

THE dangers of minority government are pretty clearly revealed by the recent primary election,—particularly in Multnomah County, which holds the balance of political power in this state.

Take the Democratic race for delegates to the national convention, for example.

There is a radical and minority organization in this state, known as the Commonwealth Federation,—made up largely of extreme left-wingers, theorists and academic pinks. The worst enemy of the Democratic party in this state wouldn't accuse it of being representative of the majority of that party. Yet, as pointed out in this paper's news columns the other day, five out of the ten candidates on the ballot, endorsed by the members of this group were elected!

IN a clear cut issue between the Democratic party and this radical Federation, the former would win overwhelmingly. But there was no such issue drawn.

As a result the Federation, by uniting behind their own candidates, while the opposition was split among ALL the candidates, won control of half the Oregon delegation.

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. Only 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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THE POISON AND THE DAMAGE

Familiar rejoinder of the patient whose health has been so seriously affected by tobacco that the doctor prohibits smoking altogether is "How long does it take to get the nicotine out of the system?"

Oh, maybe eight or ten hours from the last chew or puff. But that makes no difference with the treatment. The question is, not how long it takes to eliminate or excrete tobacco or its components or the components of tobacco smoke, but how much damage has been done the delicate nerve cells or other tissues or organs in the system.



time the tobacco user has been abusing them? The same answer must be made to a similar question in the case of acute or chronic poisoning by alcohol, arsenic, lead, carbon monoxide. Unfortunately the complete elimination or excretion from the body, of any such poison, does not mean that no lasting or even permanent harm or injury has been done by the poison in the short time it has been in the system.

Therefore the smoker who makes a hog of himself or herself—and develops serious nerve, throat, stomach, heart or eye trouble need not hope to see the trouble clear up a week after he or she stops using tobacco. Rather it will be a fortunate outcome if the trouble disappears in the course of four or five months of total abstinence plus proper medical treatment.

Serious manifestations of chronic tobacco poisoning occur almost invariably in persons who make hogs of themselves, by excessive and unreasoning indulgence. For example, smoking before a meal or in the course of a meal; smoking while at work; chain smoking—that is, lighting a fresh one as soon as the last one has been smoked. Among the characteristic manifestations of tobacco poisoning—and remember these maladies persist for many months after the use of tobacco has been stopped—is gastric or duodenal ulcer complex, a condition difficult or impossible to distinguish from gastric or duodenal ulcer, indeed excessive use of tobacco is regarded by most authorities as one of the causes of gastric or duodenal ulcer.

So closely does tobacco poison-

ing simulate or mimic peptic ulcer in some cases that, if on opening a fresh pack—a fresh case of ulcer the surgeon fails to find any ulcer he may console himself with the knowledge that a complete rest in hospital, low diet and the soothing influence of all the nurses and doctors milling about during convalescence will probably relieve the patient of whatever she brought with her.

There we go again, coeducational. There is a reason. Most cases of ulcer in women occur in women 18 to 28 years old; most cases in men occur in men around 40. One reason, I believe, is the propensity of young women smokers to excess; possibly the feminine neurone is more vulnerable too.

Any tobacco user who has "heartburn," gas or the characteristic complex—pain or burning, which is relieved for a while by food, which is followed presently by pain or burning and so on—had better consider the desirability of temperance.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Is it safe for one 72 years old with goitre to take your iodine ration?—Mrs. B. E. S. Answer—It is safe for one any age to take it. If one with goitre is not taking iodine or similarly acting medicine of other kind, it is safe. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for monograph "Instructions for Taking an Iodine Ration."

Mrs. Gamp on the Job. The doctor never said anything about it while I was in hospital, but my nurse told me that one cannot have good health without a bowel movement at least once a day, better three times a day, and she advised me to take...—G. E.

Answer—I advise you not to take it. A competent nurse never prescribes anything for patients. When a nurse doubles as little tin doctor, she is generally not worth her salt as a nurse. Send ten cents coin and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "The Constipation Habit and Colon Hygiene."

Have been gargling with salt water every night for ten years. In view of what you said about people taking too much salt, do you think it advisable to continue this practice? I imagine that while gargling or afterward some salt is taken into the system.—A. B. Answer—It is harmless if you enjoy fusing with it, but I don't believe it does any good in any circumstance. Before you go to bed do you go around and make sure all your pores are closed? (Protected by John P. Dille Co.)

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planes. And unless the money is forthcoming, the planes will not be built.

This sort of thing is decidedly serious in view of our present situation. If Germany wins the war before we can rearm, Charles A. Lindbergh to the contrary, we shall be a tempting target of attack. With an army rather weaker than Switzerland's and a navy far from adequate for service in both oceans, we have an immense job of rearmament to do. If the British fleet is surrendered to Germany, the time for the task ahead will be short indeed, for the navy department believes the Germans could get the captured ships in working order in about a year.

Last these considerations seem alarmist, it may be stated that they are now troubling the minds of the most cautious and conservative men in the administration. And it may be added, for those who find it too disagreeable to consider the possibility of an attack on the United States, that Canada, now a belligerent, is virtually defenseless, and would be an even more logical object of a German onslaught. Small wonder that national defense problems were bitterly disappointed with the president's requests, which strangely omitted the following much needed expenditures: \$800,000,000 for full equipment of

an army of 1,000,000 men and all needed equipment. Included in this total are such items as an extra \$100,000,000 for anti-aircraft guns, another \$200,000,000 for powder and ammunition, \$35,000,000 for wool garments and blankets, \$25,000,000 for portable hospitals, and \$30,000,000 for gas masks. For some of these things expenditures now in prospect are utterly insufficient. Of others, such as the portable hospitals, the army has none in its storehouses and none on order.

\$90,000,000 for airplanes. In his message the president spoke vaguely of perhaps using part of his requested blank check of \$100,000,000 for planes. But this sum is ridiculously small in the first place, and will be required, in the second, for handling the inevitable bottlenecks in the whole construction program.

\$750,000,000 for tanks. The great battle now in progress in Europe has already shown tanks to be all important. The president asked nothing substantial for tanks, presumably because none can be finished until more armor-plate factories are built. But appropriating the money and starting the eventual delivery, even if armor plate must be waited for.

These three extra appropriations, totalling \$2,300,000,000 will take care of the army alone. The navy has been strangely modest in its requests, but in any realistic view its needs are also great. They should be investigated and met. Furthermore, prompt action is completely essential. If the defense services are given carte blanche tomorrow, we cannot be ready to defend ourselves in less than a year, or the hemisphere in less than two. And that is not soon enough.

AT THE National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly a candidate for county office.

AMERICAN Red Cross wants every national bank to make a contribution. Under the law banks cannot do this, although some donate and cover it up in bookkeeping. A measure is now being prepared by the legislative drafting bureau which is designed to permit national banks to kick-in for the Red Cross. Those in charge of the banking institutions have no objection to such a measure but until such a bill is passed and signed by the president the existing law will not be waived.

President of the American Red Cross is anxious to have the legislation rushed through immediately in order to obtain bank contributions without delay because of demands on the organization in war-torn Europe. Senator Glass, of Virginia, may offer the bill as chairman of the committee on banking. While no large contributions are expected from the banks, in the aggregate the sum will be of material aid.

TWO cargoes of sugar were taken from Cuba to Vladivostok by a shipowner of the Pacific northwest, who made \$240,000 on the transaction. The sugar was destined for Germany; same destination as the shipments of copper from west coast ports to Vladivostok.

In his pocket and ready to be offered as an amendment to any piece of legislation that is germane, Oregon's junior senator, Rufus Holman wants to close the doors of the United States against all immigration for five years, or possibly for the duration of the war. There will be a protest by those who are advocating the admission of refugees, but Holman contends that members of the "fifth column" can come in with refugees and by stopping all immigration it will keep out the "columnists." As between saving refugees and saving America, Holman says that the latter comes first. Administration opposition is anticipated but that doesn't scare Rufus.

TWO bills are in congress to deport Harry Bridges, west coast C. I. O. leader. Since they were introduced, labor organizations in Oregon have been writing and telegraphing members of the delegation to oppose the measures with all the influence at their command.

Should the house bill reach the floor it is believed that it will be passed as members of the Dies committee have their own ideas about

the activities of the Australian. What will happen in the senate is another matter, although a new deal senator is sponsoring a measure in that body.

NO sooner had the president's message been read than labor leaders were telephoning opposition to the proposal that aircraft and other plants with national defense orders go on a 24-hour basis. In reading his message Mr. Roosevelt did not mention this, although it is in the printed copies. The labor leaders were told that they should be pleased at the suggestion as it would create three jobs instead of one—three eight-hour shifts; provide more employment. But the labor leaders are not satisfied with this explanation and intend to be heard from later.

Communications

Matter of Pronunciation To the Editor: A local teacher of Spanish French (who is NOT giving lessons at present) wishes to state to your readers that the pronunciation of "War News Names" on page 5 May 20th, so little approximates the English tongue that it had better not be attempted without a proper course.

Regarding the accent of the French syllables will say that it is quite the opposite of the English rhythm. In the greater number of words in English there is a syllable upon which stress is laid, and the rest is sometimes scarcely audible. In the word "madam," for example the syllable "mad" is nearly all that is heard. In the word "disgusting" it is "gust" that is emphasized.

This does not take place in French, where every syllable is equally accentuated.

Besides, in order to give emphasis in English, stress is laid upon certain syllables. For instance, in the sentence "She is charming," "elle est charmante," we emphasize "char." In French it would produce a most disagreeable jerk. Tonic accent exists, indeed, in French, but is not so sensible nor so frequent in English. Besides, it is never placed as in this language, at the commencement of the word, but always at the end.

In English the sounds are short, irregular, and abrupt, while in French they are regular, smooth and flowing.

J. C. HUNTER, 208 W. Main St., City.

Wants World Police Force To the Editor: The conditions in the world today are so desperate and crazy that even the mountains should cry out in protest. Humanity must come to their senses, or destruction will surely follow.

There is no question but what the majority of mankind have common-sense and deplore present conditions, would prefer peace and order, respect for human rights, that goes for every nation, even the Germans. The curse of the present day is neutrality. The good people are all trying to be neutral, and let the criminal crazy run wild to destruction.

It is time now when the rational moral people assume responsibility and put an end to this, the greatest curse of humanity forever. The present day dictators are simply robbers, and murderers, running wild with no restraint.

There is only one language such characters understand, that is FORCE. Society has provided for restraining such characters in city, county, state and nation. Why not internationally? They are no different morally from our Schultz, Pendergast, Capone, or Dillinger. Why should they not be handled the same? The world has suffered long enough from such brigands. Modern in-

ventions has almost eliminated time, and space, brought the uttermost parts of the earth to our back door, multiplied the implements of destruction in the hands of these outlaws; no people can now be made to suffer without all of us feeling the pain, we are so closely allied through our international organizations, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Rotary, and many other international service clubs.

We hope the awfulness of the present conflict will bring us to our senses, and put a stop to such crimes forever. Poland, Denmark, Norway, and Belgium have demonstrated the folly of neutrality. There is now only one rational course to pursue. That is a World Police force, strong enough to disarm all criminals and punish the individual responsible for crimes committed under his direction.

Our J. Edgar Hoover has demonstrated that such characters can be handled in 48 states. Just a few more could make the world safe for democracy if given the proper authority and backing.

No matter what you call it, the good sane people of the world must federate enough to create a world power to keep the peace.

That however, is a minor consideration. This organized war of self-destruction must be stopped, if this conflict does not destroy the human race, the next one will.

Every non-criminal should make himself heard and his influence felt to inaugurate a world rule of sanity that would put a stop to war on earth forever. IRA C. JONES. Medford, May 21.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

May 22, 1930. (It was Thursday)

Shorter road to Pacific highway is sought by district south of the golf course.

Council votes \$1,000 to the humane society, and \$250 for the Crescent City harbor project.

Figures on Literary Digest prohibition poll show 40 per cent of the people favor repeal of the Volstead Act.

Rogue river fish issue flares bitterly and anew.

Legion regatta to be held next Sunday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

May 22, 1920. (It was Saturday)

General Wood carries Jackson county as presidential choice; George M. Roberts for district attorney; Ralph Jennings leads for sheriff on the democratic ticket; Hiram Johnson carrying upstate as presidential choice.

Grover C. Bergdoll, who escaped from federal guards yesterday, had a racing auto ready. Nationwide hunt for wealthy slacker starts.

Government to start drive against food hoarding.

This is the annual clean-up day in the city, with most of the menfolks down town listening to election returns.

"The Passing Show" will be presented at the Page theater, June 1. This is the largest production ever brought to this city.

THE CAPITAL PARADE By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER Released by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.

Washington, May 22.—The puzzle of the president's emergency national defense requests is not why they were so large. In view of the public apathy, the congressional partisanship and the peculiar presidential budgetary system which have prevailed in these last years, \$1,182,000,000 is an extremely small sum to have to spend on our defense deficiencies. In truth, the real puzzle is why the president's requests were so modest.

It is not too much to say that they were shockingly small. When their extent became known, there was deep concern among army men and others familiar with our real national defense needs. And with good reason.

Essentially, we have three problems of national defense. In the order of their importance they are: (1) To defend our own country; (2) to defend parts of the American hemisphere such as Canada, whose independence is vital to our security; and (3) to defend the non-vital but important part of South America below the bulge, and to hold the trade lanes bringing us certain raw materials, such as the Pacific route along which rubber and the transit from the Malay states. Supporting the allied resistance should end and the British fleet fall into German hands, we are not now equipped to meet even the first of these problems. We are unprepared, with respect to dozens of crucial items, even to defend ourselves.

An example of the deep-seatedness of the president's national defense message is the passage dealing with airplanes. He talked, rather grandiosely in view of the existing production facilities, of an air fleet of 30,000 planes and an annual production capacity of the same extent. Yet in the whole message, not one penny is specifically requested to be spent on

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