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Ye Smudge Pot

By ARTHUR PERRY

It is now charged Americans are not taking the war seriously enough. This is true. As yet, the price of corner lots in Jacksonville has not gone up, on account of conditions overseas, as in 1914-1918.

In the light of events last week, "50,000,000 Frenchmen can't be wrong" less 15 "purged" French generals who failed to function on the Meuse front and were a great help to the foe.

CONSISTENCY OF MAN

"He has appeared here and opposed a one-cent a quart increase on grounds that it would prevent an increased consumption of milk among lower income groups. Yet he is executive secretary of a birth control organization, which would reduce the consumption of milk by reducing the number of babies who are its largest consumers."

"DRESS STYLISHLY OR NOT AT ALL, EXPERT ADVICES"—(Marysville Appeal Hdline)—Hush up, you Expert!

General (Crackdown) Johnson, in his column today, discussing the New Deal "yes-men," in the preparedness program hoots at the idea of Henry Morgenthau co-ordinating air defense manufacturing, and describes the lot-to-wit: "This anti-industrial crowd of business incompetents couldn't be equalled by sifting the entire nation for ineptitude for the task, and their immediate reaction is they don't need any outside help to do this specialized job." This appears to be a complete size-up.

A bill before Congress provides for the fingerprinting and registration of all aliens in the land, estimated at 4,000,000. It will take considerable waving of the whitewash brush by Madam Perkins, labor secretary, to keep H. Bridges of Australia out of this "indignity."

The first presidential candidate holding a baby, with a heavyweight wrestler's grip, and the infant looking as wise as the candidate, have appeared in the state press.

"ONE REASON FOR THE SHOOTING IS GUNS"—(Hdline American Guardian)—And the other reason is: No statesmen, diplomats or politicians pull any tribbers.

THANKS WITH A THREAT "To my friends who supported me so wonderfully in the recent primary election, my sincere and heartfelt thanks. The old adage: 'Never say die,' may be revived two years from now, when I again may be a candidate. I met so many fine people and made a number of friends. I feel that in two years I could not do a great deal better."

We republican candidates, who failed, should support the winning candidates in the November election and show a united and solid vote to select our Republican nominees.—(Oregon City Enterprise.)

Just a Hunch

WE grant the likelihood President Roosevelt will be renominated for a third term increases as time—and particularly the war—goes on. Nevertheless, we still hold to our original view that he won't be, and the fireside chat from the White House last night didn't weaken that persistent, if not entirely logical, conclusion.

FOR there was a striking lack of the old Roosevelt fire and bounce in that address, we thought. The solemnity of the subject and the occasion may have had something to do with it, but beneath the surface we felt a rather sad, troubled and weary man, no longer young, was speaking.

And obviously if this is to be a war-torn world,—and it looks that way,—a man in that condition of mind, body and spirit should not be at the national helm for FOUR MORE years. Not only would he be instinctively averse to it, but the people would not want it.

SO we still believe someone whose initials are not F. D. R. will be the Democratic nominee for 1940. However, if all the political form sheets are right, and Mr. Roosevelt IS the nominee after all,—we proceed to crawl even further out on the limb, and predict his defeat.

No, we aren't going to argue the matter. On the basis of logic and the present probabilities, we grant we would be knocked into a cocked hat before we could get a decent start. In fact, if the grapevine is correct, they are wagering, in the future book on Wall Street, 3 to 1 now that the 32nd President of the United States will be on the job until 1944.

Nevertheless, that is our hunch and we are going to stick to it. All we ask is no one forget that is what we called it, just that and nothing else,—not considered judgment, or patiently matured opinion, but just a HUNCH!

F. D. R. on the Defensive

THERE was another unusual feature about that fireside chat,—the President occupied a spot he seldom occupies and doesn't like, that of the defensive strategist. Like Weygand and Petain, Franklin D. Roosevelt greatly prefers to attack,—in fact, like them, that is his great forte.

BUT, as the matter of war preparedness promises to be an important issue in the fall campaign, the President had to take some cognizance of the Republican attacks in that vulnerable direction,—particularly the bitter and vindictive ones from the vitriolic pen of General Hugh "Iron Pants" Johnson.

So he devoted a considerable portion of his speech defending his preparedness program, and denying that the millions appropriated for this purpose had been diverted to "boon doggling" or poured down a rat hole, as has been charged.

AND as figures don't lie the President made out a good case. The U. S. navy undoubtedly is stronger today than it has ever been in PEACE TIME before, the U. S. army also.

This does not mean either arm of national defense is NOW ready for service in the European conflict. Nor does it mean the United States is as well prepared today, as all well-informed people wish it were,—or as it would be if our FOREsight seven years ago had been as keen as our HINDsight is today.

BUT it DOES mean the present administration has done a great deal more in this direction than it ever promises to get credit for, and infinitely more than would have been the case had Republicans of the Dewey or Governor Stassen (this year's GOP key note) type, been in the White House.

For both these distinguished gentlemen have repeatedly stated that what happens or doesn't happen in Europe is none of this country's concern,—and if it isn't,—obviously there is no occasion to prepare for trouble from that quarter now, nor has there been any for seven years past.

In all fairness, in fact, it must be admitted that this, in general, has represented the Republican party's viewpoint regarding the Roosevelt foreign policy until Herr Hitler's latest Blitzkrieg knocked it into the middle of next week.

HOWEVER, what is just and fair, from an abstract viewpoint, has little to do with what is said or done in practical politics, and President Roosevelt therefore was no doubt wise to start building up a defense against his preparedness program, which in all likelihood will be the weakest point in the Democratic party's armor when the presidential campaign really starts.

But as above stated, necessary as such action is, the President is far from his best when he has to take the defensive,—in fact, he is then at his worst. Which accounted, in part perhaps, for the strong impression made upon this department by last night's chat that President Roosevelt today is no longer the "Happy Warrior" eager and thrilling for battle, but is a rather tired and sobered veteran who would greatly prefer to let younger and stronger hands guide the ship of state through the turbulent and tempestuous seas that now confront it!

ROBT. MONTGOMERY TO BE AMBULANCE DRIVER London, May 27.—(P)—Robert Montgomery, American motion picture actor, has been accepted as an ambulance driver for the American field service

Personal Health Service

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NUTRITION AND THE RHEUMATIZ

At seventy-one, writes F. H. A., I suppose it is to be expected that one should have a painful joint here and there. Well, now I wish you would not try to make a pessimist of me. Let me tell you I shall be a sadly disappointed with my whole scheme of life if, at seventy-one, I regard joint disability or discomfort as a natural manifestation of my age.

You see, it all depends. It depends chiefly on the state of one's nutrition. Nutrition is the sum of the processes by which a plant or animal absorbs or takes in and utilizes food substances. Good nutrition begins at your teeth. And right there is where so many poor geeks part with their prospect of enjoying good health in later life. They neglect their teeth; they delude themselves that brushing with this or that is care of the teeth; they attempt to dodge regular visits to the dentist, either out of fear, ignorance or false economy.

Every tooth lost by disease, accident or design subtracts a year or two from the individual's life expectancy unless—and I say this with great conviction that I am right—unless its function is carried on by a suitable denture promptly installed in the mouth. We can go no farther than the teeth in today's little lesson in nutrition, friend A., but that is enough to give you a faint idea of the importance of the state of nutrition in regard to the prevention and treatment of chronic joint disability. For the rest of the interview I shall try to be practical.

If I were seventy-one and had a painful joint here and there or a touch of rheumatiz in the fingers, I'd endeavor to follow a high calcium diet and besides I'd take an additional ration of medicinal calcium daily. I'd take at least 50,000 units of vitamin D daily — this may be taken either in a teaspoonful of oil or in a small capsule which contains 50,000 units. I'd see to it that I got my daily drop of iodine. And I'd make it a rule to eat four ounces of fresh wheat germ every day, in one form or another. If, for any reason, I could not have wheat germ

or two Nazi leaders of the type of Hermann Goering. His knowledge of the German army is so great that he has been kept on in the military intelligence although he is not well. In truth Smith, abhorrent though some of his opinions may seem, is not the sort of man to worry about. As yet we in America need not even greatly worry about such special cases as the Nazi bunglers, their communist fellow-travelers, and the professed Nazi agents like the Boston and San Francisco consuls, Dr. Herbert Scholz and Captain Fritz Weidemann. They can be dealt with, very firmly but very calmly. The men we in America must fear, at this terrible crisis in our history, are the fat-faced, complacent, stupid and interested men whose morose passivity may prevent the country from acting as boldly and quickly as this crisis demands.

Some of them are petty partisans, terrified that the tension of a time of deadly danger will give political advantage to the president they hate. Some are woolly-headed optimists who cannot bear to see the grim world in which they live shattered by the brutal and bloody reality. But most are just short-sighted men, who smother the same old nonsense that lulled England and France to sleep, and proudly call it "realism."

One of them was here the other day, a richly upholstered fellow, staying richly at a rich man's hotel, complaining furiously of the government agency which had tried him out of his powerful New York bank to discuss certain problems of regulation. He was one of those whom the elder Charles Francis Adams was thinking of, when he said the businessmen he disliked were those distinguished only by "a certain low cunning."

And he was telling all and sundry what ought to be done about the Nazi menace—giving his important opinions, mayhap, at the very moment when the German bombers

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In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins MUSSOLINI, at noon Friday, is still on the fence but appears to be teetering toward the German side. UNOFFICIAL observers say the French have secretly offered Italy special rights in Asia, credit facilities through the Suez canal and a free port at Jibouti (as an outlet for snatched Abyssinia). Britain has been suggesting lifting the allied blockade in the Mediterranean for Italy's benefit. Mussolini snaps back (it is reported) that these concessions are "too little and too late."

AT THE National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

which were organized by communists and are, or were, dominated by the Reds, as attested by Browder in books he has published. Should the LaFollette bill become a law, these brigades of Reds and their fellow travelers, can penetrate into any industry filling national defense orders. It is known that members of the "fifth column" are employed in the aircraft factories on the coast. It is a matter of record that one tampered with a plane being made for the government; that the sabotage agent, when discharged, had to be re-employed by the factory on orders of NLRB.

CERTAIN senators supporting the LaFollette measure are partly responsible for the regulation prohibiting FBI from wire-tapping, although tapping wires of suspects and known spies is a recognized practice. Now a foreign agent can telephone his superior with the knowledge that his verbal report will not be overheard. The LaFollette measure invests the enemies within with civil liberties not accorded them under any other flag. It is the theory of civil liberties that is stretched to protect enemies from having their wires tapped by the G-Men.

ONE third of the senators are up for re-election this year and among them are candidates who, while recognizing the bad features of the LaFollette measure, are afraid to offend labor in a campaign. Hearings of the civil liberties committee disclosed that many of the witnesses were Reds; this connection being uncovered by the Dies committee. Leader Barkley was so determined to carry out the administration's wish to kill the Logan-Walters bill that his foot slipped. And from national defense standpoint, the LaFollette bill is worse.

JAMES Alger Fee, judge of the federal district court for Oregon, gave Attorney General Robert Jackson something to think about. Judge Fee is a reserve officer and thought he would like to get away from the bench to attend the maneuvers. The attorney general had no objection. There is a rule in the department of justice covering the matter: all a judge has to do to participate in military activities is to resign. It is as simple as that, but Judge Fee didn't like that idea. So, Senator McNary asked Jackson to give the matter his personal consideration, in view of the program for training officers recommended by the president. The attorney general agreed to take the matter under advisement.

APPROXIMATELY 85 cities in the water westly dependent for their water supply on watersheds within the national forests will now be better able to protect their supply. McNary's bill authorizes the secretary of agriculture and interior to set aside such watersheds and reserve them from all forms of locations, entry or appropriation, excluding all persons from the watershed except towns officials and representatives of the municipality interested. Hunting, camping and fishing can be barred under the regulations of the secretaries. This measure, enacted a few days ago, is the result of a conference of officials in Portland from all cities with the problem of protecting their water supply.

BANKRUPTCY SALE NOW CLOSING OUT ENTIRE STOCK OF Lee's Men's Shop 25% and 50% off G. W. KELLINGTON, Trustee in Bankruptcy

Flight O' Time Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago. TEN YEARS AGO TODAY May 27, 1930 (It was Tuesday) George W. Joseph, Republican nominee for governor, and Thomas Mannix, Portland attorney permanently barred from practice of law in state, following findings that attacks on the state supreme court were "malicious."

Sportsmen association to fight plans for power dams in Rogue river. Lincoln grade school cops track meet honors. Luther Deuel buys the Paul Scherer orchard in the Central Point district. Don Clark defeats Roy McDaniels in second flight of Oregon state golf meet at Eugene. Predict fruit shipping season will start August 7, a week earlier than last year.

SENATE votes down an American mandate over Armenia. No Republican candidate has an advantage with the national convention to open in Chicago early in June. Miss Dorothy Gilbert and Earl Tully were married in Portland today. They will make their home in this city. Trigonia oil company issues a statement and reports progress.

CHICAGO MILK STRIKE ENDED AFTER 8 DAYS Chicago, May 27.—(P)—Chicago's eight-day-old milk strike—the second this month—was ended last night and delivery to homes was resumed today as tank trucks brought in thousands of gallons of milk to replenish a depleted supply. The strike, which cost farmers and strikers thousands of dollars, was marked by daily outbreaks of violence. Trucks were dumped, drivers beaten and milk store windows broken. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

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LEGION INVITES ALL TO HEAR DAVIS. All war veterans as well as the public are invited to hear H. Elwyn Davis, national vice commander of the American Legion, who speaks at the Armory Tuesday at 8 p. m. American Legion posts participating in the meeting will be Kerby, Grants Pass, Ashland, Merrill, Malin, Klamath Falls, Lakeview and Medford. Mr. Davis served with the 349th A. M. B. L. A. N. R. E. company, 313th Sanitary Train, and saw active service in the Alsace sector during the World War. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

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