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Ye Smudge Pot by Arthur Perry.

Remember Girls! (What you were doing 20 years ago in June, as gleaned from the files of the Mail Tribune.)

There was a rush of the fair sex to Paul's Electric store to see the latest electrical powered washing machine wash a shirt.

Miss Laura Gates has a part in a Ufo opera to be given next week. A friend of Miss Delilah Stevens of C. Pt. from G. Pass visits here.

Jackson county woman gives advertising testimonial on the merits of Tanlac. Mrs. Charles Strang and daughter Helen, and Charlie back from auto trip to San Diego.

Housewives irked by health board order to boil city water before drinking. Phoenix ladies given chicken dinner.

A noted radio commentator on war news today, reported America was wholeheartedly swallowing German "descriptive propaganda."

Why Kid Ourselves?

ONE of the great lessons to be learned from the present tragic situation in Europe is the danger of national self-deception.

And nothing so stimulates self-deception as a disposition to avoid unpleasant facts, and fall back upon the soft upholstery of national pride, as an "escape."

ONE is probably justified in declaring, in fact, that if it had not been for the national complacency of the conservative governments in England, during the past decade, this disastrous defeat in Flanders would never have suffered.

For it was essentially this complacency, and its by-product, political gullibility, which impelled Hitler to first start on his rule or ruin policy, with the crushing of England and France, and the control of Europe as his ultimate goal.

WE grant it easy to see the grievous errors now—hindsight is always so much easier than foresight. And it all comes under the general heading of crying over spilt milk, anyway,—the harm has been done; it does no good to mourn.

But while it is too late for England and France to profit, as far as the loss of the channel ports are concerned, it is certainly not too late for this country to do so, and as we see it, it is extremely important that this should be done.

YET what is true here in Medford is probably true throughout the country, namely:—there is already a disposition not to face the facts as they are disclosed by this defeat in Flanders, and to fall back upon national,—or in this particular case ALLIED,—pride as a kind of compensatory "escape."

We are in receipt of one communication, for example, which tries to make out this flight back to England, and these courageous rear-guard stands, by both British and French, represent in reality a great moral victory,—with the losses on the German side exceeding those of the allies over three to one!

BUT, in precisely the same fashion, only a few years ago, Prime Minister Chamberlain returned from Munich with what he termed a great "moral victory,"—and the British Empire was to have peace "in OUR time."

There is no doubt Mr. Chamberlain sincerely believed it,—at the time,—as did a vast majority of his countrymen.

But those who faced the realities of the situation, and made no effort to dodge the facts because they weren't PLEASANT, believed no such thing. In fact, what the Prime Minister termed a great moral victory, they knew to be a great moral DEFEAT, and from the standpoint of power politics, a crushing disaster.

Had they, instead of Mr. Chamberlain, then taken over, what a different story would now be told!

BUT there was that national complacency again,—and national pride with it.

Hadn't Hitler promised he wanted nothing more in Europe, and if the worst should befall, what could Germany really do against a great empire in control of the seas, that would promptly bottle her up, and, as usual, successfully "muddle through"?

Well, Nazi Germany is now answering that question, and rather emphatically, we fear!

SO what earthly good can come from following that Chamberlain example in this country,—refusing to face the facts because we don't like them; why fall back upon our national pride, and our passionate sympathy for the allies,—with the confidence that if the worst comes to the worst we, too, will successfully muddle through.

Only disillusion and disaster lies at the end of such an unrealistic, ostrich policy.

WE grant this defeat in Flanders is neither fatal nor final. Nor can the courage and valor of the hard-pressed allied troops, facing tremendously superior forces, be regarded as anything short of SUBLIME.

But granting all this is one thing. Trying to make out the loss of the channel ports and the outflanking of the Maginot line is, in reality, a victory and NOT a serious allied defeat is quite another.

In fact, pursuing such a policy of self-deception and wishful thinking invites the very catastrophe every right-thinking person wishes to avoid.

A catastrophe which, even if the allies win, England can't escape,—the catastrophe of underestimating the strength of a foe, and failing to prepare IN TIME to meet it.

It is all right to talk of MORAL victories, and gain what solace they may supply. But what the allies,—and the entire democratic world,—need are not moral victories, but military victories,—military victories of a far-reaching and decisive kind.

The poorest way in creation to secure them is to let our sympathies cloud our reason, try to raise ourselves by the boot-straps of self-deception and pride, and thus fail to recognize the dangers, as they exist,—until it is too late to successfully cope with them.

Checker Champ Spokane, Wash., May 31.—(U.P.)—David Thompson of Wilbur, Wash., today was proclaimed checker champion of eastern Washington. The title was bestowed following a tournament held at the Spokane Y. M. C. A.

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.

SO YOU CAN'T RELAX?

The popularity of neurasthenia was tremendous back in the gay nineties, although only those who had gaslight, hardwood floors and a refrigerator could afford it.

We don't hear so much about neurasthenia today. Instead of the medical profession give us modern playthings to keep our minds off from the fact that they don't understand what ails us—such as inferiority complex, obsession, neurosis, high tension, fatigue toxins and the like.

No one since the novelist Weir Mitchell created "neurasthenia" and popularized the rest cure has ever understood what neurasthenia is, except Mitchell himself, and he never told. Oh, perhaps he explained it well enough for those days, in his monograph (109 pages) "Fat and Blood, and How to Make Them."

Today in medical literature one seldom comes across the word "neurasthenia" or the concept implied by the word—that is, nerve weakness, lack of "nervous energy" or exhaustion of "nervous energy." Unless a doctor himself is ignorant of physiology or believes his audience is, he does not venture to dispense that line of malarkey.

Since there is but one kind of energy, strength or power in the body recognized or measurable, namely, physical or muscular energy, work, heat, measured in calories, it is purely fanciful to imagine nervous exhaustion can occur independent of physical exhaustion or exhaustion from hard manual work, exercise, effort.

Quite different, and consistent with our knowledge of physiology, is the concept of irritability, hypersensitivity or

excessive tone or tension in the nerve-muscle mechanism of the body, which occurs characteristically in the state known as tetany, in rickets in childhood and in a less marked degree in the years of adolescence, due to deficiency in calcium intake or in calcium utilization. In justice to Dr. Mitchell and others who adopted his concept and treatment of "neurasthenia" it is fair to mention that patients were required to take a milk and egg diet—milk and egg yolk are the richest natural food sources of both calcium and phosphorus, and incidentally the richest food sources of sunshine vitamin D which is essential for the assimilation and utilization of calcium and phosphorus.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Heat Stroke: Would an elderly person applied often, as treatment for heat stroke, do any harm? (W. H. E.) Ans.—It might retard recovery. Heat prostration or heat exhaustion or heat stroke is generally a form of shock—the victim is pale, surface cool or cold and clammy, pulse thin and weak, breathing shallow or sighing, consciousness clouded or lost so that response to questions is feeble if any.

Alkali: Would a small amount of bicarbonate of soda for gas in stomach have any effect other than to relieve acidity and aid belching? (A. V. S.) Ans.—No ill effect. If an alkali to neutralize excessive acidity is needed frequently, I recommend 10 grains of calcium carbonate as preferable to soda.

Purge: What effect would two tablespoonfuls of castor oil and 1 tablespoonful of orange juice have if given mixed to an elderly person who is very weak from eating very little? (D. R.) Ans.—It seems harsh treatment. I should think such a large dose would increase the weakness and vital depression.

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

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Washington, May 31.—Attention has been too anxiously concentrated on the tragedy in Europe to leave much place for domestic politics in most people's minds. Nevertheless, it is already becoming clear that the crisis in world affairs will have its repercussions in domestic politics as in everything else.

On the Republican side, the cause of Thomas E. Dewey has obviously suffered. He unquestionably enjoys a large and probably unalienable following. Having completed one full commercial on the subject of foreign policy, he has now boldly bounded up in a new role, discussing the national defense in a somewhat reminiscent of the hero of a radio soap opera getting after the cattle rustlers.

This is smart stuff, for the Dewey dramatization of Dewey as a shining champion in the unending conflict between good and evil has always gone over remarkably well. But the fact remains that in a period of grave national danger, even the most victory-hungry politician is likely to hesitate before nominating for the presidency a man as inexperienced as Dewey. The Dewey bandwagon was just beginning to roll down the road when the war crisis started. Now reports from the country indicate that it has lost much of its momentum. Simultaneously, Wendell Willkie has come up in the betting from a dark horse position to the place of third favorite, while Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio has also benefited from Dewey's difficulties.

On the Democratic side, the fact that the president will probably seek a third term is now almost universally accepted, whether with dismal resignation or jubilant delight. In his reiterated denials of any intention to run again, the president always inserted an escape clause. He might run, he invariably said. If the national security should be greatly threatened. Virtually every informed official and observer in Washington is convinced that the

prospect of rapid German victory seriously endangers the welfare of this country and this hemisphere. If the president wishes to invoke his escape clause, he can do so with consistency. The question still remains what the president's wishes will be. The new deal managers of the third-term draft are now convinced that their draft movement is too strong for the president to resist even if he wants to. They are hoping to make it even stronger, in the near future, by adding the voices of leading citizens of independent, non-political nature to the calls of the Democratic party politicians.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MEMORIAL DAY (when these words are written) commemorates the dead of a great war. On this Memorial Day of 1940 another great war is being fought. Its dead will be countless. Visualizing the "little green tents where the soldiers lie" that will be pitched as a result of this conflict staggers the imagination.

IN the American Civil war, the sympathies of aristocratic England were with the aristocratic South. In addition, the American South was the source of England's most essential raw material—cotton.

Inspired both by sympathy and economic interest, England employed "measures short of war" to AID the South.

DID the victorious North turn upon England after the Civil war to wreak vengeance? Not at all.

Instead, the British-American friendship and understanding that are now so generally understood really BEGAN not long after that time.

IN the background of the Civil war was a great principle—putting an end to human slavery. Did the British fight shoulder to shoulder with the American North in defense of that principle? They did not.

FRANCE is regarded as our traditional protector—the tradition arising out of the help given by the French to the American colonies in the hope of WEAKENING ENGLAND—then France's enemy.

MAXIMILIAN'S ill-starred attempt at empire in Mexico, in direct violation of the spirit of the American Monroe doctrine, was aided by France.

THIS is the point: AMONG NATIONS there is no such thing as sincere, unselfish and disinterested FRIENDSHIP. The underlying principle in international relationships is dog eat dog; every man for himself. International alliances are held together (when they hold) by the knowledge that unless the parties to the alliance hang together they'll hang separately. In the present international crisis, it will be well for Americans to remember this fundamental truth which is so amply proved by history.



COMMAND—Commanding officer of the "Sailfish" which is the former Squalus, reconditioned, is Morton C. Mamma, Jr. (above), 35. The officer is a former Iowan.

Bohemian Club Export Lager Beer. Judge by any standard you choose. Nature has given to the Bohemian Breweries the WATER brewers dream of—SUBTERRANEAN Water—endowed with rare taste properties.

AT THE National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly

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receive the active support of Dr. Raver.

ADMINISTRATOR Raver does not approve of public utility districts paying a commission to have revenue bonds sold. He refused to lend himself to the plan of Guy C. Myers, who has contracts for selling such obligations on a commission basis, although Myers' proposal had the approval of the late J. D. Ross, first administrator. Jim Metcalf, who was brought to Bonneville as an expert by Raver, has associated himself with Myers, which gave the color of the administrator approving the Myers program—hence Raver's recent bias against PUDs having their securities disposed of on commission.

RFC will be called on to provide federal taxpayer money to finance the PUD. All these matters were discussed by the administrator during a conference of several days duration with the federal power policy committee.

SHASTA DAM, in northern California: Bonneville, Grand Coulee, Boulder dam are to be hooked-up and connections made with every private and municipal power system in the northwest, if arrangements can be made, as a national defense measure.

Dr. Raver appeared before the bureau of the budget, submitted a program of what he considered should be done or could be done from a power standpoint in a national emergency, but asked for no appropriation. Part of the program was development of strategic minerals with pilot plants to work out processes by which the minerals can be used commercially.

BERT E. HANEY, judge of the United States court of appeals, ninth circuit, doesn't like San Francisco, where he must live as a member of the court (\$12,500 a year), and wants to return to Portland, his old home. Judge Haney is promoting the idea of creating a new circuit by splitting the ninth, the new circuit would consist of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and possibly Montana, leaving the ninth with California, Arizona and Hawaii.

This would place in the new circuit Haney, Judge William Healy of Boise, Idaho, and a Washington member of the court would permit appointment of two or three new judges (who would be Democrats, of course). Judge Haney was doing some missionary work on his idea when in the national capital a few days ago. His argument: A new circuit would be more convenient to people having business before the court; would save them the expense of a longer trip to San Francisco, Judge Haney doesn't like two of his colleagues now on the bench with him.

GONE with the president's veto of the rivers and harbors bill was authority for the secretary of war to acquire lands replacing the Indian fishing grounds which were submerged or destroyed by the building of the dam at the Cascades. No amount was specified in the bill for purchasing lands.

WAR talk—A story circulating that if Hitler wins he will place the Duke of Windsor on the British throne.—That if the king of England is wiped out the Dismas will have lost their guardian and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt should be selected to fill the vacancy.—A "war party" is growing in the United States.—"Inside stuff" isn't always so. Key Pittman, chairman of the committee on foreign relations was confidentially predicting that Italy would join Hitler May 31; had several senators believing him.

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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 May 31, 1930 (It was Saturday) Graf Zeppelin lands at Lakehurst after flight from Rio de Janeiro.

Growers warned to guard against cherry fruit fly pest, reported raising havoc in Willamette v. ey.

Fifty cent piece 100 years old is found in Medford hotel cigar stand till.

Strawberry crop in wet spring, and cloudy weather.

John Wilkinson, John Orth, and Verne Brophy journey to Fish Lake for week-end fishing trip.

Petitions for closing of Rogue river to commercial fishing are widely signed.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY May 31, 1920 (It was Monday) Elks picnic on Rogue River yesterday attended by 150 people.

Fishing in Rogue River said poorest in years.

Letter by Pope urges "Lord's prayer for peace among the nations."

Federal control of wheat prices ends tomorrow.

U. S. supreme court holds the president and court members do not have to pay income tax.

Frank Clark named member of Oregon board of architects.

Hometown Heroine Dragoon, Ariz., May 31.—(U.P.) Dragoon's entire population of 75 crowded into the Texas Canyon school to attend commencement exercises for Lola Mae Graham. She was the only graduate.



JOB SHIFT?—President Roosevelt said recently that he probably would name Robert Hinkle (above) as assistant secretary of commerce, to succeed Monroe Johnson. Hinkle now is chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Authority. Closing time for 100 Late to Classified Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Canning Needs. Illustration of a canning jar.

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