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Ye Smudge Pot By ARTHUR PERRY

The local chapter of the Society for Never-Looking-On-The-Bright-Side was busy all week predicting dire things in war-torn Europe that never happened.

Being a precinct committeeman, is no longer an excuse to get away from home nights. The official count shows a number of husbands and wives were elected to the same job, on both the Republican and Democratic tickets.

Thurston Daniels has a Labrador dog, with its pedigree tattooed in its ears. The animal has a tongue-twisting name, but is called Cap, for short.

The softball season starts Tues. eve if it don't rain. Twelve teams, in new uniforms, and their hair combed, are waiting for the zero hour.

Some Portland girl friends of Dewey Hill, the Prospect hill-billy and social whirl, are coming down to see him this summer, they warn.

A number of the Older Girls have turned up their noses at your corr. since Fri., when we told what they were doing 20 years ago. They claim their ages were exposed.

The frost danger season ended Sat. There were only three smudgings, and not a pear or a lace curtain was ruined.

Tom Johnlin is running around with his auto top down these days. He went to Florida last year for the winter, but thinks he will stay home next winter, and let it come to him.

The young robins living in the chise district, are big enough to fall out of the nest, and eat fish worms faster than Mama can catch them. Their old man is away pecking holes in straw-benches.

Ike Fridergar, former of here, now of Ashland, was up Wed.

The first roasting ears of the season showed up in the grocery stores Fri.

Any number of citizens are worrying about what Mussolini is going to do. For that matter, so is Mussolini. There is one thing Il Duce of Italy won't do—get in the front line trenches.

Doc Gilpin is back from his honeymoon, and passed the cigars during the week.

The Mail Tribune of 20 years ago reported on the Society Cabaret at the old Page at which Fench Fish, the boom-day tenor sang and capered and made the audience scream.

A brisk wind blew Wed., causing leaves to fall that should be raked up before fall.

When the Republican national convention is held in Philadelphia next month, President Roosevelt is going to travel all over the country waving his hat and smiling, so nobody will pay any attention to the Republicans. We wish we could do something.—Dorothy Ann Hobson, 11 years old, and editor of the Valselt (Ore.) Star says something.

The state league ball team is coming along fine, and arousing much enthusiasm. Some thinking they could beat the Yankees.

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

Medford's 6th Column

WITH what is happening in Europe in mind, particularly regarding the "Fifth Column", the only wise thing for this country to do is to play safe. By playing safe, we mean, preparing for any POSSIBLE contingency.

WE grant there is considerable hysteria about, bordering in some cases, upon entirely unwarranted, panic. Wild talk about a German invasion by air or land, comes under this heading.

Major Williams, over the air the other evening, disposed of this type of calamity howling pretty effectively, as far as an air attack is concerned. General Hagood rendered a similar service, concerning a German naval or land attack in any near future.

Undoubtedly for the time being there is no cause for alarm, in either direction.

BUT one can't be so sure in the direction of sabotage, and other forms of "fifth columning." There have been rumblings in some of the large industrial centers.

And this much IS certain. If Germany, or any other country, ever has any serious designs of invasion, they will be accompanied or preceded, by trouble from within, under Fifth Column direction.

SO it seems only a matter of common prudence on the part of the congress to grant President Roosevelt's request,—that he be given authority to call the national guard, and the reserve personnel of the defense forces into active service.

The authority may never be exercised. The need for such action may never arise.

On the other hand, in view of what has happened abroad, and what is undoubtedly an accepted technique of Blitzkrieg warfare, why take a chance?

We see no possible harm in making the national guard available at moment's notice. Far better to go a little too far in preparedness than not far enough.

ALONG this line we notice that our own National Guard company is over 30% below normal strength.

Whether the President's request is granted, or isn't granted, this is no time for any state to have a National Guard that is less than 70% effective!

Whatever is done in Washington, CERTAINLY the local company should be brought up to full quota strength.

Down the Rat Hole

WE are asked to present some evidence that the money given President Roosevelt for preparedness, HASN'T been poured down a rat hole.

We assume the request would not have been made if our communicant regarded the President's speech a week ago, as proper evidence.

So we will go to an impartial source, the United Press, which is an independent and nonpartisan news agency, with a good reputation for factual accuracy. Before the President's speech was made, the U. P. released the following report, covering the army and navy expenditures since F. D. R. entered the White House:

Table with columns for Year (1933, 1940) and various military categories (Navy, Army, Aircraft, etc.) with corresponding expenditure amounts.

No one has contended the army is as strong or as large as it should be, in the face of the present world situation. The navy either,—although the navy as a whole, is far more up-to-date, and better equipped.

But we do contend the money appropriated for national defense during the past seven years hasn't "been poured down a rat hole", and the above table demonstrates that fact.

Time Fights For Allies

AS details concerning the war in Europe, become more and more clear, it is more and more apparent, that the greatest single ally the allies have is,—TIME.

And time is exceedingly important, for no power on heaven or earth can stop it. Whatever happens on this whirling spheroid, time goes on,—and on,—and on!

FOR when one comes right down to cases, just what IS it that has made it possible for Hitler to win the battle of Flanders?

In a word better equipment,—that's all. The Germans aren't better fighters, than the French or British. Man to man, probably not so good. Nor are they better trained, nor has their leadership been markedly superior.

But they have been better equipped, vastly so,—particularly in the air, but also in the direction of tanks, anti-aircraft guns, motorized infantry, etc., etc.

WHY? Because they have been preparing for war for SEVEN YEARS, whereas the allies have

REALLY been preparing for only about seven months!

In other words, with anything approaching equality in equipment, there is no reasonable doubt, that Hitler's Nazi troops instead of advancing on Paris and London would be retreating toward Berlin.

As time alone is needed to not only equal but exceed the German equipment, allied victory is therefore inevitable,—IF there is time enough!

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 addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Only one letter per week can be answered.

BETWEEN HEALTH AND SICKNESS

Old timers in the medical profession, that is, doctors who received their training in the closing years of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century, (like myself) based their diagnosis and treatment on the effects of disease, studied post-mortem. Pathological anatomy, the visible or palpable changes in structure found in the organs and tissues post-mortem, was the foundation of practice.



Doctors who received their training in the past 20 years base their diagnosis and treatment more upon pathological physiology, study of the disturbed functions, recognition of the significance of symptoms.

Organic disease interested the old timers. Functional disease—well, they were inclined to dismiss that as of little importance.

A fact which our medical training did not sufficiently impress upon us old timers is that there is no sharp dividing line between health and sickness. Most persons who have demonstrable organic disease have been ailing months or years before the diagnosis is made.

For instance apoplexy (cerebral hemorrhage, stroke or paralysis) and angina pectoris are not the sudden or instantaneous seizures they seem to the casual observer; the arteriosclerosis or hardening of the arteries, of which these are but manifestations, has been developing for years before the damage in brain or heart eventuates in such dreadful manner.

Unfortunately the earlier "functional" symptoms of arteriosclerosis or CVD (cardiovascular degeneration, heart-artery wearing out) are ignored by the patient or misinterpreted and treated with various nostrums. Unfortunately, too, physicians do not have much opportunity to study the earlier stages of CVD for the very reason that patients do not consider medical examination, advice or care necessary at this stage.

So the diagnosis of this most common disease is seldom made in time to prolong the patient's useful life or to prevent premature "nervous breakdown" or whatever euphonious

name the victim's friends may please to give the advanced stages of CVD. Likewise there is no abrupt borderline between good health and incapacitation from, say, multiple neuritis, (polyneuritis, beriberi). Only a year or two ago some of our foremost American clinicians, observing that outspoken beriberi is rare in this country, recorded their opinion that few if any Americans ever suffer in health from moderate deficiency of vitamin B (severe or total deprivation of vitamin B is the cause of polynuritis or beriberi). These doctors were old timers, still skeptical of disease which has not yet progressed to the "organic" stage but manifests itself only by functional weakness.

Contemporaneously other clinicians who have had a more modern training record their experience which shows that partial deficiency of vitamin B in the daily intake is a factor of the heart breakdown that brings many patients to hospital wards for weeks or months. It is now well recognized that insufficient vitamin B is a common cause of bradycardia (slow heart) and weakness of the heart muscle.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Grams, Calories, Etc. How many calories in one gram? How many calories in a pound of gluten flour? (Mrs. W. E. B.)

Ans.—A gram is a metric unit of weight, equivalent to 15 grains approximately, or say 28 grains would be equivalent to one ounce approximately. A gram of sugar or starch yields 4 calories; a gram of fat yields 9 calories. A pound of gluten flour contains 1,665 calories, two-thirds of which are from the starch.

Pimples and Blackheads I am 15 years old and have a pimply complexion and many blackheads. This is most embarrassing and dampens one's spirit and general outlook on life. (Miss H. McP.)

Ans.—It is normal for young persons to have more or less acne (pimples and blackheads). Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on the subject.

Varicostitis Is it possible to have varicose veins treated by injection if there is an ulcer on one leg? (Mrs. L. M.)

Ans.—Yes, often obliteration of the varicose veins by such treatment promotes healing of the ulcer. Send stamped addressed envelope for advice about Varicostitis. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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At the moment, he saw that an attempt to break through to the allied forces caught in the Belgian "pocket" would risk the whole French army to no purpose. Fighting with the courage of a Perote, of which so much was made in the news, he really concentrated his major resources on forming a new defense line.

The new line has been successfully established along the south bank of the Somme river. Weygand's present purpose is to hold the Germans at the Somme. Before the situation can be stabilized, however, two main problems must be solved. In the first days of the total war, the always weak French air force was reduced almost to nothing. The best that can now be said is that there are some French planes in the air. The English air force is still largely operating, still excellent, but unfortunately it cannot be in two places at once. And from the Belgian and north French bases, the Germans are in a position to launch alternate bombing attacks, first against the ports and industrial centers of England, and then against the French army.

Thus the English may be driven to withdraw more and more planes from France. Meanwhile, German mechanized forces will be gathered for an assault on the Somme line. Many of the best units have been destroyed. There are probably no remaining German surprises such as the amphibious tanks which achieved the break through on the Meuse river. But the allied air weakness is so great, and makes it so difficult to concentrate troops when necessary, that the line along the Somme may not hold. If it takes place, will naturally cause friction between the allies. If things go badly for the French the Germans will probably try to tempt them with a separate peace.

Then, even if the main military situation comes near to being stabilized, the Italians are still waiting to attack in the south. Like cartoon crows with some experience in black-mail, they will not move until they feel sure they are safe. Yet the time may come when Italian intervention with Spain perhaps joining to threat-

en Gibraltar, will be enough to turn the scale.

The real nature of what has happened already has hardly been grasped. In a crucial moment, the English and French politicians forced the unfortunate General Gamelin to send the large expeditionary force into Belgium. The battle of Flanders began. It was lost from the day, early in the struggle, when German mechanized units cut across to the south, confining the expeditionary force in the "pocket" in Belgium and capturing its bases and supplies.

About 500,000 men were withdrawn by land (not by sea as the Germans said) before the German cordon was extended to the channel. The rest were left with dwindling ammunition, almost no artillery and almost no food, fighting in the most thickly populated area of the entire western world.

Although forced by the German bombers to embark largely at night, about 100,000 more of the best trained and equipped allied troops were gotten out of the Belgian pocket through Dunkerque and other ports remaining in allied hands. As the allies were withdrawing, as a huge and helpless civilian population was being slaughtered like cattle, and as supplies had reached the vanishing point, with the Belgians out of the lines, the 350,000 or more allied troops still in Belgium were at the mercy of the Germans, the surrender became inevitable.

The horror of what took place thereafter is too great to contemplate. Yet there are probably even more horrible days ahead, which must somehow be got through before the allies can ever begin to hope to hold out.

AT THE National Capitol WITH John W. Kelly

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adjourn before the middle of July—possibly not until August—and this can only be accomplished by limiting debate, otherwise congress will talk on and on until next January. It has been the scheme of certain senators to wind up the session two weeks hence and then if the treasury did not have the money required, the president would be compelled to call a special session, and to do that would necessitate specifying reason—and any ground on taxes would, they imagined, be directed at the president and not the congress.

ALBERT S. GOSS, former master of the state game of Washington, is thinking of running for United States senator from Washington, in order to battle against the Wallace controlled Farm Credit administration. Mr. Goss was land bank commissioner at \$10,000 a year, but was invited to resign by Secretary Wallace when the latter's bill was introduced, which reduces loans to farmers to 3 percent. Mr. Goss and many others interested objected to the measure, contending it would ruin the FCA and destroy existing policies. Walter M. Pierce, Oregon, answered by saying opposition to lower interest rates to farmers came from "the wolves of Wall street."

Mr. Goss has been offered a job with an insurance concern in San Francisco, but has his eye on the senate.

WITH the chatter about organization of the industry for defense, it may be stated that there is a complete, comprehensive report on the subject prepared a few months ago by the War Resources Board, which was composed of the outstanding executives in the major industries. The board was selected by Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war.

The inner circle of the White House, delinking big business men, talked Mr. Roosevelt into dissolving the board and the valuable recommendations of the board have never seen daylight. The report is still a secret; still suppressed. However, it will probably be available.

SENATOR HOLMAN told the senate that in Astoria the communists have a hall; the local relief board ordered all communists strikers from the relief roll. It was known who they were because they had a hall and were there. Mr. Aubrey Williams, a director of federal relief funds, and now a high official in the government, ordered the communists restored to the relief roll with the alternative that if they were not the federal government would withdraw its financial support.

Communications

Hitler Didn't Grab Power? To the editor: Britain's going nazi to crush nazism is the subject of much apologetic explanation. Confusion reigns almost everywhere, thanks to the misunderstanding



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of the social forces. Kaitenborn says Britain now has socialism. And he is NBC's ace analyst!

In your editorial "There Is a Difference" (May 23) you admit Britain has materially and technically but not actually (spiritually you style it), gone Hitlerism. This, you believe, because of the "vital difference" between these isms, namely "Hitler and his nazi gangsters grabbed power. . . Churchill was given power."

But Hitler did not grab power. It was presented to him on a silver platter. And by the best people! "Vital difference?" It is imaginary. Facts are facts. It makes little difference how they came into being. Oxygen "grabbed" by the chemist in his laboratory has no vital difference from that made in nature's laboratory.

You say "theoretically Germany has state socialism. So has England." But both are illusions of the editorial mind. No country can have socialism without a production for use economy. And where's that?

The short-change-to-producers-economy is still in force in those unhappy lands only it is somewhat bridled in the interest of mass slaughter.

You say the "supreme power was given Churchill but the people still retained the right to confer them to others." Well then he hasn't supreme power. But he has. Against his wishes he cannot be unhorsed except by revolution—same as in Germany.

Such is the logical outcome of capitalism—137 wars in 100 years, of which Britain's share is 28. Pretty steep price for arrested understanding. R. Hegner, Rt. 1, Gold Hill, May 30.

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 2, 1930 (It was Monday) Gov. Norblad charged with using fish and game board for political ends.

Northwest dry enforcement officers in scandal. Optimistic trend in farm prices seen, despite spring drop.

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