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Ye Smudge Pot

Cities have started showing up with a census count of 4,954 souls, or 6,000 in round numbers.

A number of columnists, including Hugh (Crackdown) Johnson, intimate Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is not qualified to act as an aviation expert.

A number among my friends an actress who retired to rear four children, two schoolteachers and the proprietor of a small grocery store.

An Astoria convention friendly to, and incidentally dominated by him, voted in favor of H. Bridges of Australia being made an American citizen by an act of Congress.

The high court holds a regulation requiring school children to salute the American flag is constitutional.

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK (Eugene Register-Guard) "City police and state police have made some inquiries about the accident, and while there is some evidence that the young man was traveling far beyond the 'indicated' city speed of 25 miles and hour and beyond 'reasonable caution' after he left the city limits, nobody wants to get nasty, the presumption being that the young man's common sense may mend along with his scalp."

This was the day Italy was scheduled to plunge headlong into the European war, and has fulfilled all the predictions by not doing so, though flamboyantly going through all the motions of going to war.

SAVAN IN FOR IT! "When all the Hirohitos and the Yosefs And Benitos, With Molotoffs and Himmlers, And the Goering-Goebels clan Are convened Satan's furnace, There will be a rising clamor For the devil will decree it time A hotter place began.

And provision was omitted For the proper recompense Of men who slaughtered nations, Who out-deviled kindly Satan— He will probably call a sit-down And a parley will commence; I feel sorry for the devil, When he faces that assembly For they'll liquidate his forces And they'll shame his ruddy hide And they'll confiscate his ovens And play hell with ancient borders.

And he'll either hell and Hille, Or they'll take him for a ride! —(K.C. Star)

One Mail Tribune wants you.

He's on a Spot!

WE see no reason for changing our original opinion regarding Italy,—Mussolini is still playing the role of the jackal, making a great howl about what he is going to do to the British lion, but with no intention of doing anything until all danger to himself has passed.

When the death rattle in the throat of the badly battered king of beasts is heard,—if it ever is,—then Il Duce will jump in with a great blare of trumpets, and claim his share of the corpse.

It certainly is the most sordid and ignoble role ever played by a civilized nation in the memory of modern man.

BUT there is no doubt it has been extremely useful to Hitler. Because of Mussolini's attitude, the French and British fleet had to be concentrated in the Mediterranean, and hundreds of thousands of troops kept along its shores, when they were acutely needed along the western front.

There seems little doubt that when Germany claimed a million British and allied troops were caught in the Flanders trap, and couldn't possibly escape, Mussolini decided the psychological moment had come, and prepared to strike.

But by one of the most brilliant retreats and heroic rear-guard actions in all military history, a large proportion of that "lost million" escaped and what looked like a knock-out blow proved to be merely a staggering one.

SO the old Buzzard in Rome backed down again, waiting to see the result of the next Nazi onslaught.

This degrading spectacle is going to continue, apparently, until on one side or the other the "coup de grace" has been delivered,—or Mussolini thinks it has.

In either event, we fail to see how Il Duce is going to get anything but grief,—which, unless disgrace and dissolution are added, is more than he will deserve.

CERTAINLY if the allies win, their disposition will be anything but friendly, while if Der Fuehrer triumphs—Good Lord!—what can Mussolini expect but the grand and glorious double-cross!

So, our 20th Century Caesar, whether he knows it or not, is on a spot, and we can recall no figure in history, ancient or modern, who more richly deserves to be there!

The Spy Mania

Lord deliver us in mercy and wisdom from the hysteria and folly that descended upon this nation when we entered the World War! In those days suspicion and hate were in the air. Many a sturdy, thrifty German with a slightly broken accent was suspected and treated cruelly without that justice and fairness which should have protected him in America under our free institutions.

In the spy hunt that now is gathering, let us remember the follies, the madness, the wickedness and the injustice we visited upon innocent men and women 20 years ago and more. War is hell, but is hell necessary behind the lines? Can't we remember that after all, every man is entitled to a fair trial by a jury of his peers? Can't we hold our indignation until a man has been indicted and faces his accuser in open court? Why should we wipe out, when war is even a thousand miles away, those kindly, neighborly guarantees of tolerance that are written in the Bill of Rights?

THE above is from the pen of William Allen White, distinguished editor of Emporia, Kansas, head of the recently formed "Committee for the defense of America through aid to the allies," and like everything that Editor White writes, is extremely timely and to the point.

War IS hell, but that is no reason for making it any more hellish by yielding to the passions of hatred, intolerance and hysteria, which war breeds, and thus rendering our nation less, rather than more effective, in combatting it.

VIGILANCE is the price of liberty. It is also the price of security. And this is no time to go asleep at the switch, or lull ourselves into any sense of false security.

SO, let's keep cool, ladies and gentlemen, and follow that excellent advice of our forefathers, not to shoot until we see the whites of their eyes.

The One Great Need

WHEN H. R. Knickerbocker, the well known war correspondent was in Portland, a month or so ago, he declared it was a 60 to 40 bet Germany would win the war.

Since then he has been with the French army on the western front, and what he has seen there has apparently changed his mind.

We quote from his latest dispatch: "Nobody can deny that the Germans have won successes, but it is necessary to come here to the front to realize how costly they have been and that if the French could only get the essentially necessary planes and tanks, and if they can hold out until it is possible to get them, Chancellor Hitler's gigantic gamble of the destiny of Germany, Europe and the world upon one vast battle may lose."

The next two or three weeks may determine whether the Germans, with their vastly heavier masses of planes and tanks, can crush the French to such an extent that any American assistance proffered later would be futile. One high French officer said to me Monday: "One American airplane sent now would be worth ten sent in six weeks or 100 in six months."

Nothing need be added to that to show that the first imperative need in America's defense program is not to rearm ourselves, but to somehow, somehow, get planes to France BEFORE it is too late!

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.

Bacteriological tests made by health authorities showed that utensils used in public eating and drinking places, when washed and ready for the next customer, still harbor such germs as streptococci, pneumococci, coliform bacilli, diptheroid bacilli. In the rush hours when customers clamor for quick service, plates, cups, spoons, knives, forks, glasses too often get only a hasty dip in warm or hot water or in a "sterilizing" solution which fails to sterilize.

Investigation in a great many such places for dispensing foods and beverages has shown that the essentials for reasonable cleanliness and safety are, first, washing such utensils with hot water and soap, second rinsing in fresh clean water and finally rinsing in a solution of 100 parts chlorine per million of water. If the first essential is neglected, the utensils are quite likely to carry harmful bacteria to the mouths of unsuspecting customers.

In many of the quick lunch places and beverage dispensing places investigated it was found that the provisions for cleanliness and safety failed to come up to the minimum requirement. Particularly unsanitary in this respect were eating and drinking places where the dishes, knives, forks, spoons, glasses were washed in a single sink. It is necessary to have double sinks, one for soap and water washing, the other for rinsing, in order to maintain a fair degree of sanitary cleanliness in such public eating and drinking places.

These minimum essentials of cleanliness and safety should be familiar to everybody who patronizes public eating or drinking places.

Anyone who tours about the country can scarcely fail to be uncomfortably impressed by the extraordinary lack of decent facilities for cleanliness, not to mention comfort, provided by many eating places in the smaller communities and in the larger cities, except the great hotels. The blame for this belongs largely to that portion of the traveling public which regards washing before eating as a mere formality and to the many public health authorities who hesitate to enforce sanitary regulations lest local business interests decide to have

their scalp. A fat chance of efficient protection of the public health and safety in a town where permits are issued for lunch rooms, soda fountains and the like, with the sanction of the so-called health department even to places where double sinks are not installed.

The weak chlorine solution for rinsing utensils after washing is itself a compromise with cleanliness. It does NOT sterilize or make safe utensils which have been used unless they are first washed with HOT WATER and SOAP. Indeed, if the washing is thorough, with plain soap and water hot enough, there is no better disinfecting or sterilizing solution and no better assurance of sanitary safety.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Modern Method I am fifty years old. Dr. — estimated my tonsils with electro-coagulation or diathermy, first finishing one, then the other. Other doctors have examined by throat and pronounced it as clean a job as they have ever seen. As I depend on singing for my living this was the only method I could consider. I never missed a day or a meal, and the discomfort of the treatment was small. (K. L. H.)

Ans.—Thank you. It would make very little difference if I could never sing another note, but still I'd select this modern method if I had had tonsils. Of course the operator must have the skill gained from proper training and experience with the difficult technique. Beware of charlatans who caters for customers for such treatment. Reliable doctors never do so.

Calm Yourself I suppose you are familiar with the mental effects of belly breathing. When performing in public, if I make any kind of slip or feel any degree of stagefright or nervousness I try to take two or three inflations and find the upset is gone. It seems to calm excitement or steady the nerves. If that's the way to express it. (A. W. M.)

Ans.—In the primrose monograph "Belly Breathing" for copy send stamped envelope bearing your address—I say this: It appears to have a calming soothing influence and helps restless folk get pleasantly relaxed and fall asleep. After one has learned, by long practice, how to breathe naturally, probably two or three natural breathes at times of stress or anxiety, will relieve the tension, as A. W. M. has observed.

Bronx Cheer Now who gets the Bronx cheer? R. H. M. M. D. Ans.—Well, who do you think, Doctor. The clipping you inclose appears to be part of a form letter from a vendor of a fancy nostrum which purports to cure the skin. It must be nice to be so credulous. (Protected by John F. Dillon, Co.)

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

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

Washington, June 4.—If the opinion of responsible members of the administration is any test, the danger of fifth column activity in Central and South America is both real and immediate. General George C. Marshall, telling congress: "The president might have to call out the national guard because of the 'recognized possibility of dangerous developments in this hemisphere,' was using very mild language indeed.

The truth is that leading officials have long been talking in the most matter of fact tone of sending military expeditions to quell Nazi-inspired putches in several nations to the southwest. They hope the need will not arise, but they fear that it is likely to in as short a time as ninety days, and in more than one place. The state, war and navy departments are all in the same state of serious alarm, although in varying degree.

The alarm is caused, quite simply, by the extraordinary intensification of German propagandist efforts in the Americas in these last months. The figures tell the story. The German embassies in the Argentine and Brazil, and the German legation in Mexico, are each supposed to have staffs of more than 100 men of official rank, not counting innumerable clerks and less important workers.

This was the most modest estimate obtained in a canvass of reliable sources. Others went far higher, one actually giving the German legation in Mexico a staff of more than 200, and the embassy in the Argentine a staff of 100. Of course the Italians are also laboring more intensively in the South American vanguard, although to a lesser degree.

These huge staffs are not appointed and paid for nothing. They are not hired merely to drink tea and make polite conversation with the more prosperous inhabitants of the nations which harbor them.

Again transmitting the considered opinion of responsible American officials, their purpose is to arrange the Nazi-inspired putches which are now feared. They are believed to be subsidizing the more purchasable members of opposition parties; to be attempting, often successfully, to influence the press; to be infiltrating army and navy officers with their doctrines, and above all to be organizing the German and Italian minorities for the time when they may be needed.

They seem to have done their job well. For attempts to overthrow the existing governments are now thought possible, during this summer, in the Argentine, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, perhaps Colombia, and of course Mexico.

The general public imagines that the fifth column has been busiest in Mexico, where the oncoming presidential election will offer an excellent opportunity for trouble-making. Informed officials think the problem distinctly more acute in the four southernmost nations, Argentina and Uruguay, Chile and Brazil.

In Brazil steps have already been taken to bring the potential putch-lata under control, yet even Brazil, with its huge German population in the southern provinces, cannot be ruled off the danger list. And in Uruguay, where the situation is worst of all, an excellent authority remarked bleakly that "they could overthrow the government tomorrow if they chose."

The next question, indeed, is whether "they" will choose. Probably the signal to attack will not be given by Berlin, at least in the nations where the existing government is fairly strong, unless the allies are defeated in the European war.

If the allies are defeated, it is hardly doubted in informed circles that the signal will come. There will be uprisings, perhaps in only two or three, and perhaps in all of the nations above-named. As matters now stand, there is a better than fair chance that the uprisings will be successful wherever they occur. The Argentine, for example, has always been regarded as having one of the few really strong governments in South America. Argentine officials tend to pooh-pooh the American fears but the men here, whose job it is to know what goes on, view the

Argentina as one of the real danger points. It may surprise the country, but those who do not doubt the putches are a substantial danger feel equally sure that the United States will send military and naval expeditions to put them down. In the end, if Germany wins, the fate of most of South America will turn on the fate of the British navy. If the British navy falls into German hands, Berlin can support its inspired putchists, at least in the more southerly nations. If not, the putchists will be without support. But while it is still possible for the United States to intervene effectively, the general determination is to do so.

Communications

"Kidding Ourselves." To the Editor: Your editorial of May 31 was timely. We Americans are engaged extensively in "kidding ourselves."

In the days of old-fashioned war, we conquered decadent Spain. In the days of partly modernized war, we helped conquer Germany. Now, therefore, we are prone to assume that America is invincible; able even to defend a hemisphere, with a miniature army, air force ditto, and navy just fair. Uncle Sam's frowns and warnings no longer have much effect on aggressor nations. In fact, the world now realizes that America is running some gigantic bluffs. The most amazing was our assuming authority over a 300-mile belt of both oceans from Canada to Cape Horn. International law? Hardly. True, 21 nations joined in that bluff; but whose navy is supposed to enforce it? Uncle Sam's, of course. If Hitler seizes the Bahamas, we will probably send him another "protest" to paste in his joke book.

But our pet bluff is the Monroe Doctrine. It was a good thing when promulgated, and for a century thereafter. And now we "kid ourselves" that it is as good as ever. But like the powder-horn, its day is past. In April, 1939, we urged that it be junked. We now urge it with redoubled emphasis. We then said that it might involve us in a gigantic war within ten years. We now say within five, maybe two, years.

America could not deliver the goods. Furthermore, why should we? Argentina is almost twice as far from us as England, and not one tenth as important to us. We spend many billions getting ready to defend Brazil, Argentina, Chile, etc. How many billions are THEY investing in battleships and bombers, for self-defense? Their main reliance will be Uncle Sam's ships and money.

If Hitler now wins, he will doubtless take the English navy. Then he could quickly land a huge mechanized force in Patagonia, and with a "blitzkrieg" to the north could overwhelm Argentina before we could get halfway there with the first division.

Our big promises to South America would prove as humiliating a fizzle as England's promises to Poland, Norway and Holland.

If real war hits this hemisphere, the good strategy of Monroe's day would spell disaster in our day. Junk it, and JUNK IT NOW.

Edwin Deacon. Talent, Ore., June 3, 1940.

Book Reviews

A brand new type of highwayman emerges from the pages of a brief book of essays entitled "Horse and Buggy Essays", written by Charles A. Brand, of Roseburg, and published by Bin-fords and Mort of Portland. This is the highwayman-de-luxe, who conducts such a "Wayside Inn" as Mr. Brand has conducted for several years, on Highway 99 near the banks of the Umpqua, and the interesting and amusing experiences he has had with those who stop to "bide a wee" for purposes of refreshment and otherwise.

As the publishers observe on the cover, books of essays are not common these days, and these unpretentious but amusing and original comments, by a former state representative and veteran member of the state board of higher education are all the more refreshing because of that fact.

Many of the "older boys and girls", fortunate enough to secure a volume, will undoubtedly give a sigh of nostalgic regret as they come to the close, that the author had not continued for at least 79 pages more.

In addition to the Highwayman there are eight other essays ranging from experiences of the author's youth in New England and the college town of Oberlin, Ohio, to more mature philosophizing, presumably not far from the sylvan shades of his own "hamburger stand." With a European war shattering everyone's normal peace of mind, added to the high tempo and increasing strain of this machine age, "Horse and Buggy Essays" are a great relief. One wishes more of the same soothing and reassuring "Brand" might be found these days on our book stands.—R.W.R.

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

posals to fingerprint and register aliens; would have cried out against military training (even noncombatant) for CCC enrollees, or RFC lending money to build munitions plants which in turn, will reap profits from government contracts.

READY to reach into the pocket-book of the people are the Fat Cats, who have not lost their head in the prevailing sentiment, nor the propagandists prodding this country into the hell's broth of Europe. These two groups are of one mind and are working together in the corridors under the capitol dome; they frequent the offices of senators and representatives; argue their case in the ornate, cupid-decorated walls of the senate reception room.

Senators there are who are close to the Fat Cats and plead their case with colleagues. The Fat Cats are striving to prevent the articles reach several million people, especially in the east, and are read by members of congress. They are becoming increasingly bold in asserting the United States is not doing enough to aid the allies; they are urging active participation in the war. Several who circulate in Washington are personally asking members why there should be further delay in "cleaning up Hitler". In this group are trained seals who have been specializing in being either pro or anti-need deal, but for some reason they are in accord in trying to inflame the people into a war-like attitude.

Other strange things are cropping to the surface to increase the responsibility of the United States in the foreign conflict and to shoulder a large share of the costs upon the pocketbook of the American citizen. Think of the British ambassador proposing to the President of the United States that the bars be lowered and this country be offered as a sanctuary for millions of refugees in western Europe whose homes have been destroyed by the Germans.

Another assertion that it is the duty of the people of the United States to feed, cloth and shelter all of the victims of the war overseas; not by contributing to the American Red Cross, but by an appropriation of a few billion dollars voted by congress. This proposal has been made in all seriousness.

T IS while the people are still under the emotional urge they will cool off and have their feet on the ground later; that the great effort is being made to convince them that this is "our war".

Tonight: Europe, CBS 4:45, 6:30; MBS, 6; WJZ-NBC 6; NBC chains 8; WABC-CBS, 6:15, Sec. Wallace talk.

Wednesday: Europe, NBC 4 a. m.; CBS 4 a. m., 2:45 p. m.; WEAF-NBC, 7:30 a. m. CBS chain, 1:30, governors' conference, topic "defense."

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