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Ye Smudge Pot By ARTHUR PENNY

The justifiable contempt of the world rests upon Benito Mussolini, premier of Italy, for his cowardly treachery in declaring war upon France.

The President, in his speech, urged "full speed ahead upon a double program of arming the Allies, and preparing America for the day, if it should come of defending itself, from the aggressions of a pair of European paranoiacs."

JOSEPHINE SAYS SOMETHING (Salem Statesman) "Supposing there are no logging jobs lying around loose? To our knowledge Josephine county is not over-populated and the addition of between 100 and 200 families will not turn it into a slum district."

A general thaw started yesterday, and the mercury soared to 99. It was so hot they put oatmeal in the hay-hands' water pail to keep it cool.

NEED OF TODAY Let us not be sentimental. There'll be time enough for that when we're raking through the ashes of a world that once was fair; When the voices of the oldsters, in a cackle cracked and flat. Tell the children tales of glories that have vanished everywhere.

FORMER CITY TREASURER CHARGED WITH LARCENY Bend, Ore., June 11.—(AP)—L. G. McReynolds, Bend city treasurer until he resigned April 16, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging larceny of \$26.48 of public funds.

We Were Glad

FEELINGS sometimes surprise us. We look forward to a certain event, and picture our emotions in case it occurs. Then it happens, and so frequently our preconceptions aren't realized at all!

SO when this declaration of war by Italy came over the wires, for weeks we had been waiting for the Buzzard of Europe to make up his mind.

In the interim we expressed our frank opinion of such a person,—! And not a flattering one! As the zero hour approached, we expected the sanctum safety valve to explode completely when the fatal flash finally came in.

PERHAPS one factor in such a reaction was a matter of timing. While Italy's declaration of war came in several hours before President Roosevelt's Charlottesville speech, we happened to read the text of Mussolini's declaration and that of the President at practically the same time,—the net result being, we were GLAD,—

YES, we were glad there still is such a nation, and we lucky enough to be a part of it! And we were glad we are not a part of any nation whose leader was forced to play such a part as Il Duce played yesterday when he told his people and the world that Italy's conscience is "perfectly clear"—

IMAGINE having to stand up and behind a policy of such shameless mendacity and treachery as that! So the net result of Italy's declaration of war was not, as expected, one of increased rage and indignation. That form of relief apparently had been previously exhausted.

EDITORS Analyze Roosevelt Speech

By the Associated Press. PORTLAND, ORE., JOURNAL (Dem.) The charge from Rome that President Roosevelt insulted the Italian people is untrue. He insulted Mussolini, that is, if Mussolini is insulting. He revealed from behind the closed doors of diplomatic correspondence Mussolini had a chance to gain Italy's demands and at the same time prevent the spread of war and save Italian soldiers from slaughter.

SEATTLE TIMES (Independent) Every resource of the United States, the President said, is now at the disposal of the "opponents of force" in Europe; while "we, of the Americas" are to have equipment and training "equal to the task of any emergency and every defense."

LOS ANGELES HERALD-EXPRESS (Ind.) This is war talk, in fact, almost a declaration of war against the Nazis and Italy. Certainly, let us

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.

PSYCHOLOGY OF DIGESTION Many of the erroneous ideas of doctors and laymen in reference to food and digestion were based on the limited scientific knowledge our forefathers had of these things. Perhaps that is the reason why such fallacies persist, in the minds of laymen and some physicians, long after their unsoundness has been shown by scientific investigation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Stranger Coming We are expecting a little stranger to come for a long visit, toward the end of December. I was practically rained on Dr. Brady's teachings. Your column was a household institution.

THE CAPITAL PARADE By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER Released by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc. Washington, June 11.—Unless reliable signs are completely deceptive, the president's underlying motive in releasing used army and navy material to the allies was chiefly psychological.

Editorial Comment Roadside Beauty Our best wishes to the "Oregon Roadside Council," an organization of citizens which believes that if preservation and perfection of roadside beauty is left to chance and to the official agencies, there won't be much of it.

Livestock Portland, Ore., June 11.—(AP-U.S. D.A.)—Hogs: 430, mostly steady, bulk good-choice (65-220 lb. drivens) \$6.10 to \$6.15, extreme top \$6.25, on trucked lots choice 200 lb., few medium-choice 165-195 lb., \$5.90 to \$6.10; 160-190 lb. \$5.90, odd slaughter pigs \$4.50, few 235-285 lb. butchers \$6.75, bulk packing hogs \$4.25 to \$5.

Births Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Huntley of 1134 Court street, a boy weighing seven pounds, in Sacred Heart hospital this morning, Tuesday, June 11.

EX-JUSTICE OF PEACE GETS YEAR IN PRISON Coquille, Ore., June 11.—(AP) John J. Bell, 71, former justice of the peace at Powers, was sentenced yesterday to one year in the state penitentiary. He was convicted last week of larceny of \$68 in public funds. The court record revealed a conviction for forgery in Minnesota eight years ago.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins MUSCOLINI, after teetering on the springboard for months, finally plunges in: declaiming from his well-known balcony, with chest puffed out and chin jutting: "An hour important to the destiny of Italy has now begun."

MUSCOLINI, making Pacific gestures toward the Balkans, indicates that his goals are Suez and Gibraltar, thus making of the Mediterranean an Italian lake. At the same time, he has his eye on northern Africa.

MEANWHILE, Russia announces a deal of some sort with Japan. Maybe its purpose is to keep Japan off her back while she watches Germany's moves in the Balkans, which lie next-door to her own back yard in the Ukraine.

LOOK for plenty of news in the next few days. For weeks, the struggle has been localized by Germany's drive against Britain and France in the west, but Italy's well-advertised plunge into the fray has upset the delicate balance that had been precariously and temporarily established.

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