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Ye Smudge Pot

Mr. Hitler, as heretofore suspected by young and old and friend (if any) and foe alike, yesterday revealed in a speech he is mad at Britain for dropping bombs on Berlin.

Any number of citizens are now bent on killing a deer. They bend that way every year in September. Already, several upstate bent too soon and have straightened up with the law.

DEFINITIONS (Magazine Digest): "Recession: Period in which you tighten your belt. Depression: Period in which you have no belt to tighten. Panic: Period in which you have no pants to hold up."

The Espree switch-engine crews should be awarded merit badges for the manner in which they have kept 100,000 locomotives from getting knocked off the crossings.

Word has been received that Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man, has strayed into bridge playing, and showed up the other day all fagged out, 40 minutes late for the morning milking and 18c loser.

Changes are now proposed in the "Social Reform" program by congressional action. A little more socialability and a little less reform might help.

THE NOGGIN AT WORK (Cong. Record): "Mr. Sumners of Texas. No, I cannot yield. I do not mean to be discourteous to my friend. If I act with seeming discourtesy during this discussion, I do not mean it at all. I am speaking extemporaneously, and of necessity under great concentration, with my mind thinking, selecting, disconnectedly, and doing all the things it must do, it seems to forget its manners and is constantly embarrassing me. I shall not do as well as some of you might, but let me stumble along as best I can."

Elaine and John Barrymore have again separated, and again receiving what, as actors, they hate the most—publicity; some of it on the front pages.

CURE FOR COMMUNISM: "Having a local reputation for being straight-laced to the point of narrowness in my religious beliefs, it has amazed me, the letters I get from members of various faiths, exhorting me to turn from my evidently evil ways, follow the path they have taken. One woman wrote it was her daily prayer I turn from my path of wickedness. Just what this was she did not say. (Yet I've spoken from nearly every pulpit in my home town.)"

Not long ago I received several letters from a communist, telling me I should use my press privilege to free the people. The world, he said, was in chains. I keep right on voting for prohibition.—(Olive Barber in Coos Bay Times.)

In 1939 United States farmers harvested 88,803,000 acres of corn.

Give the Devil His Due!

WE can't agree with those who claim President Roosevelt's Destroyer deal is "just another clever political move to get votes." Or, as one old subscriber put it in this office yesterday:

"I am absolutely against a third term, but this deal means war and war means four more years of Roosevelt."

In our judgment it doesn't mean war,—at least not this year. Hitler has enough on his hands without tackling the United States, and if there is to be any actual war between this country and Germany during 1940, Der Fuehrer will have to start it.

Nor do we regard it as another clever political move,—in fact quite the reverse.

LET'S give the devil his due. This deal took courage,—moral and political courage,—a type of courage seldom exhibited by the master politician in the White House.

For while literate and vocal opinion in the United States overwhelmingly endorses such aid to Britain, the administration's record in that direction has been sufficiently strong anyway. Therefore, from the standpoint of political expediency, Mr. Roosevelt had everything to lose and nothing to gain by taking this radical step at this particular time.

THERE is a tremendous pacifist element in this country. There are well organized German and Italian blocs in the larger cities,—particularly Chicago and New York. This "clever move" will make no votes for Roosevelt in these vast and populous areas.

NO,—one can find plenty of instances where President Roosevelt HAS put political expediency above everything else,—to the lasting injury of his country in some instances. In fact, we believe history will record this as one of his most serious weaknesses.

But not in this particular instance,—at least not as we see it.

In fact, in boldly crossing this Rubicon, about 8 weeks before election, the President and his foreign policy, in our judgment, appear at their very best.

The Mystery of Adolf

WHEN the history of this period is written, we predict an absorbing portion of it will be the "rise and fall of Adolf Hitler"—certainly one of the most extraordinary and baffling characters ever to take a stellar role in the absorbing drama of human life,—and death!

How has it been POSSIBLE,—how IS it possible,—that a person of his mediocre attainments, his absolute absence of nobility, dignity or even DECENCY of character could, by any combination of circumstances, gain the position he has,—not only complete master of a capable and gifted nation, but master of ALL EUROPE!

IT just doesn't make sense. Yet there he is,—no one can deny the facts.

What IS the answer? Has it all been some weird prank of a serio-comic Fate,—a kind of cosmic "throw back,"—a "strange interlude" which one might place under the heading of an Opera Bouffe tragedy,—a contradiction of terms, just an inexplicable and tragic ACCIDENT?

Or has this self-anointed apostle of the "double-cross" something on the ball that hasn't been,—and for some strange reason can't be,—made apparent to anyone on this side of the Atlantic?

Is he really only a "Charlie McCarthy," a "front" for a revived and militant Germany; or is he, in spite of his eye-brow mustache and childish, psychopathic ravings, a kind of male "Joan of Arc," a Wagnerian Napoleon,—a military genius,—a new world master?

TAKE that speech of his at the Berlin "Sportsplatz" yesterday,—could anything be more childish, more like some Lower East Side brat making faces and heaving rocks at the leader of the rival gang up the street?

"You stop dropping bombs on my Berlin, or we will drop twice as many bombs on London,—if you throw 2000 kilograms we will unload 200,000 kilograms.—We are tired of being told we can't drink coffee,—personally I am not interested because I don't drink coffee, but it makes me angry that others can't drink it. We are ready for anything, no one can scare us, etc., etc., etc!"

Could anything be less heroic, less admirable, less adult!

And yet there he is, with all Europe under one boot, and only some 20 miles for the other boot to cross!

Some day, no doubt, a wise man will arise to satisfactorily explain it. To date no one has, as far as we have been able to find out.

Delusions of Grandeur

SIR JOHN and Elaine Barrie Barrymore have separated AGAIN!

This time, according to John, the cause is "defamation of character."

Isn't John getting a bit "high-hat" in his old age! "Defamation" is understandable in that milieu, but "CHARACTER"—WHERE is it?

Camouflage. Pratt, Kas.—(P)—The war department might take a tip on camouflage from Ernest Atchison of Pratt. He wanted to conceal the melon patch in his backyard. So he let the weeds and grass grow.

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

Arkansas City, Kas.—(P)—An Arkansas City woman frantically called the fire department for help. When the breathless firemen arrived they discovered that all she wanted to know was why her car wouldn't run. They released the emergency brake.

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.

IRISH MOSS IS GOOD FOOD

According to McClelland (Jour. Biol. Chem. 102:91) seaweed contains a thousand times as much iodine as any other food. The diet of the Japanese has included a considerable amount of seaweed for centuries and so it would seem that people who regularly take iodine...

than others get suffer no injurious effects.

In Japan where the people get so much iodine in their customary diet cretinism and goitre are almost unknown. In the so-called goitre-belt of the United States, a wide area extending north along the Appalachian mountains to Vermont thence west thru the Great Lakes region to Montana and Washington, thence south to include most of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific States, although cretinism is rare, goitre, myxedema and hypothyroidism are common ailments, the latter two conditions frequently escaping recognition and proper treatment.

Without going into the signs and symptoms of myxedema or hypothyroidism in greater detail than is necessary to indicate the physical and mental condition that calls for increased intake of iodine, I give the necessary "Instructions for Taking an Iodine Ration", that is, enough iodine to supply the daily requirement of the body, in a pamphlet under that title, available to any one who asks for it and incloses stamped envelope bearing his address.

Irish moss nutritive, easy to digest, pleasant to taste, soothing to inflamed mucous membrane, formerly much used as a demulcent in bronchial, diarrheal and urinary tract irritations. An emulsion of Irish moss is a soothing lotion for chapped skin and similar irritations. Dried Irish moss may be bought in drugstores.

This recipe for Irish Moss Blanc-Mange or New England sea-moss pudding is given by a woman who has lived for 50 years in Boston and spent many summers at Scituate where they gather the moss. She says she has never seen a person with goitre in that part of the world, but has seen a great deal of it in Idaho.

Irish Moss, Blanc-Mange (New England Sea-moss Pudding)

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

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self of his uncertainties. Shortly after the convention, the destroyer question took on an added seriousness.

In the effort to keep the channel open for convoys, the English were losing a really terrifying number of destroyers each week. At one time, the English navy's flotilla of destroyers at sea and ready for action numbered less than seventy vessels. A great number of persons, both members of the administration and private White House friends became disturbed by the president's seeming lethargy. General Pershing, Admiral Standley and other high authorities presented the destroyer problem to the public in dramatic terms. The president suddenly prepared to act.

ACTION of some sort to make destroyers available to England was discussed at a cabinet meeting at the end of July. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, who had taken the lead in urging the need for action on the president, spoke strongly and impressively at the meeting.

Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes, the secretaries of war and navy, Henry L. Stimson and Frank Knox, and Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., were among Hull's strongest supporters. In the end, release of the destroyers in exchange for naval bases was spontaneously agreed on in principle.

AT THAT time, selling the destroyers to Canada instead of England was being considered, with the idea that England could throw in the naval bases as a bribe. It was also desired to get congressional approval of the deal, since the justice department opinion in the mosquito boat case made executive action seem difficult.

But Senate Minority Leader Alben W. Barkley reported that the senate isolationists would filibuster. A way

One-third cupful dried crumbled or granulated Irish moss, covered with cold water and allowed to soak for 15 minutes. Pour off the water, pick over the moss, add a quart of milk, cook in double boiler for one-half hour—No longer. Add a pinch of salt and strain. Then add two teaspoonfuls vanilla, one-fourth cupful of sugar, strain again, pour into individual molds dipped in cold water. When firm un-mold and serve with any fruit and sugar and cream, perhaps sprinkled with nutmeg.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Cellulose. Lecturer stated that because cellulose is not broken down by the dilute acids or enzymes of the alimentary tract of man we get no more than 1% of the nutrients in most vegetables and fruits. (L.L.B.)

Tonsil Nodules. Our doctor assures us the diathermy method is almost discarded now, and when used it never removes all of the tonsil but leaves portions in the throat which cause trouble later. (Mrs. P.S.W.)

Answer—The old Spanish method, rarely or never removes all of the tonsil nodule. Your doctor is singularly blind to that is going on in his profession. In complete hands the diathermy method is the method of choice today. If I were the patient I'd want some tonsil tissue left in my throat if it were at all possible to remove or destroy the infected area yet leave some normal tonsil tissue intact.

Was I Scared? We have enjoyed and profited by your occasional articles about maternity. You see, we're expecting our first baby soon. Please tell me whether you ever felt scared at the prospect? I don't mean just anxious, as I suppose all novice fathers are at the time, but really scared. (T.C.)

Answer—Boy, you said it. More than that, I was in dreadful doubt about the ability of the doctor to conduct the delivery without getting rattled—of course we had to have the best doctor available and I was he. But don't worry, son. Send ten cents coin, and inclose stamped envelope, bearing your address, for booklet "Preparing for Maternity"—it includes advice for the expectant father too. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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round the legal obstacle was discovered by the justice department, and an application to congress was no longer necessary. The plan to sell the destroyers to Canada was also abandoned, after precipitating the president's acquittal of the Canadian-American joint defense board.

A straight bargain between this country and England was decided on, and prolonged discussions began between the British ambassador, Lord Lothian, and the president, who handled all details of the transaction himself. Definite agreement was finally reached about a week before Labor Day, at a White House evening meeting among the president, Lord Lothian and Secretary Hull.

The agreement was delayed for two reasons. The president did not wish to act until the English had demonstrated their ability to stand up under the shocks of German air warfare. He was also eager to avoid giving the senate isolationists an excuse to prolong the draft debate. With the much needed bases in this hemisphere and the English pledge never to surrender their fleet. However, the president now seems to have checked the isolationists pretty effectively.

Communications

Wants a Better Horse To the editor:

It gets so tiresome having folks say, "You wouldn't change a horse in the middle of the stream would you?" Yes, I would, and would feel as if I was using good horse sense too. If I was astride a horse that had taken the bit in his mouth and was floundering around not knowing how to get out of the jam he was in and saw a horse coming alongside that had the strength and courage to stem the current, I'd make a lunge for him. I might have to hang on to mane or tail but you're "doggone tootin" I'd take the chance.

Or, "Oh he ought to be someone on the inside who knows what it's all about," but who knows definitely what it's all about? Maybe a dark horse on the outside abreast of world conditions caught a vision that those milling around a supposedly inexhaustible treasury could not or would not see. And that's that.

Yours for the Americas. Tarcy E. Tracy. Central Point, Sept. 4.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is probably the most significant single piece of news since the United States has been a nation:

President Roosevelt tells congress he has already traded 30 "over age" American destroyers (warships) to the British for naval and air base sites in the Western Hemisphere and Britain's promise "never to sink or surrender her fleet."

THIS is WHY it is so significant:

President Roosevelt, knowing that congress is WEAK, needing to make a swift, decisive gesture to strengthen British morale and weaken Germany, made certain by past experience that congress would bluster but do nothing more, took matters into his own hands.

The combination of a bold, self-willed executive and a weak, vacillating, demagogic congress (parliament, diet, reichstag—call it what you will) is democracy's greatest menace.

It was such a combination that delivered Rome into the hands of Caesar and France into the hands of Napoleon.

WE might as well discard the ancient, comforting thought that only congress can put us into war—the thought back of the strong public demand that kept congress in session over the summer. If the President can dispose of UNITS of the navy as he pleases, he can dispose of movements of the entire navy in such a manner that war will be inevitable.

A weak, leaderless congress makes that possible.

WE should now face this fact clearly and without evasion: The United States has placed itself in the same position as Italy at the beginning of the war. Italy started out as a non-belligerent ally of Germany, but increasing pressure of events forced her into war.

The United States has become a non-belligerent ally of Britain. Pressure of events to come will be likely to force us into war.

That is perfectly plain.

YET President Roosevelt evades and soothes. In his message telling congress that the destroyer deal has been made, he says:

"This deal is not inconsistent in any sense with our status of peace. Still less is it a threat against any nation."

If it is not a threat against Germany, why was it made?

REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS, of Nebraska, puts into words a thought that must be in many minds. Following the destroyer deal, he says:

"I wish the President would reveal to us all the rest of these secret war commitments he has made."

President Roosevelt obviously holds in his hands the power to lead us into war. This writer, as one citizen, wishes he would tell us frankly what is coming and why, instead of feeding us soothing syrup.

It would be far better for us in the long run.

PACIFIC BASES NEEDED TO PROTECT CANAL IS CALIF. SOLON'S WORD

Washington, Sept. 5. — (P)—Acquisition of bases in the Galapagos and Cocos islands to protect the Panama Canal in the Pacific was urged by Rep. Isaac (D-Cal.)

"With the perfect screen which the new Atlantic and Caribbean bases will afford," Isaac told newsmen, "all we need now to make our defense set-up virtually complete are bases in the Galapagos and Cocos islands."

"But we should lose no further time in obtaining them," Spokesman for a congressional group which has advocated such action, Isaac indicated that the destroyer-base exchange with Britain would bring a renewed campaign for facilities on the Pacific islands.

In San Francisco today Secretary Knox expressed surprise at published reports "that we are actually negotiating for bases in Galapagos and Cocos islands."

"Of course in studies of hemispheric defense attention has naturally been directed to the importance of those islands and other strategic locations in the vicinity of the Panama Canal."

He explained that no negotiations were "actually in progress on no concrete steps have been taken towards that end."

Water expands one-thirtieth of its volume in freezing.



(Note)—While Mr. John W. Kelly is enroute east, Mr. Paul Dunham, member of the Washington staff of the Northwestern News Service, will write this column.)

By Paul Dunham

POLITICAL observers in the national capital are firmly of the opinion that the menace from spread of Hitlerism, serious as it admittedly is, has not been the sole motive behind President Roosevelt's insistence upon the spending of enormous sums for national defense. That he is sincere in his apprehension of danger to the western world from domination of European economy by the totalitarian powers can not be questioned; others more expert than Mr. Roosevelt in such matters have perceived the disastrous results in the event of German victory and subsequent penetration of South America, thus closing the last remaining markets to normal trade relations and placing the exchange of exportable goods on a barter and trade basis.

BUT IT is suspected that in back of Mr. Roosevelt's mind is a realization of the increasing opposition in congress to extension of WPA activities, or even a continuance on a scale which would take up the slack in employment which had been forecast before the preparedness program had been conceived as necessary to national defense. As long ago as last winter government economists predicted a recession in business for the summer month with a new unemployment peak for July. In the ordinary course of events it did not seem that this could be averted.

In the face of this situation Mr. Roosevelt would have received little encouragement in an endeavor to increase the rolls of WPA, and neither state nor municipalities were in position to take on an added relief burden. There was evident in congress a growing opposition to WPA and this presented a problem for which there appeared to be no immediate solution.

BECAUSE of this situation, it is believed, Mr. Roosevelt conceived the idea of seizing upon the Hitler menace of securing much larger appropriations for national defense than would have been possible for the financing of WPA, thereby lessening unemployment and at the same time placing business and industry on a more stable footing than could be achieved from any amount of pump priming through relief channels.

Whether or not this deduction is correct, the result is exactly what might have been anticipated. Employment has been increased in all sections of the United States, particularly in the heavy industries, and in certain lines of business the effect has attained almost the proportion of a boom. The result could not be otherwise. What with the expenditure of fourteen billion dollars in progress or promised within the next few years. And the popularity of the program has diverted attention from the growing deficit and prepared the minds of the people for higher taxes, which would have been necessary in any event and which would have aroused deep resentment without the sugar coating of defense needs.

IN THE WILL of one of his states' provision is made for the erection of a monument to Jonathan Bourne, Jr., whose death occurred in Washington, D. C., last Sunday. The former Oregon senator discouraged discussion of the plan to erect a monument to his memory and insisted that he had accomplished nothing worthy of remembrance. As a matter of fact, however, Bourne did have such an influence upon the national political life of America that he rates a monument more than do many who have been thus honored.

The "Oregon system" of the initiative and referendum, the recall, the direct primary and deep presidential preference primary are all a part of his record. These innovations altered the political picture of the entire United States. As a member of the senate he secured passage of the parcel post law, which has been a boon to the people if not express companies which hitherto had monopolized this business.

The monument could be located in Oregon, or at New Bedford, Massachusetts, the place of Bourne's birth; but it was in Oregon that he was personally financed and aided in writing the election laws which were then regarded as being so revolutionary.

ADVICE from Oregon is that Joe Singer, assistant doorkeeper and well known political figure, who had been provided by the Republican national committee with air transportation to attend the McNary notification ceremonies, was so disturbed by a recent airplane tragedy that he sought to cash in his ticket and return to the capital by the slower and more prosaic method afforded by the railroads.

Bermuda is the most densely populated of England's Atlantic colonies.

The Appalachian mountains extend from Newfoundland to Alabama.

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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

September 5, 1930 (It was Monday)

Revolution underway in Argentina.

Henry Ford predicts early end of business woes.

Portland has first rain since June 4, and long drought ends.

Gov. Huey Long of Louisiana charged in conspiracy to kidnap political foe.

Oiling of the Ruch highway nears completion.

Next Wednesday to be Children's Day at county fair.

Klamath Falls murder causes feeling to run high.

Kermite Metal company plans to build six-story structure at Main and Holly street.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 5, 1920 (It was Monday)

Fire destroys Houston hotel at Klamath Falls, and from 10 to 15 persons believed to have died in flames.

Champion Jack Dempsey knocks out Billy Miske in third round of fight at Benton Harbor, Mich.

T. R. Jr., predicts Main will go Republican by 40,000 in November.

G.O.P. Nominee Harding out for "square deal for all classes and silencing of demagogues."

More than 2,000 autos participate in Labor Day parade, and dedication of airport field at fairgrounds.

Ye Poets Corner

The Oregon Orchardist The valley is a-booming. The highways off a mess With juicy culls that roll away From trailer, cart or press.

The packing houses are busy. Working swiftly night and day. Cars are rolling north and south. The commission man is gay.

The orchardist and rancher Flitters feverishly around. Billing, checking, banking In good old Medford town.

It's all settled at the cannery. Tinned brightly and labeled, too; And boxes filled to bursting. Are rolling out to you.

But the man who really rates And takes the acid test, Is the one who owns and works and waits

—The Oregon orchardist. By Irene Cuevas Leighton.

Travel Table

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Table with columns: BUSES, North, South, Leave, Mail, Close. Includes times for 2:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 10:40 p.m.

To Klamath Falls 9:40 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. (*) To Grants Pass only. (**) To Ashland only.

Handcuffed.—(P)—Patrolman Bill Hamilton dropped into a physician's office. The doctor became interested in Bill's handcuffs. Tying with them, he snapped them on his wrists. Then the doctor remembered suddenly that he had a patient in another room. Bill didn't have his keys. He had to run—not walk—to headquarters.

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