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Ye Smudge Pot

National defense, is listed as the main talking point of the New Deal in its third term quest.

In Oklahoma, an evangelist offered a \$5 reward to anyone who could sleep through one of his sermons.

Ex-Grand Duchess Marie of Russia visited Portland briefly Sunday, and was interviewed by the metropolitan gentlemen of the press.

"Mr. Roosevelt wishes to lend 50 million dollars to some South American countries, Good Lord!

The Elks tom-cat, who got out of the hospital last Thurs. went back yesterday. This time with a broken jaw.

The British, despite the aerial strafing by Nazi planes, are reported cheerful and determined.

Fall fashions for the fair sex, call for the "plunging neckline"—whatever that is?

In the Maine elections yesterday, the voters rose in their righteousness, and scrunched the third term egotism, and kindred under-done notions, by decisive Republican majorities.

John Barrymore, the "Great Lover" of stage and screen, who seldom pops up in the news, except when he has a fuss with his wife, had his face implanted in concrete, and is photographed so doing.

Lorenzo Dow Fry of Phoenix writes from Keytesville, Mo., he made it okay, and reports Willie plentiful in Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri.

The first hunter of the season has outrun a bull to the pasture fence, before the dumb brute could be shot for a deer.

Locks Traffic Heavy. Portland, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Traffic through the Bonneville locks totaled 91,109 tons in August, marking the eighth successive month that it has exceeded that of the previous month.

Almost "100% Wrong"

PROBABLY there is no help for it. With war on all sides of us,—(Mexico now threatens to join the Martian chorus)—one must expect to listen to, and read, a great deal of nonsense.

We have just finished the leading article in the current Harper's, for example, by a Mr. Roy Helton, who is all hot and bothered about our submission as a nation to the female influence.

We have, says he, become soft,—the male population at least. Our great danger does not lie in the direction of Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and the Mikado, but in our passion for luxury and comfort,—the decadence of the old, rugged, hair-on-the-chest pioneer spirit.

From this familiar premise he rushes to the following conclusion:

The worth and permanence of democracy can not be insured by guns, tanks, dive bombers but our hardihood as a people, etc., etc.

To which the answer of contemporary history is "APPLE SAUCE!" Did the Poles, Finns, Czechs or French people, lack hardihood—the evidence is overwhelming they did NOT!

They did lack guns, tanks and dive bombers in sufficient quantities, and the impermanence of their democracies was the result.

SO WITH US. Our advice to Brother Helton is not to worry about our decadence, but to worry about the concrete results of our present defense program.

If the past year of war has demonstrated anything, beyond all doubt, that has been the absolute necessity of meeting totalitarian force with a greater force, BEFORE it is too late.

Let the democracies get the necessary mechanized forces,—the guns, tanks and dive bombers,—and no one need worry about the capacity and the virility of democratic youth, here and anywhere else, to effectively employ them.

But the machines must be produced FIRST!

Material Change, Not Spiritual

THIS decadent note has for many years been a popular one. Ever since the turn of the century, the theme song in German beer-halls has been the decadence of Britain,—the tea-drinking, week-ending cricket-playing "DEGENERATES!"

If there has been any decline in the virility or fighting spirit of the average Britisher, or old Johnny Bull's ability to TAKE IT, it has not been apparent from Dunkirk, to the present moment.

Had the Nazis not had a seven year head-start on England, in the matter of mechanized equipment, this World War No. 2 probably wouldn't have lasted a month!

IT IS the same way in this country, in spite of our easy-going ways, our superabundance of bath tubs, motor cars and labor saving devices. Yes, even our undeniable habits of self-indulgence.

It will take more than Mr. Helton's polysyllabic palaverings to convince this department, at least, the American people,—and particularly American youth—are not entirely sound in limb and heart.

Heaven knows they don't want war (who does?) and if war comes no one is going to LIKE it. But let Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini or any other foreign tyrant try stepping on the tails of Uncle Sams coat!

It will then be quickly evident we believe, to Mr. Helton and everyone else, that a nation does not necessarily have to abandon modern plumbing, electric razors, and steam heat, (nor even jazz music!) to give a good account of itself in battle, if it has anything like an even break in equipment.

HOW about the U. S. record in the world war, for example?

Was the average doughboy any more virile or trustworthy in 1917, than the same type today? If there has been any marked decline in the essentials of masculinity, in the intervening years, where are the evidences of it? Certainly not in chromium fittings, air-conditioned offices, or flying to New York sitting down instead of riding there on a plow horse!

But if we understand Mr. Helton correctly that is the essence of his thesis. And it is, as we see it, entirely superficial and entirely fallacious.

Ever Hear of Private Dan?

SPEAKING of that American war record a couple of decades ago, a certain Dan Edwards, private, died in Hot Springs, Arkansas, exactly a week ago today.

Ever hear of him? Probably not. But he was one of only two U. S. soldiers to receive both the Congressional medal and the D.S.O., for courageous action in France.

Here is a portion of the citation:

Wounded Private Edwards found hospital existence boring and went A. W. O. L. to join the 1st Division. He got back just in time for Solsona and was sent to an advanced post with a machine gun and a leader to direct an infiltrating fire on the Germans. The leader was killed and Private Edwards decided that that particular post was unhealthy. He grabbed the machine gun and as much ammunition as he could carry and staggered across fifty feet of unprotected ground toward a slight eminence.

Although unprotected from machine gun fire during the trip, he escaped bullets and was thankful to discover an old trench at the very spot where he had decided to plant his gun. He stepped at the brink to drop his load of ammunition and in that instant a one-pound shell dropped on him.

his knife. Under the muzzle of his pistol his prisoners applied a tourniquet to the arm and set off for the American lines. They had just about reached them when another shell came along and killed one of the prisoners and took off Edwards' left leg. He made the three survivors carry him the rest of the way and got a receipt for his prisoners before going to a dressing station.

Now we are not trying to maintain that is a typical case, and we certainly have no wish to inject any note of militant bravado, or bloody shirt-waving into the picture. But we are convinced that if this country should be so unfortunate as to engage in another war, there would be just as many Private Edwards in 1940 or 1941, as in 1918 or 1920.

And if that is correct,—and we believe it is,—then we have established our point which is, in brief, that Mr. Roy Helton in raising the decadent scare is talking through his hat.

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.

SCIENCE IS FUN NY THAT WAY

I have been reading your column for years (writes a professional man). It was you who first informed me concerning the ambulant treatment of hernia.



proved highly skilled and capable. I believe my hernia is permanently cured and have had not the slightest interruption of my everyday activities.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS. Is there any food value or vitamin content in the rind of an orange? Does it contain anything harmful? Have been drinking orange juice made by grinding up the whole orange, rind, pulp and all.

Rolls and Blood Pressure. Is it wise for one with high blood pressure to do six somersaults each night and morning? (W.F.D.) Answer—Depends on what his aim. He had better be guided by his physician's advice.

Nerves and Poor Ailms. Can you give any suggestions to help overcome nerves? That is my chief handicap. If it were not for my rotten nerves I might be—(E.S.) Answer—It depends whether you are a Class A or a Class B neurotic.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to contribute letters to Dr. Brady should send them direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

thing—namely breaking the precedent against a third term. Unlike the new dealers, he has always regarded the anti-third term tradition as strong among the rank and file of people. He has always hated to do things distasteful to large numbers of the voters. He is a man who likes to be liked, who is still wounded even by the hatred of the very "economic royalists" he has most loudly attacked.

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

(Continued from Page One.)

out of chosen courses, and hardly wished even to present adequate defense requests. Now he is ready for such bold strokes as the destroyer-bases deal, or for such firm statements as his demand for prompt passage of the draft bill.

As has been suggested in this column before, part of the president's previous uncertainty should be laid to his bewilderment at finding the central assumption of his foreign policy suddenly proved groundless by the battle of France. Nothing except a sudden confrontation with the unexpected could have produced such a speech as the famous "on hand and on order" fireside chat, with its unhappy peevishness, and its rather flimsy efforts at self-exculpation.

It is, quite simply, that before the Chicago convention, he was either already determined to do, or seriously considering doing an extremely unpopular

The magnificent power of resistance shown by the British and the decline in the strength of Wendell L. Willkie are other factors which might be added to the list of influences changing the president's mood. The real point is, however, that his mood has changed, and changed immensely for the better.



By Frank Jenkins.

GERMAN bombers, guided to London by the light of fires already set, blast Britain's capital throughout practically all of Sunday night, doing unquestionably immense damage.

STILL the dogged British fight on, backing up Churchill's dramatic statement of a few months ago: "We will fight from house to house, from street to street, from hill to hill, but we'll NEVER GIVE UP."

THE temptation is strong to GO IMMEDIATELY to the aid of these heroic fighters who are of our own blood. Before yielding to it, however, let's remember these supremely important points:

IF we go to war, we have ONLY A NAVY to fight with. If we send our navy to Europe, we'll leave the Pacific wide open to hungry Japan, who is itching to grab Britain's Oriental empire.

IF we go to war, we'll stop at once the vitally important flow of war supplies, INCLUDING PLANES, to Britain, because we'll have to have them ourselves.

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Oregon Jewelers For Law Against Fraud in Watches

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Gov. Roosevelt of New York comes out for repeal of prohibition law. Thomas A. McBride, chief justice of state supreme court passes.

OLD UNIONTOWN SCHOOL CLOSED BY PUPIL LACK

Big Applegate, Sept. 10.—(AP)—After a probable existence of 75 years, the Uniontown school is being discontinued this term owing to lack of pupils. The three or four scholars residing in the district will be transported to the Ruch-Sterling consolidated school.

Monday saw the opening of the five other schools here, although Applegate opened on Labor Day. Little Applegate and Watkins school houses received interior coats of paint, while the Applegate building was considerably improved with installation of lockers in both rooms and lavatory bowls and drinking fountains.

The teaching personnel includes Miss Mary Esther Davis of Ashland, at Watkins; Miss Helen Ann Thomas, of Ashland at Beaver Creek; Miss Grace Pearce, at Little Applegate; Norman Carrothers, of Ashland, upper room at Ruch; Mrs. Ina Fursel, of the community, lower room at Ruch; Mrs. Margaret Starnes, of Ashland, lower room at Applegate; Mrs. W. E. Hosk at Applegate; Mrs. W. E. Ethel Ludwig, of Missouri Flat, at Thompson creek.

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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 10, 1930. (It was Wednesday) Fair held as suspects in Central Point bank robbery, and one identified by cashier.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York comes out for repeal of prohibition law. Thomas A. McBride, chief justice of state supreme court passes.

Deer hunting season to open September 15, as fire hazard is ended by recent rains.

Huey Long of Louisiana is nominated for U. S. senate in primary election. Burglars busy in Central Point last night.

A. S. V. Carpenter and Rawles Moore to represent valley at ICC hearing in San Francisco.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY. September 10, 1920. (It was Friday) Hunter shot and killed by mistake for a deer on Sardine Creek.

Sen. Weeks of Massachusetts stirs democratic wrath by statement, "the spending of any huge sum to get rid of democratic mis-rule is justified". Valley drenched by surprise shower, in which .26 of an inch falls.

Hunger strike of the Mayor of Cork near end. Italian troops fire upon socialists during riot in streets of Trieste.

Moonshine shortage reported in city.

1,000 ENROLL IN ASHLAND SCHOOLS

Ashland, Sept. 10.—(SpI)—An estimated 1,000 youngsters, ranging from 6 to 18, appeared at the various schools in the section Monday morning.

Although the original registration was lower than the number who started to school at the same time last year, Superintendent T. J. Norby estimated that an additional 50 or 75 would be recorded by the end of this week. The high school had 250 students; junior high, 282; Lincoln, 246 and Washington, 223 students.

Cafeterias will open Wednesday noon and be in operation for the remainder of the term.

NEW DELIVERY ROUTE FOR MAIL IN ASHLAND

Ashland, Sept. 10.—(SpI)—Postmaster J. H. Fuller has confirmed the report that a new postoffice delivery route has been in effect since the first of the month, today.

The new route embraces houses situated along Fordyce, Helman and Mountain avenues and services at least 50 houses on a new daily basis.

Possibilities of establishing a new route on the north Pacific highway in the vicinity of The Chateau were mentioned but undecided. It was learned that the move was being considered in official Washington.

King George Sees Damage By Bombs

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—King George made a three-hour tour today of the London areas hard hit by Germany's air raids, the east and southeast districts.

"Everyone has been wonderfully brave," he said. In one district he went down into a shelter where a number of women and children were seated. Some had legs and arms bandaged.

Workers still were searching for bodies under wrecked houses at some places visited.

Traffic Death Rate

Portland, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Portland's traffic death rate for 1940 so far stands at a death each 6.1 days. Police Capt. W. C. Epps said today. The total so far is 41 deaths.

Canal Air Defense Gets New Strength

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The war department moved today to strengthen the aerial defenses of the Panama canal by ordering two groups of the air corps to be stationed permanently at the new army base in Puerto Rico.

Medium and long-range bomber and reconnaissance planes stationed on the Caribbean island will be in a position to watch over hundreds of miles of the Atlantic approaches to the canal, the navy's vital life line.

The nation's largest cotton market at Memphis, Tenn., handled a record 8,619,579 bales last year.

ORIS CRAWFORD, Executor