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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. The press mildly complains the news from Crete is "not concrete."

A Christian order, with faith a remedy for the economic ills and wars of the world, is recommended by a church convocation in the Mid-west.

The recent heat wave was of short duration, bringing to a close widespread mauling of the weatherman.

A favorable word for Col. Lindbergh hereabouts these days is no business around the younger members of the fair sex.

There is some editorial rejoicing over the outlook for the June graduate, now blooming. For ten years, he has been pictured in cartoons, with a diploma in his hand, bravely marching off a cliff into an ocean marked "Unemployment."

The German battleship Bismarck lies at the bottom of the Atlantic, where with a "lucky hit" her guns sent the British battleship Hood last Saturday.

SO WHAT? (Send Bulletin) "City records show that 78 tickets were issued to overtime parkers on downtown streets last week.

Junior Robin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochran Robin, fell out of his nest in a cypress lawn oak tree.

The law does not know what to do with a speed idiot, who explains 80 mph. on a residential street with the alibi: "I guess I didn't have my head with me."

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Is Air Power Supreme?

YESTERDAY afternoon the Mail-Tribune predicted the "Bismarck's" number was up. This morning the "Bismarck," with Swastika flag flying and guns firing went down with all on board.

WELL, Britannia rules in theory at least. But when one goes across the map to Crete the picture isn't so reassuring.

Not so hot for Britannia's rule off the coast of Greece, and an outstanding triumph for the German air force.

But equally significant is this fact concerning the Bismarck: But for the planes (American made, by the way) on the British fleet's airplane carrier the Bismarck would have escaped, for—

British naval planes spotted the Nazi dreadnaught and a torpedo plane inflicted the first mortal wound, then executed the "coup de grace."

AIRPOWER IN MODERN WAR IS SUPREME, NOT ONLY ON LAND, BUT ON THE SEA. The nation,—or group of nations,—that gain a permanent control of the air will win this war, and as long as such control endures will control the world.

Every victory Germany has gained thus far has been primarily due to superior airpower. Every defeat Britain has suffered has been primarily due to the lack of it.

Britain's greatest war achievement, the successful embarkation at Dunkirk, was directly due to her temporary control of the air above the English channel.

SO at least to this department the lesson is so plain that even those who run may read. Yet "we the people" are today rushing the construction of a two-ocean navy, spending as much as \$100,000,000 on a single battleship which this destruction of the Bismarck shows, can be sunk by a single torpedo plane costing about one-tenth of one per cent as much!

WE are not contending a two-ocean navy isn't desirable. Nor a large and well-trained army with guns, tanks, parachute troops and what not. But we are contending this World War No. 2 has clearly demonstrated that all arms, both on land and sea, are supplementary to air power.

If this war is to be won, the democracies of the world must gain control of it.

"Mr. X" Bobs Up Again!

AGAIN our old friend Mr. X is jubilant. The sinking of the Bismarck destroys 25% of the German navy, while the British navy is nearly as strong numerically as it was when the war started.

Which means (thinks our wishful-thinking expert) that the Axis powers will soon be swept from the Seven Seas, the blockade against Germany tightened, and Hitler beaten before snow flies—if it does fly in this dislocated cosmos in 1942.

WELL, Hitler MAY be beaten before snow flies,—anything in this mad world CAN happen,—but we opine it won't be through any blockade, or through dominant sea power.

There won't be. In fact, if Hitler is beaten in 1941, it will be from behind, not on any of the fronts he is maintaining.

MOREOVER one important point should not be overlooked by Mr. X in all his calculations,—or by others similarly inclined.

Let him remember that Hitler opened World War No. 2 with a defensive alliance with Soviet Russia. Before he will risk defeat, won't he try to end the war, with Russia's red army fighting beside him?

WE aren't maintaining an offensive alliance with Stalin is certain. We are maintaining that Herr Hitler would rather have Stalin in Berlin than Winston Churchill.

THIS possibility, at least, has been bothering this department ever since September 1st, 1939. We have never believed Hitler could WIN. But it has been equally difficult to see how Germany, with Russia as an ace in the hole, could ever be forced to surrender!

THE best bet, as stated above, is to secure dominance in the air and bomb Hitler into submission from the skies.

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.

STRAIN IN LIFTING The bowling green being too wet after the rain to play, I was juggling some bookcases full of books a little while the other day when a medical friend dropped in.



he argued, would be sufficient to cause hernia if there were congenital weakness of muscles and fasciae in the hernial region. Frankly, I thought that last condition a quibble or equivocation, although it is the sort of argument or reasoning one must concede in what we insist is medical science.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Have a Baby Book. Our baby is healthy and strong and has no indigestion. She is three months old and the only thing that worries us is that the posterior fontanelle is entirely closed and the anterior fontanelle is still soft.

IN The Day's News By Frank Jenkins NO realistic thinker will attempt to deny that over the week-end the war news is all bad.

THE CAPITAL PARADE By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER (Continued From Page One) According to a member of this group, the Tuesday address "will be more the president's own than any other."

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eastern Mediterranean since last Tuesday. German "spokesmen" in Berlin assert the Germans and Italians have virtually wiped out the cruiser section of the British navy's eastern Mediterranean fleet.

THESE, of course, are German reports, which never understate German achievements. They may be wide of the truth, as often they have been.

INTEREST in the eastern Mediterranean sea fighting arises from the NATURE of it. What we want to know is how the British fleet stood up against German air attack.

THE battleship Hood, the pride of the British navy, was sunk by a German battleship. That might have been the result, as the British claim, of a lucky shot. Such things do happen in naval warfare.

IN Berlin, German Grand Admiral Raeder, speaking of conveying American supplies to Britain, says: "I can only echo the view of President Roosevelt that conveys mean shooting."

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News of 4-H CLUBS By Betty Lou Tresham Sams Valley Livestock club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milkowski May 11.

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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 May 27, 1931 (It was Saturday) City and nation pay tribute to war dead. President Hoover in address compares "present times to those at Valley Forge."

Twenty Years Ago Today May 27, 1921 (It was Monday) President Harding in Decoration day address at Washington, D. C., says "America shall lead the way to lofty peace."

Heavy rain catches much way down through the valley. Superintendent of a new high school building is "imperative."

The urban population of the United States is older, on the average, than the rural population, the 1940 census discloses.