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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. The people are advised to take the war news from Berlin, London and way points with a grain of salt, instead of the sack full they have been using.

The esteemed Red Bluff (Cal.) News editorially hopes "sensible Americans won't dwell too long on the campaign promise of Roosevelt to keep us out of war."

This month produces the lone Friday the 13th of the year. Creation has been walking under a ladder, and kicking black cats out of the road for so long the day and date has lost its primal terrors.

Tradition holds the British always win the last battle—the one that counts. General opinion holds they better start in winning it, if they haven't already lost it.

THE RETORT-SNAPPY (Lakeview Examiner) "An ad error in last week's Mercantile advertisement read: Ladies' Hand Bags, quart size. The management says they also have them in the pint size for the more temperate."

An Idaho judge complains prisoners in penitentiaries "are paroled before they have a chance to comb their hair." Likewise, they get back in before they have a chance to steal a comb, and comb their hair.

A social survey shows graveyards are popular rendezvous of lovers throughout the nation. This is a sign they will be swarming into the undertaking parlors next winter.

There's room for one more club hereabouts—the Rumor Mongers Exchange, with a Tattler's Auxiliary.

"For many years he was an attorney-at-law" (Siskiyou News)—That's right.

VICIOUS CIRCLE (Sheridan (Ore.) Sun) "I legally got 20 acres for sale by owner. I advertised it in news and on highways, secured a party who wanted to buy but had no money. Only a 1250 dollar home. This man and the owner of the 20 acres. I got them together. They made a trade. No money was turned over in the transaction. They both left me naked. I didn't even get paid for printing the sign. I even hired a man to put the sign up. I owe my barber 25 cents for a shave. No income."—(M. Petersen Writings).

Messrs. Hitler and Mussolini the eminent international hood lums, conferred today at Brenner Pass. The accidental discharge of a pistol, inflicting fatal injury upon either one or both, would cause no world wide weeping.

Colleges are now pouring out the finished product by the hundreds, armed with a formidable diploma. It will be a week or ten days before they get the world slumped around where it belongs.

Closing time for Too Late to classify Ads is 1:30 p. m. Use Mail Tribune west ad.

Mr. Hoover Is Right, BUT--!

STRANGE about ex-President Hoover. In business and private life he made a great success. Unusually well fitted in administrative experience and technical knowledge for similar success in public life, his record in that direction has been almost a complete failure.

We wonder why? Is it a fatal defect in temperament, or just fate,—the law of compensation working as it were, in reverse? We don't know. Perhaps a combination of the two.

TAKE this issue of feeding the starving children of Belgium for example.

No man in the country is better fitted to do that job than Mr. Hoover. No one knows more about actual conditions in that part of Europe than he,—the original director of Belgian relief. Some of his ablest assistants are now in Belgium, with the necessary machinery set up and rarin' to go; but the British government has turned thumbs down on the proposition, and the Roosevelt administration seconds the motion.

So there isn't much chance of these unfortunate children being saved.

And the reason? Fear,—FEAR that if U. S. surplus food is sent to save these children, Germany will benefit, and the allied blockade against the Reich will be rendered ineffective to that extent.

MR. HOOVER'S answer to this argument is that Germany has agreed not to interfere in any way with this relief program. Belgian authorities have agreed to see that the suffering children get this food and no one else. Moreover, if the plan is Oked he will have his trusted agents on the German border, and if so much as a loaf of bread gets into Germany, he will call off the relief effort at once!

Well, Mr. Hoover has been accused of a great many things, but inefficiency or failure to keep his word have never been among them.

Indeed we fail to see how any informed person can doubt for a minute that if this Hoover relief plan should be adopted, and didn't work out,—did aid the Nazis in any way,—it would be immediately stopped. Yes, and stopped before any real relief to Germany could be obtained,—for as Mr. Hoover has repeatedly pointed out, the amount of food needed to feed these Belgian children adequately during the period of crisis would not feed Germany for a day.

SO WHY NOT, in the interest of humanity,—not to mention CHRISTIANITY,—TRY it? With a man of Mr. Hoover's integrity and capability in charge no real harm could be done, and good,—great and lasting good,—to a weak, unoffending and friendly nation could be accomplished.

Why not? Again like a puppy chasing his tail, one must return for the answer to what President Roosevelt so loves to decry, "fear,"—the fear that somehow, somehow, in spite of ex-President Hoover's assurances, the hated Huns might benefit.

But with the facts above noted is there any REAL likelihood of it? We very much doubt it.

As for rendering the allied blockade effective, does any sane person believe that Germany, with the food of all Europe under its control, will let her own people suffer, much less starve!

Not for a minute! Assuming there isn't,—or soon won't be,—enough food to keep the people of Europe alive, Germany certainly won't be the country to suffer.

The women and children of Belgium may starve, or of Poland, or Czechoslovakia, or France, or Greece, or the Balkans, but the Nazis won't,—for when they lack food, all they have to do . . . and what they are now doing) is dispatch an army of armored trucks into their various and sundry conquered provinces and get it.

FINALLY, there is not only the plain humanity of the problem, the instinctive aversion on the part of any normal and recent human being to countenance NEEDLESS death and suffering,—but as we see it, the practical results of such a policy, if the outcome is, as Mr. Hoover predicts it will be, the starvation of countless thousands of unoffending people,—particularly women and children,—the necessary foundation for an enduring post war generation.

MEN and women who are starving and see their children starving, are not inclined to reason things out very carefully, or logically.

True, if the unspeakable Hitler and his fellow gangsters had not willed this war, there would be no such tragic situation as now exists,—the final guilt DOES rest upon them and no one else, and the entire civilized world should, and ultimately will, join in bringing them to judgment and destruction.

But does this rationalization of the matter, bring those who are dying back to life, or render ineffective the inevitable Nazi propaganda that but for the Anglo-American policy of starvation, the generation that suffered and died would have lived?

WE doubt it. We doubt it very much. In fact, we believe Mr. Hoover has all the best of the argument when he maintains that feeding the starving children of Belgium would not only be sound from a HUMANITARIAN standpoint, but sound from the standpoint of EFFECTIVE allied policy to bring a final democratic victory out of initial defeat.

It is about a ten-to-one shot, however, he will be no more successful in this effort than he has been in countless others, since he first entered public life. It seems to be his fate!

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 number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

TREATMENT OF SCAR

Since formation of scar is inevitable in the healing of burn, wound, boil, sore or injury, and the amount of scarring and disfigurement depends on the treatment, it is essential to have the most skillful surgical care available from the earliest possible moment. In some instances such care may not be immediately available. In others the importance of skilled care is not realized. In still others the severity of the injury or the amount of functioning tissue destroyed may be so great that mending or repair requires so much non-functioning scar tissue that excessive scarring and subsequent distortion or disfigurement or crippling from shrinkage or contraction of the scar tissue is unavoidable.



Scar tissue, the cement, glue or plaster used in the mending or repair of injuries, is a dense, inelastic, poorly nourished (because not well supplied with blood) material, of the same character no matter what tissue or structure or organ it mends. As it grows older it tends to shrink and in shrinking or contracting it may cause not only distortion or deformity but interference with functioning of tissues or organs involved. For instance, scars in the abdomen (cavity, not the belly or front abdominal wall) from mending or repair of inflammations such as localized peritonitis, appendicitis, salpingitis in women, or operative wounds, are called "adhesions" because they glue together adjacent surfaces which normally are movable.

In some persons there seems to be a tendency toward overgrowth of scar and such hypertrophic scar is called keloid (from a Greek term meaning claw, which was suggested, perhaps, because ridges running off from the body of the scar into the surrounding skin sometimes give it the appearance of a claw, and there may be more or less sensation as though a claw were grasping the skin). Keloids may result from even trifling wounds or sores such as insect bites, needle punctures, slight burns, or from a blister on the chest from mustard or other counter-irritant applied as a remedy.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: Everybody's Intending to Do It. I have put on about forty pounds in the last few years and getting something to wear is now a hateful task. Next week I want to start on a rigid diet.—Mrs. M. A. Answer—That's what they all say. "I'm going to diet." With few exceptions they never get started, or if they do start they choose some irrational plan which endangers health whether it brings reduction or not. Send twenty-five cents and I'll send stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Rules for Reducing." If you ask any question enclose separate three-cent stamped envelope bearing your address. Many questions are unanswered because correspondents fail to enclose three-cent stamped addressed envelope. In the Emergency Kit. As we are planning a tour of the southwest, camping along the way, we would appreciate any instructions you may give as to first aid and emergencies.—P. R. H. Answer—Send a stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for instructions for preparing a First Aid Kit. Also include twenty-five cents coin for booklet "The Medicine Cupboard." Letter contains detailed instructions for treatment of snakebite. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.) Ed Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THE CAPITAL PARADE: By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER. (Continued From Page One) not a real danger area. German planes, raiders and submarines have rarely operated beyond 30 degrees West. Furthermore, when the order was given, the Atlantic fleet was too small to make the patrol really useful. Third, the Atlantic fleet has now been reinforced, however, and the patrol has been extended. The reinforcement was decided on shortly before the president's message to the nation, after a prolonged battle at the navy department between the admirals who blindly insisted on keeping the Pacific fleet at full strength, and the admirals who realized that since the war's real danger point was the Atlantic, some strength must be transferred there. The extent of the reinforcement is not known. Neither is the new extent of the patrol, except that it must be well beyond 30 degrees West if the president's announcement had real meaning. But it is confidently asserted that the patrol will be useful now.

THE usefulness of the patrol should be pretty obvious. The American ships and planes, ranging the Atlantic waters, have orders to find and report the location of German raiders, planes, and submarines. By so doing, they both make it harder for the German craft to surprise British convoys, and easier for British war vessels and planes to track down the enemy. Apparently the orders are being fairly boldly carried out. During the Bismarck episode, for example, the patrol vessels were sent to intercept the German warship and keep watch on her if she followed a Southwestern course. But while the patrol will be useful, the question remains whether it will be useful enough.

The battle of the Atlantic cannot be won by a mere reconnaissance operation. The president is reluctant to be the aggressor. It is thought that if the patrol sufficiently hampers the Germans, they will be forced to fire the first salvo, and will thus give the president a pretext for the necessary next step.

In truth, the most important thing about the patrol is its secondary purpose. As to the likelihood of this happening, there is much disagreement. Obviously, the last thing the Germans want in the world is an incident tending to bring this country into the war. There is strong professional opinion, despite the president's declaration to the contrary, that even convoys would not mean shooting. On the other hand, the president and certain of his more optimistic strategic advisers frankly hope that the patrol will have the desired result.

In any case, the patrol must be regarded as no more than a first step. The next step to be taken—and it will be taken soon if the president has reached the great decision his advisers describe—must be resort to the system of active shipping protection outlined in this space yesterday. It is to be regretted that the next step is still to be delayed. It is also to be regretted that even now the president has not become entirely frank. He said in his speech that means to protect shipping were being studied by his technical advisers, although the study period was long past, and the means were ready and waiting to be used. He said at his press conference that conveying was outmoded, although what is commonly called conveying was among the means agreed on. But the president may be pardoned his last hesitations and indirectness, if he abides by his promise to the country. This promise was simple and unequivocal.

"Our patrols," he said, "are helping now to insure delivery of the needed supplies to Britain. All additional measures necessary to deliver the goods will be taken. The delivery of needed supplies to Britain is imperative. This can be done. It must be done; it will be done."

Kelly's Comment

From Washington. Another Shipyard for Willamette. Portland Plant in Fast Growth. Oregon's Wheat Acreage Reduced. By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 2.—Another shipyard is scheduled for the Willamette river. Announcement of this effect can be expected shortly. This yard will be given orders for destroyers by the navy department, for the navy has an ever increasing demand for more and more of this type of fighting ship and present capacity of existing yards is already at the maximum. The only way to obtain more destroyers speedily is to establish more yards.

Facilities of the Columbia-Willamette area have been sparingly used by the navy program; a couple of mine layers, several net tenders and four mine sweepers are all, and not one fighting ship in the lot. However, with the pressing need for additional destroyers the navy is turning to the rivers, and negotiations are now in progress which are designed to give an order for two or more of these sleek craft and if they are turned out promptly and are efficient there will be other orders coming.

The yard will be constructed by a Puget sound company, with a couple of Portland men contributing part of the capital. The Puget sound people wanted to build the destroyers there, but the navy replied that the Seattle-Tacoma area now has orders for more destroyers than it can build for two or three years and told the company to locate in the Portland region. The Puget sound concern is to furnish the technicians and key men until Portland men are trained and can replace them. According to information received, the destroyer yard should be started before the end of the year.

A PORTLAND company which started a year ago with \$50,000 capital has been given so many subcontracts that it is now employing several hundred men and plans to expand. Arrangements are being made to greatly increase the capitalization and then apply to Reconstruction Finance corporation for a business loan of \$2,000,000 which will make it a \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 organization. Land has been acquired for a new site and buildings have been blueprinted. Interested in the company are real experts from leading aircraft factories, who are taking most of their pay in stock. All the subcontracts the concern is receiving are from airplane plants in California. The priorities and production division of OPM are watching the progress of the Portland company in view of the increased air program.

SECRETARY of the Navy Frank Knox, independent of navy intelligence, has asked congress for \$3,000,000 to hire 330 undercover operatives in the various shipyards, such as Bremerton on Puget sound. These men will work under instructions from the secretary, relayed through a chief who will receive \$7,000 a year. The FBI did not wish to undertake the job for reasons best known to themselves.

Representatives Walter M. Pierce and James W. Mott voted for the undertaking, but Representative Homer Angell voted against it. Without specifying the location, Knox said there were 100 suspects in one yard, 60 of them communists and 40 members of the nazi party.

UNDER the new limitation of wheat acreage for the 1942 crop Oregon's allotment is reduced to 756,251 acres. This is less than half the wheat acreage permitted the state of Washington, although Washington also has suffered a deep cut. Idaho has

been allocated 865,173, or 108,000 acres more than Oregon. There is enough wheat in sight to feed the United States for almost two years, asserts the administrator of Triple A, R. M. Evans.

PORTLAND General Electric is asking for priorities on material needed on the same basis that Bonneville is obtaining priorities; asserts that PGE is serving concerns having national defense contracts and if the materials are shut off these defense contracts cannot be filled. . . . There is now a priority on zinc and the domestic supply could be expanded by developing various zinc deposits in Oregon. The trade agreement policy of Secretary Hull has heretofore prevented capital from venturing in zinc operations.

ABOUT 20 million pounds of carnauba wax (used for shoe leather for the army) is imported from one South American country, the only place it is obtainable. Despite the "good neighbor" policy that country has upped the price until it has tripled. War department is now looking around for a substitute. . . . One of the big department stores in Washington has devoted a window to urging Americans to send overcoats to the British. "The British need overcoats." Around the corner, in another window of the same store, is a window filled with importations of British overcoats to sell to the American trade. It doesn't make sense. . . . Gardiner, Ore., wants the army engineers to dredge a turning basin, estimated to cost \$55,000, and provide a 22-foot channel to a mill dock.

Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY: June 2, 1931. (It was Tuesday) Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania boomed as GOP presidential candidate next year.

Premier Mussolini ignores protests of Vatican, gravest crisis in history faces church and state.

The storm made 105 calls in Jackson county last year, health unit reports.

Frost season now officially at end in Rogue River valley.

Fluhrer's bakery offers bread sliced ready for the table.

Ashland to be on a restricted water basis coming summer due to city supply being low.

German force attacks French in Silesia, and are repelled.

Bill in congress to sell Medford water supply site at \$2.50 per acre is introduced.

Militia rules Tulsa after race riot.

Evangelist Bulglin to talk on "Moses" and local conditions tonight.

Gold Hill bank robbers are found guilty by circuit court jury.

Killed by Train: Salem, June 2.—(AP)—Judson N. Gainard, 70, Salem, was killed yesterday when struck by a train while he was walking along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

Ye Poets Corner

Old Pebbly-Toad. Neath an old mossy stone By the path to the spring, Is the cave of old Pebbly-Toad. And many a year Have we seen him here, At the door of his abode.

He has beautiful eyes, And he looks so wise, On his face is a twisty grin, As the bugs and the flies Of every size, Go whipping, pop, snap, in.

One evening we saw him Changing his clothes, Spotted and gray as lead, Right down the back He split a wide crack, Then pulled them over his head.

Rolled tight in a ball— Shirt, shoes and all— He swallowed his last year's sum His new coverall He will wear till fall, And sleep in them to boot. Bertha B. Charley, Eagle Point, Ore.

Vacation. You-hoo, you-hoo, little playmate, Can't you hear me calling you? Come over, I've made a picnic And hollyhock dolls brand new.

The meadow is green and lovely, All dotted with clover bloom; The bees are singing a harvest song To a low, sweet bumbling tune.

The brook ripples clear and shining, By the path to the apple tree, Where the willow peeks at its picture, As it makes a shade for me.

The doll-house is full of ladies, Made from mother's hollyhocks, Pink and white and yellow and red, With such nice corn-silk locks.

If now you will come a-skippering From your home to the daisy hill, We can play here beneath the willow, Where it's nice and cool and still. Bertha B. Charley, Eagle Point, Ore.

PROSPECT PUPILS RECEIVE AWARDS

Prospect, June 2.—(Sp.)—The four upper grades of Prospect school gave a program in Miss Thompson's room on May 26. Taking part were Dee Neville, Max Middlebush and Willa Lee Weddell of the eighth grade graduating class. The class also included Elizabeth Thompson, Tryal Baron, Delpha Clarke, Anna Mae Robertson, Vean Robertson, Doris Rupe and Robert Stanley.

Special scholarship awards given out were: Eighth grade, Elizabeth Thompson, first, Dee Neville, second; seventh grade, Roy Houston, first, Theida Goode, second, Stanley Aune, third; sixth grade, Patty Waddell, first, Norma Tribett, second; fifth grade, Betty Holzgang.

Track letters went to Theida Goode, Ruth Wiltraout, Elva Carlton, Nyoda Herman, Willa Jo Holcomb, Tryal Baron, Teddy Fraedrick, Junior Ingram, Donald Harper, Charles Gray, Jamie Algoe, Tommy Carlton, Warren Wright.

Awards in music included Billie and Betty Holzgang, Elva and Selda Carlton, Nyoda Herman, Alice Smith, Mary Lou Neville. Perfect attendance records were made by Robert Stanley, Shirley Gibson, and Teddy Fraedrick.

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