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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

"Gasless Sundays" for motorists, to conserve gasoline for defense work during the national emergency, will start in July, it is hinted. Here is ruthless New Deal economy grimly determined to save everything but money.

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The local rumor situation is seething again. Surveying stakes for a fou. lane express highway to Agate turned out to be guides for a su rban farmer, getting ready to plant his late corn.

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Foreign Minister Matsuoka of Japan has been requested by an anti-smoking league of his native land to refrain from appearing in public, or posing for pictures with his pipe, lest it have an unhealthy influence on Japanese youth. Otherwise, everything is okay in the land of the cherry blossoms.

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BEEN MIGHTY HANDY
(Coos Bay Times)

"Why, these hands had washed enough overalls to reach fr.m here to Europe, were they all strung on a line at once. They've planted potatoes in spring, dug the resultant harvest in fall. They've mixed bread, tend.d babies; made soap."—(Olive Barber's writings).

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What Great Britain needs is a squad of mountaineer shar. shooters to put a crimp in the Nazi use of parachutes in landing invasion troops. In the Crete campaign they were wafted down from the skies with the ease of the man on the well-known trapeze. They were hailed as "irresistable," and no reports indicated they were utilized as admirable targets by the defenders. There are 40 men in these parts, residing at the far-end of the canyons in the deep timber, who could render 1,000 parachutists unfit for further service when they landed. All they would need would be a high-power big game rifle, plenty of cartridges, and a bucket of water to cool off the barrel occasionally. A Boy Scout squad with airguns could cause more aggravation for Hitler's air-borne forces than they have encountered to date.

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"The World After the War" is a topic used by a lecturer touring eastern Oregon. The topic should be: The World (If Any) After the War.

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The problem of getting rid of Madame Perkins is wrinkling the editorial brows of the land. Like sin, and the undeportable Harry Bridges, the alien hell-raiser, the lady will also be with us.

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"Miss Viola Block was at Camp Forrest, Tenn., the last week and visited with all but two of the Flanagan boys and reports them all well and happy." —(Pontiac (Ill.) Leader)—The social snub and slight.

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It will soon be time for cigarettes, wearing hob-nailed shoes and packing a bottle of kerosene to start in starting forest fires.

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IN THE ARMY NOW

"At 8 o'clock we put on our light packs and start walking to the mountains. The light pack is not to be confused with the heavy pack. The light pack includes a gun, bayonet, canteen, fork, knife, spoon, meat can, cup, shaving kit, pup tent, raincoat, cartridge belt, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, ten pins and a few other negligible items. The heavy pack also has a blanket. Carrying my light pack, I weigh 235 pounds."—(From a letter in Coos Bay Times).

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

A Cheering Note From Norway

BRYNJOLF BJORSET, a very natural, amiable and interesting Norwegian, delivered an address on his war experiences, under the auspices of the League of Women Voters, last night.

All in all a most refreshing performance!

For in the midst of war news that is persistently depressing, this ex-artilleryman fairly exudes good nature and optimism, even maintaining that Britain (presumably assisted by the United States) will win the war within a year, and Germany will probably blow up before Hitler does.

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REFRESHING in another direction, for most war lecturers these days have been disposed to take themselves very seriously, pontificate portentiously and frankly indulge in the arts and wiles of the paid war propagandist.

Nothing of the sort from this "Nordic" visitor, who fought for his homeland as long as resistance was possible and then escaped on a New York bound ship. Bjorset made no pretense at speech making, but rambled along in a boyish, informal fashion, as full of his subject as a sunkissed orange of juice, remarkably free from rancor, intolerance or hate, and yet gradually building up a case against Nazi Germany, which in a sort of conversationally cumulative fashion became a powerful indictment when he finished.

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WE have no doubt Mr. Bjorset is a victim of over optimism,—at least we can't believe in his prediction of a British victory in a twelve-month,—but there was one point he made which was emphasized in this column early in the war, but of late has been overlooked, and deserves to be brought out again and dusted off.

Namely: that every country Hitler conquers strengthens, by that much, hostile resistance to him eventually; and the further from Berlin his conquests extend, the nearer comes his day of reckoning, for his lines are lengthened and thinned out, the lines of the opposition are shortened and their eventual striking power increased.

The speaker made this very clear regarding Norway,—and what is true there must be true, to a greater or less extent, all over Europe.

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SO, rightly understood, hasn't Der Reichsfuehrer assumed the hopeless task of a modern Sisyphus, who in ancient days was consigned to the nether regions where he was compelled to roll a big stone up a steep hill, but just before it reached the top it always rolled down the hill again?

In other words, to date the Nazi "All Highest" has experienced little difficulty in knocking over another small nation,—or small island,—thus adding another scalp to his belt.

But the larger that scalp belt grows the more certain it is eventually to become a noose around Herr Hitler's throat. For to conquer a nation in this day and age is only to add another implacable enemy to an increasing list,—an aroused and sullen nation, only waiting for the first opening, when it may seize the weapon nearest at hand and strike back!

Yes, the task of Sisyphus is Herr Hitler's and to clinch the argument, from the standpoint of mythology, also the fate of that unfortunate character who sewed the dragon's teeth!

F. D. R's. Lucky Star

STRANGE, STRANGE, how things sometimes work out!

In this department's view the most serious mistake ever made by Franklin Roosevelt was his attempt to pack the Supreme Court, and, in effect, destroy it as an effective check on the chief executive in our American government.

Not only was the motive reprehensible, but the method adopted undignified and devious.

So, if the political drama were a morality play,—which it isn't,—President Roosevelt would never have gained his end in this direction, and suffered considerably,—at least politically,—as a result of his effort.

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BUT this has been far from the case. Not only was F.D.R. re-elected by a greater plurality than ever at the national referendum following this grave offense, but his particular goal has been reached in far more complete and effective fashion than would ever have been possible if his original attempt had been successful.

For with the resignation of Chief Justice Hughes, to take effect in July and another vacancy yet to fill, caused by the retirement of Justice McReynolds, President Roosevelt sets a new record for all time in this country's history, as far as executive control over the judiciary branch of this tri-partate government is concerned.

Not only has he been given the opportunity to remove by executive appointment the last vestige of that ultra-conservative element in the court that irked him so acutely; but he will now have a supreme Court the majority of which will be his own men,—named by him, and sharing his political, social and economic beliefs,—until death.

Certainly an unprecedented happenstance, a complete reversal of one of America's favorite moral traditions, and in all likelihood the most striking example of the proverbial Roosevelt luck in all the three "unprecedented" terms.

Gather Aluminum

Portland, June 5. —(AP)— A Portland business men's club began collection of scrap aluminum for disposal by the office of production management today. Warehouse facilities will be sought pending establishment of an OPM agency to handle the metal, needed in plane and other manufacture.

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.

OATMEAL IS FINE FOOD

Forty or fifty years ago oatmeal was so highly regarded as a food for diabetic patients that many physicians prescribed quite liberal use of it by their diabetic patients, one or two days a week, when patients were advised to take as much as half a pound of oatmeal cooked thoroly in water for two hours, and when it was cooked half a pound of butter and the whites of six eggs were stirred in, salt and pepper added if desired, and the dish eaten as gruel, mush or fried mush, divided into 7 parts, one part to be eaten every two hours, on oatmeal days. Along with this the patient was allowed coffee or tea. I don't know why the yolks of the six eggs were not allowed—there is nothing in egg yolk that a diabetes sufferer cannot take with advantage. Some of the great diet authorities of the old days believed that diabetics assimilated oatmeal well in spite of the 67% of carbohydrate it contains.

Long years later vitamins were discovered. In the opinion of some nutrition authorities vitamin B complex, especially the thiamin (B1) entity of it, is essential for the normal metabolism or utilization of carbohydrate. This is the action of vitamin B I have in mind when I call it "poor man's insulin." In many instances diabetes patients who require a certain daily dose of insulin find that they can get along with less insulin after they have supplemented their diet with an optimal daily ration of vitamin B complex for a few months—say 1200 units of B1 and the proportionate amounts of the other entities of the complex in one or two capsules daily.

It is my belief—take it or leave it—that the deficiency of our modern diet in vitamin B complex has a good deal to do with the abnormal craving for carbohydrate food which seems to account for most obesity. The experience of a great many persons on a reducing diet supports this belief, for they notice and report, without suggestion, that when they regularly supplement their reducing diet with a daily ration of vitamins they neither get so very hungry nor so low, depressed and miserable as they have become when they tried to follow other reducing regimens in which no provision for maintaining a good intake of vitamins was made. This scientific improvement of the reducing diet has enabled a great many overweight individuals to reduce satisfactorily, and with obvious benefit to health and vite, despite repeated failures in previous attempts—failures due to inability to endure the let-down caused by the sudden withdrawal of most of the daily vitamin supply which, as a rule, has been barely sufficient to prevent deficiency symptoms all along. It should be remembered that the ordinary diet of the average person is poor in vitamins, and so, when this diet is suddenly restricted for a period of weeks or months the individual's vitamin intake becomes dangerously low unless the diet is supplemented with a suitable ration of the essential vitamins.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

No Fast

Your fast of 12 to 24 hours no fast, just appetizer. Many times I have fasted six to nine days. It stops flu every time and no after effects. (C. A.)

Answer—It may be all right for a well nourished individual who remains in bed or at rest to fast for 12 to 24 hours, but it is a mistake for anyone who keeps up and about to attempt to fast.

Care of the Hair

At 27 years of age a young man is losing his hair at the temples. He has been told white iodine is a hair restorer. (A. S. M.)

Answer—"White" or "colorless" iodine isn't iodine at all. There is no ground for the notion that iodine applied to the scalp can restore hair. Sometimes taking an Iodin Ration seems to make the hair grow more vigorously. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for "Care of the Hair" and "Instructions for Taking an Iodin Ration."

Dreaming

I dreamed that when I reach the age of 17 I will die. I have heard that some dreams come true. (L. M. P.)

Answer—Dreams have no definite significance. Fully conscious I may idly think, say, that I am fated to have a serious accident next time I drive somewhere—but I dismiss the thought when I reason that I'll take care to avoid danger. If I dreamed the same thing I could not reason or exercise good judgment about it because these higher faculties are asleep, not functioning.

(Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

(Continued From Page One)

to undertake active shipping protection in the Atlantic, British shipping will continue to be sunk in appalling quantities, and that if the rate of loss is not soon diminished there will be no ships next spring to carry supplies for an offensive. They know also how threatening is the situation in the Mediterranean, and how the balance there can probably be turned only by American intervention. In short, they know that Britain's only hope is from this country.

Winant's warning may be expressed, therefore, in terms of a single blunt question. Under these circumstances, knowing these things, what would ordinary politicians be likely to do? The answer is that sooner or later, ordinary politicians would be inclined to get out their personal surf-boards and make a shot at riding what Mrs. Lindbergh calls the wave of the future. That is the ultimate, basic reason why delay may mean disaster to us.

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THE crucial importance of the time-factor is the essence of Winant's report. Possibly it may seem over-pessimistic, at this time, after the British showing in the last year, to speak of a sudden weakening of the British will-to-resist. But unless this country acts very promptly, the British people may soon have to stand up under the worst blow they have received to date—the loss of the Mediterranean, the cutting of the historic life-line of their empire, and the resultant destruction of a considerable part of their Mediterranean fleet. If that blow is allowed to be struck at Britain, no one can tell what the reaction may be

Naturally, there is more to Winant' report than his warning of the possible consequences of delay in Britain. He would be extremely obtuse if he did not also point out that even if British resistance does not falter, the price of delay will be very great. For besides undermining British morale, every day's delay makes more certain the destruction of such vast strategic assets as the British Mediterranean position. And even if this country becomes Britain's fighting partner in time to prevent an internal collapse, the task of the allies will be infinitely more difficult if every strategic asset has meanwhile been tossed away.

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THE lesson of the land war in Europe, in which many nations that could have destroyed Germany together were themselves destroyed because they would not combine, should be enough to teach the unwisdom of further delay. If the lesson of experience is not sufficient, the president also has the personal warnings of Winston Churchill. It is understood, on excellent authority, that Churchill has already told the president, in the plainest terms, approximately what Winant has come to tell him.

Possibly the president will disregard Winant's warning. Possibly the White House and Winant himself will join in denying that the warning has been given. Yet the fact is undoubted, and if the warning is disregarded, it will be time to prepare to pay the price of weakness. The price of weakness in a nazi-dominated world has already been learned by the nations paying the price of weakness in a nazi-dominated Europe.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Official Dispute Slows Aluminum

Ickes Disagrees On Power Plants

No Berry Surplus Seen in Oregon

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 5.—Within the inner circle of the officials concerned with production of aluminum there is a red hot dispute and until the argument is settled there will be no government-owned plant manufacturing aluminum pigs on the transmission lines of Grand Coulee-Bonneville, which means anywhere in the Pacific northwest.

One school of thought argues that inasmuch as the government would be in business only for the emergency, and after the emergency it would fold up its plant, the best place for locating the proposed aluminum operation is at Grand Coulee. This location, they maintain, would save the government several million dollars in building transmission lines, which would be necessary if the plant is elsewhere.

Another group is arguing that the government put in a plant on the lower Columbia river, somewhere in the Longview area, where power could be provided from Grand Coulee direct via the substation at Covington and additional line equipment would not be great. The Longview proposal, it is said, meets with the favor of Jesse Jones, who will finance the government plant with Reconstruction Finance corporation funds. Cabineteer Jones has friends who are interested in the continued progress of Longview.

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SECRETARY of the Interior Harold Ickes, who must never be overlooked when it comes to disposal of power, disagrees with the advocates of a plant at Grand Coulee and the group promoting the lower Columbia. What Secretary Ickes is after is the Aluminum company of America. He calls it a monopoly and is determined to have the government break it by furnishing competition, not merely for the emergency but for all time. He doesn't think that the government financed Reynolds company (set up to break the monopoly) can do the job as well as Uncle Sam; he is willing to give more kilowatts to Reynolds, but the principal task of running Alcoa out of business, he thinks, is up to the federal government, with himself as the principal crusader.

It is Secretary Ickes who is insisting on a permanent aluminum industry, not a fly-by-night emergency plant. He is more interested in winning this point than in location of the plant—temporary or permanent. With the backing of President Roosevelt, which Ickes says he has, he will probably overcome the advocates of the Grand Coulee plan.

In a time like this, when money doesn't count where results must be achieved, an aluminum plant at Grand Coulee offers no difficulties. The ore can be taken to a plant adjacent to the monster dam and reduced. The dwellings of workmen on the dam would be available for employes of the aluminum industry. When times return to normal, however, it is said, the cost of rail transportation for the alumina or alunite would make operation of a plant so far removed from tidewater uneconomical. The proposal is to use 100,000 kilowatts from Grand Coulee at Grand Coulee.

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WAR or no war, the Britisher likes his jam. Milo Perkins, head of the Surplus Marketing administration, is accumulating food for the British as rapidly as he can. He inquired of Senator McNary what the situation in Oregon was with regard to blackberries, loganberries and youngberries, as he was prepared to take any surplus in sight. McNary telegraphed to the packers of Oregon and was promptly advised that the canners need every pound of berries they can buy to fill their orders. Many of these orders are destined for England where the berries will be made into preserves.

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MARITIME commission is to have a vacancy, with the possibility it may be filled from the Pacific coast. Commissioner Dempsey, who doesn't like the work, has been headed for appointment as assistant secretary of the interior, filling the place of Assistant Secretary Wirtz, who has charge of power projects in the northwest and told utilities what the government would do to them. Owing to the shipbuilding on the west coast and the operation of all American flag ships in the Pacific ocean bringing strategic materials to the United States, the Pacific northwest is entitled to representation on the commission by someone familiar with the shipping problems.

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SIX Portland machinery firms have been requested to submit bids for dock equipment on the ugly ducklings now on order in the Oregon Shipbuilding Co. yard. . . W. L. Thompson of Astoria has notified the government that his company is prepared to build 160-foot wooden boats for the navy. . . Another $10,000 is included in the agricultural bill for experimenting with flax pulling machinery for Oregon flax farmers; this item was inserted in conference. . . War department has allocated $266,500 to maintain equipment of the light mechanical equipment company at Fort Lewis. There will be two shops, oil house, garage, etc.

Communications

Denies Arnold a Friend of Labor

To the editor:

It has been my pleasure to read and enjoy your editorials over a period of several years; and even though I have not always been in accord with your expressed opinion, I have felt and believe that you were truly sincere.

In your editorial of June 3, 1941, under the heading "A Friend of Labor Speaks," it is apparent that you have been outrageously misinformed. Mr. Thurman Arnold is not "A Friend of Labor" and never was. In support of this statement I refer you to the delivered opinion of the United States supreme court; United States of America, Appelant vs. William L. Hutcheson, George Casper Ottens, John A. Callahan, and Joseph August Klein.

The treatment which Thurman Arnold's novel theories of law and misconceptions of fact have recently received at the hands of the judiciary, constitute a well deserved set-back to his reckless and irresponsible labor smearing campaign. In the case above cited it has again been illustrated that where issues are decided on the basis of facts and logic, rather than by newspaper headlines, Arnold's most potent weapon is wind.

Mr. Editor, I appeal to your reason, your sincere sense of justice and right. In the future when you wish to place before the public, statements either good or bad concerning organized labor, base them on facts.

Harold A. Bither,
1020 N. Central St.

Ed note: As head of the anti-trust department of the attorney general's office, Mr. Arnold has taken legal action against certain union-labor practices he regards as violations of the law, but as a professor at Yale, author of "Folklore of California," and as a respected member of President Roosevelt's "brain trust," has always, according to our information, been regarded as a sincere and outspoken friend of labor.

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 5, 1931
(It was Friday)

Raiders nab two men operating big still in Butte Falls district. Officers hunting for cattle rustlers make the discovery.

New dog tax law becomes effective in state tomorrow.

German DO-X arrives safely at Natal, Brazil, after crossing Atlantic.

Al Capone, Chicago gangster, indicted by federal grand jury for income tax evasion.

George Gates is elected president of the Medford Auto Dealers association.

Roseburg and Eugene in hot controversy over location of Veterans hospital. Both towns seek it.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
June 5, 1921
(It was Sunday)

Pueblo, Colo., devastated by cloudburst flood, to rebuild.

Philippines not wanted by Japan, or aims are in another direction, expert declares.

Trigonia oil well now down 1,200 feet.

Basanta Singh to wrestle Ralph Hand at Gold Hill Friday.

Evangelist Bulgin closes revival here with a $1,600 collection, and a demand the sheriff be recalled.

War breaks out between Jacksonville street car line and jitneys, with fares cut to a dime for round trip.

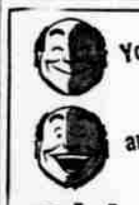
COOS BAY LAUNDRY DRIVERS ON STRIKE

Marshfield, Ore., June 5.—(AP)—The Teamsters' Union called a strike at five Coos Bay laundries and cleaning plants yesterday in a wage increase dispute.

Bakers here recently signed a contract calling for increased pay for drivers and followed it with a one-cent boost in the price of bread.

JAP BOMBER SCATTERS DEATH AT OWN FIELD

Hong Kong, Thursday, June 5. —(AP)— The Chinese Central News agency reported that a Japanese bomber taking off last Friday from Sinsiang, in North Honan province, crashed amid 50 planes on the ground, destroying most of them and killing or wounding 10 Japanese when the bombs exploded.



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